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Man dies under moving train

■ As usual in the Plymouth area, traffic backed up to let a train pass. Then, a Plymouth man got out of his truck, ran toward a passing train and threw himself under it.



BY KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

As people looked on, a Plymouth Township man Monday got out of his truck, ran toward a passing train and killed himself by ducking under the wheels.

"I keep seeing it in slow motion," said Nancy Greenhow, who witnessed the incident.

It happened at about 11:30 a.m. at the railroad crossing at northbound

Ridge Road.

The tracks cross Ridge about 130 yards south of Five Mile Road.

The man, in a red 1995 Toyota pickup truck, was waiting at the crossing gate for the train to pass.

He turned off his engine, got out of his truck and locked it. He pocketed his keys, police said.

"They saw him run at the train. All indications were he put his head under the wheel," said Plymouth Township Police Sgt. Jim Jarvis. Police said the man was decapitated.

The victim was Curtis Stucki, 34, an enrollment analyst with Mercy Health Plan of Farmington Hills. Stucki had stopped showing up for work on Jan. 20, his wife told police. He told her he just didn't feel like going.

He was the father of a 16-month-old daughter.

Stopped on southbound Ridge at the tracks as the train passed was



Tracks: The Wayne County Medical Examiner arrived at the scene shortly after Curtis Stucki of Plymouth Township threw himself under the wheels of a train.

STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRESLER



Tragedy on the tracks

Site of railroad track suicide in Plymouth Township

TAMMIE GRAVES/STAFF ARTIST

Greenhow of Farmington Hills, in a car dealer courtesy van with the driver and another passenger.

After the man stopped for the train, "He was in his car a few seconds then he got out, closed the door and started running, he hurled himself into it," Greenhow said.

Those in the van were able to see

what was happening because flatbed freight cars that were passing were lightly loaded.

"The driver said 'I wonder if he works for the railroad,' like maybe he was trying to fix something," she said. But once the train passed, it was clear

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Legal services

Newcomer brings big law firm

BY RICHARD PEARL
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth's incoming city attorney said she's eagerly looking forward to working in the community's behalf.

"It's a great opportunity and I'm really excited to get the chance to represent Plymouth," said Sarah Osburn, a resident of the city since last June and a member of the prestigious Detroit law firm of Plunkett & Cooney.

"I think Plunkett & Cooney will provide a lot of services for the city and I think everybody will be happy with what we can do," she said.

On March 1, the 27-year-old attorney, who's been with P&C since May 1996, will succeed Donald C. Morgan of Plymouth's Cameron Miller & Associates, whose three-year contract with the city expires Feb. 28.

Osburn satisfies the city's residency requirement, which City Manager Steve Walters said requires an individual and not the law firm to be a

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—Incoming city attorney

resident.

Osburn said she and husband Brian Boze, an attorney with Ypsilanti firm of Bill Babut & Associates, "bought a house, a fixer-upper" on Pacific, in February.

She was named to the three-year post Jan. 20 on a 5-2 Plymouth city commission vote affirming the City Attorney Review Committee's recommendation.

The committee's three members are Mayor Don Dismuke, who

became mayor near the end of the committee's six-month deliberation and who formally recommended the appointment; former Mayor Ron Loiselle; and Commissioner Dennis Shrewsbury, the committee chairman.

Commissioners Joe Koch and Dave McDonald voted against the appointment, protesting how the confirmation was handled.

The issue was a last-minute addition to the agenda, with commissioners asked to confirm the mayor's selection just after the report was distributed.

Koch criticized both the lack of information in the report and Shrewsbury, saying the next day, "I think the chairman of the committee didn't do his job in putting together a complete report so that the commissioners could make an educated decision on the most important appoint-

Please see ATTORNEY, A10

Switch angers parents

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Parents of some third graders at Tonda Elementary School in Canton are angry at school officials for changing a teacher in the middle of the school year - a change which they say could have been avoided if administration officials had been thinking about children, instead of the district.

The problem began when parents received a notice Jan. 9 explaining third grade teacher Elizabeth Vartanian-Gibbs would be leaving her teaching job to take part in an administrative intern program, which would prepare her for future administrative positions.

SCHOOLS

"I told my daughter and she was extremely upset, crying and wanting to know why her teacher was leaving," said Mary Jo Potter, a mother who addressed the board at its Jan. 27 meeting, which ironically was held at Tonda. "This was planned at the beginning of the school year, and all we got was a letter stating she was leaving in a week."

Potter said she addressed her concerns with Verna Anible, the district's director of instruction, but wasn't satisfied with the answers she received.

"The needs of the administration shouldn't be put first," added Potter. "They were so sure they needed this program they didn't even think of the kids."

Superintendent Charles Little tried to address the concerns of parents.

"Obviously there's a disruption, but we do need to do this for several years because we need to have a pool to serve as administrators," said Little. "We'll probably do something like this again, but if anyone has ideas I'd be glad to hear what those different twists on the story are."

Potter said this is the third year her child has had to deal with multiple teachers.

"My daughter has adjusted, and we did find a good substitute," said Potter. "However, they didn't have to do it this way."

Kim Smith is a room mother for the third grade class.

"I got quite a few calls from concerned parents," said Smith. "It was a shock to all of us. It happened with such short notice."

Smith said she also talked with Anible.

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Soccer club chief questions YMCA

BY KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Is it really best to turn over recreation services in greater Plymouth to the YMCA?

RECREATION

That's what the Plymouth Soccer Club president is asking as talks continue between the Plymouth city and township governments on expanding recreation services.

A joint city-township recreation committee is reviewing two proposals on who could run a joint recreation department. One involves having the YMCA take over communitywide recreation.

Please see YMCA, A6

A dream fulfilled



Congratulations: Joanne Winkleman Hulce, for whom the Plymouth Community Arts Center is now named, applauds the "PCAC Montage" skits at a reception in her honor Saturday night. For more photos and a story, see page A3

STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRESLER

Plymouth-Canton students hit the high notes



Practice: Pioneer Middle School students (from left) Tim Blough, Jeff Hanson and Marcus Martin warm up before their debut at the annual festival.

PHOTO BY DIANE HANSON

BY DIANE HANSON
SPECIAL WRITER

More than 3,500 middle school musicians hit the high notes and the low notes at the District 12 Solo & Ensemble Festival at Livonia Franklin High School

Saturday. This is the 20th year Franklin has hosted the student musical talent event. "It has grown just about every year and that's really a tribute to all the band directors in our District 12 (who work so hard to encourage the

kids to play at both the junior and senior high level," said Kristi Jasin, Franklin's band director. More than 150 students from Central, Pioneer and East middle schools along with Plymouth Christian Academy, Our Lady of

Good Counsel and the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park orchestra program participated in the festival. "It's really a big event," said Michael Karboske, band director at East Middle School. "I take my hat off to the Livonia Public Schools and their band director and the band boosters for organizing such a big event." The two-weekend event, with seniors performing on Feb. 7, is the largest district festival in the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association. District 12 includes Wayne, Washtenaw and Monroe Counties.

Performances are rated from division one to division five. The first two places receive medals.

"One means they did an outstanding job and they get a blue medal. A two means a superior job with a red medal," Byrd said.

Peter O'Neill and Zach She-mon, Pioneer eighth-graders, said they practiced their saxophone duet a lot together and individually over the past two months. The boys earned a first division medal for their efforts.

Performers in a multitude of musical combinations are moved from warm-up rooms to performance rooms at seven-minute intervals to play before a judge, family members and friends.

"I like this to be for them a learning experience to get that opportunity to play in front of a judge," said Karboske. "It builds character for them."

Byrd pointed out that the students are judged on criteria like tone, timing, rhythm, correct notes and musicianship. "It's also a way for them not only to get feedback on what they are doing wrong but also what they are doing well," she said.

"It's nice to hear it from someone other than their band director or private teacher."

Jon Craighead considered Solo & Ensemble to be just as important as sports. The East Middle School seventh-grader left basketball practice early Saturday morning to spend most of the day at the festival.

He had just completed a clarinet duet with Stephanie Hajduk and captured a blue medal by noon and was scheduled for a piano solo and a clarinet solo later in the day. "It keeps me entertained," said Craighead of his musical pursuits. "It's helping me learn."

French horn player Marcus Martin, along with trombonists Tim Blough and Jeff Hanson, formed a trio for their first-ever festival performance this year. The Pioneer Middle School seventh-graders dedicated many hours to practice and, as Martin said, making sweet music isn't just a piece of cake. The hardest part is "Just getting all the notes. You can press down one key and get five different notes."

The trio rated a second division medal and Martin admitted that during the performance he was "a little nervous." And how did he feel afterward? "Relieved," he said.

Death from page A1

the man had died, Greenhow said. Inside the truck, she said, "I saw the (child's) car seat with a little stuffed animal. I thought, 'Oh s---, he's got a kid.' Police said he left no suicide note. In investigating why Stuc-

ki chose to commit suicide, police found a letter from a lawyer to Stucki, detailing the cost to file Chapter 7 bankruptcy proceedings.

While the husband and wife had experienced some problems, they had begun talking again

and were back together, police said. The victim's wife told police "She has no clue" as to why he decided to kill himself.

Stucki and his daughter on Saturday visited his parents in Pinckney, and the parents told police he seemed fine.

The incident call to police was made by a bystander at the scene, with a portable phone. Upon arriving, police found the victim's body at the railroad tracks about 50 feet east of the road.

'Our chaplain has been in contact with the family.'

Lt. Bob Smith
—Township police

The victim wore a brown and orange Cleveland Browns jacket, a baseball hat, jeans and sneakers.

Police Lt. Bob Smith said the train engineer didn't know of the incident until a repair crew trailing behind the train called. Upon notice of the incident the train stopped in Dearborn. It was traveling on route from Grand Rapids to Montreal.

"Our chaplain has been in contact with the family," Lt. Smith said, adding the chaplain is made available to counsel witnesses of the suicide.

Karen Martin, a manager with Mercy Health Plan, said, "Everybody here is pretty sad about the news. We have had some counseling for employees, he was in great standing with all the employees."

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3. Review for effectiveness by a group of property owners and business operators within the Principal Shopping District in the third year of the program with a recommendation for or against years four and five presented to the City Commission three months prior to the completion of year three.

The project reports and Special Assessment Roll #97-2 are on file and may be reviewed in the City Clerk's Office during regular business hours. A property owner, or his or her agent may protest the special assessment by appearing in person at the hearing or by filing a letter of protest with the City Clerk prior to the date and time of the hearing. Appearance and protest at the confirmation hearing for Special Assessment District #97-2 is required in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal. If a protest of the special assessment has been made in person or by writing to the City Commission a further appeal may be made in writing to the Michigan Tax Tribunal, P.O. Box 30232, Lansing MI 48909. Appeals to the Michigan Tax Tribunal must be made within 30 days of the date of the confirmation of Special Assessment Roll #97-2.

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REAL ESTATE UPDATE
by John Goodman
Coldwell Banker Preferred

WHAT FIXTURES MUST STAY WITH THE HOUSE?
When a dispute between a buyer and seller about whether a fixture is included in the sale of a house goes to court, several rules are used in deciding the case.

The most critical test is whether the item is permanently attached to a structure or land by means of nails, bolts, screws, cement, glue or other permanent attachment. If it is attached, it has become a fixture and has been converted into real property. Wall-to-wall carpets, for example, are attached, but not oriental rugs.

If there is nothing specific in the sales contract about a fixture, it is automatically included in the sale. Sellers may sometimes think they can substitute a cheap replacement for an item they want to remove. In that case, the intent of the sellers might be determined by consulting the multiple listing service descriptions and the information sheets given to buyers.

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The Henry Ford Academy is a partnership between Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village, Ford Motor Company, and is chartered by Wayne County RESA.

(Hint: He's the one next to the marketing director.)

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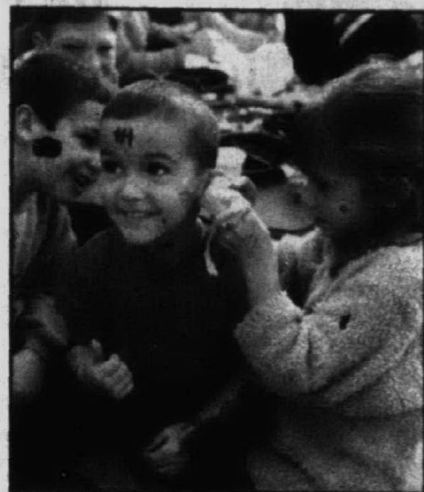
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Dedication

Arts center honors founder

The formal dedication of the Joanne Winkleman Hulce Center For The Arts drew more than 200 guests Saturday evening to the refurbished former church building on Sheldon Road, now headquarters for the Plymouth Community Arts Council.

The celebration began in the morning with an official dedication of the center, followed by an open house and a special invitation-only reception in the evening.



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRESLER
Hold still! Brett Mizzi gets his face painted by his sister Jenna, during the PCAC open house.

Hulce, a former professional opera, concert and nightclub singer, organized a group of friends in 1969 to supplement student arts education.

'We needed to do something for the very young to provide some appreciation of the arts, visual and performing arts as well.'

Joanne Winkleman Hulce
—Arts center founder

The school board sponsored a five-year pilot program, named Hulce director, and agreed to establish an arts council if the program succeeded.

"We needed to do something for the very young to provide some appreciation of the arts, visual and performing arts as well," Hulce said.

The arts council was established, and has grown to include an art rental gallery, music in the park, children's theater, dinner theater and art auction, and grants and scholarships.

"I think it was a great honor to have the building named for me, I was overwhelmed," Hulce said. "The whole day was a beautiful day, the committee had planned such a very special day. My children were all here, the building was beautiful. It's a special memory for me."

"I think the fun thing was when the women who were picture ladies ended the program with a special song and did a drill in front of everybody," she

said. The drill was in the tradition of the Fred Hill Briefcase Drill Team. "It was a wonderful way to end the evening."

Guests were treated to a variety of delicacies offered by area restaurants.

Participants included volunteers and contributors of the arts center.

The morning dedication ceremony was kicked off by Jennifer Tobin, center executive director, and Stella Greene, PCAC president. Music was performed by Tim Brady and Jon Milan.

Hulce said other special moments Saturday was the unveiling of the sign by a group of children, and an introduction of Hulce by Wilma Newton, one of the original founders of the PCAC.

Kids and adults got a chance to participate in the type of arts classes the center has to offer during the morning dedication and open house, which drew some 80 participants.



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRESLER
Montage: Taryn Lillie performs ballet for visitors at the Plymouth Community Arts Council Center Saturday evening. The day gave the center a chance to show visitors and contributors the type of programming and activities that are offered.



Entertaining: The Whistle Stop Players show their talents for visitors during the open house Saturday.

Observer honored in national competition

The Observer Newspaper Group of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers has been honored with eight awards in the 1997 Suburban Newspapers of America Editorial Contest.

The Plymouth Observer took first place in Class A for "Best Breaking News" for the story on the 35th District courthouse fire. Plymouth Editor Joanne Maliszewski coordinated the coverage. Photos were taken by Bill Bresler and stories were written by Renee Skoglund and Joanne Maliszewski.

The Wayne County editions of the Observer also took first place in "Best Young People's Coverage" for "Life in the Sixth Grade," a story and photo project on students in local Observer towns. Staff members working on the project included Matt Jachman, Tammie Graves, Tom Hawley, C.J. Risak, Christina Fuoco and Steve Kowalski. It was coordinated by Canton Editor Tedd Schneider.

Another award for the sixth-grade project went to Tom Hawley, who took first place in "Best Feature Photo Story or Series" category for "Derek's Day," a

series of photographs on the day in the life of a sixth-grader.

The Livonia and Westland editions took a second place for Best Sports Section. Brad Emons is the sports editor.

Photographer Tom Hawley received a second place in the Best News Photo category for "Clinton Rally," which appeared in the Garden City Observer.

Photographer Bryan Mitchell received a third place in the "Best Feature Photo Story or Series" category for a front page picture entitled "Festival," which appeared in the Westland Observer.

The Farmington Observer took third place in the "Best Local Election" category and a second place in "Best Coverage of Local Education/School District Issues" for its "Back to School" series.

In all, the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers took 26 awards in the national contest. The Observer Publishing Group includes the Livonia, Farmington, Plymouth, Canton, Redford, Westland and Garden City editions.

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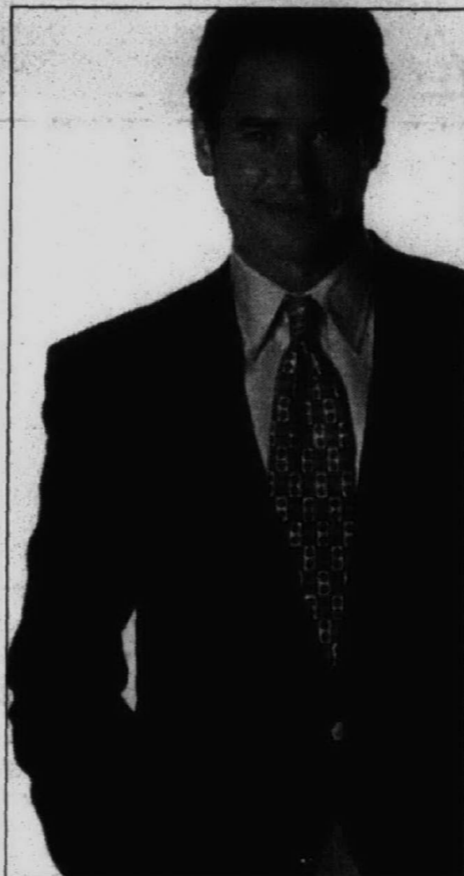
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- 1-4 p.m. Mayor Thomas' Chili Dinner \$2 All proceeds donated to WinterFest Sponsored by Mayor Robert J. Thomas
- 1-4 p.m. Westland Villagers Exhibit FREE Sponsored by Otto "Papa" Stout
- 2 p.m. Story Hour FREE Sponsored by Friends of the Library at the Bailey Center
- 1-5 p.m. Free Showcase Bailey Center Gym
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- 9:30-11 a.m. Pancake Breakfast \$3 - Adult, \$1 - Child, 12 & under Sponsored by Westland Fire Fighters at the Bailey Center
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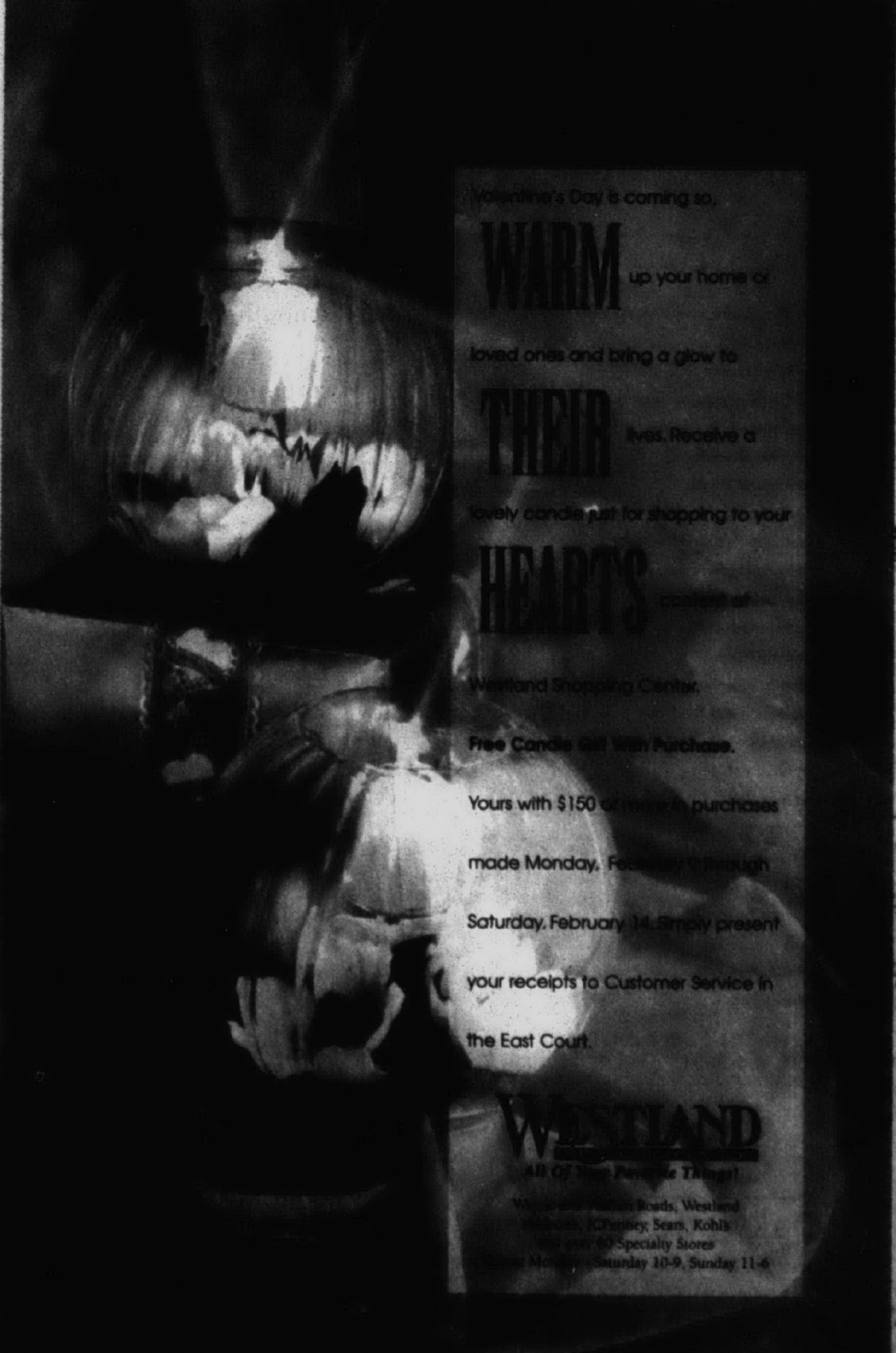
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SC board to review bids on Waterman expansion

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Schoolcraft College trustees will take another step toward expanding the Waterman Campus Center when they examine proposed bids from architectural firms on Saturday, Feb. 28.

Schoolcraft officials believe the center needs to be expanded because the college needs more conference center space. College President Richard McDowell told trustees last Wednesday he wanted to bring three firms to the board for 40-minute interviews.

A plan from 1995 called for the college to construct a new building adjacent to Waterman for conference functions, McDowell said.

"The Business Development Center has need for larger facilities, to accommodate groups of approximately 500 persons," said Conway Jeffress, vice president of academic instruction.

Total enrollment now equals nearly 30,000 students, including 13,634 students in credit programs and 16,898 in continuing education.

"So much of what we do is tied to the Waterman Center," Jeffress said.

That building shows a 89.2-90.32 percent utilization over the normal operating hours of the center. "It is a heavily used building as far as the college is concerned," Jeffress said.

Jeffress said an expanded Waterman would permit:

- Increased corporate training
- Increased community use of the facility

■ A larger space for corporate functions, including meetings, fund-raising activities and hosting functions used in recruitment

■ Expansion and improvement in the culinary arts program

■ The revitalization of cultural and public affairs

■ An improvement of building efficiency by matching new square footage with renovation of existing square footage

■ Improve physical accessibility to the building

"We want to do more corporate training," Jeffress said. "We need larger space for functions. There is no space for 400 to 500 people."

McDowell told trustees that to get state funding this year and start construction, the board needed to act on approval of an architectural or engineering firm.

A new plan could take three to four months for the architect or engineer to complete, McDowell said. The first plan was to obtain proposals for professional services.

Butch Raby, vice president for business services, contacted about 15 firms, the narrowed it to three firms, each with a food

service consultant. McDowell said trustees could visit some sites which the firms did some contractual work.

BEI Associates, DiClemente-Siegel Engineering Inc. and Ghafari Associates were the final three candidates recommended by McDowell and the college's administration.

These costs would equal about 1 to 1.5 percent of the \$10 million project to complete the drawings, or \$100,000 to \$150,000. College administrators want the drawings completed by the end of the summer and the project on its way.

"We want to do it before there's a lot of changes in Lansing, while the people we know are still there," said McDowell, referring to legislative term limits.

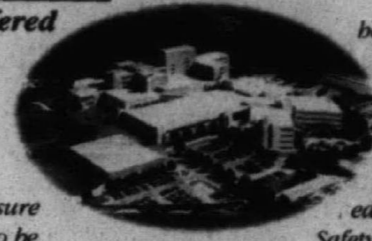
Trustee Richard DeVries supported the expenditure for the architect, but he wanted to see a schedule of deadlines in the college's attempt to obtain state funds.

Trustees approved, 6-0, a motion for the board to consider the selection of an architect to help develop a plan for the renovation and construction of the Waterman Campus. Trustee Steve Ragan was absent.

The trustees then scheduled a meeting for 8 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 28.

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- Tai Chi: 9-10 a.m. Tuesdays, Feb. 3-March 10. Six weeks of classes.
- Mardi Gras Dinner Theater: 7 p.m.-midnight, Saturday, Feb. 21 at the Fox Hills Country Club.

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- Actor's workshop: 5:30-6:45 p.m. Tuesdays or Wednesdays, March 3-April 8. Six week of Actor's Workshop Production for kids 5-15.
- Watercolors: noon-3 p.m. Thursdays, March 5-April 9. Six weeks of watercolor class es with Marge Chellstrop.
- Tie-dye workshop: 1-4 p.m. Saturday, March 7. For kids 11-14.

- Drawing: 5-6 p.m. Wednesdays or Thursdays. Five weeks of drawing and sketching classes for kids 6-10 and 11-14 with Pam Grossman.
- Batik: 7-9 p.m. Friday, March 13; 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturdays, March 14 and 2. Workshop for adults.
- Photography: 9:30 a.m.-noon, March 14. 9:30 Workshop for kids 10-14.
- Basketry: 3 p.m. Saturday, March 21. Workshop for adults.

- Pottery: 10 a.m.-noon, Saturdays, March 28 and April 4. Workshop for kids 8-12.
- Pottery: 12:30-2:30 p.m. Saturdays, March 28 and April 4. Workshop for adults.

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- 7 p.m. Friday, April 24.
- 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, April 25.
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- Music in the Park: Noon Wednesdays in June, July and August. Free in Kellogg Park.
- Art-Craft Show: Saturday Sept. 12 and Sunday, Sept. 13. Artists and Craftsmen Show, Central Middle School.
- Drop-in: 1:30-3 p.m. Mondays and 7-8:45 p.m. Wednesdays. Adult Drop-in studio, an ongoing drawing class with Pam Gross-

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DEAN'S LIST

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Sharon J. Black, Jessica Rayner Bonno, Corey Thomas Brake, Shelly Dawn Brown, Amy Nicole Brzezinski, Becky E. Case, Collin Bryan Cherry, Benjamin Welden Davidson, Rachna Dhingra, Grant Albert Dziadzio, Elizabeth Jean Erickson, Kelly Ann Eva, Tricia Louise Finnerty, Amber Leigh Forsyth, Kristina N. Frazer, James G. Gasparotto, Ashwinkumar Nanjibhai Ghelani, Nicole Maria Gismondi, Katherine Carr Gothard, Holly L. Gradykoher, Jacqueline Marie Hamric, Chad T. Harris, Tina Louise Hein, Margie K.

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ENROLLED

Joanna Murphy, daughter of Denise Ecmom, is enrolled for the 1997-98 school year at Rochester College in Rochester Hills. Joanna, a freshman, lives on campus and is one of the first students to stay in the Ferndale women's dormitory.

Miranda Jones, daughter of Jim and Lila Jones of Canton, is enrolled in the 1997-98 school year at Rochester College in Rochester Hills. Miranda is a sophomore who also lives on campus in the Ferndale women's dormitory. Miranda is also a member of the Tau Social Club.

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RICHARD M. HENNINGSEN,
TOWNSHIP TREASURER

(2-5-98 PC 818084)

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Northville Township Water and Sewer Division, is seeking a qualified person to fill a full time Technician II position. Job responsibilities include various tasks related to field work such as sewer manhole rehabilitation, water line repair, etc. The position shall pay \$12.37/hour, with benefits. Interested applicants may obtain an application at Northville Township Civic Center, 41600 Six Mile Road. Return applications to Township Hall, c/o Debbie Wilhelm. Deadline for applications is 4:30 p.m. February 18, 1998. EOE.

(2-5-98 NR 818046)

INVITATION TO BIDDERS PLYMOUTH DISTRICT LIBRARY

Notice is hereby given that the Plymouth District Library will accept sealed bids until 11:00 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time Wednesday, February 11, 1998 for the following:

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Merian's Friends continue ballot petition drive

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

Merian's Friends, the group advocating a Physician Aid in Dying law, has won one victory in the Michigan Legislature but still is raising money for petition signatures to put the issue on the Nov. 3 ballot.

"This issue must ultimately be decided by Michigan voters," said Rep. Ted Wallace, D-Detroit, chair of the House Judiciary Committee. His panel on Jan. 27 reported out House Bill 5474 on an 11-6 vote.

"Ted Wallace is in tune with the wishes of the people of Michigan," said Dr. Ed Pierce, the Ann Arbor physician and former state senator who chairs

Merian's Friends.

Voting yes were 10 Democrats, including David Gubow of Huntington Woods and John Freeman of Madison Heights, plus one Republican, Frank Fitzgerald of Grand Ledge.

Opposed were six Republicans, including Alan Cropsey of DeWitt and Gerald Law of Plymouth.

Senate seeks ban

Opposing the bill was the Michigan Catholic Conference.

Paul A. Long, its spokesman, said 38 states ban assisted suicide; the U.S. government bans federal funding for assisted suicide, and the Drug Enforcement

Agency warned physicians against prescribing or dispensing medication for assisting a suicide.

"The time has come for Michigan to enact a statutory ban against assisted suicide," said Long.

The measure banning assisted suicide is Senate Bill 200. It was passed last year by the Senate and reported out by the House Judiciary Committee. The ban would be temporary until 10 days after the Nov. 3 election unless voters approve continuation of the ban.

Even if it passes the House, HB 5474 is dead on arrival in the Senate. The Senate Judiciary Committee rejected its con-

tents when Sen. Gary Peters, D-Bloomfield Township, attempted to offer it as an amendment to SB 200.

The bill would allow physician aid in dying (PAD) for an adult who has been certified mentally competent, given advice on alternatives, and is certifiably within six months of death; it also requires a seven-day waiting period.

Loans sought

Merian's Friends is named for Merian Frederick, who had Lou Gehrig's disease and ended her life at 72. Treasurer is Carol Poenisch, her daughter and a Northville resident. It is a non-partisan, ballot issue group and isn't associated with Dr. Jack

Kevorikian.

Here is the status of its initiative petition drive to put its bill on the ballot:

■ 247,127 valid signatures are needed within a 180-day period.

■ 350,000 signatures are being sought, to allow for invalid signatures.

■ 55,000 have been collected by volunteers; 16,000 petition forms are in circulation.

■ The group is hiring National Voter Outreach of Carson City, Nev., to collect 275,000 signatures at \$1 apiece.

■ The group has \$80,000 cash and is asking for interest-free loans of \$5,000 or more. "These will not be donations but actual loans, to be paid back when our signature campaign is completed," said Pierce. "We know from

the California and Washington campaigns that donations flow is much faster once we're assured of being on the ballot. These donations will pay off the loans."

■ Donations are being solicited from people who gave to the successful Oregon campaign; which raised 70 percent of its money from non-residents. "We think these same people will support Merian's Friends," said Pierce.

Merian's Friends can be addressed at PO Box 272, Northville 48167; its toll-free number is 1-888-217-0700.

Refer to HB 5474 (pro) and SB 200 (ban) when you write to your state representative, State Capitol, PO Box 30014, Lansing 48909.

STATE CAPITOL CAPSULES

Conflict law applies

Public school academies, alias "charter schools," are subject to the public servant conflict of interest law, Attorney General Frank Kelley has ruled.

The 1995 school code defines "public school" to include entities "operated by ... a public school academy corporation," he noted.

In an opinion requested by House floor leader Pat Gagliardi, D-Drummond, Kelley said the 1997 state Supreme Court ruling, declaring PSAs constitutional, said PSAs are public schools whose "board members are public officials and are subject to applicable law pertaining to public officials."

Branches closed

All 78 Secretary of State branch offices will be closed Monday, Feb. 16, in observance of Presidents' Day.

One tip from secretary Candice Miller: "Customers can expect fastest service mid-morning, mid-afternoon, mid-week and mid-month."

Environmental bill

The state House passed, 102-0, a bill to establish a set of environmental indicators to be used for an annual state environmental report.

If passed by the Senate, it would require the Department of Environmental Quality to develop indicators and objectives for toxic releases, air quality, surface water quality, drinking water, solid waste, hazardous waste and others.

"It's time for Michigan to join the 37 other states who have undertaken environmental indicator projects and the 16 states that have state-of-the-environmental reports," said Rep. Barbara Dobb, R-Union Lake, a co-sponsor.

Refer to House bill 4558 when writing to your state senator, State Capitol, PO Box 30036, Lansing, 48909.

New bills

■ Rep. Bob Brown, D-Dearborn Heights, is sponsor of the Democrats' high-profile bill to require auto insurers to refund \$1 billion in "overcharges." The refunds would come from the \$2.5 billion surplus in the Michi-

gan Catastrophic Claims Association. Democrats contend the MCCA assessment is "a tax on every car in Michigan."

■ Rep. John Freeman, D-Madison Heights, has introduced a bill to eliminate surcharge fees imposed by banks and automatic teller machine (ATM) operators for electronic transactions. Freeman's bill will allow ATMs to continue charging "interchange fees," usually \$1 to \$2, that pays for the network.

Appointments

Gov. Engler has appointed:

■ Albert Calille, of Plymouth, to the state Civil Rights Commission. He is legal counsel for Ameritech and replaces Rev. Robert Sirico of Grand Rapids for a term expiring at the end of 2001.

■ Ten persons to the Workers' Compensation Board of Magistrates, which conducts hearings in disability disputes. Area residents include Mary Brennan, Plymouth, previously with the law firm of Schellcase, Auld and Johnston.

All terms expire Jan. 26, 2002.

Stepping down SEMCOG director will retire

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

John Amberger will retire at the end of March as executive director of the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, the seven-county planning organization.

"I was really born for this job," said Amberger, 67, of Livonia. "As the middle of five children, I was the mediator and collaborator. I couldn't imagine a better life."

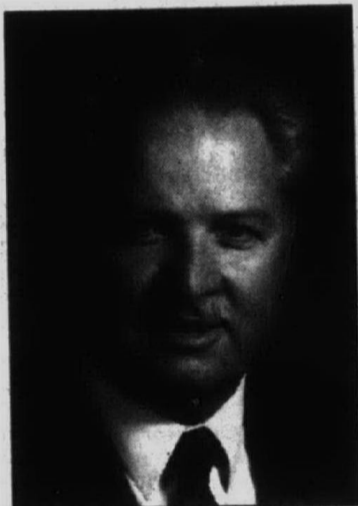
Amberger has enjoyed nearly rave reviews by SEMCOG's elected officials as he walked the tightrope of city-suburban and built-up versus developing suburb tensions.

