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# Chief: More police are needed

**Plymouth Township officials are considering increasing the tax rate for a number of improvements, including hiring new officers. The new police chief said he believes more officers are needed to head off problems.**

BY KEVIN BROWN  
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Township Police Chief Lawrence Carey says a prime reason he's seeking more police officers is to

head off problems before they start. Carey, who presented his future staff needs for township trustees' consideration last month, said calls for service have nearly doubled since the township

police department was formed in 1986. Yet, the number of officers has only risen by five, from 21 to 26.

Carey is seeking a phase-in of additional patrol officers. He'd eventually like to see the department's force of 26 officers grow to 41, to keep pace with a Midwest average ratio of 1.6 officers per thousand residents.

But for now, Carey said he'd like approval for eight additional officers, or at least a minimum of four.

Some have questioned why the township police seek more staff at a time when crime is down. From 1995 to 1997, incidents of assault fell from 190 to 97, burglary from 123 to 75 and larceny from 414 to 374.

But police say available officers don't have the time for neighborhood patrols, as their time is taken up with responses to the growing number of calls.

"We're asking for four (officers),"

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## Happy Valentine's Day



STAFF PHOTO BY JERRY MENDOZA

At first sight: Harold and Mary Jane Wright just celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. Their advice: Both spouses have to give 60 percent to make it work.

## Love

### Years later, there's still a twinkle

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

They say it was love at first sight.

And 60-years later, the twinkle in their eyes still says it all.

On Feb. 5, Harold and Mary Jane Wright celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with a reception at Tonquish Creek Manor in Plymouth.

"I met Harold when my sister and niece helped me get a job in his flower shop," said Mary Jane. "They used to complain because while they had to carry plants up from the basement, Harold would carry them up for me."

It was the beginning of a long career in the flower business, and a long lifetime together.

"We had that shop in Detroit (Harold Wright Florists) for 30 years before we had to sell it," said Harold.

"We worked together all the

time," remembers Mary Jane. "Everybody always asked us how we did it. But we did, working together day in and day out."

After the sale, the Wrights spent the next 17 years as caretakers at the Vermeulen Funeral Home in Plymouth.

"People thought we owned it because we were there all the time," Mary Jane recalled.

The couple has two sons ... Tim who lives in Livonia and Bob who resides in Tennessee. And with them come 10 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

The Wrights admit to having ups and downs in their marriage, just like everyone else. However, they believe their ability to work through those problems helped them grow a strong and lasting relationship.

"We've had a good marriage,"



Mary Jane said proudly. "You've got to work with one another, and put up with the idiosyncrasies of your spouse. Nobody is perfect."

"She's the greatest, a very fine wife and mother of our two children," said Harold. "The best advice I can give is that both of you have to give 60-percent. After that, everything will come together."

## Holiday prompts prickly prices

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

If you want to play Romeo to your Juliet by giving her roses this Valentine's Day, caveat emptor (let the buyer beware).

Area florist shops are feeling the brunt of dissatisfaction from consumers, who this week are paying much more for a dozen roses than they did last week, or will pay next week.

"The wholesalers know this is a big day, so they increase their prices to us," said Pat Ribar, owner of Ribar Floral Co. in Plymouth. "It comes down to supply and demand. No other days, including Sweetest Day and Christmas, have the percentage of cost increases we see during Valentine's Day."

While Ribar knows it's more costly to grow roses during the winter in places like Michigan and Ohio, and unstable weather this winter in California is damaging the flower crop, it still comes down to just being one of the biggest flower days of the year.

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STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRUBAKER

Flowers: Pat Ribar of Ribar Floral Co. says Valentine's Day is the biggest flower day.

# Patrols on rise; mishaps down

BY KEVIN BROWN  
STAFF WRITER

One week into a Plymouth Township police program to step up patrols of busy streets and intersections, traffic accidents are down.

## SELECTIVE ENFORCEMENT

Under the Selective Enforcement Program, \$50,000 was made available to the township police to pay for overtime for increased patrols of areas where most accidents occur.

The program began Feb. 2. Lt. Robert Smith reported there were 19 auto accidents in the week before the program began - and seven the week after.

Police Chief Lawrence Carey said speeding, trailing too close behind cars, improper signaling and failure to obey traffic signals are contributing factors to accidents.

While police on patrol can write tickets for infractions, just the presence of patrol cars encourages drivers to obey traffic laws. "Voluntary compliance always rises as they see scout cars," Carey said.