"My wife is retired, and she wants to travel. I'll work until March. I'm looking at opportunities to think, read and write ... the kinds of things that are done in universities," he told the Jan. 30 executive committee meeting.

The executive committee promptly set up a 20-member committee with only one item on its Feb. 13 agenda: whether to promote deputy director Paul Tait of Ypsilanti to the top post or engage in a statewide or national search.

Betting odds are that Tait will get the nod, in the same way Amberger's predecessor, Michael Glusac, groomed and nominated Amberger as his successor 16 years ago. The panel is due to report at the Feb. 20 SEMCOG executive committee meeting.

Among members of that special committee will be Andrew Wardach and John La



John Amberger

ship), when the pair took SEMCOG's top administrative slots in the recession year of 1974.

"It was a touchy situation," Amberger recalled. "We drove to Lansing to pick up the payroll."

Mel Ravitz, retired Detroit councilman who chaired SEMCOG in 1970-72, added an anecdote. "The person who came to our rescue was Walker Cislak, the chairman of Detroit Edison. He put up a personal \$50,000 bond to help SEMCOG meet its payroll. Not a corporate loan but a personal one."

SEMCOG was the outgrowth of a 1964 Johnson-era federal highway law requiring metropolitan areas with a central city of 50,000 or more to engage in regional planning in order to receive highway aid.

In time, SEMCOG developed road, sewer, housing and other plans for the region of Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Livingston, Washtenaw, St. Clair and Monroe counties.

More often than not, there was a tug of war between 1) black Detroiters and conservative suburbanites who mutually feared regional thinking and 2) the more aggressive regionalists who wanted SEMCOG to become an operating government with a population-based legislative body.

The group between these two camps, with Amberger and Glusac walking the tightwire above them, prevailed.

Belle of Livingston County; Nancy Dingeldey (county commissioner), Jeddy Hood (West Bloomfield supervisor), Dante Lanzetta (Birmingham commissioner), and William Roberts (Walled Lake mayor) of Oakland county; and Elaine Kirchgatter (Canton treasurer) and Milton Mack (probate judge) of Wayne county.

Amberger was one of the corps of young managers groomed by Roman S. Gribbs, mayor of Detroit from 1969-72 and now a Court of Appeals judge living in the Northville area. Amberger earned two degrees from Wayne State University.

Glusac was Detroit corporation counsel and Amberger the mayor's executive assistant (after three years as superintendent of the Detroit House of Correction, the city's prison in Plymouth Town-

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Attorney from page A1

"I understand the concern but I don't see that we're going to have a problem with a firm that size."

Dennis Shrewsbury
—City commissioner

ment" by the mayor. Dismuke defended its handling, calling it a "value-based decision" and asking, "Isn't that the purpose of a committee?" — to review all qualifications and present a decision for approval.

Said Shrewsbury, "I understand the concern but I don't see that we're going to have a problem with a firm that size." The committee received bids from seven law firms and interviewed representatives of three others besides Morgan of Cameron Miller and Osburn of Plunkett & Cooney. They were from the firms of Johnson, Rosati, Galica, La Barge, Asel-

tyne and Field of Farmington Hills; Cox, Hodgman & Giarmarco of Troy and Cummings, McClorey, Davis & Acho of Livonia. Since being selected, Osburn and two other P&C attorneys, Richard Connors and John Martin, have met with city officials such as Police Chief Robert L. Scoggins to learn the city's operations. The three will handle different aspects of city legal matters.

Osburn, who has been assistant city attorney for Northville the last six months, has worked in the professional liability section for P&C, representing attorneys and other licensed professionals. She said she also has represented cities in "slip-and-fall" cases and said she finds municipal law "very interesting." Martin, a former policeman who has been the city of Northville prosecutor for several years, will handle that for Pl-



STAFF PHOTO BY LIZ CARNEGIE

Conference: Police Chief Bob Scoggins meets with new city attorneys (from left) Richard Connors, Sarah Osburn and John William Martin Jr., all with the firm of Plunkett & Cooney.

mouth. Connors, another Northville assistant city attorney, specializes in zoning and environmental law, Osburn said.

She said she sees herself as "the gateway to the firm, which

can offer" a wide variety of legal services. "Anything you can imagine, we've probably already done."

She said Plunkett & Cooney offers a computerized database of its 150 attorneys by specialty.

Police catch one thief, another flees

After an early morning break-in Sunday at a Plymouth city business, city and township police caught one thief, but another got away.

The break in happened at 4:15 a.m. at Benchmark Optical Center, 1358 S. Main, according to the reports compiled by city and township police. Thieves nabbed more than \$8,000 in frames after forcing open the front door of the business.

Witnesses spotted the two thieves leaving the business and driving away in a white Ford Tempo. After the car was spotted by city and township police officers on road patrol at Haggerty at Ann Arbor Road, the car sped through a red light headed north on Haggerty, the police report continued.

On the subsequent chase, the cars reached speeds of 40-60 mph. The pursuit continued east on Ann Arbor Trail then north

The driver navigated the car over lawns until he stopped and began fleeing on foot. Police caught him, but the passenger eluded police.

on Russell, before the driver of the Tempo turned into a driveway.

A passenger in the car fled on foot, hopping fences. The driver navigated the car over lawns until he stopped and began fleeing on foot. Police caught him, but the passenger eluded police, the report continued.

The driver, a 37-year-old Detroit man, was to be charged with fleeing and eluding and breaking and entering, according to the police reports.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BOARD PROCEEDINGS

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, January 27, 1998 at 1150 South Canton Center Road. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to move from an open session to a closed session for discussing sale of property, pending litigation and employee negotiations at 5:40 P.M. Motion carried.

ROLL CALL - CLOSED SESSION

Members Present: Bennett, Burdziak, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Shefferly, Yack

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Durack, Machnik, Minghine

Also Present: Scott Griffin and Dan Turner of Griffin Properties.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to return to an open session at 7:00 P.M. Motion carried unanimously. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL - OPEN SESSION

Members Present: Bennett, Burdziak, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Shefferly, Yack

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Durack, Machnik, Minghine, Santomauro, Abbott, Rorabacher, Zevlankink

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 13, 1998 as presented. Motion carried.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Treasurer Kirchgatter noted that check #122365 in the amount of \$1,697.50, withdrawn at the previous meeting, had been approved and paid. Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by McLaughlin, to pay the bills with the exception of check #122715 and #122637 pending further investigation. Motion carried.

Expenditure Recap

General Fund	101	\$343,275.87
Fire Fund	206	30,361.47
Police Fund	207	43,243.97
Community Center Fund	208	26,080.53
Golf Course Fund	211	8,845.91
Cable TV Fund	230	2,674.43
Community Imp. Fund	246	2,669.45
E-911/Emergency Fund	261	2,739.11
Special Investigative Fund	267	925.10
Federal Grants Funds	274	5,569.64
State Projects Fund	289	1,987.95
Downtown Dev. Auth.	294	5,519.91
Retiree Benefits	296	9.00
Cap Proj-Bldg. Construction	402	2,615.60
Cap Proj-Road Paving	403	3,063.00
Bldg. Auth. Construction	469	22,545.08
Water & Sewer	592	328,810.42
Construction Escrow	702	6,104.07
S. Haggerty Paving	815	56,337.41
Total-All Funds		\$893,377.92

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to hereby recognize Donald Adams, Steven Berger, Bill Grady, Ken Witt and Robert Farrell, Jr. for their 25-years of dedicated service to Canton; and Thomas Battistone, David Bukis, George Daubresse, Thomas Davison, Melvin F. Paulin (Rick), Jack Raker, James Sumner and Karl Gorham for their 20-years of dedicated service to the Canton Community. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT FOR CANTON BUSINESS CENTER (ASHLEY CALUMET LLC INDUSTRIAL-RESEARCH PARK)

Supervisor Yack declared the public hearing open at 7:10 P.M. No one spoke in favor of or in opposition to the establishment of the Industrial Development District. Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to close the public hearing at 7:12 P.M. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to adopt the resolution establishing the Canton Business Center Industrial Development District pursuant to Act No. 198 of the Public Acts of 1974, as amended. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE CANTON BUSINESS CENTER INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

P.A. 198, 1974, as amended

WHEREAS, pursuant to Act No. 198 of the Public Acts of 1974, as amended, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton has the authority to establish an Industrial Development District within the Charter Township of Canton; and

WHEREAS, Ashley Capital has petitioned this Board of Trustees to establish an Industrial Development District on its property located in Canton Township hereinafter described; and

WHEREAS, construction, acquisition, alteration, or installation of a proposed facility has not commenced at the time of filing the request to establish this district; and

WHEREAS, written notice has been given by mail to all owners of real property located within the district and to the public by newspaper advertisement in the Canton Observer and/or published posting of the hearing on the establishment of the district; and

WHEREAS, on January 27, 1998 a public hearing was held at which all owners of real property within the proposed Industrial Development District and all residents and taxpayers of Canton were afforded an opportunity to be heard thereon; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Canton deems it to be in the public interest of the Charter Township of Canton to establish the Canton Business Center Industrial Development District as proposed.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton that the following described parcels of land situated in the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, to wit:

A part of Section 32, Canton Township, T25., R. 3E., Wayne County Michigan, described as beginning at the East 1/4 corner of said Section 32, Thence South 00 degrees 08'18" East 1137.90 to the Northerly R.O.W., Thence South 70 degrees 29' 04" West 2346.38'; Thence South 72 degrees, 05' 45" West 691.49'; Thence South 71 degrees 15' 15" West 308.40'; Thence North 00 degrees 03', 38" West 2423.81'; Thence North 89 degrees 50' 39" East 995.14' to the Center of said Section 32; Thence North 00 degrees 12' 56" West 1307.81'; Thence North 89 degrees 09' 43" East 1319.79'; Thence North 89 degrees 36' 29" East 1319.55'; Thence South 99 degrees 08' 25" East 1326.19' to the Point of Beginning, containing 230.68 Acres, subject to the rights of the public over the Easterly 33.00' thereof for Beck Road, and subject to all easements and restrictions of record. Property is commonly known as parcel nos. 125 99 0002 000, 125 99 0004 000, 127 99 0021 000, 127 99 0022 000, 127 99 0023 000, and 128 99 0004 000.

be and hereby are established as an Industrial Development District, pursuant to the provisions of Act 198 of the Public Acts of 1974, as amended, to be known as the Canton Business Center Industrial Development District.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to approve the following budget

amendment in the General Fund to appropriate funds for contracted services with Governmental Consultant Services, Inc. through May 1998

Increase Revenues
Appropriation from Fund Balance #101-000-699-0000 \$15,000

Increase Appropriations
Contracted Services - Supervisor #101-171-818-0000 \$15,000

This budget amendment increases the Supervisor's Office budget from \$244,395 to \$259,395 and the General Fund budget from \$13,043,400 to \$13,058,400. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to cancel the Board of Trustees Meetings scheduled for August 4 and November 3, 1998. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to reappoint Ron Pennington to the Building/Fire Board of Appeals term to expire on December 31, 2002. Motion carried. Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to appoint the Township Clerk as the designated officer to execute the 1998 Annual Permit and other permits for Underground Utility Operations within the Michigan Department of Transportation right-of-way. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, that the Township Supervisor and Township Clerk execute the release of easement recorded in Liber 24241 on page 25. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to recommend approval of the property splits and combinations for the parcels identified by Tax ID #s 036 01 0013 003 and 036 01 0013 004, Supervisor's Canton Plat No. 1, as requested by the project sponsor, Mr. John Moranville and as indicated on the certified survey dated January 13, 1997. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to adopt the resolution to grant final plat approval for Echo Forest Subdivision. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to adopt the resolution to grant a one-year extension of the Final Approval of the Preliminary Plat for Cobblestone Ridge Subdivision Nos. 2 & 3, expiring on June 11, 1999 and a six-month extension of the Final Approval of the Preliminary Plat for Cobblestone Ridge Subdivision No. 3, expiring on September 25, 1999. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to approve the following budget amendment in the Police Fund for Police Explorer Program expenses:

Increase (Decrease) Appropriations:
Police Explorer Program #207-301-745-1000 \$1,450
Transfer to Fund Balance #207-301-999-0000 (1,450)

This budget amendment does not change the Police Fund budget total. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to reappoint Mr. Gary A. Kostrewa to the Economic Development Corporation for a six-year term expiring November 30, 2003. Motion carried.

GENERAL CALENDAR

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to adopt the resolution to approve the special land use for a medical office facility on Tax EDP 047-01-0005-000.

Clerk Bennett amended the motion to include the condition of a final review by Planning staff, Trustee McLaughlin had no objections. New motion to read: Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to adopt the resolution to approve the special land use for a medical office facility on Tax EDP 047-01-0005-000, subject to final review by the Planning staff. Motion carried. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to adopt the resolution granting approval of the special use for the proposed AT & T Wireless Communication Tower allowing a maximum tower height of 150 feet. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly, to adopt the resolution to grant Final Approval of the Preliminary Plat for Poplar Ridge Subdivision, located on Tax EDP No. 105 99 0001 709. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to adopt resolution #1 for the Gorman Street Water Main Special Assessment District 1998-1. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 1

Gorman Street Water Main Special Assessment District 1998-1

Charter Township of Canton

County of Wayne, State of Michigan

Minutes of a Regular meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, held in the Township Hall in said Township on January 27, 1998, at 7 o'clock p.m., Eastern Daylight Time. Present: Members Bennett, Burdziak, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Shefferly, Yack

Absent: None

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member Bennett, and supported by Member LaJoy:

WHEREAS, the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, pursuant to Act 188, Public Acts of Michigan 1954, as amended, at the request of the Canton property owners to be served by the improvements (petition attached) deems it tentatively desirable to undertake public improvements consisting of water main improvements along Gorman Street, a special assessment district tentatively designated and described in Exhibit A (attached) hereto and made a part hereof; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board tentatively desires to proceed with the proposed public improvements;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Township Engineer is hereby ordered to have an engineer, registered in the State of Michigan, prepare plans showing the improvement, the location thereof, and estimates of the cost thereof.

2. Said engineers, when the plans and estimates are completed, are ordered to file the same with the Township Clerk

3. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution be and the same hereby are rescinded.

Ayes: Bennett, Burdziak, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Shefferly, Yack

Nays: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, Michigan, at a regular meeting held on January 27, 1998, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, Being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.

Terry G. Bennett, Clerk

GORMAN STREET WATER MAIN SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT 1998-1

EXHIBIT A

Description of Water Main Improvements: Construction of approximately 1,100 lineal feet of 8-inch ductile iron water main south along Gorman Street from Ford Road to provide access to all the property owners along Gorman Street.

Parcels Included in Special Assessment District 1998-1:

Parcel	Acres	Property Owner
036-01-0004-001	1.59	Ron Watson
036-01-0004-002	3.21	Ron Watson
036-01-0005-000	4.80	W. Howard Burkeen
036-01-0006-000	4.90	Kevin Clink
036-01-0007-001	1.20	Henry Daniels
036-01-0007-002	3.54	William Farmer
036-01-0008-000	4.80	Hessein Elhaoui
036-01-0009-003	1.32	Adrien Borchgrave
036-01-0009-004	1.08	Frank Immel
036-01-0009-002	2.40	Grace Stisko
Total Acres in District	28.84	

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly, to adopt resolution #1 for the Gorman Street Sanitary Sewer Special Assessment District 1998-2. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 1

Gorman Street Water Main Special Assessment District 1998-2

Charter Township of Canton

County of Wayne, State of Michigan

Minutes of a Regular meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, held in the Township Hall in said Township on January 27, 1998, at 7 o'clock p.m., Eastern Daylight Time. Present: Members Bennett, Burdziak, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Shefferly, Yack

Absent: None

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member Bennett, and supported by Member Shefferly:

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Ayes: Bennett, Burdziak, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Shefferly, Yack

Nays: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, Michigan, at a regular meeting held on January 27, 1998, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, Being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.

Terry G. Bennett, Clerk

GORMAN STREET SANITARY SEWER SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT 1998-2

EXHIBIT 2

Description of Sanitary Sewer Improvements: Construction of approximately 1,900 lineal feet of 10-inch sanitary sewer west along Ford Road then south along Gorman Street from Ford Road to provide access to all the property owners along Gorman Street.

Parcels Included in Special Assessment District 1998-2:

Parcel	Acres	Property Owner
036-01-0003-006	0.92	Ronald Drabicki
036-01-0004-001	1.59	Ron Watson
036-01-0004-002	3.21	Ron Watson
036-01-0005-000	4.80	W. Howard Burkeen
036-01-0006-000	4.90	Kevin Clink
036-01-0007-001	1.20	Henry Daniels
036-01-0007-002	3.54	William Farmer
036-01-0008-000	4.80	Husseini Elhaoui
036-01-0009-003	1.32	Adrien Borchgrave
036-01-0009-004	1.08	Frank Immel
036-01-0009-002	2.40	Grace Stisko
036-01-0010-303	1.17	Joel-Angeline Valdivia
036-01-0010-302	1.65	Angelo Tomei
Total Acres in District	32.58	

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly, to approve the hiring of Plante & Moran to prepare a report on roads, and the associated costs of maintaining them at a cost not to exceed \$20,000.00. Further, to amend the general fund budget in the following amounts:

Increase 101-200-803-0000 Professional & Consulting Services \$20,000.00
101-000-699-0000 Appropriation from Fund Balance \$20,000.00

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to approve the janitorial services bid award for the Summit on the Park Community Center with Clean Net USA for \$63,660. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly, to approve the janitorial services bid award for the Administration, Cherry Hill School, DPW and Grounds Maintenance buildings with AAA Mikro Cleaning for \$41,820. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to approve the bid for drywall work at the Travis House with Dependable Drywall, Inc., for \$9,865 with a 10 percent contingency of \$988 for a total amount of \$10,853.00. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to award the bid for the housing rehabilitation on Arley to JB Contracting in the amount of \$23,584 contingent upon and not effective before successful review by the Bureau of History and clearance notice therefrom. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to award the bid for the purchase of a Canon NP 6050 copier for a total cost of \$11,100.00 including cost of shipping and installation to Ikon Office Solutions, Novi, MI 48375. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly, to award the bid for the purchase of a vehicle exhaust ventilation system for the fire headquarters to Hasting Energy, Wayne, Michigan at a cost not to exceed \$75,867.00. Further, to approve prepayment of this purchase. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to approve the creations and filling of three sergeant positions in the fire department. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve the elimination of the Continuing part-time position in Fire Administration and the creation and filling of a Clerk Typist I position. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to authorize the Supervisor to sign the attached Settlement Agreement on Release by and between Dennis Wilkin, Proctor Road Holding Limited Partnership and Canton Township. Motion carried.

OTHER
Treasurer Kirchgatter reminded the Board that the study session scheduled for Tuesday, February 3, 1998 was cancelled.

ADJOURN

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 P.M. Motion carried unanimously.

The above is a synopsis of actions taken at the Regular Board meeting held on January 27, 1998. The full text of the minutes will be available following the next regular meeting of the Board on February 10, 1998.

Thomas J. Yack, Supervisor

Terry G. Bennett, Clerk

Published February 5, 1998

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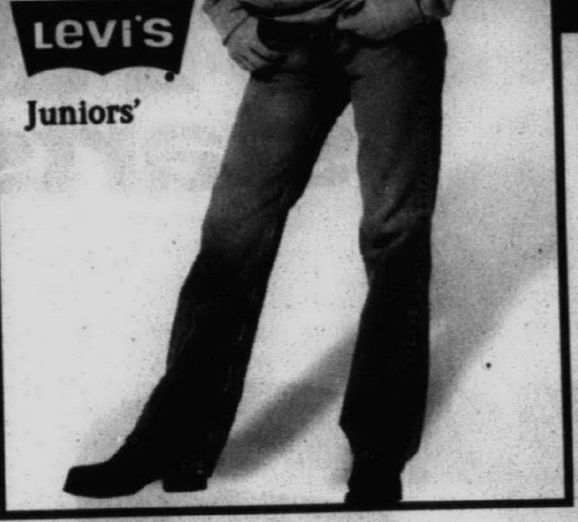


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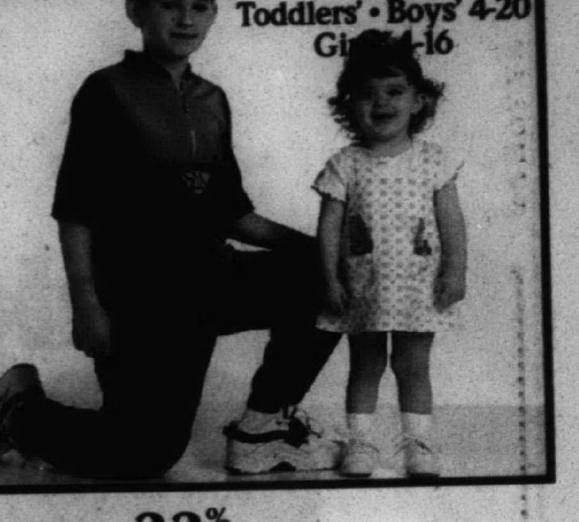
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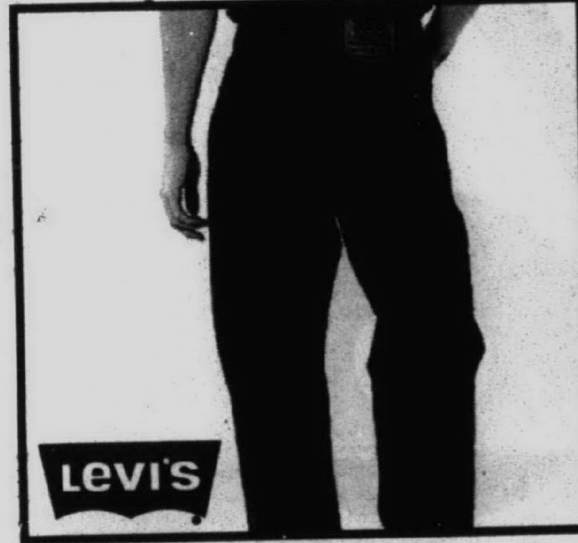
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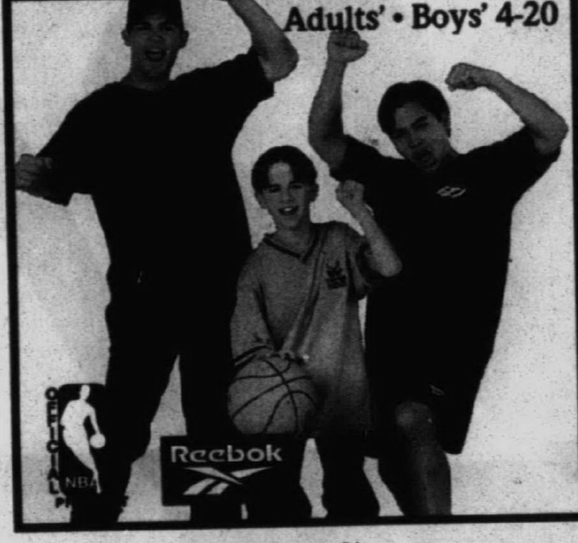
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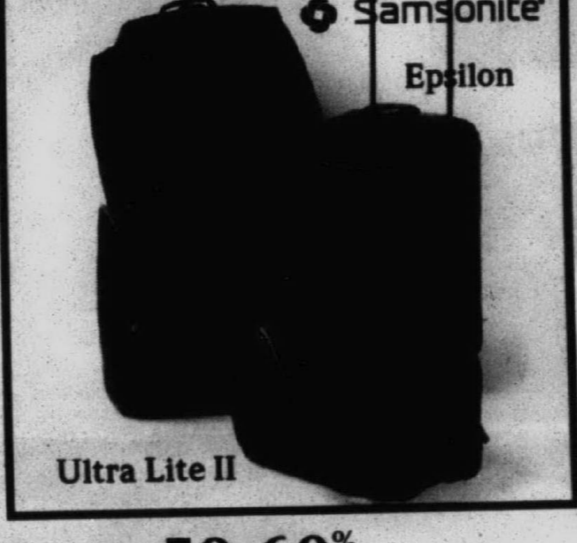
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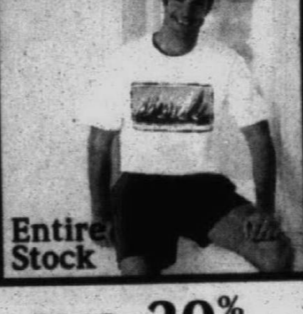
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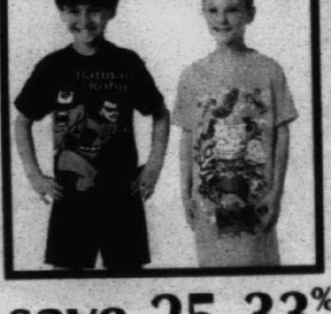
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Alliance to host peace workshop here

County Executive Edward McNamara, County Prosecutor John O'Hair and Sheriff Robert Ficano have joined together with the Alliance for Peace to chair a workshop, "Best Practices: Finding Peaceful Solutions to Violence in our Community," for western Wayne County communities.

The workshop scheduled for Saturday, March 7, focuses on finding solutions to violence in our communities. The morning sessions identify emerging issues of violence prevention and the afternoon sessions focus on what is working in communities. Several renowned individuals from area agencies, law enforcement and the prosecutor's office are scheduled to speak.

The workshop is scheduled

from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency Annex, 5454 Venoy Road in Wayne.

Youths will have an opportunity to participate in a "hands on" violence prevention training.

A Peace Circle Program, a program which promotes positive alternatives to violence in communities, will be introduced at the end of the workshop. Area businesses will be asked to sponsor the circles in their places of business so that members of the public can make a pledge.

The circle represents a connected community, while purple ribbons representing peace will be attached to the circles. Pledge cards connected to the ribbons to allow participants to write down and commit to peaceful actions.

The goal of the program is to have all local governing authorities and 100 business participating in this program with 100,000 pledges by March 7, 1999.

The circles will be gathered and put on display at community spaces as they are completed. Area school children will participate in creating the circles and materials.

Funds raised through this program will be split between First Step and Youth Assistance programs.

The cost of the workshop is \$25 per adult registration and includes morning refreshments and a box lunch. Youth participants may attend at no charge.

Pre-registration is required by Feb. 20. Participants can register by sending a check to Wayne

Metropolitan CSA, Best Practices, 3715 W. Jefferson, Ecorse MI 48229 or by calling the Resource Connections at (313) 791-8440.

The Alliance for Peace is a coalition of agencies and individuals in suburban communities seeking peaceful solutions to violence. Its member agencies include the Conference of Western Wayne, Downriver Guidance Clinic, Hegira, Inkster Police Department, Northville Youth Assistance, The Senior Alliance, United Way Community Service-Wayne Division, Wayne County Prosecutor's Office, Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency, Wayne County Sheriff's Department and Wayne Metropolitan Community Services.

S'craft class tells how to have successful aquarium

Don't put your fish by your stereo.

No, that's not a new country western song. It's sage advice from Joe Derek, instructor of the Schoolcraft College course The Successful Home Aquarium.

Derek said most people set up an aquarium because watching fish is a peaceful, tranquil activity in this busy, bustling world.

"I find myself just looking at my 12 fish," said Derek, the city naturalist for Farmington Hills. "You often see aquariums in psychologists' or doctors' offices."

Water conducts sound and putting an aquarium near stereo or television speakers, in a room where children are noisy or boisterous, or near a banging door

will result in mighty unhappy fish.

"To have a successful aquarium, you must have some education," Derek said. "I began offering these classes because I would see people get fish, and sell off their equipment a few weeks later because something had gone wrong. If you learn the right way to do it, keeping an

aquarium is much easier than people think."

The aquarium class will be offered Saturday, Feb. 28, at 9 a.m. Derek will discuss types of fish, aquarium size, food, breeding, live plants and salt water. The fee is \$32.

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OPINION

A14(P) 794 SOUTH MAIN, PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN 48170 THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1998

Attorney selection Process neglected the public

The manner in which the Plymouth City Commission recently selected a new city attorney leaves a bad feeling. The feeling was bad enough that two commissioners, Dave McDonald and Joe Koch, voted against approving Sarah Osburn of Plunkett & Cooney, to succeed Don Morgan, who served as city attorney for three years. Morgan's contract is up Feb. 28.

Koch and McDonald objected to how approval for the new attorney was sought as well as the lack of information in a report — as well as the lateness in getting it to commissioners — provided by a three-member committee that reviewed attorney proposals, selected and interviewed finalists and then made a recommendation to the city commission.

The hiring of an attorney for the city is a big deal. That is what makes it so perplexing that the item was not listed specifically on the Jan. 20 agenda, but was included in the catch-all board appointments at the bottom of the agenda.

The issue here is not whether the media should be tipped off in advance. We agree that Don Morgan indeed should not find out he is being replaced by reading it in the newspaper. And no one is asking city officials to do that.

There is a public interest, however, in who serves as the city attorney, if for nothing than how much this new person will cost taxpayers. The report issued by the committee neglected to note bid amounts offered by the attorney

firms that participated in the process. City commissioners are reminded they are not operating a private corporation. Everything they do is public, or at least is supposed to be. Not only are decisions to be public, but the reasoning and discussion that led commissioners to that decision, should be as well.

Yet there was no indication from the city commission or the three-member committee when this process was under way, that interviews were being conducted and when, and when a finalist would be announced.

City commissioners should realize that the public may have an interest in how the committee determined which attorney would best serve the city.

By the letter of the law, a three-member committee is not required to post public meetings. Mayor Don Dismuke says the meetings were not secret. They may as well have been. If the city does not inform its residents, how do they know whether they may attend or not? If the city does not inform its residents, how do they know whether there are such meetings occurring that might indeed interest them?

At the least, the public should have been informed of which law firms had sent proposals and which ones were in the final running.

City commissioners are reminded that they are expected to practice democracy — even when it doesn't fit their needs.

Engler is no modern Pericles

A visitor from Mars, listening to Gov. John Engler's 1998 State of the State speech, could have thought the world was created on Jan. 1, 1991, and before that, all was chaos. Engler could say nothing good about the Milliken years (1969-82) or the Blanchard years (1983-90). His constant theme was "the failed policies of the '80s" or "the failed policies of the past." He measured all progress from the date he took office.

To Engler's credit, however, we note he finally has awakened to the urban sprawl issue. We welcome him to the club.

The historical truth is that Engler tried to obliterate his debts to Govs. Milliken and Blanchard. But consider:

- Progress against crime didn't begin with the 300 bills Engler signed. The 650 lifer law, which cruelly dooms drug "mules" to life without hope of parole, was passed in 1978, when William G. Milliken was governor. Voters in 1978 eliminated "good time" for inmates at the insistence of Oakland's then-Prosecutor Brooks Patterson; approved tighter bail rules the same year; and elevated the Crime Victims Rights Act to constitutional status in 1988.
- Engler advocated construction of 5,400 new prison beds, conveniently forgetting that his predecessor, James J. Blanchard, presided over the biggest orgy of prison building (from 13,000 to 35,000) in Michigan history.
- Engler didn't mention shutting down state mental hospitals, but he actually followed the lead of Milliken and Blanchard in "deinstitutionalizing" mental patients into community programs.
- Blanchard opened the door to welfare reform by capping individual benefits for seven of his eight years in office — and taking heat from the furious welfare lobby. Engler's welfare reform touchdown was built on Blan-

chard's blocking.

- John Engler will earn an honored place in the history books for his advocacy of 1994's Proposal A, which cut school property taxes and saved many non-industrial school districts from imminent disaster; his performance was heroic. But he shouldn't forget that he failed on his first try, in 1993. And he gave no credit to Milliken, Blanchard, the late Robert Tisch, Dick Headlee and past Legislatures for trying with proposals in past year.
- "Remember the 17-year-old court fight over special education funding? We fixed that problem," Engler said. Yes, and we remember he was the governor fighting the suburban school plaintiffs for seven of those 17 years? How does he propose to deal with the way special education pupil loads and costs are outstripping the rate of revenue growth? He didn't mention it.
- The governor proposed a \$500 million bond issue, with "\$400 million for restoring polluted and abandoned sites; \$50 million for protecting drinking water; and \$50 million for upgrading facilities at our 96 state parks." Great idea. The Legislature should polish it and put it on the November ballot.
- Engler mentioned a 1988 parks and environment bond issue of \$800 million, but only because Lt. Gov. Connie Binsfeld was involved. He skipped the other contributions of the 1970s and '80s.
- We give Engler credit where he has earned it. But he is no Pericles, leading us to a Golden Age. John Engler has never broken with the past. His "taxpayer's agenda" has given us tax cuts along with hefty increases in the sales, use and gasoline taxes. If he appears tall, it's because he stands on the shoulders of people like Milliken and Blanchard.

Volunteerism



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Honored: Joanne Winkleman Hulce was honored this weekend with the dedication of the Plymouth Community Arts Center in her name. She is an example of how to be a community volunteer by sticking with it, being willing to give her time and energy, and caring more about the end product than the status long-time volunteering gives her in the community.

LETTERS

Ameritech editorial erred

Your recent editorial, published Jan. 22, is filled with errors we'd like to clarify for your readers.

Your assertion that Ameritech Michigan cross-subsidized Ameritech New Media's Americhecks program is absolutely false. Ameritech New Media offered a promotion that its cable TV customers loved but other cable companies hated.

Rather than take their case to customers and compete with better service, quality programming and attractive prices, our competitors took their case to regulators.

We believe the courts ultimately will decide in favor of the customer and the Americhecks promotion. In the meantime, we will continue to bring area residents innovative products and services at competitive prices.

You are wrong in describing the Ameritech calling card. The card gives customers the protection they want against price gouging at some pay phones. By using the Ameritech card, customers receive reasonable rates for local, long-distance and international calls.

You are wrong in describing Michigan's local phone market. Today, every single Michigan resident could have a choice of at least one additional local phone provider.

The long-distance companies have local-service licenses, they have access to the local phone network and they have rates filed with the Michigan Public Service Commission. Yet, they refuse to sell local service to residential consumers.

Are these the "local" phone companies the Observer & Eccentric would like to see providing service to consumers? If these companies are ignoring residential customers now, why does the Observer & Eccentric believe they'll suddenly be eager to serve customers in the future?

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Bob Cooper
president
Ameritech Michigan

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The veterans who are patients in the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Ann Arbor were the recipients of much needed personal care items (shaving cream, razors, tooth paste, tooth brushes, dental floss, antiperspirant and shampoo). Other items donated were socks, assorted games, pens, pencils, and stationery.

All the items were collected and donated by the students of the Plymouth-Canton elementary schools. The donated articles were picked up and then sorted, packaged, then delivered to the V.A. Hospital by Commander Joe Burman, Sr. Vice Commander Gary McCoy and Chaplain Edna Somers of American Legion Beasley-Zalesney Post 112 of Plymouth Township. Commander Burman of post 112 said this was the third year that the students have participated in the program.

A letter from Peter M. Oestreicher, the Volunteer coordinator at the Medical Center said the items would be given to the patients as needed. The hospitalized veterans greatly appreciate these items and are happy that the students and their families have not forgotten them.

Each school received a Letter of Participation from the American Legion Post 112. All the members of Post 112 and the veterans at the V.A. Hospital all say "Thank You" to each family involved in this program of good will.

Joe Burman
Commander Post 112

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COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION:

Should the United States bomb Iraq in order to get cooperation with United Nations inspection teams?

We asked this question at the Plymouth District Library.



"No. I think that's a little extreme."

Sheila Holland
Plymouth



"Yikes! If we could just narrow the bombing on Saddam."

Sybille Vought
Plymouth



"I'm not sure. I think we could be opening up a can of worms for retaliation in this country."

Nancy d'Hulst
Morgan, Utah



"I don't have the information to make that decision. That's why we elect people."

John Monakowski
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POINTS OF VIEW

What public service does bond appeal serve?

On March 22, 1997, the Plymouth-Canton School District conducted a special election presenting to voters a \$79.8 million bond proposal.

The results of the election were 5,733 yes votes, 5,637 no votes, and 720 invalid ballots. The School Board of Canvassers declared the election passed with a margin of 96 votes. But the district has not been able to sell bonds or begin construction as the election has been and is still being challenged.

Recently, I requested from the secretary of state a memorandum issued by the Bureau of Elections to the Board of State Canvassers regarding the March 22 election. The document is dated June 4, 1997, and reviews the disposition of the initial challenges.

The first challenge was a recount request. The account was performed by the Wayne County Board of Canvassers on April 15. The recount resulted in one more "no" vote. The board unanimously voted to certify the recount results. The Bureau of Elections was satisfied with the recount process.

The second challenge was to the integrity of the voting system. Under Michigan law, a ballot proposal must be presented for a second vote if 1) an

equipment malfunction or ballot defect prohibits a voter from casting a vote, and 2) the number of voters affected exceeds the margin of votes by which the proposal was adopted or defeated. The School Board of Canvassers conducted testing of the equipment on April 15 following the recount.

The canvassers found no voting equipment malfunctions, ballot defects or programming errors, and denied the request to order a second vote since the two above conditions were not met. They did express concern over the high number of under-votes but concluded that they were the result of human error on the part of the voters. The Bureau of Elections accepted the testing methods and conclusions.

Regarding the high number of undervotes, the bureau noted that the percentage (5.95 percent) was indeed high, especially for a single issue election. But the bureau also noted that high undervotes are not unheard of. For example: the March 15, 1994, single issue election had a statewide undervote of .68 percent. The Aug. 2, 1994, partisan primary had a statewide undervote of 12.7 percent.

Typically, undervotes are high in primary elections because voters split

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their tickets in the partisan section of their ballots. The splitting of tickets is not allowed in primary elections, and split ticket ballots cannot be counted. This rule is included in the voting instructions of every primary election.

The bureau's report indicated that a limited number of voters claimed that they did not receive instruction in the operation of the voting equipment. The bureau investigated this claim and found that adequate written and total instructions were available in the precincts and that precinct workers were fully aware of their duties and conscientiously fulfilled them.

On May 14, Jerry Vorva of Plymouth filed a complaint in Wayne

County Circuit Court against the Plymouth-Canton School District and the School Board of Canvassers seeking to void the March 22 election and require the district to hold a new election on the bond proposal. Vorva claimed that the district failed to adequately train election workers, failed to inform voters in the use of voting equipment, failed to insure that 716 votes were recorded, failed to obtain required statutory authorization to the use of voting devices, and used voting devices in a manner that votes properly cast were not recorded.

Vorva also claimed that the district denied the voters equal protection under the law by conducting the election on a Saturday, reducing the likelihood of voter turnout, by scheduling the election in March when some voters are habitually out of state even though a regular school election was already scheduled for June, and failing to automatically send absentee ballot requests to senior voters.

It should be noted that the district will automatically send absentee requests to seniors if they have asked the district to do so. But like all districts in the state, Plymouth-Canton does not automatically send absentee requests to all seniors.

On Aug. 22, the court dismissed

the case stating that "there is no genuine issue to any material fact." Vorva filed an appeal to the circuit court's decision, and that appeal is pending.

Certainly, it is regrettable that 720 votes were not counted. And, I know there are people in this community who are unhappy about not only the undervotes, but the results of the challenges as well. My intent is not to discount their feelings but to make a practical observation. The school board is compelled to obey the law. If the courts ultimately order that the election stands, then the school board must proceed with the sale of bonds and construction of schools.

There is no reason to believe that the appeals court will find differently than the boards of canvassers, the Bureau of Elections, or the Wayne County Circuit Court. So then, what possible service is being done for this community by pursuing this case in an appeals process that will likely take years to complete and produce the same findings we were already given five months ago?

Darice M. Schubatis, a Plymouth resident, is an active parent in the Plymouth-Canton School District.

Engler appears to be suffering from third-termism

The great thing about writing a weekly column is you get enough time and distance for reflection. God help those editorial writers and TV commentators who have to distill wisdom into sound bites just 30 seconds after a big speech ends!

I've now had the time to read and re-read Gov. John Engler's State of the State speech, delivered last Thursday. The more I reflect on it, the more troubling it becomes.

First, it's obviously a very political document, intended to get the best of both worlds in an election year but of virtually no use as a policy agenda.

To reassure his base of conservative voters, Engler wants to cut state income taxes by \$3 billion by 2005, require a 60 percent legislative vote to raise future taxes, lock up more felons in more new prisons for longer jail terms and require folks getting welfare checks to test free of drugs.

To reach out to moderates and independents, the governor wants to borrow \$500 million for environmental cleanup, test pupils at the end of third grade for reading proficiency, end social promotion from grade to grade in schools and offer state-subsidized health insurance for poor children.

Second, so characteristic of Engler the master schemer, it's very clever, especially on taxes.

Talking about tax cuts, even on a timetable so delayed that every current member of the Legislature will be term-limited out of office by the time the rates come down, guarantees good next-day headlines. And it forces challengers to play on Engler's time-tested battlefield of tax cuts.

Moreover, the salami tactic of cutting taxes year after year into the next century insures that less and less money will be available for government to spend for whatever purpose. Less money, less big government. And, as every conservative knows, less government is better government.

Third, the speech reeks of third-termism, the political malady that affects politicians when they decide to run for a third term in office.

Engler is already less than immune, having made it pretty clear some years ago that he would never run for a third term as governor and then reversing himself by means of a stealth announcement of candidacy issued by his wife, Michelle.

Third-termism is a subtle disease, the sort



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that sneaks up on you when you aren't paying attention.

A first symptom is the increasing delusion that the real world is defined by what goes on its capitals, whether Lansing or Washington, and not by the daily lives of ordinary people. I remember urging senior members of Gov. Blanchard's administration to spend at least one day a week doing stuff outside Lansing. Well, Gov. Engler and his people have been around Lansing for a long time, and it's an open question in my mind whether they've lost their earlier perspective.

Another symptom - quite evident in Engler's speech - is the tendency to try to be all things to all people. Whether you agreed with him or not, what was gripping about Engler's first years in office was his willingness to set out his philosophy and his convictions, warts and all, without trying to pander to the middle. You can almost see the writers for this year's State of the State saying, "Well, we've got to say something to please the environmentalists, and we've got to throw a bone to the teachers unions," and so forth.

The last symptom is the worst. By diluting the focus, third-termism saps the will.

John Engler's speech was not a focused document. In offering something for everybody, it lost the sharpness and bite that have made the governor such a formidable political figure.

Eight years is a long time for any governor. You've used up most of the good ideas you came into office with, and your agenda keeps getting more and more diluted with each passing year. And year by year, you keep alienating folks until there are lots of people mad at you. Very often, the inevitable response is to try to be all things to all people.

I think John Engler is showing the symptoms

of third-termism. If that's true, he'd better watch out, because eventually his opponent will sniff the illness out and exploit it.

The Allegro mess

I feel obliged to follow up on the outpouring of response to my column on being detained for six hours inside an Allegro Airlines airplane sitting on the tarmac at Cincinnati International Airport.

Obviously, many, many people have suffered equally maddening experiences. If I were in the airline business, I'd start doing surveys of customer satisfaction.

There has been a concrete outcome to this whole mess. Chief Customs Officer John Shea has provoked a series of meetings among the various federal agencies with jurisdiction at airports. The new rule is that no airplane will be held for longer than two hours without allowing passengers to disembark, make phone calls and use the toilet. Thank you, Mr. Shea!

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LETTERS

An important message

I wish we, as a community, were proud of how we worked together to build new schools. I wish when people looked at Plymouth-Canton, they would be impressed by how we make education our number one priority. I wish the kids in this community heard all adults say, "you kids go to school, and we'll make sure you have a safe, healthy place to learn."

We already have some of the best people in the country educating our children. I grew up in Plymouth, I went to the same schools my children go to. They were good then, but the teachers and administrators and staffs that work in my children's schools are great! Not perfect, but pretty darned good.

Some people think Plymouth Township doesn't benefit from a new school. I think we do.

I live in Plymouth Township, but I am part of the Plymouth-Canton school community. Some people have told me that people in Plymouth Township are strong supporters of Mr. Vorva's actions. I'm not. I've been told that a new township hall and improved golf course will attract new people to Plymouth Township. I think a strong school system will attract homeowners. (And I have talked to Mr. Edwards, Plymouth Township treasurer about these issues.)

I wish we'd stop arguing in front of the kids. We all talk about what messages the kids are getting from this debate. Here's my message to kids: Go to school, study hard, go to college, get a good job, work hard, eat well, get plenty of rest, and be nice to people and help each other. I think that's an important message.

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COMMON SENSORS



JACQUE MARTIN-DOWNS

Be a village, adopt a cause

The call came in to me around lunch time. It was from an elementary principal who had a woman and her little girl sitting with him in his office.

"I don't know what to do," he said. "This mom is homeless and in need of a place to stay. She's tried the local homeless shelters and found they were all full. Can you help?"

It's distressing for families when they find they must exit their current living situation because of eviction or violence. They often leave their last residence with only the clothes on their backs.

My current travels take me over to the Wayne County Family Shelter at Merriman and Michigan Avenue in Westland. The personnel at the shelter run a tight but personalized ship where parents can get back on their feet while taking advantage of in-house preschool child care as well as enrolling their children in the local public schools while they are there. But one of the things I notice they lack is extra money for incidental but needed items that might get these families out of there more quickly.

One resident joked with me that she wanted to get bus tickets at the shelter to go into Detroit to look for permanent housing, but there was only one available, so she had no way to get back. We also worked to enroll her child in school, but needed the child's birth certificate. When asked why she didn't just apply for a new one, she said she didn't have the fee to get it.

All these Catch-22s make you just want to open your own pocketbook and throw money at these dilemmas.

A brainstorm

Since we have been inundated with the motto, "It takes a village ...," it would be super if the village would rally around causes such as this one and provide the shelter with just one thing, whether it be money for the transportation, birth certificates or quite literally offering rides to job interviews or housing complexes where the client might apply for housing; a group could "adopt a cause" and make it theirs for a year.

Wouldn't it be honorable if a civic group, church group or other organization used their money or their volunteers to support just one function at a place, such as the homeless shelter. That way, the shelter liaison could call upon the adoptive group for help when a situation comes up.

As I was rooting around the metropolitan area looking for a group or an institution to donate medication to a little boy whose parents had been recently laid off, I came upon a wonderful pharmacist named George who not only helped me out but also suggested that the family call him if they were in dire straits and he would enlist the help of his church group to support them.

George and all of the other people like them represent the village. We need more donors like that. There are needs right in our immediate communities - the Wayne County Family Shelter for one.

And the children

Last but not least, I must talk about how all of this impacts the children. As you well know, they are the greatest victims of all. They played no part in getting the family to this point and they're powerless to change it. The coolest thing about the kids is that they are so incredibly flexible and resilient. All they need to know is that they're loved and that someone is going to take care of them no matter what.

When I see shelter parents continue to think of their children first, they have incredible perseverance and commitment. Their lives are falling apart, on Maslow's hierarchy they're at rock bottom, and yet they care enormously about what happens to the kids.

One mom came into our tutoring room while we were there and asked if we could do some fun school games

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Taking care of baby



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How cute: Jan Yuergens (right), Hegira Prevention's administrative assistant, joins prevention specialist Sherri Fick (left) and Y-MAP Director Maureen Knighton in looking over some of the baby clothes and toys that they give to the parenting teens they work with their school-based support groups and monthly support meetings.

Y-MAP helps teen parents manage new life



The staff of Y-MAP has a very specific mission: to help teen parents increase their parenting skills, help pregnant teens get prenatal care and make sure teen mothers get back to school.

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

When Sherri Fick talks to pregnant and parenting teens about staying in school and getting an education, she's speaking from experience.

A prevention specialist with Hegira's Young Mother's Assistance Program, she was well into her senior year of high school when she discovered she was pregnant. With college and a career as a preschool teacher in her future, she hid her pregnancy from school officials, so she could graduate.

"I hope I serve as a good role model," she said. "I had my baby during midterms, and I went back to finish college. My mom and aunt helped out and I took a lot of night classes and worked on weekends."

Y-MAP has been around for about four years. It was the brainchild of Gail Jiskra, who was concerned about the pregnant teens she was seeing in the those schools, who were homeless or living on their own.

At the time a part of the Community Commission on Drug Abuse, she joined with fellow prevention specialist Jacquie Martin-Downs to apply for a grant through the then-Southeast Michigan Substance Abuse Services.

The group liked what it read and gave Jiskra the grant. Now called the Southeast Michigan Community Alliance, it has continued to increase the size of the grant every renewal period.

Fick and newly named Y-MAP director Maureen Knighton work with teens ages 13-21, helping to increase their parenting skills, get prenatal care and get back in school.

"We're here to teach them about good sexuality and relationships, not to promote sexuality," Fick said. "We make referrals for WIC, DSS, Medicaid, if they need a doctor or pediatrician. If they're not in school, we want them to get in school; if they're in school, we want them to stay in school."

Y-MAP provides in-school support programs at Garden City's Cambridge

Center, Redford Union, Wayne Memorial, John Glenn and Crestwood High schools and the District 7 Alternative Education Program at Madison School in Dearborn Heights.

It works with about 150 teens each year, and participation varies. In Redford Union, the in-school program has two teens while the Wayne-Westland programs attracts 20 teens.

"We discuss in-depth issues, hear more personal stories and make more referrals in the school groups," Fick said. "It's more one-on-one, and we can end up spending two-three weeks on a topic."

Teen's biggest issue

For parenting teens wanting to return to school, the biggest issue is child care, and the options are limited. Six alternative education programs offer child care - the Bentley Center in Livonia, Cambridge Center, Madison School, Pearson Center in Redford, Starkweather Community Education Center in Plymouth and Tinkham Center in Westland. The Bentley Center, however, won't accept out-of-district teens.

"The biggest issue for these teens is child care, so they try to find a school that provides it," Fick said. "Regular schools don't provide that kind of help

and the norm for schools is to send them somewhere else.

"We do have a couple of kids who've gone back and are doing it, but it's a little harder. The kids are in day care or their parents are watching them."

On the third Monday of the month, Y-MAP brings together pregnant and parenting teens from all over for a 6 p.m. support group meeting at Newburg United Methodist Church in Livonia.

Child care is provided, and the teens are treated to dinner and a speaker, before breaking into smaller groups for pregnant teens, parenting teens with children up to age 1 1/2 and those with children older than 1 1/2.

Prevention specialist Ty Madge leads the fathers' group - currently six-seven come out to the monthly meetings while one has become involved in one of the in-school groups. Among the topics he covers are the importance of being a father, taking care of their children and their families.

"Whatever subject the girls are working on, I try to work in for the young fathers ... parenting skills, coping, the difficulty of being a good father," Madge added. "I really try to increase their awareness."

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Beanie Baby raffle benefits First Step

When Carol Strom and Pat Tancill, owners of the Apple Wreath Store in Livonia, landed a highly-sought-after TY Beanie Baby Princess Bear, they wanted to use to help a favorite charity.

The twosome decided to hold a raffle and have earmarked the proceeds further the work of First Step which serves victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in 35 western Wayne County and Downriver communities.

So for a cost of \$3 a ticket or \$5 for two tickets, people can buy chances to win the bear, which honors the late Diana, Princess of Wales.

The drawing will be held at noon Saturday, Feb. 14, at the Apple Wreath, 32626 W. Seven

Mile Road, Livonia. Ticket holders need not be present to win.

The tickets are available the store, which specializes in "temptations for the home" and unusual gifts, or at First Step, 5820 Lilley Road, Suite 5, Canton.

A private, non-profit agency, First Step provides comprehensive programs for men, women and children, including a 24-hour help line, individual and group counseling, a non-residential children's program, Violence Intervention Project for people who batter and emergency shelter for the victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.

For more information, call the Apple Wreath at (248) 474-6090, or First Step at (734) 459-4900.



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What's your bid?: First Step Executive Director Judy Ellis (left) and Carol Strom, co-owner of the Apple Wreath Store, show off the TY Beanie Baby Princess Bear that is being raffled off to help the agency.

Wanted: Ladywood grads to join alumnae association

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

The first year, there were 90 in attendance; the second year, it was up to 120. So organizers of the third annual Ladywood High School alumnae reunion are hoping for an even bigger turnout in April.

The luncheon is being planned by a group of women intent on building the ranks of a budding Ladywood Alumnae Association.

"We're still in the forming stages of the association," said Ellen Elliott of Plymouth and a 1986 Ladywood graduate. "If we get more interest and address updates, we should be OK."

The idea of an alumnae association is the brainchild of Karla Storrs, Pat Thomas, Lorraine Boore and Patty Soter, but don't look for a "class of" after their names. It's their daughters who attended the all-girl high school in Livonia.

Their idea is to start a group similar to the alumni association at Detroit Catholic Central High School in Redford that would offer business networking for members and help promote the high school.

Future goals include providing scholarship funds at the high school and college level and a mentoring program for Ladywood students, sponsoring a career day and "having fun."

'Most of the people we have are older, pretty much from the '60s and '70s. Because of the big mix of age groups, you don't think about what people you know have been doing, but about being back at school.'

Ellen Elliott
-Plymouth

said Elliott.

With the help of Candy Vanderhaven of the class of 1967 and Ladywood principal Sister Mary Ann Smith, a 1966 graduate, the group picked the third Saturday in April for its annual reunion luncheon.

This year's luncheon will be on April 25. It will start with a 10 a.m. Mass at the Felician Sisters' Motherhouse Chapel, followed by a catered lunch at the high school.

There also will be a guest speaker, music by current Ladywood students and a raffle (tickets cost \$1 each). The \$12 tickets will be available through April 11.

Members of the classes of 1958 and 1973 will be honored for

their 40- and 25-year reunions respectively.

The high school opened in the 1950s, and more than 3,000 young women call it their alma mater. But in spite of the number of grads, an alumnae association was never started.

According to Elliott, it has to do with the lifestyle of the 1950s. Women weren't in the workforce then, so there was no need for such an alumnae association.

The group has been working from old class lists in hopes of tracking down graduates, but many of its mailings have been returned because of outdated addresses.

Word-of-mouth has helped, but hopes are of landing one person from each class to help track down even more graduates.

"We need as many volunteers as possible," Elliott said. "Most of the people we have are older, pretty much from the '60s and '70s. Because of the big mix of age groups, you don't think about what people you know have been doing, but about being back at school."

Mailing pertaining to the third annual luncheon will go out at the end of February and grads who have not received information about the previous lun-

cheons are asked to send their address updates and class information to Vanderhaven at 17309 Victor Ct., Northville 48167.

If all goes well in finding missing graduates, the next step would be to track down former teachers.

"It doesn't matter if you were on the cheering squad or in the National Honor Society, everyone is welcome," Elliott said. "Because you might not have done anything in school doesn't mean you shouldn't come back, you should. Everyone is welcome."

"I'm in the class of '86 and was the only one there last year, but even though the others weren't from my class, it was nice to see people from other classes and meet older alumnae. It was a really nice day."

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with her 4-year-old. No problem ... You're a mom who is still thinking about her children and I applaud you!

If you have a question or comment for Jacque Martin-Downs,

a special projects coordinator for the Wayne-Westland Community Schools and private therapist, write her at the Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.

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First-time participants are given gifts like sleepers, bottles, diapers, portrait studio coupons,

toys and parenting books. If a participant brings a guest - a pregnant or parenting teen -

they both get gifts. They same goes for a mother and father who come.

"We want them to return, so we give them an incentive," Fick said.

On the average, 30 teens show up for the meetings although topics like teen sexuality, birth control, child support and parental rights have swelled participation to 45-50 people.

Like many organizations, Y-MAP relies on volunteer help and donations. The Mothers' Group at St. Thomas A' Becket Church in Canton has donated 20 copies of the "Complete Baby and Child Care" book, while other churches and individuals have provided "beautiful" crocheted baby afghans. Even a dentist's office pitched in, donating toothbrushes and dental floss.

"Baby clothes and equipment, we always take those things, but they have to be in good condition for safety purposes," Fick said. "We hardly ever purchase anything."

People "who'll mingle and listen" to the teens, help set up food and help pick out gifts or help teens and children get out of their cars at the monthly support group meetings are needed, as are experienced child care workers to give two hours of their time to work with the children.

At one time, Y-MAP tried a mentoring program, but phased it out. The teens didn't want to take responsibility for keeping the relationship going.

"We thought every young mom could use a mentor, but some of the girls said they didn't need another mother telling them what to do," Fick said.

"I'd like to resurrect a portion of it, so it's kind of on hold until March," added Knighton, who worked in child services before taking the helm of Y-MAP. "I feel this is an area where I can do prevention before it becomes a Protective Services problem."

Knighton and Fick want to expand Y-MAP into other places like churches and community centers in the next few months to reach even more teens. They are realistic about what they do and what can be done for future generations.

"We have to be realistic that we can't save everyone, but we have planted the seeds on how to behave with their children, so we don't have another generation of teen mothers," Fick said. "It's kind of a comment on society that if the mother is a teen mother, the child will be."

For more information about Y-MAP, call Fick or Knighton at (734) 513-7589. The program is based in the Hegira Prevention offices in the Bentley Center, 15100 Hubbard, Livonia.

TOPS chapter celebrates anniversary

TOPS (Taking Off Pounds Sensibly) Chapter 28 will celebrate the organizations 50th anniversary with an open house and fashion show on Tuesday, Feb. 17.

The 6:30 p.m. celebration will be at Good Shepherd Reformed Church, 6500 N. Wayne Road at Hunter, Westland. Fashions will be provided by Winkelmann's.

For more information, call (734) 721-2787 or (734) 722-7225.

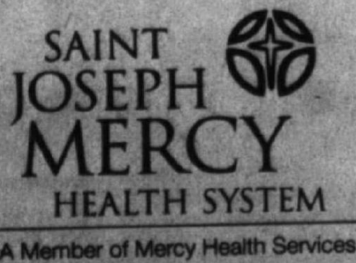
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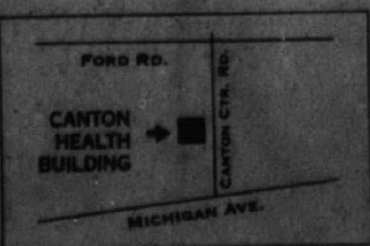
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Hebert-

Sandra H. and Donald Lyon announce the death of their daughter, Larry Ann, son of Jeanne Sr. of Westland.

The bride of the Detroit area, administratively employed as an administrator.

Her fiancé, University of Michigan bachelors of mechanical engineering, employed at Excel Ind.

A May wedding at the Fair Hotel in Westland.

Capen-

Dennis A. Westland and Sarah Cape announce the birth of their daughter, Cape, to the son of Toy of Westland.

The bride, degree in County College, Eastern Michigan University with a background in communication and politics.

An Oct. 1997 wedding at the Nazareth.

McLog-

John and Ann Arbuckle announce the engagement of Colleen, to the son of David of Warren.

The bride of Livonia, School of University of Michigan employed as a community teacher.

Her fiancé, Valiant, a senior at a July wedding.

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WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Hebert-Beggs

Sandra Hebert of Westland and Donald Hebert of South Lyon announce the engagement of their daughter, Debra Elaine, to Larry Andrew Beggs Jr., the son of Jeanette and Larry Beggs Sr. of Westland.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of the Detroit College of Business with a bachelor of business administration degree. She is employed as a client service administrator at J.R. Thompson.

Her fiancé is a graduate of the University of Michigan with a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering. He is employed as a project engineer at Excel Industries.

A May wedding is planned at the Fair Haven Baptist Church in Westland.



Capen-Brown

Dennis and Penny Weese of Westland and Michael and Deborah Capen of Hemet, Calif., announce the engagement of their daughter, Wendi Capen, to Charles Brown, the son of Keith and Peggy Carter of Northville and Tim Brown.

The bride-to-be is a registered nurse for IHS Home Care in Ann Arbor.

Her fiancé is a metal model maker for Troy Design, Redford.

A July wedding is planned at First Congregational Church of Wayne.



Sherwood-Whitford

Anne Loretta Whitford and Andrew Warner Sherwood were married Aug. 2 at the First Presbyterian Church in Birmingham.

The bride is the daughter of Richard and Helen Whitford of Port Huron and Allen and Loretta Drescher of Ashland, Ore. The groom is son of Lyle and Ellen Nustad of Beverly Hills and the late Lee Sherwood.

The bride is a graduate of Port Huron Northern High School, St. Clair Community College and Eastern Michigan University. She is employed as a second grade teacher at Washington Elementary School in Livonia.

The groom is a graduate of Birmingham Seaholm High School and Bowling Green State University. He is a CAD operator and traffic signal technician with Manstall Associates in Farmington.



Buxton-Kerpet

Tracey Veronica Kerpet and Jeremy Arden Buxton were married Aug. 23 at Mother Mary Chapel in Farmington Hills.

The bride is the daughter of Ronald and Johanna Kerpet of Westland. The groom is the son of Roy Buxton of Royal Oak and Joan Buxton of California.

The bride is a graduate of Livonia Franklin High School and is attending Schoolcraft College.

The groom is a graduate of Ferris High School and Grand Rapids and also is attending Schoolcraft College.

The bride asked Kelly Gibbons, Amanda Kerpet, Kimberlee Kerpet and Marsha Kerpet to serve as her attendants.

The groom asked Guy DuRubbio, Kevin Kerpet, Kyle Kerpet, Marl Kerpet and Ron Kerpet to serve as his attendants.



The couple received guests at St. John's Cultural Center in Southfield before leaving on a honeymoon trip to Colorado. They are making their home in Westland.

Capen-Toye

Dennis and Penny Weese of Westland and Michael and Deborah Capen of Hemet, Calif., announce the engagement of their daughter, Mikale Maria Capen, to John Michael Toye, the son of Samuel and Gloria Toye of Westland.

The bride-to-be is pursuing a degree in nursing at Wayne County Community College.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University with a bachelor of science degree in communications, marketing and political science.

An October wedding is planned at Plymouth Church of the Nazarene.



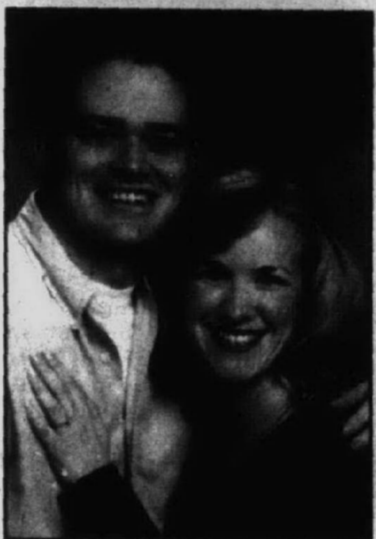
McLogan-Monroe

John and Laura McLogan of Ann Arbor announce the engagement of their daughter, Colleen, to Mark Monroe, the son of David and Kathy Monroe of Warren.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and Eastern Michigan University. She is currently employed by the Rochester Community Schools as a first-grade teacher.

Her fiancé is employed by Valiant International in Troy as a senior process engineer.

A July wedding is planned.



Donaldson-Werblin

Mike and Virginia Donaldson of Canton announce the engagement of their son, Douglas Michael, to Wendy Leilani Werblin, the daughter of Jeff and Carol Werblin of Syosset, N.Y.

The bride-to-be is a 1988 graduate of Syosset High School, a 1992 graduate of Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y., and a 1997 graduate of the Fuqua School of Business at Duke University in Durham, N.C. She is employed by APM Management Consultants in Chicago, Ill.

Her fiancé is a 1988 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School, a 1992 graduate of the University of Michigan and a 1997 graduate of the Fuqua School of Business at Duke University. He is employed by Arthur Andersen Business Consulting in Chicago, Ill.

A September wedding is planned in Chicago.

Veresh-Harris

Christopher and Marcia Drake and David and Janice Veresh, all of Canton, announce the engagement of their daughter, Bethany Joy, to David Randy Harris, the son of Yvonne and Dewey Harris III of Coldwater.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University with a bachelor of science degree in secondary education. She is employed at the Outback Steakhouse, while seeking a position as a middle school English teacher.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Specs Howard School of Broadcast Arts. He is employed as a production manager for Canton Community Television.

An April wedding is planned at St. Michael's Lutheran Church in Canton.



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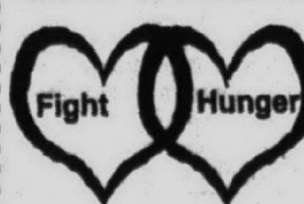
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ANNIVERSARIES

Parks

Conrad and Catherine Parks of Livonia celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary on Dec. 26. Native Detroiters, they exchanged vows on Dec. 26, 1942, at St. Cecilia's Church in Detroit. She is the former Catherine Ebling.

The couple celebrated their anniversary with a Caribbean cruise on Holland America's MS Noordam. The trip ended early when the ship ran aground in the Gulf of Mexico near Cozumel. The passengers were evacuated and eventually flown back to Tampa.

The Parkses have five children - Gary and wife Jan of Grand Rapids, James and wife Lori of Plymouth, Donald and wife Elaine of Sarasota, Fla., Jack of Livonia and Robert and wife Melanie. They also have six grandchildren.

He retired in 1990. Members



of St. Aidan's Parish in Livonia, he is an usher and member of the Men's Club. They enjoy traveling and family matters and spending several weeks each year in Clearwater, Fla.

Thompson

Donald and Alma Thompson of Redford will celebrate their 50th anniversary with a small family dinner at the Botsford Inn in Farmington Hills.

The couple exchanged vows Feb. 14, 1948, in Detroit. She is the former Alma Patton.

The couple has five children - Michael of Athens, Ga., Donald Jr. of Kenosha, Wis., and Cheryl Jeziorowski, Taryn Dickson and Eric, all of Redford.

He retired from Hyrda-Matic of Ypsilanti after working there for 43 years.

The Thompsons are members of Bethel Baptist Church in



Livonia. They enjoy camping and hunting and are active members of the Washtenaw Sportsman's Club.

Michael and Mary Foley of Westland announce the birth of Kaitlin Marie Dec. 15 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. She has four brothers - Cody, Sean, Jacob and James. Grandparents are Tony Foley and Ruth Rayman of Livonia.

Michael and Jennifer Carter of Westland announce the birth of Nicholas James Nov. 12 at the Birthing Center at Garden City Hospital. He joins a brother, Ryan Cote, 2. Grandparents are James and Margaret Carter of Plymouth, Donna Whitlow of Westland and Timothy Pechette of California.

Edward and Suzanne Hillard of Wayne announce the birth of Chelsi Rose Dec. 4 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. She has a brother, Edward Bruce II, and a sister, Brittani Nicole. Grandparents are Rose Montrose of Wayne and Cindy Kramer of Westland.

David and Heather Guzik of Garden City announce the birth of Kara Lynne Nov. 14 at the Birthing Center at Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Bob and Mary Guzik of Livonia and Leonard and Sharon Seely of St. Helen.

Carmine and Rita Paterra of Westland announce the birth of Dante Carmine Dec. 17 at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. Grandparents are John and Viola Paterra of Livonia and Camillo and Angiolina Merlino of Australia.

Chris Gorak of Westland and Kristi McIntosh of Garden City announce the birth of Michael Christopher Gorak Nov. 17 at the Birthing Center at Garden

City Hospital. He joins a brother, Sean Compele, 4. Grandparents are Kenneth Gorak and Karen Gorak of Garden City and Pat McIntosh of Westland.

Mark and Annie Bomia of Westland announce the birth of Brendan Paul Dec. 22 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. He joins a sister, Paige Marie. Grandparents are Paul and Nellie Himes of Taylor and Nancy Bomia of Panama City Beach, Fla.

Eric and Kelly Kovacs of Westland announce the birth of Spencer Dennis Kovacs Nov. 19 at the Birthing Center at Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Edward and Janice Wells, all of Garden City.

David and Lori Quinn of Garden City announce the birth of Sara Catherine Dec. 23 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. She joins brothers David and Ryan and sisters Erin and Tiffany. Grandparents are Roy and Laura Quinn and Joy Quinn, all of Garden City, and Bonnie and Charlie Robertson of Harrison.

Rodney and Lisa Owens of Westland announce the birth of William James Jan. 1 at Botsford General Hospital, Farmington Hills.

Jack and Teresa Murray of Garden City announce the birth of Kamryn Renee Nov. 21 at the Birthing Center at Garden City Hospital. She joins siblings Krystal, 9, Kara, 6, and Kyle, 1. Grandparents are Doug and Mary Jo Gowen of Westland.

Larry and Lisa England of Westland announce the birth of Matthew Tyler Dec. 26 at Oak-

wood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. He joins two sisters, Kristin, 10, and Kaitlin, 4. Grandparents are Myrtle Wood of Belleville and Barbara England of Westland.

Brian Douglas and Tracy Ann Schenk of Garden City announce the birth of Alyssa Ann Nov. 21 at the Birthing Center at Garden City Hospital. She joins a sister, Kaitlynn Marie, 2 1/2. Grandparents are Doug and Anita Schenk and Karen Grimaldi, all of Garden City, and Ben and Nancy Grimaldi of Waterford.

Thomas and Cynthia Gets of Kentwood announce the birth of Thomas Eugene Jr. Jan. 1 at Butterworth Hospital in Grand Rapids. He joins a sister, Samantha Marie. Grandparents are John and Sally Gets of Canton and Vivian McMahan of Woodhaven. Great-grandparents are James and Betty Gets of Renovo, Pa.

Jim and Karen Milican of Livonia announce the birth of David James Joseph Nov. 22 at the Birthing Center at Garden City Hospital. He joins three sisters, Allison, 8, Brittany, 5 1/2, and Caitlin, 2 1/2. Grandparents are Charles and Beverly Davis of Taylor.