Smith urged drivers not to view the middle lane on Ann Arbor Road as a merge lane. Carey added this is illegal, and contributes to accidents.

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## Train Tales

If you live in or near the Plymouths - or even drive through them - all you have to mention is the word, "trains," and shoulders hunch.

We all have our stories. While the trains and tracks are part of the Plymouths' history and are appreciated for their purpose and role in the community, patience today is lost at the railroad crossings.

We are interested in your stories about encounters with trains in the community. We have heard from plenty of people about seemingly endless delays waiting for trains to cross. Or even those trains that come to a dead stop at the crossings.

Please let us know your tales. We will publish your experiences, observations and thoughts about the trains and the crossings.

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# Police probe road rage

BY KEVIN BROWN  
STAFF WRITER

The latest episode of road rage in the Plymouth community happened at 8:55 p.m. Sunday. It ended with no arrests, but police are investigating the incident in which a driver could be charged with assault and battery for leaving his van and grabbing another driver.

It started when a 28-year-old Plymouth man, driving his car north on Haggerty Road, had to merge left as Haggerty narrowed from two lanes to one near Ann Arbor Road, according to the police report he filed with Ply-

mouth Township police. Next, a Chevy van just behind sped up, crossed into the oncoming lane and then passed the Plymouth driver, before returning to the northbound traffic lane.

The van driver then slammed on his breaks and stopped, causing the Plymouth man to stop his car, according to the police report.

The van driver - described as in his early 20s, five feet 10 inches, 185 pounds with brown hair and smelling of alcohol - got out of his car, yelled "You can't pass in the right lane," and opened the

driver's side door of the Plymouth man's car and tried to drag him out.

The victim held onto his steering wheel to avoid being dragged out of the car, and the younger driver told him, "I'll fight you right here," the police report continued.

When he couldn't pull the man out, the van driver kicked the door closed, got in his van and drove away. The victim followed the van and wrote down the license plate number, and passed it to police who are investigating the incident.



**Good job:** Salem cheerleaders practice routines and stunts. The team placed 10th in national competitions this past weekend in Orlando, Fla.

STAFF PHOTO BY BILL HENNING

# Committee talks recycling

BY KEVIN BROWN  
STAFF WRITER

Recycling has been made easy for city residents, but what about businesses?

While there are opportunities for business owners to recycle, Marilyn Whittaker of Plymouth wants those opportunities made easier - to encourage more recycling.

"I want to establish a real easy system like the residents have," Whittaker said.

She suggests a system where recyclables could be set out at businesses and picked up by trash haulers for recycling - a system now used in residential neighborhoods.

After Whittaker brought her

concerns to the Plymouth City Commission last year, a Business Recycling Committee headed by Commissioner Dennis Shrewsbury was formed.

The committee met Thursday at the Plymouth Coffee Bean Co. Attending were Shrewsbury, downtown business people Jim McKeon and Al Larson, Municipal Services Director Paul Sinclair, Shrewsbury and Downtown Development Authority Director Steve Guile.

"We talked about what kinds of problems business people are having," Shrewsbury said. "We talked about whether they have major complaints about the kind of facilities that are available in the city."

Some business people would like a way to recycle foam packing pellets. And some said that while cardboard pickup on Fridays on Fleet and Forest streets downtown for recycling is good, a set pick-up schedule would be handy.

"It's difficult to control when they can come," Shrewsbury said.

Also to encourage recycling and disposal of large items, Shrewsbury said spring and fall cleanup days could be scheduled for downtown and Old Village.

The committee is to meet again at 7:30 a.m. March 12 at the Coffee Bean. It's open to interested people in the business community.

# Nationals Salem cheerleaders place 10th

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI  
STAFF WRITER

The Salem cheerleaders are reaching new heights with their placement in the recent National Cheerleading Association's National Competition in Orlando, Fla.

The 20-member coed team placed 10th out of 23 teams who competed in the large varsity coed division of the nationals, said coach Jodee Dillon. Last year the team took 16th place.

"It was the best ever. They did an outstanding job," said Dillon, who coaches with her husband, Paul.

The finals are expected to be aired on ESPN in March or April.

Stella Greene, whose son, Shaun is a team member, was on hand to see the team perform. "They did a wonderful job," she

**'They beat out the tough teams from the south who usually make it to the top.'**

Jodee Dillon  
Salem cheerleading coach

placed in the nationals coed partner stunt competitions. Partners sent a video to the competition, from which finalists are chosen to perform a one-minute stunt program. Salem Cheerleaders David Clemons and Lindsay Hawraney placed 15th in the competition and Tara Hammet and Scott Kingslien placed 13th, Dillon said.