Steven and Tammie Tackett of Detroit announce the birth of Steven Lee Jr. Nov. 23 at the Birthing Center at Garden City

Hospital. He joins a sister, Ashley, 3. Grandparents are Edward and Andrea Gross of Westland.

John and Carey Rinke of Plymouth announce the birth of Micah Christian Dec. 16 at Providence Hospital in Southfield. He joins a brother, Evan John, 4, and a sister, Meredith Grace, 21 months. Grandparents are Tom and Chris Hause of Commerce Township and George and Fay Rinke of Warren. Great-grandparents are Agnes Wilcox of Novi.

Tim and Elayne Pohl of Westland announce the birth of David Scott Nov. 26 at the Birthing Center at Garden City Hospital.

Lynn and Sam Warbel of Canton announce the birth of Anna Louise Nov. 28 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. She joins a sister, Katie, 19 months. Grandparents are Lawrence and Diane Lipinski of Grand Blanc and Samuel and Anna Warbel of St. Clairsville, Ohio. Great-grandparents are Max and Theresa Lipinski of Flint.

Ivan Fields and Trisha Swank of Westland announce the birth of Ivan Lamont Fields Jr. Nov. 27 at the Birthing Center at Garden City Hospital. He joins two brothers, Zackary Swank, 5, and Marcus Abron, 2. Grandparents are Rick and Cheryl Stillwagon and Roger Fields, all of Westland.

NEW VOICES

Workshop will focus on reachable goals

Have you already broken your New Year's resolutions? Or maybe you didn't even make any because you never keep them anyway.

"If this sounds like you, you are like most Americans," said Lauren Stephen, founder and director of Think Trim. "More than 80 percent of us never keep that New Year's Resolution. We set unrealistic goals, such as 'I will exercise everyday,' or 'I'll never eat desist again.' These all-or-nothing goals are just too hard to reach."

Stephanie will show people how to set realistic and reachable goals when she presents Think Trim, an alternative to dieting, Saturday, Feb. 7, at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia.

The program will run 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Room LA. 400. The cost for the all-day workshop is \$57 and registration can be completed by calling the college at (313) 462-4413.

Stephen also has a few healthy goal-setting tips for the New Year.

1. Concentrate on your behavior. It is the only thing you can change. Instead of saying "I'm

going to lose two pounds this week," focus on behavior that will get you there - "I'll exercise for 30 minutes three times this week" or "I'll prepare a low-fat dinner twice this week."

2. Keep it moderate. When setting a goal, ask yourself, "Can I do this for the rest of my life?" If the answer is no, forget the goal. It is unrealistic. Small changes add up to big successes when you can moderately change your behavior for a lifetime.

3. Set short-term goals. Make a goal for a week not a month or a year. Then next week set the same goal or revise your goal. You are much more likely to work toward a goal when the end is in sight.

4. State your goal in positive terms. Talk about what you are going to do, not what you are not going to do. Instead of saying, "I will not eat after dinner next week," say "I will work on my favorite hobby after dinner three times next week."

5. Make your health a top priority in 1998.

For more information about the Think Trim program and cassette tapes, call (248) 589-3283.

Chemical sensitivity group meets

The Chemical Sensitivity Support Group for those hypersensitive to chemical or environmental irritants, such as pesticides, fragrances, smoke, construction materials and cleaning supplies, will meet 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Feb.

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Skating through history: It started with some bones

HOOKED ON HISTORY



VIRGINIA PARKER

It's time again for millions of spectators to join in that quadrennial ritual - gluing themselves to the TV for the Winter Olympics. My favorite evenings feature the ice skating competitions. Unfortunately, I can claim only a nodding, personal acquaintance with that sport since it was inaccessible during most of my youth. At 31, I finally took skating lessons. By that age, however, my aversion to swan dives onto frozen surfaces was well-ingrained, so I mastered only the most elementary, forward and backward glides. People's fascination with this particular winter fun is, of course, nothing new. Skating and sliding over the ice is a pastime that dates back hundreds and even thousands of years.

Historians argue - as they do over most issues - about the actual dates and places of origin, but some details are indisputable. Skating, or more accurately sliding, was first born of necessity. The earliest instruments were flat feet. Next came bones strapped on with leather thongs. It is probably this kind of skate that was mentioned in the Scandinavian sagas. One pair of ancient bone skates preserved in Switzerland is said to be 4,000 years old. Eventually, iron runners were introduced, which elevated skating to an art form. Evidence of their early use can be traced through engravings. The oldest woodcut, from 1498, depicts an event in Holland a full century before. Understandably, most of the engravings are of the Dutch because they had to travel frozen canals every year. Written records chronicle England's adoption of skating for leisure. The first mention was made by Thomas A'Becket's clerk in 1190. He noted young

men playing upon the ice, some with bones tied to their feet. No other account appears for almost 500 years when two diarists commented on the sport. Various gentlemen and the future King James II were seen skating for pleasure. **Coming to America** Skating took hold in America about the same time, despite Puritan contradictions on the subject. The Massachusetts Puritans frowned on sports and recreation. There was even one occasion when a teacher was charged with witchcraft for showing young girls how to skate. Yet, a diary from 1696 mentions many afternoon skaters taking to the frozen pond. Young male scholars at Harvard, as well, presumably indulged in skating on nearby ponds for the pure fun of it. This seems logical, given that the Pilgrims (a Puritan faction) had lived in Holland for a time. It is also consistent with other forms

of mischief and merriment in which the college students, youths that they were, engaged. During the 1700s and 1800s, skating became increasingly popular. Engravings and paintings from those eras document that women, too, took to the ice. Undaunted by their corsets and voluminous dresses, ladies strapped blades to their shoes and joined the gentlemen for winter frolics. The sport captured the hearts of many, including famous figures such as Marie Antoinette, Napoleon, Czar Alexander II and Queen Victoria. In mid-19th-century America, an awakening philosophy embraced the virtues of physical exercise. Enterprising people took advantage of that trend. Seventeen skate patents were registered during the 1850s and 149 during the 1860s. Clamp-on skates cost between 50 cents and \$25. The opening of New York's Central Park in 1860 was a well-

timed boon to the sport. Fifty thousand skaters filled the park each day. Within that decade, skating clubs and indoor rinks opened in many of the country's major cities. **Season's lure** Today, people are still enticed by the frosty season's lure. That's partially why we thrill at the Olympians' displays of skill and grace. Yet, all skaters - regardless of ability - who gather at ice rinks each winter become part of the sport's history. Perhaps it is in children's enjoyment of the sport that the most special thread of continuity exists. Around here, people tell stories of how, as kids in the 1920s and 1930s, they skated down branches of the Rouge River from Plymouth and Canton into Wayne. In those days, Elsie McKinstry Fulford recalls, the clay pit at Lilley and Van Born roads was a wonderful place for ice skating. Some nights, it drew 200 people

from surrounding communities. Neighborhood men chopped a hole in the ice to test its depth and make sure there was no current. About halfway down the pit's 15- to 20-foot walls, there was a ledge where skaters built grand bonfires to warm themselves and toast marshmallows. Many years ago, a husband and wife in their 80s reminisced about skating parties of long ago. The couple's faces brightened as they recalled their mothers serving hot chocolate to all the kids. For that moment, wrinkles melted away. In their hearts, the octogenarians were kids again, reliving the sweet pleasures of childhood - of gliding over the ice, laughing with friends, and taking hot chocolate from their mothers' hands on a wintry day. Some things never change. *Historian and author Virginia Bailey Parker has a bachelor's degree in history and a master's degree in historic preservation. She lives in Canton Township.*

WRC serves up spaghetti dinner, luncheon series

Whether your interested in good food and some friendship raising or good food and fundraising, Schoolcraft College's Women's Resource Center has your ticket.

On the fundraising side is the WRC's annual spaghetti dinner and wine glow Tuesday, March 24, at the college's Waterman Center.

Festivities will get underway with the wine glow at 6 p.m., followed by the spaghetti dinner at 7 p.m.

Money raised is used for scholarships for displaced homemakers and single parents who utilize the center's services.

Patron tickets are available for \$60 each and include two dinners and a listing the program (\$36 is a tax deductible donation to the WRC). Individual tickets cost \$25 with \$13 as a tax deductible donation. Tables of eight are available.

On the friendship-raising side is the WRC's winter luncheon series. The luncheon features a salad, bread and rolls, gourmet entree, fresh garden vegetables, dessert and beverage, prepared by the Schoolcraft Food Service. The luncheon is held in

the Waterman Center with doors opening at 11:30 p.m. and lunch at 11:45 a.m. Seating for the luncheon is limited, and prepaid reservations are required. Tickets cost \$14 each.

Kathleen Wider, author of "The Bodily Nature of Consciousness: Sartre and Contemporary Philosophy of Mind," will be the guest speaker on Friday, Feb. 20.

Wider will look at such things as what it means to be conscious and how does what's going on in our brains affect what's going on in our minds.

Minnie Adams will be the guest on Friday, April 17, and her topic will be Elderhostels, a non-profit educational organization which offers inexpensive short-term academic programs, hosted by educational institutions, for older adults.

Tickets for the spaghetti dinner or the luncheon series can be purchased by sending a check, payable to Schoolcraft College, to the Women's Resource Center, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia 48152.

For more information, call the Women's Resource Center at (734) 462-4443.

Looking for college? Begin in 8th grade

When should parents encourage their children to begin the college search? Experts suggest as early as 8th grade.

Armed with the right resources, such as "Peterson's Smart Parents Guide to College," parents can gently guide their children through the anxiety-ridden college selection and application maze.

Here are a few words of advice for college-bound students and some helpful book suggestions from the guide:

■ In eighth grade, consider what you'd like to study in college and develop a high school schedule to best prepare you.

■ In ninth grade, head over to area colleges, explore the campuses and visit dorm residents you know.

■ In 10th grade, create list of important college factors (location, size, etc.) and determine their value. Find and list colleges meeting those factors through such resources as "Peterson's Guide to Four-Year Colleges or Two-Year Colleges" or visit petersons.com on the Web. Review incoming college materials. Attend college fairs and speak to representatives at colleges of interest.

■ In the fall of 11th grade, register and/or take the PSAT. Revise college list again, if necessary.

Request information from remaining colleges. Continue visiting college fairs.

■ In the spring of 11th grade, decide whether to take the ACT, SAT I and SAT II, Subject Tests (and which Subject Tests to take) and register for the testing. Review the SAT or ACT Success and begin preparing. Review your college list and make any additional cuts. Schedule campus visits now or for fall.

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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Rockers roar

The biggest crowd ever to witness a Detroit Rockers game at home got everything they paid for Sunday.

A total of 12,254 fans showed up to see the Rockers edge the Cincinnati Silverbacks 16-14 at Joe Louis Arena. The previous Rockers' attendance record was 9,326 at Cobo Arena in 1993.

It was an important win for Detroit, improving its record to 10-15 with 15 games remaining, one game behind the Edmonton Drillers for the final playoff berth in the National Professional Soccer League.

Helping the Rockers get this all-important victory were Jeff Gold, a Plymouth Salem and University of Wisconsin graduate, with one two-point goal and an assist for three points. Also, Travis Roy collected three assists and Lars Richters had four blocked shots (both from Livonia Stevenson).

The Rockers host league-leader St. Louis in their fourth annual School Day matinee game at 10:30 a.m. Thursday. All tickets are discounted to \$6.

Bulls unbeatable

The Bulls completed their regular season in the Plymouth-Canton Junior Basketball League's National Division for seventh and eighth graders in perfection, posting a 12-0 record. They were no less perfect in the playoffs, winning the league title by going 4-0.

Team members are Scott Obsniuk, Ryan Obsniuk, Daniel Lyons, Matt Hurst, Billy Gazsi, Aaron Schmidt, Andy Olexsey, Michael Bonner, Eric Wedoe, Michael Lanier, Jonathan Gwizdak and Matt Coppielle. The team was coached by Jay Obsniuk, Gerry Olexsey and Dick Schmidt.

College hoop stars

Stephanie Edgerton (formerly Gray), a Plymouth Canton graduate, turned in some key minutes in Northern Michigan's women's basketball win over Lake Superior State. Edgerton played just six minutes, but in that time she scored eight points and grabbed four rebounds in a 93-57 victory.

She also had a solid game against non-league rival University of Michigan-Dearborn, pouring in 12 points, with five boards and two steals as the Huskies won 102-25. She is averaging 4.3 points and 2.2 rebounds for NMU, now 17-1 overall and 11-1 in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, and ranked seventh in the NCAA Division II.

Oakland University ran its record to 15-5 last Saturday with a 79-50 triumph over Siena Heights in Rochester.

Cyndi Platter, a senior forward and a Plymouth Salem graduate, connected on 5-of-7 floor shots, scoring 10 points, grabbing 11 rebounds and dishing out five assists in 31 minutes.

Salem Football Club

The Plymouth Salem Linebackers Football Booster Club will have their monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 18 in the Salem HS cafeteria.

Parents of any boy playing football, or wanting to play football, this fall are encouraged to attend. Upcoming events to be discussed are the golf outing, picnic and fund-raisers.

For further information, call club president Joe Mestrovich at (313) 459-1122.

Canton tennis meeting

An introductory meeting for all players and parents of players wishing to compete on Plymouth Canton's boys tennis team this spring will be conducted at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 11 in Canton HS's Little Theater.

All player and parents of players are strongly urged to attend by coach Barb Hanosh.

Anyone interested in submitting items to Sports Scene may send them to sports editor C.J. Risak, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI, 48150, or may fax them to (313) 991-7279.

Top skaters to compete

BY C.J. RISAK
STAFF WRITER

If you want to know what the heck is going on at Compuware Arena this weekend, then understand that what you see surrounding the place — lots of cars and lots of people — describes the event perfectly.

It's BIG. It's the biggest figure skating event that will be in the U.S. this year, and it is also the biggest skating event in terms of numbers on the ice for each event and popularity growth.

It's called precision team skating, and the Plymouth Figure Skating Club will be the host for the United States Figure Skating Association's Midwestern Precision Team Sectional Championships, which begins Friday morning and concludes Sunday morning.

"We're really very lucky to have it," said Bob Rzepecki of the Plymouth Skating Club. "You have to have the right size of arena and good parking. We pursued this even before (Compuware) was completed."

Approximately 145 teams and 3,000 skaters are expected to converge on the arena. Needless to say, the Midwestern Sectional — one of three in the country — is the biggest in the country, representing 21 states (17 will send teams).

Precision team skating is far different than any other figure skating event, mainly due to the numbers involved. Teams consist of 24 members, who do their costumed ice dancing routines together in musical programs

lasting (depending on their age division) from three-to-four minutes in length.

According to Rzepecki, the routines include "precision moves and ice dancing on skates to popular music," with age divisions from 9-and-under (preliminary) to seniors. Skaters competing over the weekend will range from six-to-60.

"As they get older, it gets harder," he said. The competition should be intense, simply because by 2002 precision skating is expected to be an Olympic sport — which may explain why it is "the fastest growing of the skating sports," according to Rzepecki.

There will be 17 teams competing in

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Midwestern Precision Team Sectional Skating Championships

■ **When:** From 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday; from 8 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Saturday; and from 8-11 a.m. Sunday.

■ **Where:** Compuware Ice Arena in Plymouth.

■ **Admission:** Three-day passes for adults are \$15; for seniors and children under 12, three-day passes are \$7.50. Single-day tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for seniors and children under 12.

■ **Who:** Teams from 21 states are included in the Midwestern Sectional; 17 will send teams, with a total of 145 teams and 3,000 skaters expected to compete, including those from the Plymouth Figure Skating Club, host of the event.

■ **At stake:** The top five finishers in each division will advance to the National Precision Team Championships, March 5-8 in San Diego.

At the pinnacle!

Rocks reach top form in winning Observerland

BY DAN O'MEARA
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Salem wrestlers treated spectators and opponents to a record-setting performance Saturday at the Seventh Annual Observerland Tournament.

The Rocks had a record six individual champions and scored a record 261 points en route to winning their first Observerland title at Westland John Glenn.

"We did about as well as we can do today," Salem coach Ron Krueger said. "We're getting to the end of the year where we have to get everything out of our team, and we were trying to do that today."

"We wanted to score as many points as we could, and we'll try to do it again in two weeks (at the Western Lakes Activities Association tournament)."

Salem's closest competition came from a pair of usual foes. The Rocks were followed by Redford Catholic Central (201 1/2) and defending champion Livonia Stevenson (180 1/2).

It marks the fourth time in the short history of the tournament those schools have comprised the top three teams.

Stevenson is a three-time Observerland champion. Catholic Central, which set the previous record of 250 points in 1996, has won twice and Farmington High School once.

"We knew Salem was just too strong to beat; they're an awesome team," CC coach Mike Rodriguez said, adding the real surprise was his team finishing second.

The Shamrocks had a double dual Friday, managing a narrow victory over Adrian and losing to Rochester Adams while winning only two matches.

"I thought we'd get into that thing and get ripped up," said Rodriguez of the Observerland tournament, "but I guess the competition is starting to show. I guess we're an outstanding 6-12 team."

The Rocks put seven wrestlers in the finals and took home nearly half of the 14 gold medals.

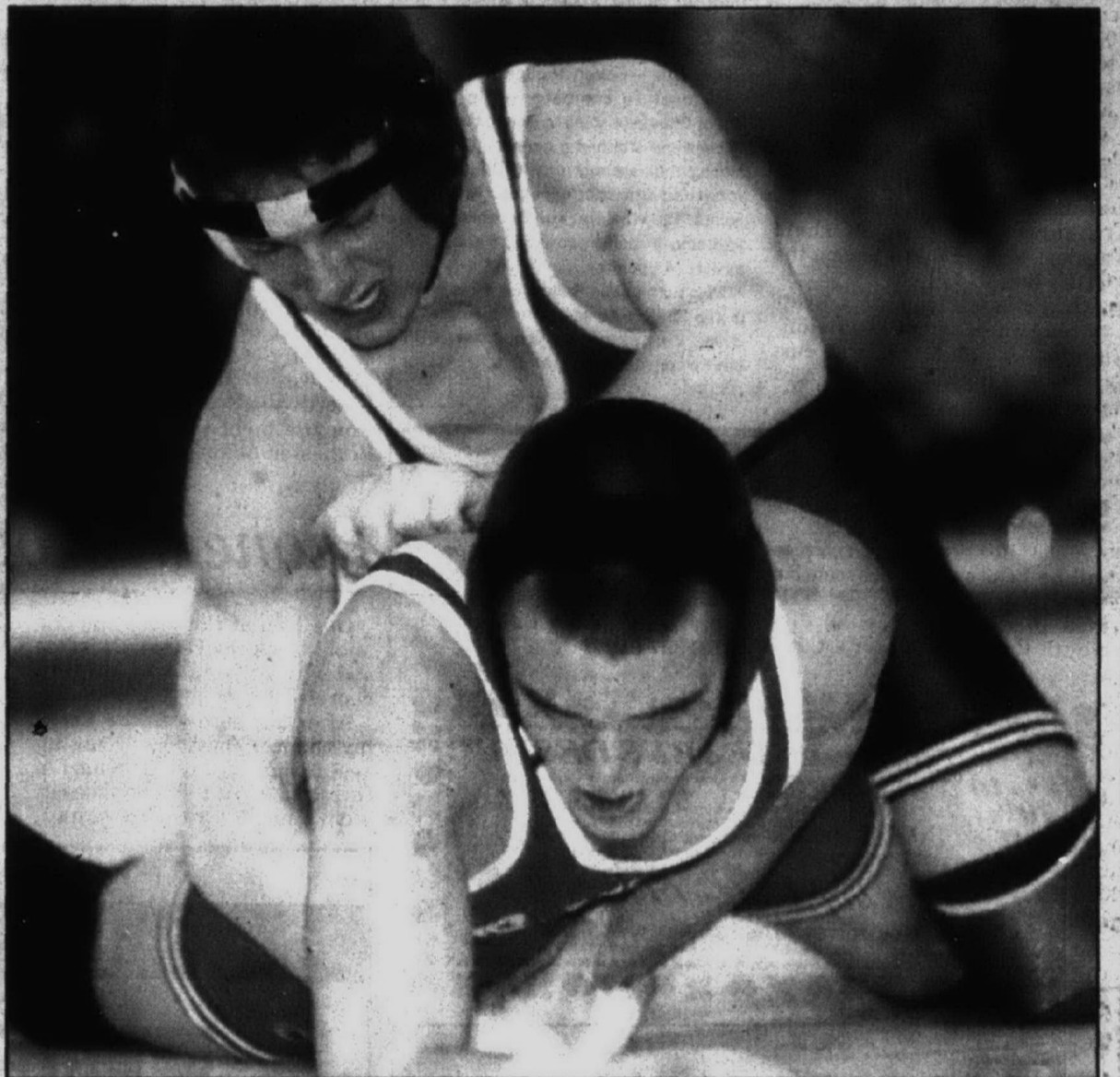
Sophomores John Mervyn (103) and Josh Henderson (125) and seniors Dan Hamblin (140), James Greene (145), Anwar Crutchfield (160) and Teono Wilson (189) were Salem's winners.

Salem junior Charlie Hamblin pinned defending champion William Laramie of Wayne in the heavy-weight semis but lost a 10-3 decision to CC junior Casey Rogowski in the finals.

"(Hamblin) and Laramie are cousins, so I'm sure there was a little extra rivalry there," Krueger said.

Three wrestlers won consecutive titles but not at the same weights. Greene won at 135 last year and Rogowski at 189; Glenn senior John Fedulchak moved up from 140 to win the 152 title.

Stevenson senior Dan Seder, the 135-pound



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Top notch: Salem's Dan Hamblin (on top) wasn't too bothered by an injured right hand. He reached the finals of the 140-pound division, where he pinned Canton's Brian Musser (bottom).

champion, and Fedulchak were voted the tournament's most outstanding wrestlers by the coaches — Seder in the lower weights (103-140) and Fedulchak in the upper weights (145-275).

Seder, who was named a tournament MVP for the third time this season, repeated an earlier victory over CC sophomore Mitch Hancock in the

finals, 8-2.

He also won the Shamrock Invitational 7-0 over Hancock, who was the Observerland champ at 112 pounds last year.

Seder had just a 4-2 lead after two periods, but

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Salem survives challenge from Western for 51-48 win

BY NEAL ZIPSER
STAFF WRITER

BASKETBALL

The Plymouth Salem basketball team may have forgotten what it was like to actually be in a close game.

On Tuesday, Walled Lake Western reminded them.

After nine-straight convincing victories, including five in the Western Lakes Activities Association, the visiting Rocks passed their toughest test yet in the league by holding off Western, 51-48.

The Rocks improved to 6-0 in the league — two games better than Farmington Harrison, Livonia Churchill, Westland John Glenn, Walled Lake Central and now, Western.

But it wasn't easy for the Rocks, who built leads of eight and nine points in the second half only to see the Warriors battle back.

And a battle it was.

The game was very physical. The Rocks, who were already playing without Jeff McKian, who turned his knee in practice Monday, nearly lost Bhavin Patel in the second quarter when he was thrown to the ground by Western's Dave Harraf.

The Warriors lost their center, Jack Tensdale, after he caught an elbow to his head on the last play of the first half. He left to receive stitches and didn't return.

And later, Western lost its best three-point shooter, junior guard Ben Dewar, when he left the game with a knee injury with :56 remaining in the game. His loss proved to be huge as the Warriors got the ball back with :14 left and a chance to tie.

Western was forced to hustle down court and run its play because all of its timeouts had been used in its fourth-quarter comeback. Their rally fell short as three-point tries by Wes Hazel and Jeff Burgess clanged off the rim.

"I did kind of forget what it was like to play a close game, but this is fun — as long as we win," said Salem's Tony Jancevski. The 6-foot-9 junior scored 10 points, grabbed 13 rebounds and hit two free throws with :22 left that proved to be the breathing room Salem needed.

Junior forward Aaron Rypkowski came off the bench to lead Salem with 11 points.

Junior forward Jeff Mitchell scored a game-high 19 points for Western (15 in the second half). Dewar added 13 points.

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STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BREKLER

Tough time: Matt Mair (with ball) holds on against Western's Wes Hazel.

Defense proves pivotal as Whalers win a pair

Multi-goal scorers like Andrew Taylor and Jesse Boulterice — they each had a two-goal game last weekend — will get their share of mention, but perhaps what should get the notice is the Plymouth Whalers' defense.

The Whalers, struggling at a .500 pace in the Ontario Hockey League for the last couple of weeks, got two much-needed victories at Compuware Arena last weekend, and they did it by surrendering just one goal.

On Saturday, it was Boulterice's two goals that ensured Plymouth's 4-1 triumph over the Sarnia Sting. On Sunday, Taylor scored twice in the first period to propel the Whalers to a 5-0 shutout over the Kitchener Rangers.

Robert Esche was in goal for win over Sarnia; he made 18 saves. Robert Holsinger got the shutout against Kitchener, making 15 saves.

Against Sarnia, David Legwand contributed a goal and an assist, Yuri Babenko scored a goal and both Sergei Fedotov and Taylor had two assists.

Taylor also had an assist to go with his two goals in the win over Kitchener. Paul Mara chipped in with a goal and an assist, and Eric Gooldy and Troy Smith each netted goals. Harold Druken added two assists.

The two wins pushed Plymouth's record to 27-17-4 for 58 points in 48 games — seven behind the London Knights, who lead the OHL's West Division with a 31-16-3 mark in 50 games.

The Whalers face a tough weekend, too, with three games in three days, two of them against teams ranked among the OHL's best.

On Friday, Plymouth travels to play the Central Division-leading Guelph Storm, who currently own the OHL's best record

Team	W	L	T	Pts.
East Division				
Ottawa 67's	29	12	7	65
Detroit Red Wings	31	19	2	64
Kingston Frontenacs	27	17	3	57
Oshawa Generals	20	27	4	44
Peterborough Petes	17	27	5	39
Toronto St. M. Majors	12	28	8	32
West Division				
Guelph Storm	33	14	5	71
Barrie Colts	31	14	4	66
Kitchener Rangers	20	21	7	47
Owen Sound Platers	20	26	3	43
Sudbury Wolves	17	30	5	39
North Bay Centennials	13	33	6	32
East Division				
London Knights	31	16	3	65
Plymouth Whalers	27	18	4	58
Sarnia Sting	23	18	8	54
Erie Otters	22	28	3	47
Windsor Spitfires	17	31	3	37
SSM Greyhounds	15	29	6	36

(33-14-5, 71 points). On Saturday, the Whalers play at Owen Sound (20-26-3, 43 points), then they return home to host the Kingston Frontenacs — who are 27-17-3 for 57 points, third best in the East Division — at 6:30 p.m. Sunday.

WHALER NOTES: Ranked among the OHL scoring leaders is Whaler rookie David Legwand, who has 43 goals and 33 assists for 76 points, fourth in the league — even though he missed six games to compete in the World Junior Championships in December.

Legwand still has a commanding lead among rookie scorers, with Belleville's Jonathan Cheechoo second with 58 points. The Whalers' Yuri Babenko ranks fifth among rookie scorers (16 goals, 29 assists, 45 points).

Plymouth goalie Robert Esche is sixth in the OHL in goals-against average at 3.01. He has one shutout, an .895 saves percentage and a 21-10-2 record.

Salem revs up for Schoolcraft test

BY C.J. RISAK
STAFF WRITER

Monday's match at Walled Lake Western was the final tune-up, if you will, for Plymouth Salem's vaunted volleyball team as it heads into a difficult four-day stretch.

The Rocks romped past Western, 15-2, 15-4, to remain unbeaten in Western Lakes Activities Association play. They improved to 6-0 in the league, 25-4 overall.

However, the exams began last night when Salem hosted Livonia Stevenson, also 6-0 in the WLAA. They continue Saturday when the Rocks compete at the 31-team Schoolcraft Invitational, with five teams ranked in the state's top-10 competing.

"It's time for us to step up and try to achieve some of the goals we set for ourselves," said Salem co-coach Allie Sufety. "I think this is the time for this team to be ready. I think all we have to do is believe in ourselves."

The Rocks have an old adversary in their pool in Livonia Ladywood, the team that Salem never seems to get past in the state tournament. Other teams in Salem's pool are Birmingham Seaholm and Westland John Glenn.

"This is a team we could see in the regional," said Sufety of Ladywood. "There's nothing wrong with seeing how we can play against them now."

Salem, ranked sixth in the state, and Ladywood, ranked eighth, both have other obstacles in this tournament. No. 1-ranked Temperance Bedford and No. 3 East Kentwood will also be on hand; so, too, will Stevenson, which has received some mention for statewide recognition.

The Schoolcraft Invitational will be at both Schoolcraft College and at Northville HS, beginning at 9 a.m.

It certainly will give Salem a bigger test

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than any of its WLAA rivals have thus far, including Western on Monday. The Warriors scored the first two points of the match, then, as Sufety described it, "we got it going and never looked back after that."

The Rocks used a balanced attack to subdue Western. Kelly Street led it with five kills; she also had four digs. Jenny Trott and Andrea Pruet added four kills apiece, with Trott getting nine digs. Ellen Stemmer and Angie Sillmon contributed three kills each.

"We're getting great passing and really have a balanced attack," said Sufety. "We're playing really nice volleyball right now."

Hopes are high that will continue through the week.

Canton: 3 straight

Plymouth Canton held off Westland John Glenn Monday to post its third-consecutive WLAA match triumph, 15-11, 16-14, at Canton.

The win gave the Chiefs a 4-2 league record.

The improvement, according to Canton coach Cynthia Montgomery, is due to the team's mental maturation — and the return of team captain Amy Plagens, out since December with a knee injury.

"I think they have more of the mental ability to win now," said Montgomery. "They always had the physical ability, but they're just now getting the mental edge."

As for Plagens' return: "I'm just very happy to have her back. She came back strong, and she's something we needed."

In the win over the Rockets Monday, Plagens led the team with seven kills. Angie Germain added seven assists to kills and seven digs, Stephanie Chefan had four kills

and six digs, and Liz Elsner contributed nine digs.

Last Saturday, Canton showed similar intensity at the University of Michigan-Dearborn Tournament. The Chiefs finished first in their pool before being eliminated in the tournament semifinals by Wyandotte Roosevelt, 15-10, 15-8.

"Before the semis, they played very, very well," said Montgomery.

Playing two games against each of its four pool-play foes, Canton was 7-1, beating Macomb Lutheran North 15-9, 15-13; Hazel Park 15-2, 15-6; and Garden City 15-12, 15-5. The Chiefs split against Troy Athens, 12-15, 15-12.

Germain, Canton's sophomore setter, was named to the all-tournament team. She collected 79 assists to kills and 39 digs.

"She has a good attitude and she's a great athlete," said Montgomery. "She deserved it, definitely."

Chefan collected 29 kills and 51 digs; Elsner had 25 kills and 52 digs; and Plagens, in her first competition since her injury lay-off, totaled 20 kills and 15 digs.

On Saturday, Canton will compete at the 16-team Ann Arbor Pioneer Invitational.

Agape stays perfect

Canton Agape Christian remained unbeaten and largely unchallenged with its 15-2, 15-8 triumph over Metro Christian Conference foe Macomb Christian Monday at Agape. The win improved the Wolverines' record to 12-0 overall, 5-0 in the MCC.

Melissa Pouget served nine points in the second game, with Caley Mullen collecting three kills in that game. Mullen had five for the match.

Agape hosts Pontiac Greater Life at 4:30 p.m. Friday in its homecoming match.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Soccer referees

A class for new soccer referees will be held on four consecutive Saturdays, beginning Feb. 21, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Plymouth Cultural Center's Card

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Canton ends up 9th at own Invitational

It was a tough show at home for Plymouth Canton's gymnastics team Saturday.

The Chiefs hosted the Canton Invitational, and most of the state's premier teams attended. Which explains why Canton placed ninth out of 17 teams with a respectable score of 134.15. Plymouth Salem finished 15th, with 120.15.

Northville/Novi, ranked No. 1 in the state, won the meet with a 145.35 point total. Rochester Adams was second (144.30), fol-

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lowed by Rochester (142.95), Hartland (141.60), Freeland (140.90), Troy Athens (139.75), Holland (138.80) and Brighton (136.60).

In Division I competition, the best placing came from Canton's Marcie Emerick in the vault. Emerick tied for ninth at 8.9.

Canton's Liz Fitzgerald performed ably,

finishing 10th in both the all-around (35.45) and the uneven parallel bars (9.1), and tying for 14th in the balance beam (8.85).

For Salem in Division I, Alison Bracht tied for 13th in vault (8.7).

In Division II, Canton's Amy Driscoll scored 32.15 in the all-around to finish 15th. Driscoll tied for 10th in the floor exercise (8.8).

Salem's Janine Schmedding tied for 15th in the bars (8.3).

Pioneer proves too deep for Salem, Stevenson

One look at the score and one might think the Plymouth Salem swim team would be mighty depressed.

After all, here was the Rocks big chance. They were going up against one of the best teams in the state in Ann Arbor Pioneer, with another ranked squad,

SWIMMING

Livonia Stevenson, also on hand for last Saturday's double-dual meet at Salem.

The result looks discouraging: a Pioneer lashing, 128-58. But

coaches see things differently, and Chuck Olson could not be disappointed by his team's performance.

"It doesn't sound that good, does it?" he asked. "But actually, we swam pretty well."

"We didn't swim badly by any means. If we had swam almost anyone else in the state, the score would have been flipped."

The Rocks had just one winner against Pioneer: Brent Mellis, who was first in the 200-yard individual medley (2:05.72).

But check this out — here are some of the Rocks' seconds: Nick Corden in the 200 freestyle in a season-best (and state-qualifying) 1:47.43; Andrew Locke in the 50 free in a state-cut 22.76; Tim Buchanan in the 100 butterfly in a state-cut 55.22; Mellis in the 100 backstroke (57.7); the 200 medley relay team of Mellis, Jason Rebarchik, Paul Perez and Dan Kelly (1:46.3); the 200 free relay team of Locke, Buchanan,

Kelly and Corden (1:30.36); and the 400 free relay team of Locke, Buchanan, Dan Jones and Corden (3:20.80).

Also: Corden beat the state cut in the 100 free and finished third (48.93), and Buchanan beat the state cut in the 200 free and placed fourth (1:49.11).

So in a word, this meet was fast.

"I really can't be upset," said Olson.

The Rocks did edge Stevenson, which also swam well but lost both duals. Salem won, 98-88.

The Rocks won just three events against the Spartans. Corden captured the 100 free, the 200 free relay was first, and Mike Belvitch was best in diving (170.35 points).

Salem hosts Farmington at 7 p.m. tonight, then has a rematch with Stevenson next Thursday (Feb. 12) at 7 p.m. at Salem, with the Western Lakes Activities Association Lakes Division title at stake.

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Joe Cortellin Livonia Stevenson

The junior Tuesday night Canton trounced Western Lakes boys basketball. "He had the first quarter," Cortellin said. "The pulling up. He scored. He got them in good."

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Cortellini helps Canton even WLAA mark

Joe Cortellini got on a roll and buried Livonia Stevenson.

The junior guard scored 30 points Tuesday night to help host Plymouth Canton trounce Stevenson, 60-40 in a Western Lakes Activities Association boys basketball game.

"He had three three-pointers in the first quarter," Coach Dan Young of Canton said. "Then he started driving and pulling up."

"He scored a couple off steals, too, so he got them in different ways. That was good."

Canton raised its record to 4-8 overall and 3-3 in the WLAA. Stevenson remains winless in 11 games, six of those in the WLAA.

Cortellini's triples boosted the Chiefs to an 18-8 lead after the first quarter and Canton extended it to 29-16 at the midway point. Cortellini ended up hitting five shots from beyond the three-point arc and was perfect in seven tries from the free throw line.

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Eric Larsen and sophomore Dan McLean each added 11 points.

Stevenson was led by Mike Lenardon, who hit three triples for nine points, and Keshay McChristian, who scored eight.

"We played well defensively," Young said. "We rebounded better than we have been. And of course Joe made a lot of shots. He was outstanding."

"But I thought our whole team gave a great effort. It was a great win for us."

Flat Rock 76, PCA 66: After winning nine of its first 11 games, Plymouth Christian Academy lost for the second-straight time Tuesday at home against Flat Rock.

The loss left the Eagles at 9-4 overall. A poor first half doomed PCA. Flat Rock jumped out to a 16-9 lead after one

quarter and upped that to 40-19 by half-time. A 47-36 second-half rally by the Eagles narrowed the gap, but couldn't eliminate it.

Derrick Isensee and Jordan Roose had 14 points apiece for PCA. Scott Carty added 13 and Chris Brandon scored 11.

Flat Rock was paced by Joe Brodie, son of Plymouth Salem basketball coach Bob Brodie, with 21 points. Joel Morgan added 18 points.

Last Friday, PCA was beaten by Taylor Baptist Park 63-57 in Taylor. A 20-11 fourth-quarter surge and a big advantage at the free-throw line — Baptist Park was 21-of-33; PCA was 11-of-18 — aided the winners.

Isensee's 15 points topped the Eagles. Roose and Brandon chipped in with 12 each.

Brandon Hoffman's 20 points was best for Baptist Park. Rob Owen netted 14.

While Baptist Park was pulling away, the Eagles were missing six free throws

in the fourth quarter.

Agape 80, Macomb Christian 74: A strong third quarter — Canton Agape Christian outscored Warren Macomb Christian 24-12 in the period — was a key factor in the Wolverines' win Tuesday at Agape.

So was Julian Wettlan's triple-double. The sophomore guard collected 29 points, 12 rebounds and 10 steals, tying the school record for steals in a game. Paul Anleitner added 26 points.

Aaron Salter topped Macomb Christian with 30 points.

The win pushed Agape's record to 9-3 overall, 5-1 in the Metro Christian Conference.

Redford CC 86, U-D Jesuit 61: Redford Catholic Central senior center Chris Young couldn't dream of having better basketball games than the one he experienced Tuesday against visiting U-D

Jesuit.

The 6-foot-10 Young scored a season-high 32 points, grabbed 17 rebounds and blocked shots in the Shamrocks' victory over the Cubs.

Young was joined in double figures by sophomore guard Rob Sparks with 15 points, junior guard Nick Moore with 14 and senior guard Joe Jonna with 12.

Jonna added 10 rebounds and Moore seven assists.

Junior Vince Alexander had a team-high 18 points for U-D. Teammate Jeremy Murray, also a junior, added 13.

The Shamrocks enjoyed a 38-29 half-time lead after outscoring the Cubs, 20-11, in the second quarter.

A 22-10 advantage in the third quarter gave the Shamrocks a commanding 60-39 lead.

CC, which improved to 9-2 overall, made 18 of 27 free throw attempts. U-D, 7-4 overall and 3-4 in the Central Division, was 9-14.

Schoolcraft records No. 20; Madonna falls at Bluffton

A turning point in Schoolcraft College basketball history?

Hopefully so, because last Saturday the Ocelots' men's team knocked off a stubborn Oakland Community College squad 90-81 at OCC, and in doing so they posted their 20th victory of the season — the first time that's happened in 15 years.

"We played well in the first half," said SC coach Carlos Briggs, his team 20-4 overall and atop the Michigan Community College Athletic Association's Eastern Conference with a 9-1 mark. "We rebounded the ball well and got a lot of transition baskets. And that's our game — that's Schoolcraft basketball."

"But in the second half we didn't rebound as well, and we weren't able to do that."

SC led 52-32 at the intermission, but the Raiders kept chipping away at the lead, eventually trimming it to five with 1:30 left. That, however, was as close as it got.

Kevin Melson turned in what

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Briggs called "probably his best all-around game of the year," totaling 31 points, 13 rebounds and seven assists.

Three other Ocelots reached double-figures in scoring as well: Pete Males (from Garden City) had 13 points and five assists; Emeke Okonkwo collected 21 points and eight rebounds; and Derek McKelvey scored 18 points.

Glenn Bray finished with 22 points and Brad Burlingame got 19 for OCC (2-8 in the conference, 3-17 overall).

In the women's game, the Lady Ocelots lost their fourth-straight game, 70-54 Saturday at OCC. The loss left them at 5-5 in the conference, 9-11 overall. Carrie May's 15 points paced OCC (8-12 overall, 4-6 in the conference).

Bluffton (Ohio) 82, Madonna 76

(women): The Lady Crusaders fell victim to a 9-2 Bluffton surge late in the game, and four-straight free throws by Connie Fries in the final 15 seconds clinched it for the host Beavers Saturday.

Madonna fell to 14-9 overall with the non-league loss. Bluffton is 11-8.

Mary Murray's 23 points led the Crusaders. Chris Dietrich added 17, with four assists and four steals, and Dawn Pelc collected 12 points, seven rebounds and six assists.

Becky Reineke's 21 points paced the Beavers. Rachel Helmink had 14, Amy Ascheimer netted 13, and both Lisa Wiegand and Fries scored 10, with Fries adding 10 rebounds, three assists and three steals.

Madonna led 37-35 at the half, but Bluffton's free-throw shooting (21-of-23, 91.3 percent) doomed the Crusaders (14-of-21, 66.7 percent).

Salem hoop from page C1

"We played hard, but Western is a good basketball team and they put up a great battle," Salem coach Bob Brodie said. "We knew that they were a type of team that wouldn't fold and they play with a lot of emotion. I just hoped our team could respond to that emotion."

Western struggled early as the Warriors failed to score on their first nine possessions. A Dewar triple as the first quarter ended, however, closed Salem's early lead to 12-9.

"We have a lot of young guys and knew we were playing a veteran team, so we had to play one of our best games of the year to beat them," Western coach Rex Stanczak said. "But we didn't go into the game intimidated. We think we can play with anybody, but we knew we had to play well tonight."

"We came out with a lot of emotion early and struggled and got sloppy. But I'd rather see them too emotional than not emotional at all."

The Rocks shot poorly in the first half (6-of-24), but were able to cling to a 23-20 lead at half-

time, thanks to a 20-9 rebounding advantage. Mike Korduba was big in the first half, coming off the bench to collect eight rebounds.

Salem was also fortunate to lead without the typical offensive production by senior guard Andy Power. Power, who scored all seven of his points in the second half, made only 3-of-11 shots. Part of Power's problems could be linked to the defensive prowess of junior guard Neil Forch.

"I think Neil is the best defensive point guard in the conference," Stanczak said. "Andy may be the best offensive point guard in the league, but the fact Neil played him tough didn't surprise me."

The game's physical nature carried into the second half, which was fine for the Rocks.

"The physical play fired me up; I love that type of game," Jancevski said.

"They come after you hard with their style of defense and I told the team to expect that type of play," Brodie said. "I don't

think the physical play rattled us; I actually thought it helped us get into the game."

A banker by Rypkowski gave the Rocks a 36-28 lead with 2:18 remaining in the third quarter. But Western countered with an 8-0 run to tie the game early in the fourth quarter.

Salem came back with a 9-0 run to take a 45-36 lead with 4:03 remaining in the game, but again, Western came back with seven straight points.

"I was happy with the way we came back in the second half after Salem made two runs," Stanczak said. "We called two timeouts and the team came out with a lot of energy."

But the Rocks were able to hold on, thanks in part to two layups by Patel in the final minute.

McKian is expected to return for Salem Friday, but Brodie was pleased with the 23-point performance turned in by his bench in McKian's absence.

"We've been getting great minutes the entire year from our bench, and at every position," Brodie said.

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juvenile (11-and-under), 12 in preliminary (9-and-under), 12 in novice (14-and-under) and 25 in intermediate (19-and-under), all on Friday beginning at 8 a.m.

The top five finishers in each division will advance to the National Precision Skating Championships March 5-8 in San Diego. The Nationals will be televised by ESPN.

The Plymouth club has a team

entered in each of the four above-mentioned divisions, and Rzepecki is hopeful for all four.

Admission for all three days is \$15 for adults and \$7.50 for seniors and kids under 12. Single-day tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for seniors and kids under 12.

Compuware Arena is located at 14900 Beck in Plymouth, just north of M-14.

WAYNE COUNTY COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Wayne County Commission, Committee on Roads, Airports & Public Services will consider Taxicab Rate Increases for the Detroit Metropolitan Airport Taxicab Association at its meeting held:

Thursday, February 12, 1998, 2:00 p.m.
Wayne County Commission
600 Randolph, 4th Floor
Hearing Room 402

You may direct any questions to the Commission Clerk's Office, 406 Wayne County Building, 600 Randolph, Detroit, MI 48226. (313) 224-0903

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THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL
Friday, Feb. 6
Cranbrook at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.
Luth. West at Luth. East, 7 p.m.
Wayne at River Rouge, 7 p.m.
Allen Park at Garden City, 7 p.m.
Truman at Redford Union, 7 p.m.
Trenton at Thurston, 7 p.m.
Churchill at Northville, 7 p.m.
Harrison at Franklin, 7 p.m.
Stevenson at Farmington, 7 p.m.
John Glenn at N. Farm., 7 p.m.
Canton at W.L. Western, 7:30 p.m.
W.L. Central at Salem, 7:30 p.m.
Notre Dame at Borgeas, 7:30 p.m.
Redford CC at DeLaSalle, 7:30 p.m.
St. Agatha at Warren Zee, 7:30 p.m.
Huron Valley at St. Alphonsus, 8 p.m.
S'field Christian at PCA, 7:30 p.m.
Greater Life at Agape, 7:30 p.m.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL
Thursday, Feb. 5
Harper Wds. at Luth. West, 5:30 p.m.
Kingswood at Clarenceville, 6 p.m.
Ladywood at Mercy, 6:30 p.m.
St. Agatha at St. Alphonsus, 7 p.m.
Huron Valley at Fairlane, 7 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 6
Greater Life at Agape, 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 7
Schoolcraft at Alpena, 7:30 p.m.
Madonna at Tri-State, 7:30 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Thursday, Feb. 5
Madonna at Cornerstone, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 7
Tri-State at Madonna, 3 p.m.

SCHOOLCRAFT AT ALPENA, 5:30 P.M.
ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE
Ply. Whalers at Guelph, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 7
Ply. Whalers at Oshawa, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 8
Ply. Whalers vs. Kingston at Compuware Arena, 6:30 p.m.

PREP HOCKEY
Franklin vs. Stevenson at Edgar Arena, 6 p.m.
Redford CC at Divine Child, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 7
Redford Union vs. Dearborn at Redford Ice Arena, 1 p.m.
Churchill at E. Kentwood, 4 p.m.
Redford CC vs. Ann Arbor Huron at Redford Ice Arena, 8 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 6
Greater Life at Agape, 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 7
Schoolcraft Invitational, 8 a.m.
A.A. Pioneer Invitational, 8:30 a.m.
Wayne State Tournament, TBA.
TBA — time to be announced.

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The suspense was lost when Hancock was penalized twice for false starts and was unable to break down Seder's defense. "He's a tough kid, a good opponent," Seder said. "I guess I was confident, but I didn't take anything lightly. I just tried to wrestle hard, not let up and stay in control of the match." Fedulchak pinned his first opponent and won his last two bouts by technical fall to push his season record to 25-3. "I didn't expect it at all," said Fedulchak of the MVP honor. "I thought Crutchfield of Salem might win it. He looked pretty strong. Today is the highlight of my high school career in wrestling. I'm going to build on this. I believe, if I work hard, I can go far." Seder (31-1) and Fedulchak are looking forward to the upcoming tournaments and hoping to contend for state titles. "I consider this one stop going toward the state championships; I'm focusing on one thing right now," Seder said.

"I'm at the top of my performance right now; I'm peaking at the right time," Fedulchak said. "I think I'm right where I want to be going into the conference and district." Despite its dominating performance, Salem's team victory was not so easily achieved, according to Krueger. "You don't know what we went through," he said, adding two of Salem's champions had to overcome injuries. Dan Hamblin has a broken hand that was well padded, and Wilson suffered torn cartilage in his chest during a dual meet Thursday. "We just went for the win with (Wilson), nothing spectacular," Krueger said. "We didn't want him to overextend himself. It hurt a lot when he got into his spiral ride, and that's what he uses to pin most kids. We told him to 'stay out of it and just wrestle. You don't have to pin everybody.'" Hamblin wrestled hurt and won the tournament. He's a great senior leader and he did what he had to do.

Stevenson was second with three champions, including seniors Katsuhiko Sueda (112) and Chris Goins (119). Sueda trailed Redford Thurston's Lawrence Haddad 3-2 after two periods in the finals but went ahead in the third with an escape and a takedown before pinning with four seconds left. "We did as well as we could have done," Stevenson coach Don Berg said, adding the Spartans were pleased to have five in the finals. "We'd like to have been 5-for-5, but that's not going to happen. Our area is no slouch as far as wrestling." "The tournament brings out the best in all of us. It's good competition to get us ready for February and the state tournament." Also winning individual titles were Garden City's Ryan Atwood (130), Livonia Churchill's Vinnie Ascione (171) and Catholic Central's Brocc Naysmith (215). Atwood was nearly pinned in the first period by Lutheran Westland's Andy Ebendick and

trailed 5-0, but he rallied over the next two periods to win a 13-11 decision. Ascione won his championship when he escaped from Garden City's Brian Hinzman 18 seconds into the second overtime. Hinzman was on the verge of an injury default after he hurt his left shoulder driving Ascione out of bounds in the first overtime and then avoided a potential takedown situation. Naysmith wore a mask to cover a broken nose that caused him to miss a week. Rodriguez was worried about his stamina, but Naysmith managed to pin all three opponents with the final bout lasting the longest. Rogowski, who is undefeated at 34-0, only started wrestling two years ago as a CC freshman. "He's a powerful young man and just an outstanding athlete," Rodriguez said. "He didn't have any previous experience. That's what makes him so unique — that he can pick it up in such a short time."

OBSERVERLAND WRESTLING RESULTS

SEVENTH ANNUAL OBSERVERLAND WRESTLING TOURNAMENT

Jan. 31 at Westland John Glenn

TEAM STANDINGS

1. Plymouth Salem, 261; 2. Redford Catholic Central, 201 1/2; 3. Livonia Stevenson, 180 1/2; 4. Redford Thurston, 144; 5. Lutheran Westland, 112; 6. Farmington, 110; 7. Garden City, 109; 8. Wayne Memorial, 100; 9. Plymouth Canton, 91; 10. Westland John Glenn, 89; 11. Livonia Churchill, 88; 12. Livonia Clarenceville, 69; 13. Livonia Franklin, 53; 14. Farmington Harrison, 50 1/2; 15. North Farmington, 25.

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

275 pounds: Casey Rogowski (CC) dec. Charlie Hamblin (PS), 10-3; **third:** Matt Meyer (LW) dec. William Laramie (WM), 3-2; **fifth:** Andy Garbez (RT) pinned A.J. Mabni (PC), 4:53.

103: John Mervyn (PS) dec. Joe Moreau (LS), 9-0; **third:** Pat Sayn (GC) dec. Paul Goyt (WM), 12-5; **fifth:** Ben Brown (LW) dec. Dan Tondreau (CL), 17-7; **seventh:** Chris O'Hara (CC) dec. Kyle Pitt (PC), 13-0.

112: Katsuhiko Sueda (LS) pinned Lawrence Haddad (RT), 5:56; **third:** Vinnie Zoccoli (GC) won by injury default over Rob

Ash (PS); **fifth:** Jon Gregg (WM) pinned Mike Pardy (F), 4:38; **seventh:** Jason Farnsworth (PC) dec. Brian Kramer (LC), 11-2.

119: Chris Goins (LS) dec. Eric Falkenberg (LW), 4-0; **third:** Dan Morgan (PS) pinned Jon Taylor (FH), 4:09; **fifth:** Ed Lendrum (CC) pinned Nate Wensko (WM), 0:55; **seventh:** Jeff Albrecht (JG) pinned Adam Hughes (LF), 1:34.

125: Josh Henderson (PS) pinned Trevor Clarke (NF), 0:55; **third:** Andy Lendrum (CC) pinned Justin Beseler (WM), 2-43; **fifth:** Eric Tondreau (CL) dec. Eric McMichael (JG), 8-3; **seventh:** Bear Micah (LW) pinned Dave Pakhchanian (F), 1:30.

130: Ryan Atwood (GC) dec. Andy Ebendick (LW), 13-11; **third:** Tony Lama (F) dec. Dave Lemmon (CL), 7-2; **fifth:** Jon Pocock (PC) dec. Chris Funke (RT), 4-1; **seventh:** Jeff Wheeler (CC) dec. Greg Petrovitch (PS), 11-3.

135: Dan Seder (LS) dec. Mitch Hancock (CC), 8-2; **third:** Jerry Lama (F) pinned Jeff Usher (RT), 0:49; **fifth:** Aaron Haddad (LF) dec. Sam Boyd (PS), 4-1; **seventh:** Jason Sienko (WM) dec. Chris Wolfgang (JG), 8-4.

140: Dan Hamblin (PS) pinned Brian Musser (PC), 3:26; **third:** Martin Spinks (F) dec. Imad Kharbush (LS), 3-1; **fifth:** Jake Taylor (FH) pinned Steve Abar (LC), 3:21; **seventh:** Nick Powell (GC) dec. Justin Hazemy (RT), 4-2.

145: James Greene (PS) dec. Jeff Brach (LS), 8-3; **third:** Alex Agius (RT) dec. Ryan

Shiplett (LF), 5-0; **fifth:** Mike Carter (LC) dec. Sevan Sahiner (F), 3-2; **seventh:** Ryan Zajdek (CC) pinned Eddie Traynor (GC), 0:44.

152: John Fedulchak (JG) won by technical fall over Brandon LaPointe (LC), 18-3; **third:** Sean Bell (CC) pinned Piku (RT), 0:34; **fifth:** Rob Theisen (WM) pinned Jason Hemple (LW), 1:39; **seventh:** Eric Greene (PS) pinned Mark Ostach (F), 1:56.

160: Anwar Crutchfield (PS) dec. Matt Bidinger (JG), 3-0; **third:** Robert Demick (PC) dec. Brian Barker (LS), 8-1; **fifth:** Brian Panczynski (LC) pinned Jeff Pascoe (CC), 3:45; **seventh:** Eric Toska (LF) dec. Hazen Longthorne (RT), 9-4.

171: Vinnie Ascione (LC) dec. Brian Hinzman (GC), 2-1 in double overtime; **third:** Rob Wentworth (CC) dec. Andy Wood (F), 9-7; **fifth:** Steve Myslinski (LF) dec. Mike Popeney (PS), 4-0; **seventh:** Pete Langer (JG) pinned Scott Archer (LW), 1:17.

180: Teono Wilson (PS) dec. Tim Baron (RT), 8-6; **third:** John Abshire (CC) pinned Waleed Haddad (LS), 2:16; **fifth:** Walter Ragland (CL) pinned Kyle Domagalski (F), 4:20; **seventh:** Mike Gaffke (LC) dec. Josh Meyer, 3-0.

215: Brocc Naysmith (CC) pinned Chris Gadjev (FH), 2:47; **third:** Jared Chapman (PC) dec. Scott Genord (RT), 7-2; **fifth:** Josh Rose (CL) pinned Jeff Sinning (LC), 0:43; **seventh:** Kevin VanHotton (PS) dec. George Tsoukalas (LS), 6-4.

PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN 7:00 P.M. WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1998

A regular meeting of the Planning Commission will be held on Wednesday, February 11, 1998 at 7:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall to consider the following:

PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED ZONING ADJUSTMENTS FOR OLD VILLAGE DISCUSSION ON NOISE ORDINANCE

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting/hearing, to individuals with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids or services may be made by writing or calling the following:

Carol Stone, ADA Coordinator
201 S. Main Street
Plymouth, MI 48170
(734) 453-1234, Ext. 206

All interested persons are invited to attend.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held on Wednesday, February 18, 1998, at Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Snn Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan, commencing at 7:00 p.m., for the purpose of considering the Residential Unit Development Option for Portsmouth Crossing, Application No. 1500. The property is located on the north side of North Territorial Road, south of M-14, east of Beck Road and west of Eaton Drive, containing 39.33 acres, more or less.

Legal description of said parcel is:

PART OF THE SOUTH 1/4 OF SECTION 21 AND PART OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 28, T15S, R8E., PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN. DESCRIBED AS BEGINNING AT THE SOUTH 1/4 CORNER OF SECTION 21, ALSO BEING THE NORTH 1/4 CORNER OF SECTION 28, T15S, R8E., AND PROCEEDING THENCE ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SECTION 21, ALSO BEING THE NORTH LINE OF SECTION 28, S.85°46'45" W., 15707.37'; THENCE ALONG THE BOUNDARY LINE OF "MARMION HILLS SUBDIVISION" AS RECORDED IN LIBER 88 OF PLATS ON PAGE 79, N. 04°13'15" W., 171.95'; THENCE CONTINUING ALONG SAID SUBDIVISION LINE, N.85°46'45" E., 21.64'; THENCE CONTINUING ALONG SAID SUBDIVISION LINE, N. 04°13'15" W., 60.00'; THENCE CONTINUING ALONG SAID SUBDIVISION LINE, ON A CURVE CONCAVE TO THE NORTHEAST, RADIUS 25.00', CENTRAL ANGLE 81°44'54", CHORD BEARS N. 53°20'45" W., 32.72', AN ARC DISTANCE OF 35.67'; THENCE CONTINUING ALONG SAID SUBDIVISION LINE, N. 12°28'15" W., 28.36'; THENCE CONTINUING ALONG SAID SUBDIVISION LINE AND ITS NORTHERLY EXTENSION, N.12°28'15" W., 234.15' TO A POINT ON THE SOUTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF M-14 EXPRESSWAY, THENCE ALONG THE SAID SOUTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF M-14 EXPRESSWAY, N.85°20'03" E., 2347.17'; THENCE ALONG THE WEST LINE OF "BEACON MEADOWS SUB. NO. 2" (RECORDED IN LIBER 102, PLATS, PAGES 35 THROUGH 40, WAYNE COUNTY RECORDS), S. 04°21'21" E., 525.47' (RECORDED AS S.02°10'00" E., 529.30') TO A POINT ON THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 21 THENCE ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SECTION 21, ALSO BEING THE NORTH LINE OF SECTION 28, S.85°46'40" W., 241.58'; THENCE S.05°15'20" E., 1079.06' TO A POINT ON THE CENTERLINE OF NORTH TERRITORIAL ROAD; THENCE ALONG THE CENTERLINE OF NORTH TERRITORIAL ROAD, S.89°32'17" W., 503.80'; THENCE ALONG THE NORTH AND SOUTH 1/4 LINE OF SECTION 28, N.05°05'20" W., 1047.11' TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 39.2146 ACRES. SUBJECT TO THE RIGHTS OF THE PUBLIC IN THE SOUTHERLY 33.00' (NORTH TERRITORIAL ROAD) AND EASEMENTS, RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD, AND ALL GOVERNMENTAL LIMITATIONS.

NOTE: BEARINGS ARE EXPRESSED IN RELATION TO THE BEARING OF THE SOUTH LINE OF SECTION 21 AS ESTABLISHED IN MARRION HILLS SUBDIVISION AS RECORDED IN LIBER 88, PLATS, PAGE 79, WAYNE COUNTY RECORDS.

Tax I.D. Nos. 011-99-0004-0003; 012-99-0003-003; 033-99-0006. Public Hearing is required by Ordinance No. 82 and/or Subdivision Ordinance No. 32, of the Charter Township of Plymouth, (Application No. 1500)

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the application may be examined at the Division of Public Services, Community Development Department, during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Written comments will be received prior to the meeting. The application review and address for written comment is: Plymouth Charter Township, Division of Public Services, Community Development Department, 46555 Port Street, Plymouth, MI 48170. The public hearing will be held in the Meeting Room at Township Hall located at 42350 Snn Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170. Telephone Number 734-453-4372.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: The Charter Township of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at all Township Meetings, to individuals with disabilities at the meetings/hearings upon one week notice to the Charter Township of Plymouth. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Charter Township of Plymouth by writing or calling the Supervisor's office, 42350 Snn Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170. Phone number: (313) 453-3840, TDD users: 1-800-64-3777 (Michigan Relay Service)

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids up to 10:00 a.m., February 19, 1998 for the following:

PURCHASE OF TWO (2) - 20 TON, TAG-A-LONG, TILT TRAILERS

Bid specifications are available in the Finance and Budget Dept. Canton Township reserves the right to reject any or all bids. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

NOTICE OF SPECIAL JOINT BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING CHARTER TOWNSHIPS OF CANTON, PLYMOUTH, SALEM, SUPERIOR, VAN BUREN, AND YPSILANTI

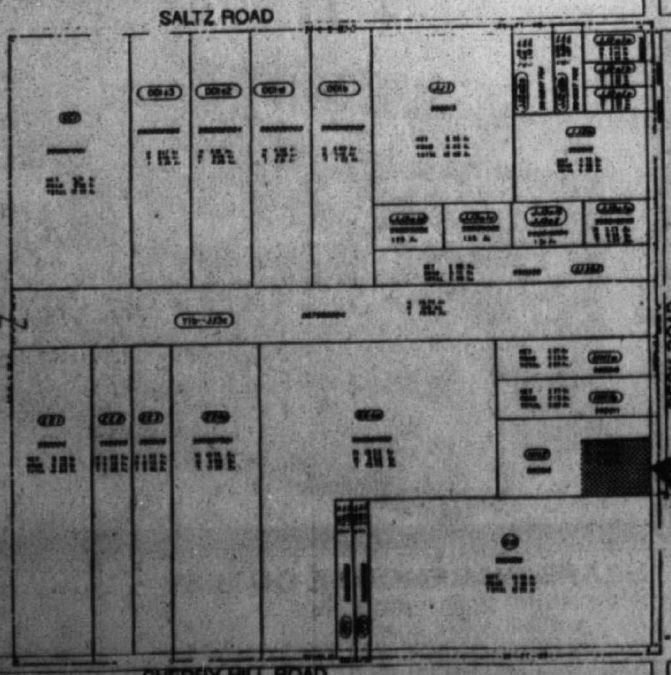
A cooperative Board of Trustees meeting between Canton, Plymouth, Salem, Superior, Van Buren, and Ypsilanti Townships will be held Thursday, February 12, 1998 at Summit on the Park at 7:30 pm in the Walnut Room. Representatives from these communities formed the Lower 1 Rouge River Subwatershed Management Group in November. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss working collectively to improve the environment of the Rouge River. Speakers will include Canton's Supervisor, Thomas Yack, Wayne County's Director of Environment, Jim Murray, and Wayne County's Director of Watershed Management, Kelly Cave. They will be discussing storm water management in the Rouge River Watershed, involvement with the Federal Court case, and the voluntary General Storm Water Permit. The meeting is open to the public.

TERRY BENNETT, Township Clerk

CANTON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, March 2, 1998 in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

RAY REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PART OF PARCEL NO. 068 99 0012 000 FROM RR, RURAL RESIDENTIAL, TO R-2, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL. Property is located on the west side of Beck Road between Cherry Hill and Saltz Roads. Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission will be received at the above address up to the time of the hearing.



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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

Sealed bids will be received by the Charter Township of Canton Clerk's Office, 1st Floor, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188 until 2:00 p.m. Local Time, February 26, 1998, at which time the bids will be opened and publicly read aloud for the following described project:

Canton Center/Proctor Road Intersection Improvement Project: The project consists of work necessary to construct to Wayne County Standards, a deceleration lane for southbound Canton Center Road and a passing lane for northbound Canton Center Road through the Proctor Road intersection. The scope includes, but is not limited to, the following approximate items:

9" REINF CONCRETE W/6" I.S.C.	972 S.Y.
8" PLAIN CONCRETE W/6" I.S.C.	283 S.Y.
PAVEMENT REMOVAL	520 S.Y.
SIDEWALK	430 S.F.

The Drawings and Specifications under which the work is to be done are on file and may be examined on February 9, 1998, or thereafter at the offices of the Charter Township of Canton and the office of the Engineer, Michael L. Priest & Associates, Inc., 37511 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, (Phone: 313/953-8560). Bid documents may be obtained on February 9, 1998, or thereafter from the office of the Engineer (Michael L. Priest & Associates, Inc.), by purchase for the sum of \$35.00 per set. Shipping is an additional \$7.00 per set. There will be no return or refund of documents. The purchaser must supply the telephone number and street address of the individual or firm to whom addenda (if any) can be directed.

A certified check or bidder's bond for a sum of not less than five (5%) of the amount of the proposal will be required with each proposal.

The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

The Township reserves the right to accept any proposal, to reject any or all proposals, and to waive any irregularities in any proposal. Bids may not be withdrawn for a period of ninety (90) days after the date of receiving bids.

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk
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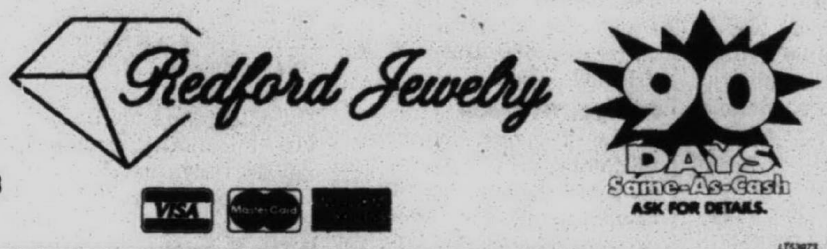
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CALENDAR

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WEEKEND

SKATING CHAMPIONSHIP
The Midwestern Precision Championship will be 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday through Sunday, Feb. 6-8, at the Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth Township. This is the largest skating event this year in the United States with more than 145 teams and 3,000 skaters. Call (313) 453-6400 for information.

ANTIQUA RADIO SWAP
The Michigan Antiqua Radio Club is hosting the only swap meet in the metro area 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 7, at the Armenian Community Center, 19319 Ford Road in Dearborn. Admission is \$3 and sellers' tables are \$5 each. "Radio Rescue" will be a free service to anyone who needs a radio repaired, sold or evaluated. Call (734) 207-2346.

SINGING CLASS
The Marian Women's Center, next to St. Mary Hospital, will offer this class 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 7, in the West Addition Conference Room A. Children are invited to attend and learn how much fun it can be to be a brother or sister. Registration is required and the cost is \$10 per family. Call the center at (734) 655-1591.

MARDI GRAS
The Plymouth Newcomers are celebrating at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7, at the Water Club Grill. Join the fun in a costume or masks at this Mardi Gras Masquerade Dinner Party. The Water Club Grill is located at 39500 E. Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth Township. Call 416-0300 for information.

THE GAYLORDS
After enjoying the seven-course Italian dinner at Genitti's, enter the theater on Friday and Saturday, Feb. 6-7, to be entertained by The Gaylords, a singing comedy duo. Tickets are \$45 per person. Genitti's is located at 108 E. Main St. in Northville. Call for reservations, (248) 349-0522.

GERMAN CLUB
Fasching, Germany's version of France's Mardi Gras, will be celebrated from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 7, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. The festivities will be sponsored by the German-American Club of Plymouth. Authentic German food, wine and beer (for those of the appropriate age) will be served. Admission is \$6.50 per person. Music for dancing, sing-along and entertainment will be provided by the Enzians, a German band well-known throughout the Detroit metropolitan area and beyond. Door prizes and prizes for the best and most imaginative costumes will be awarded. For more information on this local Fasching celebration and for tickets, call Fritz Sanders in Livonia at (313) 425-0044, or Phyllis Urban in Plymouth at (734) 459-4261.

AROUND TOWN

VALENTINE'S DAY EVENTS
The Westside Singles Present a Valentine's Day Dance from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, Feb. 13, at Burton Manor, on Schoolcraft west of Inkster Road. Admission is \$8. Dressy attire (no jeans), 21 and older. Hot and cold hors d'oeuvres will be available at no charge, and a cash bar is available. Free roses for women at the door. For more information, call (734) 981-0909.

St. John Neumann Singles is hosting the annual Valentine's Dance from 8 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 14, at St. Kenneth's Catholic Church, on Haggerty south of Five Mile in Plymouth Township. Doors open at 8 p.m., and tickets are available at the door. The dance includes pizza, pop, and a top 40 DJ to spin the latest tunes. No blue jeans. For more information, call Patrick at (313) 277-6083 or the St. John Neumann hotline number at (313) 480-7830.

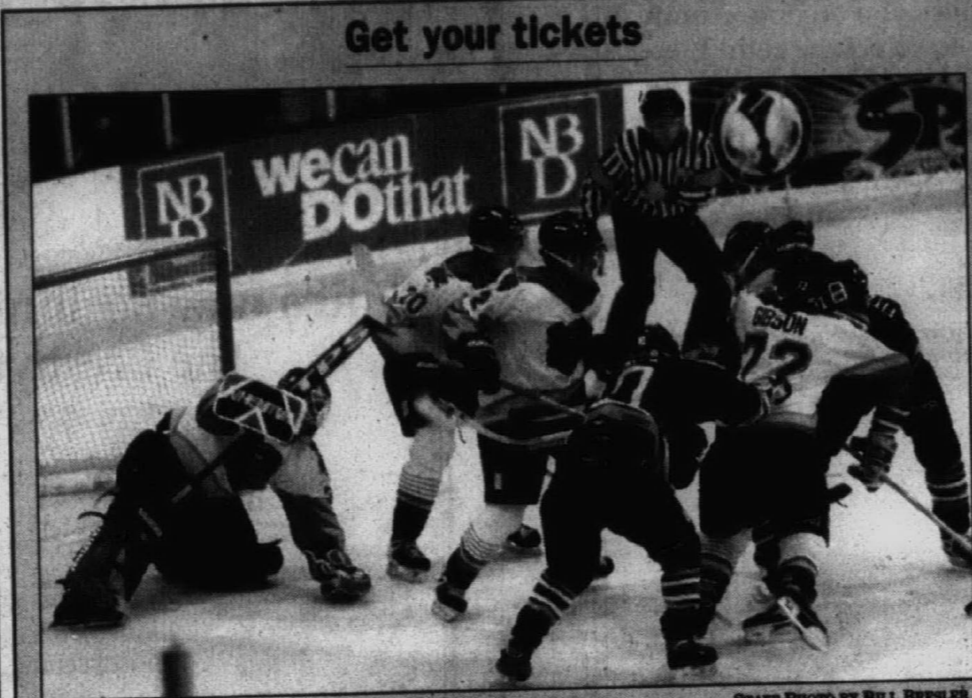
Bring your true love to Fox Hills on Valentine's Day from 7 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Feb. 14, and dance the night away to the musical strains of Silver Sounds. Enjoy a delicious dinner along with a tantalizing dessert; receive a flower for your sweetheart. Dinner reservations begin at 7 p.m. with dancing following at 9 p.m. to midnight. Pictures will be offered for a minimal charge to ensure a memorable evening. A cash bar will be available. Tickets are \$85 a couple. For more information, or for reservations, call (313) 453-7272.