Team members include: Alison Betz, Christine Bux, Rich Cisslak, David Clemons, Brynne BeNeen, Rick Eva, Shaun Greene, Tara Hammet, Lindsey Hawraney, Erika Healey, Scott Kingslien, Haley Menard, Laura Miedlar, Beth Murphy, Carrie O'Rear, Gordon Perrin, Nicole Reno, Phil Schulte, Mary Umney, Kelli Zink.

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BY TONY BRUSCA  
STAFF WRITER

While many Canton high school students were counting down their vacation, two students were sad to walk away from time.

"I'm going to Finland," said Ilona, a student-athlete. "When I leave, I have to come to my friends."

Michele Cho from Sao Paulo looking forward to but with some "I miss home friends," said Michele. "I've made a lot probably I will."

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**Exchange:** of Sao Paulo with a family played on the gymnastics

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BY KEVIN BROWN  
STAFF WRITER

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# Foreign students exchange school experiences

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

While many Plymouth and Canton high school students are counting down the clock to summer vacation, there are at least two students who may be a bit sad to walk away come summertime.

"I'm going to miss my friends a lot," said Ilona Kouvo of Helsinki, Finland, who is participating in a student-exchange program. "When I leave, I'll definitely have to come back to see all my friends."

Michele Choukmaev is visiting from Sao Paulo, Brazil, and is looking forward to going home, but with some reservations.

"I miss home, and a lot of my friends," said Michele. "However, I've made a lot of friends here ... probably I will come back."

They have taken well to Plymouth-Canton schools. Each carries a 3-plus grade point average, and both are involved in varsity sports.



**Exchange:** Michele Choukmaev of Sao Paulo, Brazil, is living with a family in Canton. She played on the basketball, gymnastics and tennis teams.

Ilona was a member of the Plymouth-Canton girls' basketball team.

"Everyone was really, really nice to me," said Ilona. "While I played basketball in Finland, I didn't know all the technical terms. However, everyone helped me and I figured out the system. Coach (Bob) Blohm is an awesome coach."

Michele was a bit more daring, playing tennis and gymnastics for Plymouth Salem, sports she had never participated in at home.

"I love it," said Michele. "It's been a rewarding experience."

### Quite different

Back home, Michele went to school with about 2,000 students.

"This school is really big," said Michele. "I'm used to having the same classes the whole year, and spending the whole day together with the same classmates. Here is good because you change classes and meet so many people."

Michele gets credit for attending Plymouth-Canton classes, and will graduate about six months after returning home.

Ilona, who comes from a high school of about 400 students, says her grades are all for personal satisfaction.

"I won't get any credits for this year," said Ilona. "I will graduate in a few years after I return home. I used this year to learn English and enjoy some great experiences."

Both girls say they've

had a number of memorable experiences with their host families. Mackinac Island, Traverse City, Chicago, Niagara Falls and Florida are just some of the places they've visited. Michele had her first experience with snow, something she'd never seen before.

While the students are expected to learn and experience the United States, and take their experience back to their homeland, it is also meant to be an experience for the host families.

"Host families will learn and grow as they share and exchange ideas and compare lifestyles," said Gideon Levenbach of Plymouth, a representative of Program for Academic Exchange.

"It's been a very positive experience, a lot of fun," said Carolyn Bartlett of Canton, host mom to Michele. "Our four children have enjoyed having her, and she has really bonded well with all of them. We even had her brother here for five weeks during Christmas."

Kevin Meyn of Plymouth is Ilona's host dad.

"It's really been a rewarding experience," said Meyn. "Ilona is sports-minded, and fit very well



STAFF PHOTOS BY BILL BRISLER

**Team member:** Ilona Kouvo of Helsinki, Finland, is an exchange student living in Plymouth. She was a member of the Canton girls' basketball team.

with our two boys. She's kind of like the daughter I never had."

### Paying their way

Levenbach said foreign students pay approximately \$7,000 for their expenses to get to the United States, and are expected

to pay for their expenses while here.

"Many families can't afford to pay for all the expenses while showing students around, so they must be prepared to pay their own way," said Levenbach. "However, we do have families that, many times, will pay some of the expenses."

Levenbach noted he is currently searching for host families to house three students who will visit, beginning next August.

In somewhat of an oddity, more foreign students come to the United States than American students who go abroad.

"It's easier for students to come here because they are required to have three years of English, which many foreign schools require anyway," said Levenbach. "It's more difficult for students here to go abroad because of the language barriers."

Families interested in hosting a foreign student, or students interested in opportunities to study abroad should contact Gideon Levenbach at (734) 453-8562

## Fall Fest board asks city for cash

BY KEVIN BROWN  
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth's Fall Festival has run a deficit the last two years, and the festival board is asking for a bigger contribution from city government.

"The PCFF has experienced significant cost increases from 1994 through 1996 while revenues were in decline," said festival board President Curtis Lamar in a letter to commissioners.

Speaking to commissioners at their Monday meeting at city hall, Lamar asked for help with the \$9,700 1997 bill for city services to support the festival "to help get through this period."

Rainy weather in 1996 and 1997 was a significant factor in reducing festival proceeds, Lamar said.

He said more money was spent on entertainment in '96. "We thought we were going to get it back, but we got hurt very badly with the weather situation," he said.

Entertainment was cut back last year, and the festival benefited from having more managers overseeing various aspects of the festival. "That helped our cost-cutting," Lamar said.

He said the festival board is also seeking more volunteer help, so less help from the city municipal services department is

necessary.

The Plymouth Community Fall Festival Board is asking the city government for help with the 1997 bill and a bigger contribution to future festivals.

Mayor Don Dismuke responded, "It's certainly something we need to take under advisement," adding commissioners can take up the issue during budget study sessions in upcoming months.

Commissioner Dennis Shrewsbury asked Lamar if that time frame was acceptable. Lamar said it would be, if city officials can delay collecting the '97 bill until the festival board begins advertising for rentals in July.

City Manager Steve Walters said waiting until July should provide plenty of time, as the city budget will be completed by then.

"A major portion of the significant cost increase from 1995 to 1996 can be attributed to our invoice for city services, which increased from \$6,100 to \$12,900," Lamar said.

"The board of directors for the PCFF made significant improvements in cost controls in 1997, but our balance sheet is still suffering with current cash on hand of \$3,000.

"The board will continue its cost-cutting measures in 1998 but with all other things being equal, our road to recovery could be a long one," he said.

## COP CALLS

### FBI investigating

The FBI is investigating the theft of a stolen semi-trailer from Ohio that was found in Plymouth Feb. 2.

Plymouth police Lt. Wayne Carroll said the trailer was stolen from Transport International in Perrysburg, Ohio, loaded with popcorn. After an undetermined amount of time, the trailer was found in the lot of Tenneco Packaging by a driver from the transport company.

Authorities have no other information on where the popcorn was taken, and how the trailer ended up in Plymouth.

### Assault and battery

Plymouth police are investigating an assault and battery involving employees at Alljack-Celex, 443 Amelia.

A female employee reported to police she was hit in the back with a large barrel thrown by a male employee.

As she was driving to the hospital with her sister and other employees, the man allegedly followed her, trying several times to run her vehicle off the road. When she stopped to use a pay phone near Plymouth and Newburg, the man then reportedly blocked her from driving away. The man's brother eventually showed up and helped the woman and her companions leave.