The Canton Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring the Daddy-Daughter Valentine's Dance from 7-9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 13. The dance will be held at St. Thomas A' Becket's Family Life Center, 555 Lilley in Canton. A special night featuring dance music, flower corsages, pictures with dad and date, and refreshments will be available. Girls ages 3-13 years are welcome.

BOWLATHON
The Ladies Auxiliary to VFW Post No. 6695 will be hosting its annual bowlathon at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 14, at the Plaza Lanes, 42001 E. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth Township. Proceeds will be donated to Northwest Association for the mentally retarded citizens. Pledges and all bowlers welcome. For more information, call Alice Fisher at (313) 728-7619.

ICE SKATING PARTIES
The City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department is offering several different ice skating party packages. Celebrate a child's birthday or a special occasion during any open skating session for as little as \$8 per child. All the packages include the following: skating admission, skate rental, a party host, fresh Meijer Bakery birthday or special occasion cake, fruit punch, party paper supplies & balloons, individual goodie bags, invitations for party giver to mail out, and an open skating pass per child for use at a future open skating session. For an additional \$1.50 per child hot dogs, chips, and pop are served, and for an additional \$2 per child pizza and pop are served. All parties require a minimum of 10 people. For further information, contact the Recreation Department at (734) 455-8620.

GARDEN WALK
The Canton Garden Club wants to host its first garden walk this summer. Do you enjoy gardening with a passion and have created a "masterpiece" in your yard or have you done wonders in a specialty garden with herbs, roses, water features or shade? This is not a contest, but a way of finding those wonderful gardens within our community. If you think you'd enjoy being a part of the Canton Garden Club's first walk or future garden walks, send photos of your garden to: Donna McDonald, 7530



Join in: See the Plymouth Whalers play the Kingston Frontenacs at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 8, at the Compuware Sports Arena on Beck Road, just north of M-14. The event is a family value night. Tickets are available by calling 453-8400 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.

Chichester, Canton, Mich. 48187. Further information on the date and time of the Garden Walk will be featured at a later date. For more information, call (313) 455-8446.

ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW
The City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department is looking for crafters for its annual Spring Arts & Crafts Show. The show will be a one-day event and take place on 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 4. The cost of an 8-foot table space is \$50. Admission and parking are both free. Interested crafters should call the City of Plymouth Recreation Department at (734) 455-8620.

ST. MARY HOSPITAL
St. Mary Hospital in Livonia will offer the class, "Just for Dads... Childbirth and Beyond," 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 5, in the West Addition Conference Room B. Open discussion, instruction, and demonstration are included. The cost is \$15 per person and registration is required. Call (734) 655-1100.

Having your blood pressure and cholesterol checked on a regular basis is one of the most important steps you can take in caring for your health. St. Mary Hospital in Livonia will hold a blood pressure and cholesterol screening from 5:30-8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 12, in the Pavilion Conference Room A, near the south entrance. The cost of the cholesterol screening is \$15 and it includes both the total and HDL cholesterol. The blood pressure measurement is free. Fasting is not necessary for the cholesterol screening. Registration is required. For more information or to register, call (734) 655-2922.

St. Mary Hospital in Livonia, is presenting a two-part workshop discussing the challenges of

Alzheimer's disease from 7-9 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 10 and 17, in the St. Mary Hospital Auditorium. The session on Feb. 10 will discuss normal aging, memory loss, dementia and Alzheimer's disease, and the presentation on Feb. 17 will cover understanding difficult behaviors, communication techniques and safety issues. This is a free workshop but pre-registration is required. For more information or to register, call (248) 557-8277.

SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION
Dance Masters of Michigan is holding the annual Solo Title Scholarship Competitions Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 14-15, at Clarenceville High School in Livonia. Talented male and female dancers will be selected to represent Michigan at the national competition held in New York City. Selections are based on Talent, Audition classes, and Personal Interview. \$5 tickets are available at the door. Times are: Petite Miss & Master, 11 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 15, Junior Miss & Mr., 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 15, Teen Miss & Mr., 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 14, and Miss & Mr. (Ages 16-25), 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 15.

BUILD BOOK COLLECTION
Join the Plymouth District Library and help build the collection. Choose to donate to the adult or youth collection with \$25. The staff will help select a title and a bookplate will identify your donation to honor a friend or family member. Call 453-0750, Ext. 213.

BLUE LAKE FINE ARTS
Auditions for music, art and theater students to earn a scholarship to attend Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp next summer will be held in public schools in Ann Arbor and the Detroit area during February and March. Scholarship auditions will be held in Dear-

born Feb. 5; Ann Arbor Feb. 23-26; and Detroit March 3-4. Application forms and other information on Blue Lake Scholarship auditions may be obtained by calling the Blue Lake Scholarship Office at 1-800-221-3796 or (616) 894-1966.

PLYMOUTH YMCA
The Plymouth Community Family YMCA is currently accepting registration for the Winter 1998 classes. The classes are being offered for preschool through adult. Some of the classes offered are Bumble Bee Indoor Soccer, Y Pucks and "Y" Hoops for Preschoolers. Contact the Plymouth YMCA at (734) 453-2904 for further information or to register with a Visa or MasterCard. The Plymouth Community Family YMCA is sponsoring the YMCA Parent/Child Guide Programs. Enhance your relationship with your child. Go on tours, canoeing, camping, hayrides. Make crafts together and build floats for the Fourth of July parade. Call (734) 453-2904 or come to the YMCA office to register at 248 S. Union St.

PRE-SCHOOL OPENINGS
Livonia Little People's Co-op Preschool has openings for the 1997-98 school year in the 3- and 4-year-old classes. The preschool is located at 8820 Wayne Road, just north of Joy. For more information, call (313) 454-4964.

Suburban Children's Co-op Nursery has openings now in all classes 18 months through 5 years old. Located in Livonia bordering Canton, Plymouth and Westland. Quality education offered with parental involvement. Low tuition. For more information, contact Michelle at (313) 421-6196.

AIDE

New Morning School in Plymouth Township is looking for a child care aide from 7-9 a.m. Monday-Friday. This could be a volunteer or a paid position. For more information, call (734) 420-3331.

KARATE REGISTRATION
American Okinawan Karate Academy of Canton will hold winter registration for ages 6 years and up, through April 23, Mondays and Thursdays at the gymnasium at Summit on the Park. Registration fee is \$52 per annual pass holder (10-week session), \$58 per Canton resident (10-week session), and \$63 per non-resident (10-week session). A \$5 late fee is charged.

FUNNIEST VIDEOS
Enter "Michigan's Funniest Videos" at East Lansing's first annual Film Festival on March 29. Tapes should be acceptable for family viewing and no longer than 10 minutes. Deadline is Feb. 10. Send them to: Michigan's Funniest Videos, P.O. Box 025035, Lansing, Mich. 48909-5035. Call (517) 336-5802.

SALVATION ARMY
Senior citizens of all ages, get your exercise and have a good time, too, in the Senior Volleyball Program. The program meets 10 a.m. to noon Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. There is an annual fee of \$10. For more information, call the Salvation Army (313) 453-5464 and ask for Martha.

The Salvation Army offers open gym time 1-4 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. There is a \$1 per person fee. For more information, call (313) 453-5464.

SCHOLARSHIPS
Schoolcraft College students are encouraged to apply for scholarships offered by Datatel Scholars Foundation. Awards range from \$700 to \$2,000 and applications are due in the Office of Marketing and Development no later than Friday, Feb. 6. For more information, call (313) 462-4463.

The Gamma Gamma Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International is once again offering college scholarships to Canton or Salem graduating seniors majoring in education. The scholarships provide financial assistance, promoting the professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education. Funds are the result of community participation in the annual fall craft fair held at West Middle School. Applications are available at both high school counseling offices or at Hoben Elementary School, 44680 Saltz Road, Canton.

SUPPORT GROUPS

SOUNDINGS
Soundings is a Center for Women and offers a variety of career programs, professional development and personal growth classes and workshops. The center is in Ann Arbor on 4090 Packard Road. There is a job resource room, financial counseling, job hunters and numerous support groups. Call (313) 973-7723 for further information.

EMPOWER
One free hour for parents or families to empower: counseling, resources and support for crisis situations, medical needs or ongoing issues. Call for an appointment, 981-3039.

LIFE MINISTRIES

Have a problem? Want to talk? Call Life Care Ministries (313) 427-LIFE 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday-Saturday. Confidential. No charge.

LEARNING DISABLED
Joel's Group is a group for the learning disabled and the educable mentally impaired that is looking for members. The group meets for social and educational activities Saturday nights. Call Joel Marwell at 476-8741.

MDDA
MDDA (Manic Depressive-Depressive Association) holds its meeting 2-4 p.m. the second and fourth Sundays of the month at Oakwood-Canton Health Center Community meeting room. For more information, call Nancy at (313) 455-8598.

VOLUNTEER WORK

CANCER SOCIETY
Your local American Cancer Society is in need of help. Opportunities for everyone, as your schedule allows. Call (248) 557-5353, Ext. 336.

ALZHEIMER'S
The Alzheimer's Association is seeking volunteers to provide companionship to people experiencing memory loss. Those who volunteer receive an excellent orientation that provides them with the information and skills to brighten the life of someone with Alzheimer's. To learn more or to volunteer, call Adam Sterling, (248) 557-8277.

CLUBS

UNITED WAY
The annual meeting of the Plymouth Community United Way will be held at 8 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 12, at the Water Club Seafood Grill, located at 39500 E. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth Township. Public is welcome. Breakfast will be available.

CAREER WOMEN
The National Association of Career Women West Suburban Chapter meets on the third Tuesday of each month at Ernesto's Restaurant, 41661 Plymouth Road in Plymouth. The meeting will be from 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

BNI
Business Network International will hold monthly meetings from 7-8:30 a.m. Thursday and Friday, Feb. 12-13. For more information, call the BNI regional office at (734) 397-9939.

COUNCIL ON AGING
Plymouth Community Council on Aging will have its monthly meeting 1:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 9, at the Cultural Center, 525 Farmer St. in Plymouth. There will be a demonstration on how to make an angel pin and also some Irish history. Call Phyllis Hess at (734) 453-1234, Ext. 236.

M.O.M.
Meet Other Mothers (M.O.M.) offers guest speakers and discussion. It meets at 9:30 a.m. the second and fourth Friday of the month at the First Presbyterian Church in Plymouth. Baby-sitting is provided. For more information, call Kate at (313) 453-3675.

TOASTMASTERS
Join the Oral Majority Toastmasters Club at 6:45 p.m. Sundays at the old Friendly's building, at Ann Arbor Road and Lilley. For more information, call Marc Sullivan at (313) 455-1635.

The Plymouth Observer welcomes Calendar items. Items should be from non-profit community groups or individuals announcing a community program or event. Please type or print the information below and mail your item to The Calendar, Plymouth Observer, 794 South Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170, or by fax to 734-489-4224. Deadline for Calendar items is noon Friday for the following Thursday's paper. Call 459-2700 if you have any questions.

Event: _____
Date and Time: _____
Location: _____
Telephone: _____
Additional info.: _____

Use additional sheet if necessary

OBITUARIES

GERALDINE A. PRYMAK

Services for Geraldine A. Prymak, 80, of Plymouth were held on Jan. 31 at Divine Savior Catholic Church with the Rev. Alexander A. Kuras officiating. Burial was at Parkview Memorial Cemetery.

Mrs. Prymak was born Nov. 11, 1917, in Poland. She died on Jan. 25 in Westland.

She worked as a stenographer with the Allstate Insurance Co. in Detroit until 1950. She then stayed home to raise her family. She was born in Poland and came to the United States in 1925, where she lived in Detroit.

She came to Plymouth in 1987.

She was a member of Divine Savior Catholic Church. She was a member of the Senior Citizens Club of Tonquish Creek and was a life member of the Auxiliary of the DAV No. 107.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Marjorie. Survivors include her husband, Paul P. of Plymouth; one daughter, Pauline Slezak of Northville; one son, Michael (Beth) Prymak of Huntsville, Ala.; four grandchildren, Stephanie and Paula Slezak, Scott and Jane Prymak; and three sisters, Stella Betz of Farmington Hills, Julie Syms of

Roseville, and Stasia Bartlomowich of Hazel Park.

Memorials may be made to Divine Savior Catholic Church Missionary Project.

NONA E. EDDINGTON

Services for Nona E. Eddington, 80, of Fenton will be Feb. 6 at the Vermeulen Funeral Home with the Rev. Paul White officiating. Burial will be at Glen Eden Memorial Park, Livonia.

Mrs. Eddington was born March 21, 1917, in Lake County, Tenn. She died Jan. 30 in Fenton.

She was a sewer for General Motors Corp. She was also a member of the First Baptist Church in Plymouth for many years. She was preceded in death by

her parents, Lemuel and Martha Pope. Survivors include two sons, Bobby (Marilyn) G. Eddington of Brush Creek, Tenn., William (Adolene) T. Eddington of Fenton; many nieces, many nephews; nine grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-granddaughter.

Memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church, 45000 N. Territorial, Plymouth, Mich. 48170.

JEAN RUTH SHETRON

Services for Jean Ruth Shetron, 64, of Adrian were Feb. 3 at the Anderson Funeral Home with the Rev. Brett Reider officiating. Burial was at Oakwood Cemetery.

Mrs. Shetron was born May 12, 1933, in St. Louis, Mo. She died Jan. 30 in Adrian.

She was preceded in death by her parents, one brother, and two sisters. Survivors include her husband, Robert Shetron; four sons, James (Donna) Shetron of Springfield, Mo., Bruce (Norma) Shetron of Ohio, Steven (Angela) Shetron of St. Louis, Mo., Jeffery (Deanna) Shetron of Ypsilanti; two daughters,

Deborah (John) Baugh of Huntsville, Ala., Pamela Beck of Wentzville, Mo.; two brothers, Charles Browning of St. Louis, Mo., Robert Browning of St. Louis, Mo.; one sister, June Calbrier of Wentzville, Mo.; and 16 grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Lenawee. Envelopes are available at the Anderson Funeral Home.

MARY C. BROSS

Services for Mary C. Bross, 81, of Livonia were Feb. 2, with a prayer service at the Vermeulen Funeral Home, and regular Mass service at St. Theodore Catholic Church with the Rev. Daniel Zalewski officiating. Burial was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

Mrs. Bross was born Aug. 19, 1916, in Detroit. She died Jan. 28 in Livonia. She was a member of St. Theodore Catholic Church for 29 years. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Eugene Bross; her parents, Lester and Louise Weber; one daughter, Marilyn Wodarski; and one brother, Lester Weber.

Survivors include two daughters, Carolyn (Richard) Hannigan of Bloomfield Hills, Anita (Michael) Jackson of Canton; three sisters, Dolores Lizzote, Virginia Sheppard, Lois Studt; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Capuchins, 1740 Mt. Elliott Ave., Detroit, Mich. 48207-3496 or as Mass offerings.

MARGARET COOK

Services for Margaret Cook, 70, of Canton were Feb. 3 at St. John Neumann Catholic Church with the Rev. Jack Quinlan officiating. Burial was at St. Hedwig Cemetery. Local arrangements were made by Neely-Turkowski Funeral Home Canton Chapel.

Mrs. Cook was born Sept. 18, 1927, in Scotland. She died Jan. 29 in Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center. She worked as a photo printer in retail.

Survivors include her husband, Hugh; one sister, Mary McCartland of Clawson; and two sisters-in-law, Jean McCooland and Ann McCare of Scotland.

PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN 7:00 P.M. WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1998. A regular meeting of the Planning Commission will be held on Wednesday, February 11, 1998 at 7:00 p.m., in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall to consider the following: PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED ZONING ADJUSTMENTS FOR OLD VILLAGE DISCUSSION ON NOISE ORDINANCE. In accordance with the Americans with disabilities Act, the City of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting/hearing, to individuals with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids or services may be made by writing or calling the following: Carol Stone, ADA Coordinator, 201 Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170, (313) 453-1234, Ext. 206. All interested persons are invited to attend. Publish: February 5, 1998

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON CANTON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING. PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, February 16, 1998 in the Lower Level Conference Room #3 of the Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance: VANO/FOSTER REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NOS. 086 99 0005 000 AND 086 99 0006 000 FROM R-3, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL, TO C-2, COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL. Property is located on the south side of Cherry Hill Road east of Canton Center Road. Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission will be received at the above address up to the time of the hearing. VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman. Publish: January 25 and February 5, 1998

A Canton resident took first-place in the Plymouth Symphony's annual Youth Artist Competition. Five young people tried out for the contest Dec. 15, which was open to all students from Plymouth-Canton, Plymouth Salem, Belleville, Northville and Novi high schools. Stephen Goto, Canton, was the first-place winner with a violin solo. There were two second-place winners, Sarah Hamilton of Novi, and Ross Huff of Plymouth. Hamilton plays the flute and Huff plays the trumpet. Goto, a senior at Plymouth-Canton High School, has been playing violin for 11 years. He attended Interlochen through the All-State program and was the second violin section leader in the Intermediate Orchestra for both of the summers of 1993 and 1995. He received first place in the Demaris Arts Competitions in the years 1992-1994, and in the Schoolcraft College Honors Auditions for 1993 and 1994. Hamilton also attended the All-State program at Interlochen in 1994, 1996 and 1997. She has been in the Novi High School symphony band for two years and is the first chair flute player this year. She is also in the Michigan Youth Band at the University of Michigan. Next year, Hamilton hopes to attend either Michigan State or the University of Michigan as a music major.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS February 12, 1998. Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1998 AT 7:30 P.M. The meeting will be held in the LOWER LEVEL CONFERENCE ROOM #3 in the Township Administration Building located at 1150 S. CANTON CENTER ROAD. The following Agenda will be discussed: Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Roll Call: Cisek, Demopoulos, Johnson, Redfern, Williams. Acceptance of Agenda. 1. Ronald R. Maas, Maas Enterprises, Inc., 5445 S. Sheldon Rd., Canton, MI 48188, for property located at 5445 S. Sheldon Road, Canton, MI 48188. Regarding Article 27, Section 05, Variances and Appeals, the applicant is appealing a decision by the Planning Commission relative to whether a specific use was permitted in the LI-2 zoning district pertaining to Article 22, Section 02, Permitted Uses and Structures. Parcel No. 136-99-0003-000 (Planning). (Tabled from November 13, 1997 meeting; Tabled from January 8, 1998 meeting). 2. David Wenz, City Sign Co., Inc., 101 E. Walton, Pontiac, MI 48340, representing Super Kmart, for property located at 41660 Ford Rd., Canton, MI 48187. Appealing Ordinance 120, Section 9.1, regarding Wall Signs/Awning Signs. The request is for a variance in order to add one (1) wall sign to the store front which would be an additional 30.03 sq. ft. Parcel No. 044-99-0017-704 (Building). (Tabled from January 8, 1998 meeting). 3. Terry Holman, ProCoil, 5260 Haggerty Rd., Canton, MI 48188, for property located at 5260 Haggerty Rd., Canton, MI 48188. Regarding Ordinance 103, Section 8A, regarding Fences and Walls. The request is for a variance in order to install a decorative wrought iron and brick fence within the front yard area. Parcel No. 140-99-0012-705 (Building). 4. Michael Fawcett, 47610 Ford Rd., Canton, MI 48187, for property located at 47610 Ford Rd., Canton, MI 48187. Appealing Article 2.03, Section D, Accessory Structures and Uses. The request is for a variance in order to build a 24 X 36 ft. detached garage. Parcel No. 065-99-0004-000 (Building). Approval of minutes of the regular meeting of January 8, 1998. TERRY G BENNETT, Clerk. Publish: February 5, 1998

Huff, a member of the Plymouth Canton Educational Park Symphony Band, got to perform for President Bill Clinton at the Airport Expansion Ground Breaking Ceremony. He has made a recording with Chief Isaiah McKinnon and the "Blue Pigs" of the Detroit Police. Huff has studied trumpet for six years, attending masters classes taught by John Faddis, jazz trumpeter and Kevin Good, Detroit Symphony Orchestra.

This year, the Japan Business Society of Detroit Foundation presented a grant in the amount of \$1,000 to support the Youth Artist Competition. This year, the Japan Business Society of Detroit Foundation presented a grant in the amount of \$1,000 to support the Youth Artist Competition. The Japan Business Society of Detroit Foundation was formed in order to contribute more widely and actively to the community. JBSD supports local organizations that work for cultural, educational, philanthropic and artistic goals. The Plymouth Symphony is very grateful for the generous support of this philanthropic organization.

CANTON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING. PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, March 2, 1998 in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance: LOCKARD/JABARA REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NO. 017 99 0018 000 FROM RR, RURAL RESIDENTIAL, TO R-1, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL. Property is located on the north side of Gyde Road between Beck and Ridge Roads. Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission will be received at the above address up to the time of the hearing. VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman. Publish: February 5 and 19, 1998

CANTON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING. PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, March 2, 1998 in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance: ALSAGER REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NOS. 054 01 0045 300, 054 01 0048 300, AND 054 01 0165 002 FROM R-5, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL, TO O-1, OFFICE. Property is located on the south side of Ford Road between Morrison and Lilley Roads. Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission will be received at the above address up to the time of the hearing. VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman. Publish: February 5 and 19, 1998

PCAC plans Mardi Gras event. A Mardi Gras has been planned for Saturday, Feb. 21, as a benefit for the Plymouth Community Arts Council. Revelers will enjoy dinner, an auction and live music during the gala evening at Fox Hills Country Club beginning at 6 p.m. A choice of New Orleans-style entrees will be served with all the traditional Bourbon Street trimmings. The feast will follow an auction of distinctive art contributed by local artists and exciting items donated by local businesses. The auction will be conducted with flair and expertise by Joe DuMouchelle. Some of the many items to be auctioned are a mantle clock, a complete doll house, a Red Wing jersey signed by Sergei Fedorov, a signed Gordie Howe hockey puck, the use of a new Jaguar for a week, tickets for four for the Edmonton-Red Wings game on St. Patrick's Day and dinner at Dunleavy's, and pizza, fresh flowers, and oil changes once per month for a year. A complete list of the items to be auctioned and their generous donors will be available closer to the event. The evening's music entertainment will be provided by the New Reformation Dixieband Band. Tickets for the Mardi-Gras are \$50 per person and can be obtained by calling the PCAC at 416-4278.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION. NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR USE SUBJECT TO SPECIAL CONDITIONS PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Planning Commission has received a request from Arctic Ponds, Inc. to approve the Use Subject to Special Conditions to allow an Indoor Recreational Facility for a Hockey Skill Development Center pursuant to Zoning Ordinance No. 83 as amended. The subject property is located at 40475 Plymouth Road. The property is located on the south side of Plymouth Road, west of I-275 and east of Haggerty Road. Application No. 1504, Tax I.D. No. 027-99-0037-000. The Planning Commission seeks input to determine if approval of the Use Subject to Special Conditions should be issued under Section 12.2 of Zoning Ordinance No. 83. The land is zoned C-2, General Commercial. Questions regarding the request may be directed to the Community Development Department during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The Planning Commission will consider the request at its regular meeting on February 18, 1998 commencing at 7:00 p.m. Written comments concerning the request will be received prior to the meeting. The application review and address for written comment is: Plymouth Charter Township, Division of Public Services, Community Development Department, 46565 Port Street, Plymouth, MI 48170. The public hearing will be held in the Meeting Room at Township Hall located at 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170. Telephone Number 734-453-4372. MARCIA SAYLES, Secretary Planning Commission. PLEASE TAKE NOTICE The Charter Township of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at all Township Meetings, to individuals with disabilities at the meetings/hearings upon one week notice to the Charter Township of Plymouth. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Charter Township of Plymouth by writing or calling the Supervisor's office, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170. Phone number: (313) 453-3840, TDD users: 1-800-649-3777 (Michigan Relay Service). Publish: January 5, 1998

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THE WEEKEND

FRIDAY



Eisenhower Dance Ensemble presents "Dances for Lovers," 8 p.m. at the Smith Theatre on the Orchard Ridge campus of Oakland Community College, (1-696 at Orchard Lake Road) Farmington Hills. Tickets \$16, (248) 471-7667.

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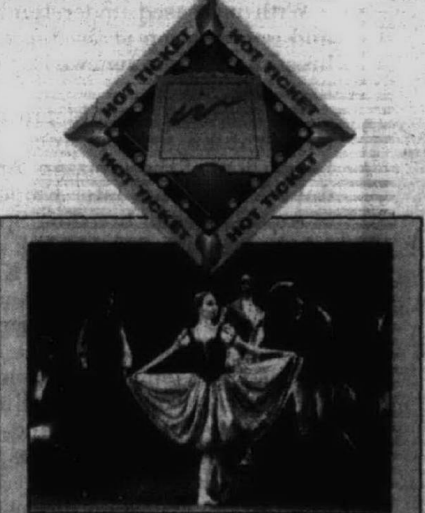


Suzanne Rogers and Craig Forhan star in The Farmington Players production of "The Heiress." Curtain 8 p.m., 32332 W. 12 Mile Road. Tickets \$8, (248) 553-2955.

SUNDAY



Youtheatre at Music Hall presents "The Color of Justice," a stirring Black History Month drama for family audiences, 2 p.m., 350 Madison Ave., Detroit. Tickets \$7 (advance) \$8 (at the door), call (313) 963-2366.



Hot Tix: American Ballet Theatre presents "Giselle" Thursday, Feb. 5, through Sunday, Feb. 8, at Detroit Opera House, (Madison Avenue at Broadway, one block east of Woodward Avenue), Detroit. Tickets range from \$15 - \$62, (313) 874-SING, or (248) 645-6666.



STAFF PHOTOS BY LAWRENCE R. MCKEE

Golden career: (Above) The hallway of Barrett Strong's Grapevine Co. in Southfield is lined with gold records he received for writing several Motown hits including "Ball of Confusion" by The Temptations, and "Too Busy Thinking About My Baby" by Marvin Gaye. (Below) Southfield resident Liz Thomas, who performs under the name "Eliza," will perform her single "I Said You'd Be My Only Lover" on the "Jenny Jones Show" Tuesday, Feb. 10.

Motown music maker looks ahead



STORIES BY CHRISTINA FUOCO • STAFF WRITER

MOTOWN MEMORIES

Who: The Motown Museum and radio station WMXD-FM (92.3)
What: Host a party
When: 8-11 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 15
Where: The Roostertail, the foot of Marquette Drive off Jefferson Avenue, Detroit.
Why: It's a party for Motown Records' 40th anniversary in conjunction with the ABC-TV special "Motown 40: The Music Is Forever" airing Sunday Feb. 15, and Thursday, Feb. 19.
How: The \$40 tickets include the party, a membership to the Motown Museum, and light hors d'oeuvres. For more information, call (313) 875-2264. For directions to the Roostertail, call (313) 822-1234

Other events include:

- The Motown Museum's 2648 Celebration, which will pay tribute to the late Ewart Abner, former president of Motown Records and the owner of Vee-Jay Records, 7 p.m. Saturday, April 4, at the Roostertail. The Miracles are scheduled to perform. Tickets are \$150 and there are sponsorship levels for corporations. For more information, call (313) 875-2264.
- Motown Records has numerous items on its slate. It will release "Motown 40 Forever," a 2-CD set on Tuesday, Feb. 17; a special edition of Motown's multi-platinum soundtrack to "The Big Chill"; and air a network docudrama about the career of The Temptations. Motown Records can be reached at <http://www.motown40.com>
- The Miracles, The Temptations and The Four Tops are tentatively scheduled to perform Thursday-Friday, June 11-12, at the Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Ticket information soon.

With his bald head and gold earring dangling from his left ear, Barrett Strong makes an impression wherever he goes.

He and his writing partner Liz "Eliza" Thomas walk into a sparsely seated Berkley diner and generate a few looks. The ironic thing is that the glances are for his style not for his notoriety.

Nobody in the restaurant seems to know that Strong, a Grammy Award winner, penned many Motown hits including "I Heard It Through the Grapevine," "Papa Was a Rolling Stone" and "Ball of Confusion."

Down 12 Mile Road, their Southfield office is modest but shines from the gold records lining the hallway. Asked about the gold records, and the Grammy Award for "Papa Was a Rolling Stone" that sits between stacks of papers, Strong fondly recalls his days with Motown.

"You look at it, and then you say, 'I wish those days can come back again.' Wow that was great. It was a beautiful time. Detroit was really jumping. I guess in any profession, when you achieve certain goals that you set for yourself, it brings a smile to your face."

This year, Motown Records and its founder Berry Gordy are celebrating its 40th year in business. The festivities began with the Super Bowl half-time show that included performances by The Temptations, Queen Latifah, Martha and the Vandellas, Smokey Robinson and Boyz II

Please see MOTOWN, E2



Dream comes true for Eliza

Working in a health-food store was never a dream of Southfield singer/songwriter Liz "Eliza" Thomas. But a chance meeting in her workplace may help her accomplish her dream to succeed as a musician.

Thomas, a 1984 graduate of Southfield High School, was working in the store and singing to herself when a customer told her he, too, writes songs. The patron was Barrett Strong, writer of "I Heard It Through the Grapevine" and "Papa Was a

Please see ELIZA, E2

U.S. violinist honeymoon in Amsterdam

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

Alexander Kerr was hoping he could find a bar on SuperBowl Sunday where he could watch the game. He's in Amsterdam and hasn't been able to see a football game all season.

Not that he's complaining. Kerr, 27, is the co-concertmaster of the Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra of Amsterdam, considered one of the world's premiere ensembles. The Orchestra comes to Ann Arbor's Hill Auditorium Feb. 11 as part of the University Musical Society series.



Alexander Kerr
Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra of Amsterdam

In 1996 Kerr, a native of Alexandria, Va., was a violinist with the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra and about to become married when his life took a turn.

"I got this call from an orchestra that said it was the Royal Netherlands Opera Orchestra. I thought it was a joke. I thought it was my friend Richie, who plays clarinet for the Cincinnati; he's always playing jokes, and I thought he was doing something stupid again," Kerr said, in a telephone conversation from his home in Amsterdam.

Kerr auditioned and won his position as co-concertmaster. He splits performances with another violinist while also performing in chamber groups and teaching at the Utrecht School of the Arts.

The young, enthusiastic violinist has been juggling life in a strange country, performing with a major orchestra and adjusting to a new marriage.

"Everybody in the states asks, how does everybody like you," Kerr said. "Amsterdam is such a multicultural city and there are so many nationalities in the orchestra, it was easy to fit in. The person that had my position

Please see VIOLINIST, E3



Concertgebouw: The acoustically acclaimed Concertgebouw is home to the orchestra that bears its name in Amsterdam.

FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT

Symphony in White: Riders perform an intricate, equine ballet, exhibiting maneuvers through the highest level of dressage in The Wonderful World of Horses featuring the Royal Lipizzaner Stallions.



'The Wonderful World of Horses' showcases noble breed

BY KEELY WYGONIK
STAFF WRITER

Saved from almost certain extinction by General George Patton and his men during World War II, the Lipizzaner Stallions are a rare and noble breed imported from Austria.

They will be galloping into The Palace of Auburn Hills for two shows on Sunday, Feb. 15.

"It's a very entertaining show," said Gary Lashinsky who has been producer of "The Wonderful World of Horses" starring the "World Famous Royal Lipizzaner Stallions" for over 29 years. This tour features 14 stallions.

"Millions of people around the world have seen the show," he said. "This is a very special horse. There are only 2,500

to 2,600 registered purebred Lipizzans." Besides entertaining audiences, Lashinsky said the show increases their understanding of this Austrian treasure. It visits metro Detroit every two to three years. They were last at The Palace in February, 1996.

This year's "A Symphony in White," salutes the Spanish Riding School of Vienna, a centuries-old training center in Austria, considered the "Harvard" of the equestrian world.

"We give you the opportunity to see something you can only see in Vienna," said Lashinsky.

"The Wonderful World of Horses" is an authentic presentation of the Spanish Riding School style, but is not affiliated with the school.

The show features all new music, choreography and routines with major emphasis on the historical background and foundation of the Lipizzaner breed, from its original breeding and use as a horse of war to a horse of nobility and aristocracy to a living form of equestrian art.

"Seeing these horses perform is like stepping back 425 years in time," said Lashinsky. "The costumes are traditional, very European and a throw back to the 16th or 17th century."

You'll see the spectacular leaps and maneuvers, once used by riders in saddle to protect and defend themselves on the battlefield, which are now preserved as

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The Wonderful World of Horses Starring the "World Famous Royal Lipizzaner Stallions"

When: 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 15
 Where: The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Drive, Auburn Hills.
 Tickets: \$18.50 and \$14.50 reserved. Seniors 62 and over, and children 12 and under receive \$2 off all tickets, call (248) 645-6666. Special Superfan seating also available. Groups of 15 or more receive \$3 off reserved tickets, call (248) 377-0100.

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Men. Bobby Rogers of The Miracles said he wouldn't have missed watching the show "for the world. It reminded me of a miniature Motown revue." Strong, however, had mixed feelings. "It's OK. It's great. I enjoy watching my friends and everything. But I'm a person like this: The music business is a youth-oriented business. At some point you have to stand back and look at yourself and figure out what

you got to do." The yearlong celebration will also include a four-hour, prime-time special "Motown 40: The Music is Forever," hosted by Diana Ross, on ABC Sunday, Feb. 15, and Thursday, Feb. 19. In conjunction with the special, the Motown Museum and radio station WMXD-FM (92.3) are having a party 8-11 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 15, at the Roostertail. The parties continue at 7 p.m. Saturday, April 4, when the

museum will pay tribute to the late Ewart Abner, the former president of Motown Records, at its annual 2648 Celebration at the Roostertail, which is also celebrating its 40th anniversary. "We encourage people to really recognize the impact of Motown and this culture," said Kristina King, who works in development at the Motown Museum. "When you really learn about the history of Motown and its extraordinary achievements, you'll see that it has uplifted people for 40 years and I'm sure it will go on forever. It was a remarkable thing to happen."

Strong isn't planning on celebrating the anniversary. "I haven't made plans except to congratulate them and talk to them about how great it was, how good it was that we made a sound and how good it feels to be part of such a successful story." Motown was founded in 1958 by Gordy, who referred to Motown as "the sound of young America," with \$800 he borrowed from his family.