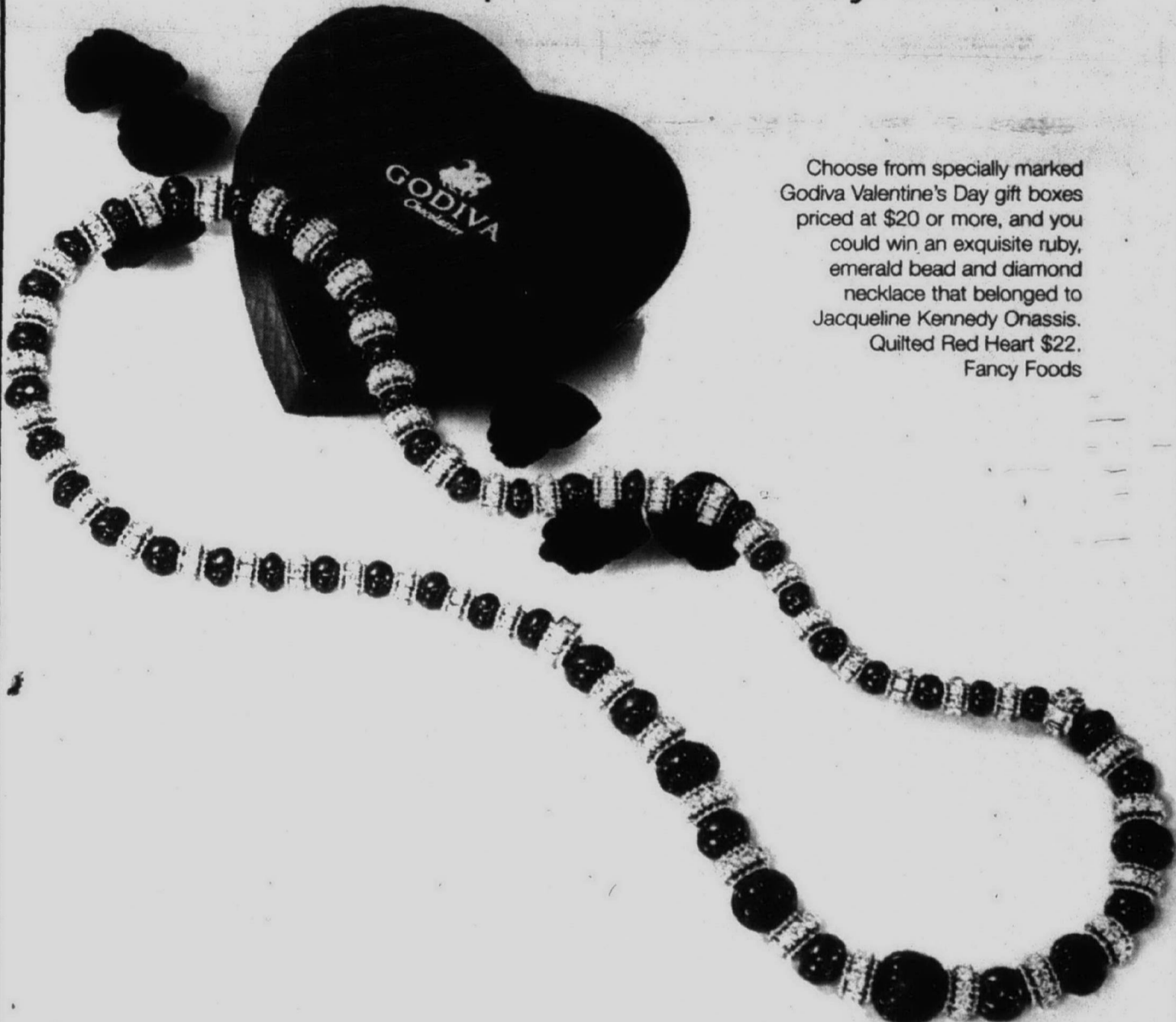
### Nabbed on a turn

A Detroit man may think twice before forgetting to use his turn signal.

The 37-year-old man was pulled over for failing to signal while turning left from Spring to Mill Street. After checking computer information, Plymouth police found he was wanted on two warrants from Detroit, one from Farmington, and was driving with a suspended license. He was arrested and posted bond.

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Invited: Seated in the foreground are Barbara Church, Central principal, and Richard Wilson. In the background (from left to right) are Crystal Salsbery, Andrea Carpinelli and Megan Brown. Others who attended, but are not pictured, included Phil Whitman, Ryan Case, Laura Svoboda and Liz Wheatley.



## Central students meet the 'Guv'

Central Middle School representatives listened attentively to Governor John Engler as he addressed the Economic Club of Detroit on Monday. In a reception with nearly 200

school children, the governor answered a question posed by Central students concerning religion in schools. In response to a question raised by Central students during lunch, the gov-

ernor said he is not a candidate for president or vice-president. The eight students were invited to the luncheon by Junior Achievement.

## Staff from page A1

Carey said. "If we had eight we could do a really good job."

"We do have complaints of speeders in subdivisions, we're having problems with larcenies at auto dealerships," he said.

Meanwhile, Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy and some township trustees have reported getting calls from residents who say they don't see enough police patrols in neighborhoods.

As stated in a manpower allocation plan put together by the department, there are times when calls for service overtax the department's ability to respond.

For example: On Jan. 15, two officers and a supervisor responded to a call of a five-year-old child missing in a mobile home park. "During this same period there was a personal injury accident, a property damage crash and an officer involved crash," the report continued.

"In addition the lieutenant and chief responded to the officer crash and the missing child call."

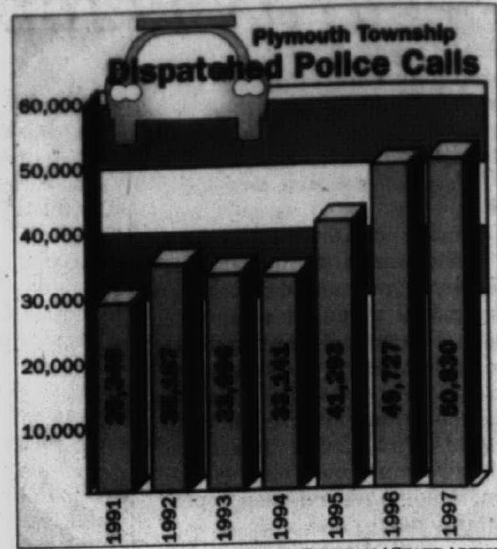
"This department received assistance from the state police and the city of Plymouth police for two traffic crashes and all township officers on duty were busy. Any other calls coming in during this period could not have been serviced," the report continued.

Carey said raising the number of officers by four, what he calls a bare minimum, would at least boost the average number of patrol officers on duty from three to four.

"The four officers would give the department two additional scheduled officers per shift, which would raise us from eight officers per shift to 10," the report stated.



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRESLER  
**Report: Township Police Chief Laurence Carey says more officers are needed to head off problems before they start.**



HELEN PURCEAN / STAFF ARTIST

Cost for this addition is \$65,000 per officer or \$260,000 for four - about .243 mills.

The cost to pay for an increased staff plan - which Carey is seeking over an unspecified time period - would cost \$1.16 million. It would involve the hiring of 19 employees including 15 officers and three dispatchers.

But township residents will likely have the ultimate decision on increased police staffing.

Township Clerk Marilyn Massengill said the board will seek opinions from a group of citizens, yet to be convened, on what sort of police millage increase, if any, would be acceptable.

If the citizen group favors increasing police staff, a millage proposal could go before voters in August, township officials say.

The township police have been awarded a \$75,000 federal grant to help pay for an officer to provide education programs in the community. The grant is for a three-year period.

Smith said this officer will be hired within three months.

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U.S. Rep. Lynn Rivers has scheduled coffee hours in Livonia on Friday, February 20, 1998. Rivers will be at Silverman's Restaurant, 36480 Plymouth

Rd., 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. All constituents of the 13th Congressional District are encouraged to drop by, have a cup of coffee, and discuss their concerns with her.

For directions or further information, please call Rivers' district offices in Ann Arbor (313) 741-4210 or Wayne (313) 722-1411.

# NOTICE

## Saint Joe's Canton Health Building Services and Doctors are Moving

Thank you for your patience as we prepare to move from our current Canton location (Ford Rd. at Lilley) to the new Saint Joseph Mercy Canton Health Building location at 1600 S. Canton Center Rd. at Summit Parkway:

**Canton Urgent Care and Related Services CLOSED Mon., Feb. 16**

Urgent Care, Radiology, Business Health Services and Laboratory at the current Canton Health Building location on Ford Rd. will be closed for moving on Mon., Feb. 16. If you need these services on the 16th, please visit our downtown Plymouth location, the Arbor Health Building,

at 990 W. Ann Arbor Trail (at Harvey). Plymouth phone number: (734) 414-1000. **Please note:** Doctors' offices and McAuley Pharmacy will remain open in the current location on Ford Rd. until they move to the new Canton Health Building location on Mon., Feb. 23.

**Canton Urgent Care and Related Services REOPEN Tues., Feb. 17 in new location**

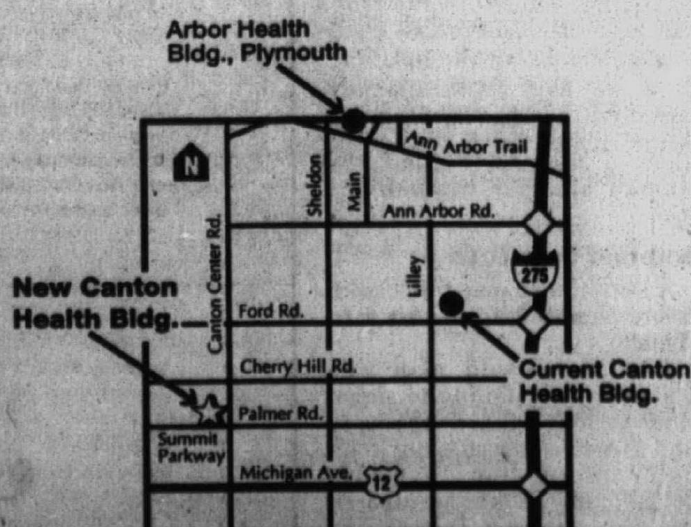
Urgent Care, Radiology, Business Health Services and Laboratory will reopen Tues., Feb. 17 at the new Canton Health Building location at 1600 S. Canton Center Rd. at Summit Parkway, between Cherry Hill and Michigan Ave. (Laboratory services will also

be available at the current Ford Rd. location from Feb. 17 until Feb. 28.) Hours for Urgent Care—for treatment of non-life-threatening illnesses and injuries—will stay the same: 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., seven days a week. Canton phone number: (734) 398-7557

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You forgot our anniversary,  
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I want your  
Undivided attention too.