One of the first groups he worked with was Smokey Robinson and the Matadors, later known as the Miracles, whom he discovered in 1958. He recorded their songs as an independent producer and leased the first Miracles' record "Got a Job/My Mama Done Told Me" to the New York label End.

Rogers and Bill Baran, his Dearborn-based manager, contend that 1998 is actually the 40th anniversary of the Miracles not necessarily Motown. "We released 'Got a Job' Feb. 19, 1958. Motown wasn't really in existence at that time. I guess the plan was in motion," said Rogers who lives in Southfield. "That was our first recording but since it was recorded by Berry Gordy who is like Motown, I guess that's why we say it's Motown's 40th anniversary." For Rogers, the 40 years have flown by. "No, I can't believe (it's been 40 years). I still think I'm about 25,"

he said with a laugh. Rogers along with fellow Miracles David Finley, who joined the group in 1978, and Sidney Justin, the former lead singer of Shalamar, will perform at the Fox Theatre in June with The Temptations and the Four Tops. The Miracles were the first band signed to Motown but the label's first hit came courtesy of Strong and his single "Money (That's What I Want)" in 1959. Strong, who met Gordy in a Detroit nightclub, is modest about his years at Motown.

"I was just a writer there. As an artist I recorded the song 'Money.' That was pretty much it." It doesn't end there. Strong worked with Gordy for 10 years before leaving to work for Vee-Jay Records in Chicago, the company which was the first to have masters of music by the Beatles.

"While I was there I wrote a song called 'Stay in My Corner' for The Dells. Then I came back to Motown where I became partners with Norman Whitfield. We wrote songs for The Temptations and 'I Heard it Through the Grapevine.'"

For two years Strong has been running the appropriately named Grapevine Co. in Southfield, of which Blarrit Records and Studio B are a part. He started the label as a way of releasing his and Eliza's music. "The music business today is so strange you never know what's going to happen. No matter what philosophy you have you have to believe in yourself and go for it. It's basically the same thing that Mr. Gordy did. He put the records out and he made it happen for him."

Strong recently released his single "Cold Hearted Woman/I Can't Love Again," and Eliza's album "I Want More." They are available at all Harmony House stores. The Detroit music scene, Strong said, lacks the camaraderie between acts it had in the '60s.

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Rolling Stone." "I never thought I'd meet someone like that in the store," said Eliza, pronounced Eleesa. The two hit it off and have since become writing partners. The result is her debut album "I Want More," on which she covers Strong's hit single "Money (That's What I Want)." The album, which couples acoustic-based music with hip-hop beats, was released on Strong's Blarrit Records last year. It is available in Harmony House stores.

She will perform the first single, the upbeat dance song "I Said You'd Be My Only Lover," on the "Jenny Jones Show" at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 10, on WDIV. "That is such a big thing. It was fun. I did a warm up and then Jenny Jones came in and said hi. She said she really loved the song."

Strong was just as impressed. "She did a heck of a job. She's a very talented lady. I think she's going to prove to be a real

force in the industry if she gets a chance. We're going to do everything we can to make that happen." A songwriter since she was in her mid-teens, Eliza grew up in a musical family. She and her sisters, Valerie and Michelle, frequently performed in their Armenian church. At home their father played the guitar and harmonica.

Although her parents discouraged a career in music, describing it as an "unstable lifestyle," Eliza entered Wayne State University to study opera and piano. When her pop music ambitions took a toll on her vocal chords, she was forced to choose between rock and opera. She concentrated on pop and earned a bachelor's degree in music from Wayne State University in 1992.

She now works as a full-time musician performing her music acoustically in coffeehouses, and singing top 40 songs with the "corporate-type wedding band" Royce.

"It was a great experience that I'll always remember," he said of his Motown days. "We were just one big old family. There were a lot of laughs, a lot of fun. There were a lot of tears shed. But it worked out great." Leaning back in his chair and glancing around the room nervously, Strong had nothing but praise for his years at Motown. "I learned from the guy who to

me was the master, as far as like picking a hit recording, and motivating and making things happen. It was a great experience for me because it gives me something to teach the new people that come through my studios," he said. "I'd love to do it again. If I die and come back, I'd come back doing the same thing."

Horses from page E1

an equine ballet. Their routines are accompanied by classical and classic pop music. "Every horse is working together, which is very rare for stallions," said Lashinsky. "These

horses mirror one another so they have the same look, like the Rockettes." The riders are all dressage trained, and come from all over the world including the United States.

Dressage is a French word for "schooling of the horse," and means harmony between horse and rider. Riders guide their mount through a set of maneuvers, without the perceptible use of hands or reins. Dressage can also be thought of as an equestrian ballet or aerobics where horse and rider work together. "They're very dedicated, and in their 20s and 30s," said Lashinsky. "We have the only outlet for exhibiting these horses. We're only competing for applause and the enjoyment of the audience."

With increased understanding and appreciation of the Lipizzan breed have come renewed efforts to save it. The Spanish Andalusian and the Arabian are the ancestral forefathers of the Lipizzan. Archduke Maximilian, later Emperor of Austria, began breeding Spanish horses around 1562. Eighteen years later, Archduke Karl, ruler of four Austrian provinces, established a royal stud farm in Lipizza. The horses became the property of nobility and the military aristocracy. The stallions were trained for battle, and the gentle white mares became the coach horses of the elite.

After the break up of the old Austrian Empire, Lipizza became a part of Italy. The Italian and Austrian governments divided the Lipizzan herd equally. The Republic of Austria took their horses to Piber in Steiermark. Piber, a privately owned stud farm, was founded in 1796 to breed calvary mounts for the army. In 1858 it became a government breeding farm. The Lipizzan is usually born black and changes slowly over a period of six to 10 years to final, pure white color.

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Pianist shares 'Pages from a Russian Album'

By LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER



Bonamici

When Anthony Bonamici went to study at the Moscow Conservatory 3 1/2 years ago, he barely understood Russian, now he speaks the language fluently. Bonamici returns home to Livonia 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7 to share an evening of romantic Russian piano music at Madonna University, 36600 Schoolcraft (I-96) and Levan.

This is the first of two free concerts, Bonamici will give this year at Kresge Hall. A 1993

graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School, the 22-year-old pianist formerly studied with Donald Morelock at Schoolcraft College. He attended the Shepherd School of Music at Rice University in Houston for one year prior to transferring to the Moscow Conservatory of Music where he still has 2 1/2 years of studies remaining before he receives a diploma. It's evident, Bonamici picked up the language as he went along. How else, could he have learned the Russian technique so well to bring the music of the masters to life in "Pages From a Russian Album."

The concert spotlights Tchaikovsky's "Dumka, Op. 59 (a Russian rustic scene)," Musorgsky's "Pictures at an Exhibition," and Rachmaninov's "Nine Etudes-Tableaux, Op. 39."

"It gives me a chance to show what I'm learning and it's a

great opportunity to perform new repertoire," said Bonamici. "It's a great goal to work up to."

Bonamici, who returned home Jan. 20, will leave Feb. 20 for the small apartment he shares in Moscow with a roommate. After the concert, he will spend a week in San Francisco relaxing with his parents Carol and David before returning to the Conservatory.

"It's a different environment than the universities here, not much socializing among students," said Bonamici. "There's a difference in the living standards in Moscow. When I first began my studies, it was difficult to find certain foods that I liked. But now, you can find anything you want if you have the money."

Bonamici started taking piano lessons at age five, studied at Hammell Music a few years then moved on to advanced lessons

with Donald Morelock. In the summer of 1994, after completing an intensive three-week study performance tour in Russia sponsored by the International Fine Arts Institute with Morelock, Bonamici was accepted as a full-time piano student at the Moscow Conservatory where he has received perfect scores from a panel of faculty judges.

After completing studies at the conservatory, Bonamici plans to concertize and teach. Whether he remains in Moscow, depends on the opportunities available.

"I feel something for music," said Bonamici. "It's one of the loves of my life. People in Russia have a deep respect for classical music. In Moscow, music is not an elitist thing. When I go to concerts I see policeman and people from the army in the audience.

People are able to afford tickets to concerts."

The other love in Bonamici's life is cooking and fine wines. He enjoys entertaining friends and sometimes cooks for his roommate's catering service thereby earning extra money for side-trips to Paris.

A former winner of the Livonia Symphony Orchestra's Young Artist Competition, Bonamici has performed with the orchestra twice, the last time in 1993. He has also played with the Lyric Chamber Ensemble.

Bonamici has a long list of achievements including being the first student to perform on the prestigious Cranbrook Guild Recital Series in Bloomfield Hills. He was also chosen to perform concert with the Michigan Youth Festival Orchestra on three separate occasions. He was a national award winner in two

competitions sponsored by the Music Teachers National Association, one of the top three junior high school winners in 1990, and the first place high school student in 1991.

In 1992, as a 16-year-old composer, Bonamici wrote a piano concerto that won first place in the BMI student competition for youth up to age 26 in the Western Hemisphere. He received the William Schuman Award at the Plaza Hotel in New York City with composers Milton Babbitt and George Crumb in attendance. Later that year at the Aspen School of Music, he wrote and participated in a performance premier of his first Piano Quartet.

Bonamici recorded his first CD and is currently recording a second for which orders will be taken at the Feb. 7 concert.

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before me was Russian."

Kerr joked that his contract requires him "to make an effort to speak Dutch." He said he's picked up some of the language and has all the musical terms down so he can get through rehearsals.

And the marriage?

"I'm apologizing to my wife every day, our lives are in such hectic chaos," he said.

Kerr was invited to audition for the orchestra three weeks before the wedding and his new bride had to adjust to starting married life in Holland.

"It's a big strain. But it's exciting for a new couple to go on a journey, move to a new country, experience Europe," Kerr said.

Still, the music has been worth the inconveniences. The Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra under the direction of Riccardo Chailly has been receiving rave reviews for its concerts and its recordings.

Founded in 1888, the orchestra takes its name from the acoustically acclaimed concert hall in which it regularly performs ("God's instrument," says Kerr). The orchestra has won renown for its performances of late 19th century and post-Romantic works including the music of Brahms, Mahler, Bruckner and Richard Strauss. Many famous composers have been guest conductors for the orchestra or have written explicitly for it.

The orchestra will perform Bruckner's unfinished Symphony No. 9 in D minor and a Mahler tone poem, "Totenfeier," in Ann Arbor. At other venues on the monthlong tour, the orchestra will perform Mahler's Symphony No. 5 in D-sharp minor, which has just been released as a CD on Decca/London. The orchestra has a long association with Mahler and the Fifth Symphony, which Mahler premiered with the orchestra in 1906.

Chailly, an Italian and the orchestra's first non-Dutch conductor, has performed many 20th century works with the symphony.

"He's brought a lot of contemporary music into their repertoire," Kerr said. "It's incredible what he's done with this orchestra in the last 10 years."

But, Kerr said, the orchestra itself carries on a rich tradition. He said the spirit of Mahler and Bruckner actually seem to be present when the orchestra rehearses and performs.

ART BEAT

OPENING RECEPTION

The Livonia Arts Commission hosts a reception for Birmingham watercolorist Nancy Hopper 2-4:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 8 in the Livonia Civic Center Fine Arts Gallery, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington.

Hopper's exhibition, "Sharing My Heart" runs Feb. 3 to March 1.

Next to the gallery in the exhibition cases, an arts commission show of pottery by James Castiglione of Milford runs Feb. 2-26.

CONCERT PROGRAM

Music Critic John Guinn will present a lecture 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 12 at Madonna University, 36600 Schoolcraft, Livonia. The program highlights the evening's concert by the Detroit Symphony Orchestra at Orchestra Hall. The non-credit fee of \$20 includes one ticket to the performance.

To register, call (734) 432-5731.

Comparing the two composers, Kerr said it is often said that a Mahler symphony is like a journey up a mountain and the end is where you look around at the world below while with Bruckner you're already on top of the mountain and spend a lot of time looking around.

Kerr said the important thing about the unfinished symphony was creating the right atmosphere.

"He was a religious man," Kerr

said. "This is an unfinished work, and he's seen death approaching, but somehow he's hopeful. There is a simplicity you don't find in other Bruckner."

The Concertgebouw CD of the Mahler Fifth is a dynamic, rich, beautiful production showing off the orchestra's acclaimed warm, full string section and also its pure, clear horn and woodwind sections and dramatic percussion.

"It's a typical Mahler fest, one

of the most beautiful I know," said Kerr, who said he hadn't heard the new CD yet.

He said the symphony's famous slow *Adagio* is sublime and always associated in his mind with Leonard Bernstein because it was played at his funeral.

"Always when I hear that I think of that, of Bernstein and of the tragedy of Mahler's life," Kerr said.

Kerr began learning violin

when he was 7 years old. His mother was a concert pianist and his father played guitar. He studied at the Juilliard and Curtis music schools.

"For me, it's more than just the music," he said. "I'd see people going off to 9 to 5 jobs every day that they didn't like and I'd say why do they do it. I play violin. I get to have fun when I work and when I don't. The music drew me in and I couldn't live without it. ... It's a dream to play in this

kind of orchestra. I wouldn't give it up."

Kerr said he wants to continue with the orchestra, teach and develop his chamber performance career.

He tries to spend at least three months in the United States. Meanwhile, he scans the World Wide Web for news from home and searches for someplace where football doesn't mean soccer.

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AVENUE PRODUCTIONS/ATTIC THEATRE
 "A Closer Walk with Patsy Cline," featuring Susan Arnold as "Patsy" singing 20 of Cline's most memorable songs with a five-piece band, 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 5-7, and Thursday-Friday, Feb. 12-13, 5 p.m. with live music afterward Saturday, Feb. 14, and 2 p.m. Sundays, Feb. 8, and Feb. 15, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Group rates available. \$22 Thursdays and Sundays, \$27 Fridays and Saturdays. Colangelo's Sunday brunch package \$33; Bacchi Abbracci dinner packages \$35 and \$39. (248) 335-8101

CAPITOL THEATRE
 "Of Mice and Men," Thursday-Sunday, Feb. 12-22, in the theater's Pentastar Playhouse, 121 University Ave. West, Windsor, Ontario, Canada. \$14, \$12 students and seniors. (519) 253-9065 or capitol@mnsi.net or http://www.mnsi.net/~capitol

DETROIT REPERTORY THEATRE
 "Fences," through Sunday, March 22, at the theater, 13103 Woodrow Wilson, Detroit. 8:30 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays, 3 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sundays. \$15. (313) 868-1347

JEWISH ENSEMBLE THEATRE
 "Taking Sides," Wednesday-Sunday, Feb. 11-March 8, Aaron DeRoy Theatre, 6600 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield. 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Thursdays and Sundays, 8 p.m. Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays and Wednesday, March 4. \$13-\$23 with discounts for seniors, students and groups. (248) 788-2900

MASONIC TEMPLE THEATRE
 "Annie," the 20th anniversary, with Sally Struthers as Miss Hannigan, Conrad John Schuck as Daddy Warbucks and Brittny Kissinger as Annie, Tuesday-Sunday, Feb. 10-15, at the theater, 500 Temple Ave., Detroit. Tickets at Ticketmaster. (313) 832-2232

MEADOW BROOK THEATRE
 "What the Butler Saw," a comedy about a philandering psychiatrist who's chasing his would-be secretary while his wife has an affair with a hotel bellhop, previews 8 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, Feb. 11-13, opening night Saturday, Feb. 14, and runs through Sunday, March 8, at the theater in Wilson Hall on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester. 8 p.m. previews (\$18), 8 p.m. Tuesdays (\$22), 2 p.m. Wednesdays (\$22), 8 p.m. Fridays (\$26.50), 2 p.m. Saturdays (\$22), 6 p.m. Saturdays (\$32), 8 p.m. Saturdays (\$32), 2 p.m. Sundays (\$22), and 6:30 p.m. Sundays (\$26.50). (248) 377-3300

MICHIGAN PLAYWRIGHTS
 "Ten Minute Plays," a variety pack by members of the Michigan Playwrights with audience talk-back at the end, 7 p.m. Fridays, Feb. 13 and 20, Southfield Center for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road (between Nine and 10 Mile roads). Donations accepted at door.

PURPLE ROSE THEATRE COMPANY
 "Julie Johnson," Wendy Hammond's poignant story of an uneducated young mother who seeks a better life for herself and her two children, 8 p.m. Wednesdays to Saturdays, 3 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. Sundays through March 14. \$20 Wednesday-Saturdays and Sundays, \$25 Friday-Saturdays. Advanced tickets recommended. (734) 475-7902, group sales 475-5817

WALK AND SQUAWK
 "Inhlanzi Ishelwe Amanzi - As Fish Out of Water," a multilingual tapestry of diverse South African characters, images, observations and personal stories, 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 5, and Saturday, Feb. 7, and 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 8, Wayne State University's General Lectures Building, corner of Anthony Wayne Drive and Warren Avenue, Detroit. \$12 and \$15. (734) 668-0407

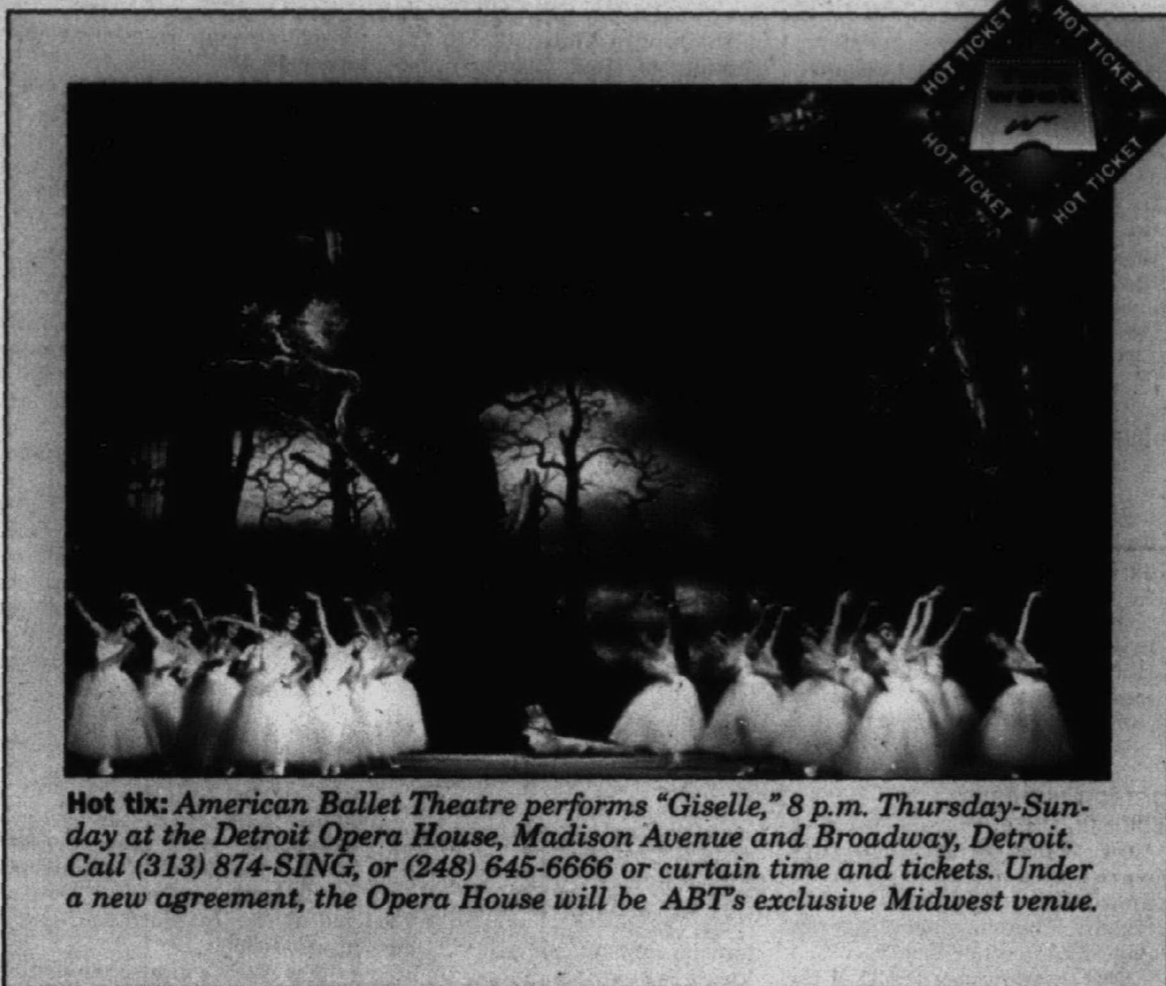
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U-M UNIVERSITY PRODUCTIONS
 "The Best People," a fast-paced romp that moves from the drawing rooms of the upper crust to the speakeasies of New York City, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 12-14, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 15, Lydia Mendelssohn Theatre, Michigan League, 911 N. University, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. \$18, \$14 (reserved seating), and \$7 (student). (734) 764-0450

WSU BONSTELLE THEATRE
 "Flyin' West," the story of four African-American female pioneers who settled in the all-black town of Nicodemus, Kansas, by Pearl Cleage, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 6-8, at the theater, 3424 Woodward Ave., on the campus of Wayne State University, Detroit. (313) 577-2960

WSU HILBERRY THEATRE
 "A Woman of No Importance," Oscar Wilde's story of a woman's struggle in a man's world in the late 1800s asks if a woman betrayed by her lover should sacrifice the child's future happiness to revenge her honor, Friday, Feb. 13, to Thursday, April 23, 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, and 2 p.m. Wednesdays and Saturdays, at the theater, 3424 Woodward Ave. on the Wayne State University campus, Detroit. \$10-\$17. (313) 577-2972

COMMUNITY



Hot tip: American Ballet Theatre performs "Giselle," 8 p.m. Thursday-Sunday at the Detroit Opera House, Madison Avenue and Broadway, Detroit. Call (313) 874-SING, or (248) 645-6666 or certain time and tickets. Under a new agreement, the Opera House will be ABT's exclusive Midwest venue.

THEATER

PLYMOUTH THEATRE GUILD
 "Sweet Charity," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturdays, Feb. 13-14, 20-21, 27-28, and 6 p.m. Sundays, Feb. 15, at the Water Tower Theatre, 41001 W. Seven Mile Road (west of I-275 between Haggerty and Northville roads), on the campus of the Northville Psychiatric Hospital, Northville. \$11 in advance, \$12 at door. (248) 349-7110

P.T.D. PRODUCTIONS
 "The Man Who Came to Dinner," classic American comedy by Moss Hart and George S. Kaufman, 8 p.m. Thursday-Sunday, Feb. 12-15, and 19-21, Riverside Arts Center, 76 N. Huron, Ypsilanti. \$12, \$9 students and seniors. (734) 483-7345

ROSEDALE COMMUNITY PLAYERS
 "The Boys Next Door," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturdays, Feb. 6-7 and 13-14, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 8, at the Upstage Theater, 21728 Grand River (east of Lahser Road), Detroit. \$10, all seats reserved. (313) 532-4010/537-7716

FARMINGTON PLAYERS
 "The Heiress," opens 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 6 at the Players Barn, 32332 W. 12 Mile Road, (1/2 mile west of Orchard Lake Road), Curtain 8 p.m. Feb. 7-8; 13-15; 20-22; 26-28. Tickets \$8, call (248) 553-2955.

DINNER THEATRE

GENITTI'S HOLE-IN-THE-WALL
 The Gaylords, Friday-Saturday, Feb. 6-7. \$45; "Trial By Error" (\$39.95), through the spring at the restaurant, 108 E. Main St., Northville. Prices include seven-course dinner of soup, bread, pasta, antipasto salad, baked chicken, Italian sausage, Italian steak, vegetables and dessert, the show, tax and tip. (248) 349-0522

JACKSONN PRODUCTIONS DINNER THEATRE
 "The Retirement Murders," an audience participation murder mystery comedy, 6:30 p.m. Saturdays through March 7, Fiorelli's Restaurant, 26125 E. Huron River Dr., Flat Rock. \$28 in advance, \$33 at the door, includes dinner, show, tax and tip. Non-smoking dinner theater. (734) 782-1431

YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

CAPITOL THEATRE
 "The Pied Piper of Hamelin," one-hour musical based on the children's fable, 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 5, in the theater's Pentastar Playhouse, 121 University Ave. West, Windsor, Ontario, Canada. \$8, \$7 children, prices Canadian. (519) 253-9065 or capitol@mnsi.net or http://www.mnsi.net/~capitol

YOUTH THEATRE
 "The Color of Justice" by Theatreworks/USA, as part of the Movin' Up Club Season for those ages 7 and older, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 8, at Music Hall, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit. \$7. Children younger than 5 will not be admitted to the theater. (313) 963-2366

SPECIAL EVENTS

"BEACH BASH 1998"
 Camp Ticonderoga restaurant's annual event featuring reggae music by O.C. Roberts and the Samaritans, 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 5, and La Trinity (formerly known as Trindad Tripoli Steel Band), 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 6-7, an oyster bar, hairbraiding, limbo contests, tropical food such as jerk buffalo balls, blackened catfish, Jamaican jerk chicken, rum runners and pina colodas, and tattoos in the tattoo hut, at the restaurant, 5725 Rochester Road (south of Square Lake Road), Troy, Free. 21 and older. Weekend also includes polar golf tournament, 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7.

\$42 includes shotgun scramble tournament, a polar party pack, a Jamaican lunch, an imported cigar and a chance to win prizes. (248) 828-BUCK

BELLE TIRE DETROIT AUTORAMA
 With more than 800 exhibits of hot rods and custom cars, trucks, vans and motorcycles, "Frankenstude," Boyd Coddington's cherry red "Boydair," an "All-Harley Review," and guest appearances by funny car driver John Force, "Baywatch" star Donna D'Errico, Red Wing player Kris Draper, Kenny Baker who played R2D2 in "Star Wars," Peggy Sue Geroni about whom Buddy Holly wrote "Peggy Sue," and Belle Tire spokeswoman Leila Sbitani, 5-11 p.m. Friday, Feb. 13, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 14, and 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 15, Cobo Center, Detroit. \$10, \$4 for children younger than 12, in advance at all Belle Tire locations; \$12, \$5 for children younger than 5 at the door. (810) 650-5560

"A BROADWAY CELEBRATION"
 Camelot Productions presents songs from Broadway favorites by performers heard with the Michigan Opera Theatre, Montreaux Jazz Festival, and on Broadway, 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 15, the Hellenic Cultural Center, 36375 Joy Road, Westland. \$15, \$10 to children. To benefit Sts. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church in Westland. (734) 525-6789

DETROIT BOAT SHOW
 Featuring more than 300 boat dealers and marine businesses, 1,000 boats of all types and sizes, more than 100 manufacturers, and a Squalus Live Shark Show with a 9,000 gallon salt-water tank, divers with huge circling sharks and an antique and classic boat exhibit, 3-10 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Feb. 5-6, noon to 10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7, and noon to 8 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 8, Cobo Center, Detroit. \$8 adults, free for children ages 12 and younger with an adult, free for seniors ages 62 and older on Monday. (800) 932-2628 (benefit)/(800) 224-3008 (show)

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MICHIGAN ANTIQUE RADIO CLUB
 Swap meet featuring antique household radios, vintage amateur gear, old military equipment and related items, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7, Armenian Center, 19319 Ford Road, Dearborn. \$3 starting at 8 a.m., \$10 early bird admission at 7 a.m. (313) 274-1948/(248) 399-2149

"THE ORIGINAL TOUGHMAN CONTEST"
 Amateur boxing, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 6-7, Cobo Arena, Detroit. \$35 front-row seats, \$25 VIP tables and floor seats, \$13 floor seats and tier A&B reserved, \$10 general admission. (313) 983-6616

"VISIONS TO REMEMBER"
 Antiques show and sale, preview reception Friday, Feb. 6, show and sale 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 8, Edsel and Eleanor Ford House activities center, 1100 Lake Shore Dr., Grosse Pointe Shores. \$6 for show, benefits Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology. (313) 824-4710

FAMILY EVENTS

BIRMINGHAM WINTERFEST
 Featuring an ice festival in Shain Park, and sales throughout downtown Birmingham, Thursday-Sunday, Feb. 5-8. (248) 433-3550

JON ROSS DANCE MAGIC SHOW
 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 8, JD's Macomb Theatre, 31 N. Walnut St., Mount Clemens. Cover charge, benefits Turning Point Shelter. All ages. (810) 465-5154

WALLED LAKE ICE FESTIVAL
 Featuring ice-carving demonstrations, Bogue's Bar and Grill Polar Golf Outing, Frigate's Inn's winter softball tournament on Walled Lake, spaghetti dinner, pancake breakfast, performances at the Off-the-Wall Acoustic Coffee House, and indoor activities at the Community Education Building, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 8, Walled Lake Community Education Building courtyard, 615 N. Pontiac Trail (south of Maple Road), Walled Lake. Free. All ages. (248) 926-9004

BENEFITS
FIRST POLISH ARMORED DIVISION ANNUAL BALL
 With presentation of portrait of Wislawa Szymborska, Nobel Prize winner, 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7, at the American Polish Cultural Center, 2975 E. Maple Road (at Dequindre Road), Troy. \$35 donation includes dinner, dancing to "Delights." Reservations necessary. (734) 422-3520

"HEARTS FOR THE ARTS '98"
 A benefit dinner and celebrity art auction presented by the Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra and the Heart Care Program of the University of Michigan Health System, 6:30 p.m. champagne reception and silent auction, 7:30 p.m. dinner Friday, Feb. 13, Crown Plaza, Ann Arbor. \$75. (734) 994-8011

REMEMBRANCE OF JUAN LOBEL
 A benefit for the family of Casa de Espana restaurant owner Juan Lobell who died of injuries sustained in a car accident, featuring entertainment by flamenco dancers, singers and guitarists, mariachis, Irish singers, dancers, bagpipers and Argentinean guacho music, 1-8 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 8, Gaelic League/Irish American Club, 2068 Michigan Ave., Detroit. \$25. (313) 964-8700, 2-9 p.m.