Turn off your pager,  
The fax and cell phone  
I need a long evening out,  
And I want you alone.

From A.M.

10 Runner-up Winners

Roses are red, Violets are blue...

To Alan Judge  
... Whatever would I do without you.  
I love you always,  
Happy Valentine's Day to you.  
From Your Loving Wife

To Brian VanDerziet  
... Thoughts of you and me I hope will come true.  
A love so bright it's shining through,  
I want you to know how much I care for you.  
From Jill

To Shirley Peatr  
... It's 48 years,  
And we are still true.  
From Your Husband Andy

To Brian Smith  
... You are the love of my life,  
And that will always be true.  
Some poems may be funnier or even more clever,  
But my message to you is I'll love you forever.  
From Cathy (XOXO)

To My Husband Bob  
Her hair is red, her eyes are blue.  
This year you gave me my daughter,  
That's why I love you.  
From Karen

To Jason  
... We just got engaged and I said, "Woo woo."  
In these four years you've given me a clue  
That forever I will love only you.  
From Shannon

To The Man of My Dreams  
... In this world of uncertainties,  
I'm certain I love you!  
From Kat

To Max Christopher Ward  
... Although my dear Max you are not yet two,  
The sparkle in your eyes reaches to the skies.  
Your laughter brings me sunshine,  
And to everyone you meet, you are their Valentine.  
May you always love to hug and kiss,  
For those who don't know what they miss,  
Being a grandmother is such bliss.  
From G.J.

To My Husband Frank  
... After 31 years,  
I'm still "mad" about you!  
From Lorella

To John Valentine  
... No one knows Valentine's Day  
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# Metro Airport

## Security is top priority for Katz

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK  
STAFF WRITER

Detroit's Metro Airport has had four security breaches out of an estimated 31 million passengers in the past year.

In one incident earlier this year, passengers were delayed for hours and forced to walk through security checkpoints again after one woman managed to walk into a waiting area without clearance. An investigation revealed a door wasn't operating properly.

David Katz, a 39-year-old Livonia native who was appointed in January by Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara to lead Metro and Willow Run airports, has suggested to Northwest Airlines that \$300,000 to \$500,000 in improvements be made to prevent future security breaches.

"Clearly, zero incidence is the only goal that will be accepted here," Katz said.

Airport security remains just one of the challenges facing the new director of Wayne County airports. The McNamara appointee still needs approval from Wayne County commissioners, which may come as early as next Thursday.

### Top priorities

Katz named some of the other issues he faces:

■ Katz will oversee a \$1.6 billion expansion of Metro Airport, featuring a new midfield expansion with a 74-gate Northwest Airlines terminal with international gates.

■ The airport department also oversees a noise mitigation program to help soundproof nearby residential homes. Katz estimates about \$5 million or \$6 million will be spent this year on the program and about \$150 million throughout the project's life.

■ Improving customer service. While the bricks and mortar of a new midfield terminal and other aspects of the Metro Airport expansion grabs the attention of the public, Katz will be examining less obvious ways to relieve the tension of entering an unfamiliar airport. Terminal access can be a "huge stress point," Katz said.

Improvements may include the addition of a new lane for customers to pickup arrivals, and clearing out curbside space, Katz said.

"We'll see if we can relieve that congestion area," Katz said.

Customer service agents may be added to help guide tourists and newcomers around the airport. Even the bathrooms may receive a much-needed facelift. More retail shops and restaurants may be added to join the PGA Tour Golf Shop, Burger King and other businesses cur-



Currently housed at Metro.

### Lobbying experience

While the \$1.6 billion expansion may seem daunting to someone without aviation experience, Katz expects to apply his managerial experience he used as McNamara's chief of staff.

Since he joined McNamara's staff in 1987, he has coordinated policy development and administration for eight Wayne County executive departments with a combined staff of 5,000 and a \$1.9-billion budget.