VARIETY, THE CHILDREN'S CHARITY
 A dinner of snow crab cakes, lobster bisque, and samplers of chicken wellington, filet mignon and honey-roasted salmon, 5:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 8, at Fleetwood on Sixth, 209 W. Sixth St. (between Main and Washington streets), Royal Oak. \$50, reservations required, to benefit local children's charities. (248) 258-5511

VALENTINE'S DAY
'80S DANCE
 With The Ladaros and The Latin Counts, 7:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 14, at St. Kevin's Hall, 30043 Parkwood (between Middlebelt and Henry Ruff roads), \$22 donation. 21 and older. (734) 722-7907/525-5680

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE VALENTINE DINNER/DANCE
 With dinner and dancing to the music of Johnny Trudell, 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 14, at the college's Waterman Center, 18600 Haggerty Road (between Six and Seven Mile roads), Livonia. \$37.50, proceeds benefit Schoolcraft College Foundation and Continuing Education Services. Physical Education programs. (734) 462-4417

VALENTINE DINNER DANCE
 With music by the Farmington Community Band, 6:30 p.m. cocktail hour followed by 7:30 p.m. dinner Friday, Feb. 13, Glen Oaks Country

Club, 30500 W. 13 Mile Road (between Middlebelt and Orchard Lake roads), Farmington Hills. \$32. (734) 261-2202/(248) 489-3412

CLASSICAL

BIRMINGHAM MUSICALE
 A "Parade of American Music" featuring works of outstanding local composers, 1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 12, at The Community House, 360 S. Bates St., Birmingham. \$2 guest fee, visitors welcome. (248) 475-5978

ANTHONY BONAMICI
 Presents "Pages From a Russian Album," an evening of Russian romantic piano music including Tchaikovsky's "Dumka, Op. 59 (a Russian rustic scene)," Mussorgsky's "Pictures at an Exhibition," and Rachmaninov's "Nine Etudes-Tableaux, Op. 39," 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7, at Madonna University, 36600 Schoolcraft Road (I-96, at Levan Road), Livonia. Free. (734) 432-5709 or http://www.munet.edu

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
 With conductor Richard Hickox, soprano Janice Chandler, baritone John Shirley-Quirk, Detroit Concert Choir, and Vanguard Voices, perform Mozart's "Exsultate Jubilate," Faure's "Requiem," and Vaughan Williams' "Symphony No. 2," 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Feb. 12-13, and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 14, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$17-\$60. (313) 576-5111

GRAMERCY TRIO
 Violinist Sharan Leventhal, pianist Beth Levin and cellist Jonathan Miller perform Dvorak, Schumann and Ravel, 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 8, Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. \$12 rows 1-5, \$8 general seating, \$5 students. (734) 769-2999 or http://www.peus.com/kch

LIVONIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
 Performs music from Beethoven to Gershwin, with guest pianist 14-year-old Joshua Cullen, a University of Michigan music student who has performed and recorded nationally and internationally, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7, at Churchill High School auditorium, 8900 Newburgh Road (north of Joy Road), Livonia. \$12.50 (248) 645-6666/(734) 421-1111/464-2741

ROYAL CONCERTGEBOUW ORCHESTRA OF AMSTERDAM
 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 11, Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University, Ann Arbor. \$20-\$55. (800) 221-1229 or http://www.ums.org

ST. PAUL CHAMBER ORCHESTRA
 With pianist Emanuel Ax, conductor Hugh Wolff, and the Dale Warland Singers, 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 6, Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University, Ann Arbor. \$16-\$45. (800) 221-1229 or http://www.ums.org

WARREN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
 Performs Mahler's Symphony No. 6 subtitled "Tragic," 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 8, Warren Woods Community Theater, 13400 12 Mile Road (west of Schoenherr Road), Warren. \$17, \$15 senior and student, \$5 children 12 and younger. (810) 754-2950

WINDSOR SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
 "No Frills Friday," 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 13, Chrysler Theatre in the Cleary International Centre, 201 Riverside Dr. West, Windsor, Ontario, Canada. (800) 387-9181 or http://www.city.windsor.on.ca/cleary

POPS/SWING
"AN EVENING OF CABARET"
 Featuring pianist Gene Gaunt, bassist Keith Orr and special guests from the Ann Arbor Civic Theatre, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 13-14, Civic Playhouse, 2275 Platt Road, Ann Arbor. \$15, benefits the Ann Arbor Civic Theatre. (734) 971-AACT

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
 With conductor Erich Kunzel, special guest Mercedes Ellington, vocalists Monica Cantrell and Sam Gibson, and dancers Mark Esposito, Lyn Wiltshire-Beer Elam, Rory Johnson and Jennifer Ladner, as part of "Sophisticated Ellington: Symphony and Swing," 10:45 a.m. and 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 5, 8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 6-7, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 8, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$17-\$60. (313) 576-5111

IMPERIAL SWING ORCHESTRA
 10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 13, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 18 and older. (swing) (734) 485-5050

RITA MACNEIL
 Canadian television star performs a variety of songs, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 8, Chrysler Theatre in the Cleary International Centre, 201 Riverside Dr. West, Windsor, Ontario, Canada. (800) 387-9181 or http://www.city.windsor.on.ca/cleary

MIGHTY BLUE KINGS
 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 12, Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. \$10 in advance. 18 and older. (swing) (248) 333-2362 or http://www.961melt.com

JUAN-JOSE MOSALINI AND HIS GRAND TANGO ORCHESTRA
 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 13, Rackham Auditorium, University of Michigan, Rackham Building, 915 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor. \$16-\$30. (800) 221-1229 or http://www.ums.org

THE CANADIAN BRASS
 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 8, Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University, Ann Arbor. \$18-\$30. (800) 221-1229 or http://www.ums.org

AUDITIONS
LITTLE MISS AND MASTER OF AMERICA
 Accepting applications from teens (ages 13-18), girls (ages 3-12), and boys (ages 3-7) for Michigan's 11th annual photogenic, modeling and talent search held Saturday-Sunday, March 28-29. Portion of proceeds will be donated to "Make-A-Wish" Foundation. (248) 650-1741

FARMINGTON PLAYERS
 Auditions for two women and seven men for Neil Simon comedy "Laughter on the 23rd Floor," 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 9, at the Players Barn, 32332 W. 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills. (248) 553-4506/553-2955

NOVI THEATRES
 Auditions for ages 10-18 years for "The Wind in the Willows," 4 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 10, and Thursday, Feb. 12, Novi Civic Center Stage, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi. If cast, the fee is \$125. Rehearsals 4-6 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. For performances May 15-17. (248) 347-0400

ROSEDALE COMMUNITY PLAYERS
 Auditions for six women and two men of all ages for the female version of Neil Simon's "The Odd Couple," 7 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, Feb. 10-11, at the Upstage Theater, 21728 Grand River (east of Lahser Road), Detroit. For April performances. (313) 881-0978

KENNY BARRON
 "Solo on the Steinway," 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7, Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. \$25 rows 1-2, \$15 rows 3-5, and \$10 general seating. All ages. (734) 769-2999 or http://www.peus.com/kch

SANDRA BOMAR TRIO
 7-11 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 5, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (vocal/piano/bass trio) (248) 645-2150

JACK DRYDEN TRIO
 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 13, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (bass/piano/guitar trio) (248) 645-2150

HENRY GIBSON TRIO
 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 6, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (piano/bass/drums trio) (248) 645-2150

HEIDI HEPLER AND MICHELE RAMO
 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, Feb. 6, Cafe Cortina, 30715 W. 10 Mile, Farmington Hills; 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7, at Vic's Market, 42875 Grand River, Novi. Free. All ages; 7:30-11 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7, at Phoenicia, 588 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. (248) 474-3033/(248) 305-7330/(248) 644-3122

KIMMIE HORNE
 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 6-7, at D.L. Harrington's Roadhouse, 2086 Crooks Road (at M-59), Rochester Hills. Cover charge. 21 and older. (jazz/pop) (248) 852-0550

SHEILA LANDIS
 With her trio, guitarist Rick Matie and percussionist Dennis Sheridan, 9:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 6-7, Smitty's 222 Main, 222 Main St., Rochester. Free. All ages; With Rick Matie, 9:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 12, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Cover charge. 21 and older. (248) 852-1600/(313) 886-8101

FRANK MCCULLERS TRIO
 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Feb. 7, as part of the Chinese New Year celebration at Agape Caffe, 205 Fifth Ave. (at Center Street), Royal Oak. Free, 25-cent surcharge on drinks during live entertainment. All ages. (248) 546-1400

MATT MICHAELS TRIO
 With saxophone player George Benson, 8-11:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 5, and with guest vocalist April Tini, 8-11:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 12, at the Botsford Inn, 28000 Grand River Ave., Farmington. \$5 cover waived with dinner (5:30-8 p.m.) plus \$5 drink minimum. (248) 474-4800

JEANNINE MILLER AND VINCENT SHANDOR TRIO
 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 6-7, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley, Ann Arbor. \$5, 21 and older. (734) 662-8310

MICHELE RAMO AND HEIDI HEPLER
 7:30-11 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7, Phoenicia's restaurant, 588 S. Old Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. All ages. (Brazilian jazz) (248) 644-3122

TANAREID QUINTET
 9 p.m. and 11 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 6-7, and 2 p.m. showtime during 1-4 p.m. Sunday Brunch Sunday, Feb. 8, SereNgeti Ballroom, 2957 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Musicians workshop 1:30-3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7, at the ballroom. \$20 per show and for the workshop. (modern jazz) (313)

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PAUL VORNHAGEN QUARTET

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DONALD WALDEN TRIO

9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 7, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (sax/piano/bass trio) (248) 645-2150

URSULA WALKER AND BUDDY BUDSON

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

STEVE WOOD

7:30-11:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Feb. 5-6, Millie Scott, Saturday, Feb. 7 at Fleetwood on Sixth, 209 West Sixth Street, between Main and Washington, Royal Oak. (248) 541-8050

WORLD MUSIC

DADDY LONGLEGS

10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 18 and older. (reggae) (734) 485-5050

STEVE CREOLE AND THE MIDWEST FERGUSON ENSEMBLE

Former member and co-founder of NRBO, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$12.50. All ages. (cajun) (734) 761-1451

IMMIGRANT SONS

With The Articles, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$5. 18 and older. (Eastern European/Jamaican jazz) (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com>

FOLK/BLUEGRASS

MIKE AGRANOFF

With Jim Bertin and George Garcia (a.k.a. George and Me), 8:10-10:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7, at Off-The-Wall Acoustic Coffee House, at St. William parish hall, Walled Lake. \$7.50, \$15 family, \$5 student. (248) 624-1421

ANN ARBOR COUNCIL FOR TRADITIONAL MUSIC AND DANCE

Open jam for string band musicians who play traditional dance tunes, 4-6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7, Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Road (1/2 mile south of I-94), Ann Arbor. Free. (734) 662-3371

DAVID BARRETT AND KITTY DONOHOE

8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 12, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$10, \$9 members, students and seniors. \$10, \$9 members, students and seniors. All ages. (734) 761-1451

AL AND EMILY CANTRELL

Featured in the movie "A River Runs Through It," 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 5, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$11, \$10 members, students, seniors. All ages. (fiddle/vocals) (734) 761-1451

CHESAPEAKE

With Slaid Cleaves and The RFD Boys, 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 6, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$12.50. All ages. (bluegrass) (734) 761-1451

RON CODEN

9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 6-7, at O'Mara's Restaurant, 2555 W. 12 Mile Road (at Coolidge Highway), Berkley. Free. 21 and older. (248) 399-6750

"FOLKIN' A2"

With Chris Buhalis, Brian Lillie, Lisa Hunter, Jo Serrapere, Jim Roll, KC Groves, Rolie Tussing III and Kevin Meisel, hosted by Dick Siegel, 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 8, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$10, \$9 members, students, seniors. All ages. (734) 761-1451

LISA HUNTER

8-10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 6, Borders Books and Music, 1122 S. Rochester Road, Rochester. Free. All ages. (acoustic pop folk) (248) 652-0558

RAVEN

Sing songs, tells stories, shows slides, and reads poetry about backpacking through the 2,138-mile Appalachian Trail from Georgia to Maine, also appearing Ray Brown, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7, Botsford Inn, 28000 Grand River Ave. (at Eight Mile Road), Farmington Hills. \$10 donation. (313) 532-0546

VINT & MATHILDA

"Not your father's folk duo," in coffee house concert with MerGin's acoustic rock, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7, at the U-Club, first floor of Michigan Union, 530 S. State St., Ann Arbor. \$7, \$5 students/seniors with ID, \$3 ages 6-12, free for kids 5 and younger. (734) 327-2041/763-3202

MATT WATROBA

Celebrates release of CD "Live at the Ark," with a performance, 9-11 p.m. Friday, Feb. 6, Xhedos Cafe, 240 W. Nine Mile Road, Ferndale. (248) 399-3946

POETRY/SPOKEN WORD

"FOREPLAY"

A preview of the Valentine's Day Detroit Erotic Poetry and Music Festival at Holbrook Cafe, with Juxtaposition featuring Cindi St. Germain and John White, and Hobby House open mic readers, 8 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 8, Roadrunner's Raft, 2363 Yemans, Hamtramck. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 873-7238

"HEAVY PETTING"

Another preview of the Valentine's Day Detroit Erotic Poetry and Music Festival at Holbrook Cafe, featuring Advice for Addicts, Juxtaposition, Todd Pasini and the glam/pop band Spat, 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 13, Lili's, 2930 Jacob, Hamtramck. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 875-6555

DANCE

AMERICAN BALLET THEATRE

"Giselle," 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Feb. 5-6, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 8, Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit. \$15-\$62. (313) 874-SING

DADDY DAUGHTER DANCE

The West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation's annual sweetheart ball, 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 12, Shenandoah Country Club, 5600 Walnut Lake Road (at Drake Road). \$20 per couple for residents of West Bloomfield, \$10 for each additional person, \$24 per couple non-residents. \$10 for each additional person. Reservations deadline Monday, Feb. 9, (248) 738-2500

EISENHOWER DANCE ENSEMBLE

"Dances for Lovers," featuring seven dances about love and relationships, 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 6, Smith Theatre, Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge campus, 27055 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. \$16. (248) 471-7667

FIRST SATURDAY CONTRA DANCE

Featuring caller Erna-Lynn Bogue, hosted by the Ann Arbor Council for Traditional Music and Dance, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7, Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Road (1/4 mile south of I-94), Ann Arbor. No partner needed. \$6. (734) 769-1052

ROCKY ROAD ADVANCED CONTRA-ENGLISH DANCE

With caller Susan English and music by David West and Donna Baird, 7:45 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 10, Chapel Hill Condominium clubhouse, 3350 Green Road (north of Plymouth Road), Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 662-5158

U-M DANCE DEPARTMENT

University Dance Company presents "Changing Steps" by Merce Cunningham, featuring three U-M choreographers' interpretations of each point on the compass and Cunningham's work representing east, and Jessica Fogel's "North of Here" inspired by the University of Michigan Museum of Art's current Monet exhibition, 8 p.m. Thursday-Sunday, Feb. 5-7, Power Center for the Performing Arts, 121 Fletcher St., Ann Arbor. \$14 and \$18, \$7 students. (734) 764-0450

COMEDY

BIG RED'S COMEDY CLUB

Steve Mitchell, Friday-Saturday, Feb. 6-7; Bryan McRee, Friday-Saturday, Feb. 13-14, at Mr. B's Roadhouse, 595 N. Lapeer Road (M-10), Oxford. Call for reservations and show times. (248) 628-6500

JAMIE FOX

8 p.m. (sold out) and 11 p.m. Friday, Feb. 13 (sold out), and 8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 16, Fox Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$27.50 and \$35. All ages. (248) 433-1515

JD'S MACOMB THEATRE

Open mic comedy night with Mary Ann DeMoss, 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the theatre, 31 N. Walnut St., Mount Clemens. 18 and older. (810) 469-0889

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB

Chas Elstner and Joey Bielaska, Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 5-7 (\$10); Norm Stutz and Joey Bielaska, Friday, Feb. 13 (\$10), and Saturday, Feb. 14 (\$15), at the club above Kicker's All American Grill, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia. 8 p.m. Thursdays (free), 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, 8 p.m. Sundays (new talent night/improv). (734) 261-0555

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAISANO'S

"Al the Only," 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 5 (\$8, \$18.95 dinner show package), and 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 6-7 (\$10, \$20.95 dinner show package); Bobby Slayton, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 12 (\$12, \$24.95 dinner show package), and 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 13-14 (\$15, \$27.95 dinner show package); at the club, 5070 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

SECOND CITY

"Generation X-Files," 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 5 (\$10), 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 6 (\$17.50), 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7 (\$19.50), and 8 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 8

(\$10), 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. The cast performs a free improvisational comedy set after Sunday, Wednesday, and Thursday shows, and the late shows on Fridays and Saturdays. The show's title is reflective of current cultural trends, not necessarily the show's content; Previews for new revue "Down River Dance," 8 p.m. Wednesdays, Thursdays and Sundays, and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, on Wednesday, Feb. 11-Wednesday, Feb. 25. \$10 Sundays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, \$17.50 Fridays and \$19.50 Saturdays. (313) 965-2222

MUSEUMS AND TOURS

CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

Workshop about "My Story" with Vera Smith where children will create a family journal, noon and 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7; Planetarium demonstrations, "Winter Skies," 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Saturdays at the museum, 67 E. Kirby, Detroit. (313) 873-8100

DETROIT HISTORICAL SOCIETY/MUSEUM

"Remembering Downtown Hudson's" exhibit, a nostalgic look at what made the Hudson's downtown Detroit store an icon of the city's prosperous era, runs through December; "Doorway to Freedom," exhibit on Detroit and the Underground Railroad; Black Historic Sites Tours, full and half day tours available for groups of 25 or more; "Detroit Storyliving," including the Michigan Underground Railroad, at the museum, 5401 Woodward Ave. (at Kirby), Detroit. Museum hours are 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. Free admission Wednesdays; \$3 for adults, \$1.50 seniors and children aged 12-18, free for children ages 11 and younger Thursdays-Sundays. (313) 833-1805/(313) 833-9721 (tours)/(313) 833-0242 (Detroit Storyliving)

DETROIT PUBLIC LIBRARY

Black History Month opening event 3-7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 1, with The Blue Pigs Band (3 p.m.), Mosaic Youth Theatre with the Winans, Phase II (4 p.m.), blues with Robert Jones (5 p.m.), Mosaic Youth Theatre's "Brer Rabbit" (6 p.m.), African Dance with Wendy's School of Dance (6:30 p.m.); Meet a surprise Motown Artist in Cass Hallway, first floor; Inspirational author Iyanla Vanzant speaks on the first floor in the Burton Historical Collection area; African mask-making on the first floor bibliographic center at 4 p.m.; Percussionist Kevin Collins performs in the Browning Library, first floor; Face painting 3 p.m.; explore Black History on the World Wide Web, first floor internet lab, 3:15 p.m.; 4:30 p.m. and 5:45 p.m.; Storytelling with Pricilla Jackson as Harriet Tubman (3:15 p.m.), Ivory Williams (4:15 p.m.), Cooki Winborn (5:15 p.m.), and Alma Greer (6:15 p.m.) on the first floor business and finance area; Wil Clay draws and signs books, 3-7 p.m. in the history and travel area on first floor; Poetry at Main with Naomi Long Madgett, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 11; and Reading Rainbow Family Literacy Program, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 11, Detroit Public Library, 5201 Woodward Ave., Detroit. (313) 833-4042

DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER

IMAX movies showing indefinitely include: "Super Speedway," 10 a.m. and 11:10 a.m. Mondays-Fridays; and "Special Effects," 12:20 p.m. and 1:20 p.m. Mondays-Fridays; at the museum, 5020 John R (at Warren Road), Detroit. \$6.75 for adults, \$4.75 for youths 3-17, and seniors 60 and older, includes one screening of an IMAX film, a visit to the Exhibit Floor, a live science demonstration in the Discovery Theatre and a short laser presentation. \$2.50 for each additional IMAX movie. Discounts available to groups to 10 or more. Hours are: 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays-Fridays, and 12:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. (313) 577-8400 or <http://www.sciencecenter-troit.org>

HENRY FORD MUSEUM AND GREENFIELD VILLAGE

"Echoes Across the Prairies: The Vanishing Black West," film by writer and producer Ann Eskridge, shown weekends during February, Black History Month, at the museum, 20900 Oakwood Blvd. (west of the Southfield Freeway, and south of Michigan Avenue), Dearborn. Museum and village hours, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. \$12.50 adults, \$11.50 seniors age 62 and older, \$6.25 for kids ages 5-12, free for children ages 5 and younger and members. Group rates available. (313) 271-1620

MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY

"A Communion of the Spirits: African American Quilters, Preservers and Their Stories" exhibits featuring 175 photographs of varying sizes, a selection of the surveyed quilts, interpretive panels, and a limited amount of other artwork related to the quilters, through Sunday, June 7. The exhibit features area quilters and celebrity quilters such as Maya Angelou, Rosa Parks, Bernice Johnson Reagon, Faith Ringgold, Sonia Sanchez and Alice Walker; "The Life and Times of Paul

Robeson" exhibition featuring records, photographs and paintings on loan from private citizens and from the collection of the MAAH, runs through Tuesday, June 30; "Walk to Freedom: Detroit Shares a Dream," photograph display of the 1963 civil rights march led by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in Detroit, through Saturday, Feb. 28; Photo quilt collage workshop, Saturday, Feb. 7; Sunday gospel brunch, noon and 2:30 p.m. Feb. 8 and 15, at the museum, 315 E. Warren Ave. (at Brush Street), Detroit. Museum hours 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays-Sundays. Open seven days a week during Black History Month, February. \$3 for adults and \$2 for children aged 12 and younger. (313) 494-5800

POPULAR MUSIC

AEROSMITH

With Kenny Wayne Shepherd, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 10, The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr. (I-75 and Lapeer Road), Auburn Hills. \$45 and \$27.50. All ages. (rock) (248) 377-0100

BANNER 200

With Sean Blackman and Joe Brown, 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 8, as part of a benefit for Amnesty International at Cass Cafe, 4620 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5. All ages. (various) (313) 577-3453

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BUGS BEDDOO BAND

9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 6-7, Beale Street Blues, 8 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. \$2. 21 and older; 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 13-14, Fox and Hounds, 1560 N. Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 334-7900/(248) 644-4800

BLUE CAT

With Ken Murphy, 9 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 11, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 644-4800

"BLUES JUBILEE"

With The Alligators, Johnny "Yard Dog" Jones, Harmonica Shah and Stoney Mazar and The Westsiders, 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty St., Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (734) 451-1213

BRS-49

With Gino and The Lone Valley Boys and Swingin' Demons, 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 11, Majestic, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$12.50 in advance, 18 and older. Rescheduled from Friday, Feb. 6. (honky tonk country) (313) 833-9700

BRIDGE

9 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 5-7, and Thursday, Feb. 12, Bullfrog Bar and Grill, 15414 Telegraph Road (one block north of Five Mile Road), Redford. \$3. 21 and older. (rock) (313) 533-4477

CHISEL BROS. WITH THORNETTA DAVIS

9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 13, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 543-4300

CITY LIMITS BLUES BAND

9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 14, as part of a Valentine Eve Dinner Party at Carriage House's Blues Alley, 24200 Grand River Ave., Detroit. Dinner includes 10 oz. Delmonico steak, sauteed shrimp, redskin potatoes, dinner salad, bread and first cocktail. \$20 in advance, \$30 on Feb. 14. Reservations by Saturday, Feb. 7. (blues) (313) 535-3440

HOLLY COLE

With Jeb Loy Nichols, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7, Royal Oak Music Theatre, 318 W. Fourth St., Royal Oak. \$17.50. 21 and older. (pop) (248) 546-7610

TOMMY D BAND

9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 13-14, Great American Diner, 9531 Highland Road, White Lake Township. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 699-2210

GUY DAVIS

8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 10, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$11, \$10 members, students, seniors. All ages. (blues) (734) 761-1451

DEVIL'S NIGHT

With Jendza and Hump, 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7, The Palladium Music Club, 17580 Frazho Road, Roseville. \$5. 18 and older. (metal) (810) 778-6404

GLEN EDDIE

9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 12, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 644-4800

EL-K BONG

9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 5, JD's Macomb Theatre, 31 N. Walnut Ave., Mount Clemens. Cover charge. 18 and older. (rock) (810) 465-5154

PETE "BIG DOG" FETTERS

9 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 10, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. 21 and older. (acoustic blues) (248) 644-4800

500 FEET OF PIPE

9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 12, The Palladium Music Club, 17580 Frazho Road, Roseville. \$3. 18 and older. (rock) (810) 778-6404

FREAKWATER

With Mike Ireland and Holler, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 5, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$6 in advance, 19 and older. (roots rock) (734) 996-8555

FREE BEER

9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 13, Moby Dick's, 5452 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rock) (313) 581-3650

FRIENDS OF BOB

With Our Gang, Watership Down and Small, 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 6, JD's Macomb Theatre, 31 N. Walnut St., Mount Clemens. Cover charge. 18 and older. (rock) (810) 465-5154

GILLESPIE, RASMUSSEN AND RAFFOUL

Featuring Robert Gillespie, guitarist for Mitch Ryder, Gary Rasmussen, and Canadian singer Judy Raffoul, 9:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 8, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (acoustic rock) (248) 543-0917

GOVERNMENT HONEY

9 p.m. Sundays-in February, Bullfrog Bar and Grill, 15414 Telegraph Road (one block north of Five Mile Road), Redford. Free. 21 and older. (rock) (313) 533-4477

HARM'S WAY

With Godsize, 9:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 13, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 19 and older. (rock) (734) 996-8555

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MOVIES

'Deep Rising' wallows in a shallow blood bath

BY JOHN MONAGHAN
SPECIAL WRITER

When "Jaws" premiered over 20 years ago, I came to a conclusion that the moviegoing public falls into one of two categories: those who liked the movie for the interaction between the shark hunters and those who craved gross-out shots of dismembered body parts sinking to the bottom of the ocean.

Only the latter group will get anything at all out of "Deep Rising," a sea monster movie which spends all its energy on gory special effects while leaving its story out to dry.

According to writer/director Stephen Sommers, "Deep Rising" (what does that title mean anyway?) mines the last true frontier, the endless and still-uncharted depths of the China Seas. Here lurks a gargantuan, squid-like monster whose million hungry arms will devour you, suck all the fluid from your

screaming body, and then excrete your steaming bones.

I offer such a vivid description because the movie is filled with this kind of literally gut-wrenching detail. One of the victims appears with half his flesh eaten away, begging those still standing for help. Others are dispatched more mercifully, sucked underwater and replaced on screen by a gushing fountain of blood.

The plot, such as it is, involves a cynical charter boat captain (Treat Williams) whose "cash on the table means no questions asked" policy gets him in hot water. His latest passengers include an arsenal of torpedoes whose destination we soon discover is a luxury ship called the Argonautica.

But the terrorists don't count on a sea monster beating them to the punch. We get the usual creatures-eye-view of the ship's bottom as it quickly surfaces and strikes. Screaming passengers

crash through plate glass windows and are stomped on by stampeding masses with the kind of gusto unseen since the days of Irwin Allen.

I'm still not sure if it's just one creature with a lot of arms or a whole slew of them, but the toothy tentacles invade the ship, devouring everything in their path. The filmmakers offer a kind of class-conscious satisfaction in seeing the rich slaughtered, sparing only a spunky pickpocket (Famke Janssen) from the well-heeled passenger list.

Williams' charter captain owes plenty to Humphrey Bogart and John Garfield, who played essentially the same part in movie versions of "To Have and Have Not." He has the requisite world-weariness, but the dialogue will never get mistaken for Hemingway.

Janssen, who played a sexy Russian agent opposite James Bond in "Goldeneye," can still

handle a gun and looks great doing it. Comic relief comes from Kevin O'Connor, who will win over undiscriminating audiences with his Bobcat Goldthwait-style interpretation of Williams' loyal mechanic. The real stars of "Deep Rising" are, of course, the special effects. Watching Williams and company dispatch marauding Medusa heads often rivals the exhilaration of playing a good video game. But the creatures, though formidable, have none of the dimension that made even the worst "Alien" movie so creepy.

I guess at this point in the monster movie genre, we expect something more than just carnage. You won't get it from "Deep Rising," a typically shallow monster movie that should sink fast in theaters.

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Action thriller: Terrified of horrifying sea creatures swarming all around them aboard the cruise ship Argonautica, Trillian (Famke Janssen, left) and Finnegan (Treat Williams) face these bone-crushing serpents at every turn in "Deep Rising."

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Scorsese brings spirit, passion to 'Kundun'

BY JOHN MONAGHAN
SPECIAL WRITER

Martin Scorsese is no stranger to spirituality. From his debut in "Mean Streets" to the ultra-controversial "Last Temptation of Christ," he has consistently returned to the plight of individuals trying to keep their faith during violent times.

In "Kundun," Scorsese focuses on the Dalai Lama, Tibet's spiritual and political leader, who was wrested from power by China in the 1950s. For decades a powerful symbol of Chinese brutality, the Dalai Lama continues to tour the world looking for its support.

And some people have listened, especially in Hollywood. Actor Richard Gere looked like Tinseltown's biggest flake when he trumpeted the Tibetan call during the Oscars a few years back, yet in the past four months there have been two high-profile movies on the subject.

"Seven Years in Tibet" was a noble effort, but the focus was on mountain climber Heinrich Harer, whose Nazi affiliations made more than a few viewers uncomfortable. The movie serves as a worthwhile primer for "Kundun" but ultimately pales next to Scorsese's haunting version of the same events.

Scorsese and screenwriter Melissa Mathison tell the story completely from the point of view of the Dalai Lama, from his discovery at age 2 to his guiding, at 18, of Tibet during its most tumultuous time.

"I am just a boy. What can I do?" he says matter of factly as the Chinese march in and start to claim Tibetan land as their own. The quandary has to do with the Buddhist pledge of non-violence, which the Chinese consider a great weakness and use, ironically enough, as a weapon.

In one of the film's best moments, the Dalai Lama speaks with Chinese leader Mao



Drama: At age 5, and destined to lead his country of Tibet during one of the most challenging times in history, the young Dalai Lama (Tulku Jamyang Kunga Tenzin, left) is guided by the enlightened Master of the Kitchen (Lobsang Samten) in "Kundun."

Zedong in his private chambers. The conversation is strangely cordial, yet insulting, as Mao advises him to abandon an obsolete faith, failing to realize that this is the essence of the man.

Yet Scorsese and Mathison refuse, unlike the previous "Tibet," to paint the picture in entirely blacks and whites.

There are hints that the system this 14th Dalai Lama inherits had its own brand of subtle corruption and favoritism. His advisers constantly keep information from him, even as an adult. Moreover, the Dalai Lama sees some wisdom in the New China but can't make himself heard over the clatter of Communist "progress."

No less than four actors, all non-professionals, play the Dalai Lama at various stages of his life. Especially impressive is 18-year-old Tenzin Thuthob Tsarong, who successfully shows how a person

can carry the weight of an entire country on thin shoulders.

The cinematography, by Roger Deakins, is properly epic while the Philip Glass score, though intrusive at first, ultimately has a mesmerizing effect. Though Scorsese could have chosen other directions to go with the music, the Minimalist composer of "Koyaanisqatsi" is a longtime supporter of the Dalai Lama and his cause.

Plenty of comparisons have been made to 1988's "Last Temptation of Christ," a similar labor of love for America's most inspired director. While that movie had controversy to fuel ticket sales, word of mouth will hopefully help "Kundun's" message be heard.

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SCREEN SCENE

A sampling of what's playing at alternative movie theaters across metro Detroit as reviewed by John Monaghan.

Detroit Film Theatre Detroit
Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Call (313) 833-2323 for information. (\$5.50; \$4.50 students/seniors)

"Hamsun" (Denmark/Norway-1996). 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 6; 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Feb. 7-8. Swedish director Jon Troel focuses on author Knut Hamsun, who many called the father of modern literature and who also sided with the Nazis during World War II. Max von Sydow stars.

"Bandwagon" (USA-1995). 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 9. A hit at Sundance, this independent film charts the ups and downs of a North Carolina garage band that dreams of artistic integrity and a fat recording contract.

"Magic Bag 22918" Woodward, Ferndale. Call (248) 544-3030 for information. (\$2)

when one of his former students names him as a positive gay influence.

Main Art Theatre 118 N. Main Street at 11 Mile Road, Royal Oak. Films play through at least Thursday, unless noted otherwise. Call (248) 542-0180 for information. (\$6.50; \$4 students, seniors and matinee; \$3 twilight)

"The Sweet Hereafter" (Canada-1997). A study in collective mourning from Canadian director Atom Egoyan in which an entire town feels the pain when most of its children are killed in a schoolbus accident.

"The Apostle" (USA-1998). Robert Duvall wrote, directed, and starred in this story of a preacher who finds his personal rode to salvation, helped in part by his wife (played by Farrah Fawcett). Starts Friday.

"Oscar and Lucinda" (USA-1997). Ralph Fiennes plays a controversial wagering priest who finds his soulmate in heiress Cate Blanchett. Directed by Gillian Armstrong. Starts Friday.

Lahser (at Grand River), Detroit. (\$2.50)

"The Unsinkable Molly Brown" (USA-1964). 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 20; 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21 (organ overture begins a half hour before showtime).

With the unprecedented success of "Titanic," the musical about backwoods girl-turned-millionaire Molly Brown seems good timing indeed.

Star Southfield 12 Mile Road (west of Telegraph), Southfield. Call (248) 372-2222. (\$6.50; \$4.50 before 6 p.m.)

"Wag the Dog" (USA-1997). Robert DeNiro plays a Washington spin doctor extraordinaire who gets the President out of hot water by staging a fake war with Albania. Expect Oscar nods for Dustin Hoffman as the Hollywood producer who helps stage the ruse.

"Goodwill Hunting" (USA-1997). Matt Damon and Ben Affleck co-wrote and now star in this story of a young math prodigy who befriends his therapist (Robin Williams). Gus Van Sant ("To Die For") directs.

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DINING

Get full-course kisses and hugs on Valentine's Day

BY ELEANOR HEALD
SPECIAL WRITER

Romance Italian style on Valentine's Day and include Kisses and Hugs. In Italian, that translates Baci Abbracci, the name of Pontiac's newest Italian restaurant with well-fused American flare.

Nino Cutraro, owner of Intermezzo in the Harmonie Park area of Detroit, opened Baci Abbracci last November. Cutraro, a native of Sicily, grew up in Rome and now makes Bloomfield Township his home.

"I like weather with four seasons," he said. "People in this area are hip and avant-garde. The metro-Detroit area is as 'in' as L.A. or New York. It's a melting pot in the heartland of America. When it comes to dining, area residents are experienced and know good food."

Cutraro owns the building housing Baci Abbracci. Long-time area residents may recall it as a bank, turned Pontiac car dealership, then Vis-a-Vis, and until last year, the Ultimate Sports Bar. All trappings of any former lives are gone, except the large deck that will be appealing in warmer weather to those who like to eat outdoors.

A culinary fusion concept usually has an Asian-influenced ring, but Baci Abbracci's menu is a representative fusion of Italian and American that clicks.

And what's on the menu is similar to Intermezzo in entree offerings. Like Intermezzo, it appeals to adult diners, but the Pontiac setting is distinctly warehouse, perked up with full carpeting, well-spaced tables with white and gold cloths and glass dividers with Xs and Os accenting kisses and hugs. Gothic accents have a perversely sophisticated appeal, particularly in the large bar, with glass sound breakers separating it from the dining area.

Jazz and top-40 live music on Friday and Saturdays inspires patrons to dance on the terrazzo bar floor. The Ventemiglia Quartet plays now through March.

On Valentine's Evening, Saturday, Feb. 14, the large second floor banquet facility will serve as the venue for a co-sponsored WNIC buffet dinner dance beginning at 9 p.m. for \$55 per couple, cash bar. The menu includes farfale with chicken and broccoli; rigatoni with caramelized onions, olives and marinara sauce; house salad; carved beef tenderloin with wild mushrooms and cognac sauce; salmon medallion with artichokes, capers and lemon; potatoes Anna; vegetable garnishes; and dessert.

Baci Abbracci
Where: 40 W. Pike St., Pontiac (248) 253-1300.
Hours: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 5-10 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday; until midnight Friday; 5 p.m. to midnight Saturday; 3-9 p.m. Sunday.
Menu: Popular fusion of Italian foods with American flavors in a warehouse setting designed and decorated as a modern interpretation of Italian Gothic.
Cost: Lunch average \$4-10 for appetizers, sandwiches, salads and pastas. All dinner entrees available at lunch. At dinner appetizers range \$3-13; entrees \$13-19; and pastas \$10-18.
Reservations: recommended
Credit cards: All majors accepted.

That evening, diners can also choose from the regular menu in the main dining room, prepared by Executive Chef Brian DeMeyer. After graduating from Oakland Community College's culinary department, he spent 10 years training under Master Chef Milos Cihelka and Executive Chef Steve Allen at Southfield's Golden Mushroom.

Now, at age 30, he's on his own and enjoys the mix of flavors, vinegar and oil interplay and fresh ingredients required for tasty Italian dishes.

"There's a simplicity to good Italian cooking, but the flavors must be solid," he emphasized. "And texture is everything."

At lunch recently, Jeffrey Heyn owner of Planet Neon Sign and Lighting Systems in Novi tried out Baci Abbracci for the first time with his sales rep Kevin Blake, who had been there before. Heyn liked the mine-strone.

"It had great flavors and was not too spicy," he noted. He thought the Ziti con Carciofi (pasta tossed with artichokes, onions, tomatoes, fresh basil, garlic, olive oil and sprinkled with grated Romano cheese) was "garlic accented, but had good harmony with a lot of other flavors. It was light and a good choice for lunch."

Blake praised the "awesome flavors" of the Chicken Tortellini soup. "You can't pull this out of a can," he added. "The lasagna was firm and made a good layered presentation. A broccoli vegetable garnish was cooked perfectly crisp/tender."

Blake likes the warehouse concept decor. "It's the kind of place where you feel comfortable in jeans or a business suit," he added.

Both Heyn and Blake noted the service skills of their waiter Casey, and said he was friendly and knowledgeable about menu offerings, steering both of them to good choices. Checking on Casey, I learned he has been waiting tables for 12 years. When it comes to dining room servers, experience shows.

Other recommendations for Valentine's Day dining

- Romantic:**
- Cafe Bon Homme, 844 Pennington, Plymouth (734) 453-6260
 - Cafe Cortina, 30715 W. 10 Mile Road, Farmington Hills (248) 474-3033
 - Emily's, 505 N. Center, Northville (248) 349-0505
 - Fleetwood on Sixth, 209 W. 6th St., Royal Oak (248) 541-8050
 - Golden Mushroom, 18100 W. 10 Mile Road, Southfield (248) 559-4230
 - Il Posto, 29110 Franklin Road, Southfield (248) 827-8070
 - Marco's 32758 Grand River, downtown Farmington (248) 477-7777
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 - Ocean Grille, 280 Old Woodward, Birmingham (248) 646-7001



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Romance Italian style: Nino Cutraro, owner of Baci Abbracci, presents some specialty dishes including Osso Buco Milanese with garlic mashed potatoes, baked butternut squash with lemon glaze; broiled jumbo shrimp stuffed with saffron shrimp mousse, sea scallop saute on a bed of braised red Swiss chard risotto, and Tiramisu with Espresso Creme-Anglaise.

- Rugby Grille at The Townsend Hotel, 100 Townsend Street, Birmingham (248) 642-5999
- Up tempo romantic:
 - Forté, 201 Old Woodward, Birmingham (248) 594-7300
 - Fox & Hounds, 1560 North Woodward, Bloomfield Hills (248) 644-4800
 - No. VI Chophouse & Lobster Bar, 27790 Novi Road (in Hotel Baronette), Novi (248) 304-5210
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