Katz also lobbied the federal government for more than \$200 million in grants for airport projects, including the \$65 million grant to build the south access road and the \$150 million needed to complete the midfield terminal financing package.

"The airport expansion is by far the biggest project this county will see for many years to come, and Dave Katz is the best person to get the job done right, on time and on budget," McNamara said when he named Katz airport director.

McNamara's office credited Katz in Wayne County's efforts to build the County's \$14 million medical examiners office, the \$70 million Dickerson Jail, the \$4 million Warren Valley Clubhouse and \$30 million restoration of the Wayne County Building, all of which were constructed under budget.

But Katz shrugs off the accolades. Katz said much of that success can be attributed to getting the right people on board with engineers and architects.

"To single out any one of us is inaccurate. It's getting the right person with the right expertise on the project. You have to know where to go to get the right person on it."

"And if you have the clout of the county executive behind you, that doesn't hurt at all. And there's nothing higher on the McNamara priority list than this airport."

■ Airport security remains just one of the challenges facing David Katz, 39, a Livonia native and the new director of Wayne County airports. The McNamara appointee still needs approval from Wayne County commissioners, which may come as early as next Thursday.

### Bulldozing the site

Much excavation will occur this building season to help prepare the site for utilities, such as water, sewer and electricity, before the midfield terminal will be constructed in 1999.

Last year Concourse C was extended with six gates for Northwest Airlines domestic flights and the U.S. Customs area was expanded to process arriving international passengers. A moving walkway between Concourses C and D was opened, and shuttle stops were opened along Concourse C.

Ongoing projects include the construction of a six-lane, 4-mile road to enter the airport from the south at Eureka Road and connect to Rogell Drive. A fourth parallel runway will be located on the west side of the airport. The 10,000-foot long runway will require the relocation of Wayne Road.

Both are scheduled for completion in 2000. The midfield terminal is expected to be finished in 2001.

### Noise control

Wayne County will help homeowners soundproof their homes from aircraft noise. Between \$5 million and \$6 million will be spent on Metro Airport's neighborhood compatibility program, which includes insulating schools and homes, and can also include window and door replacement.

Katz said eligible sellers also can receive a subsidy to obtain their homes appraised value.

### Ready to begin

Katz recognizes that he has a big challenge as an airport director. The 1977 Livonia Stevenson High School graduate and University of Michigan alumnus hopes to continue Robert Braun's work and ideas.

"Bob was the quarterback of the negotiations over the (Northwest) terminal complex," Katz said. "My role is to complete (those ideas)."

# Commission OK expected for McNamara's director

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK  
STAFF WRITER

Wayne County commissioners have not yet approved the appointment of David Katz to be the new Wayne County director of airports, but they may act on it as soon as next Thursday.

Commissioner Robert Blackwell, D-Detroit, and chair of the Committee on Airports, Roads and Public Services, said last week his committee had not received a letter. Katz said that letter went to commissioners on Monday.

In choosing Katz to succeed Robert Braun, who announced his resignation Jan. 8, County Executive Edward McNamara said he was confident in his longtime aide.

"The airport expansion is by far the biggest project this county will see for many years to come, and Dave Katz is the best person to get the job done right, on time and on budget," McNamara said earlier.

McNamara also said Katz "coordinated policy development and administration" for eight Wayne County executive departments with a combined staff of 5,000 and a \$1.9-billion budget. He also lobbied the federal government for more than \$200 million in grants for airport projects.

While Katz has no aviation experience, only one commis-

■ I can't point to any glaring flaw that precludes me from voting for the appointment.

Thaddeus McCotter  
—commissioner

sioner contacted by the Observer had reservations about that.

Blackwell said he has talked with airport officials across the country, and found that aviation experience is not a requirement in directing other airports.

"I know it's not a requirement. I know he has the support to do the job. I think Dave will bring a lot to the airport."

Commissioner Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia expected he would back the appointment. With Braun leaving, the airport also had Wilbourne Kelley, who understands the day-to-day airport operations, McCotter said.

"It isn't so much a question of aviation experience as much as managerial experience," McCotter said. "It's Mr. McNamara's decision and he will be held accountable for that decision."

"I can't point to any glaring flaw that precludes me" from voting for the appointment, McCotter said.

Commissioner Bruce Patterson, R-Canton, who also is a member of the Roads, Airports

and Public Services Committee, said he wanted a resume and a list of Katz's qualifications. If Patterson had questions, he wanted to talk with Katz, then the commissioner would decide whether he would support the Katz appointment.

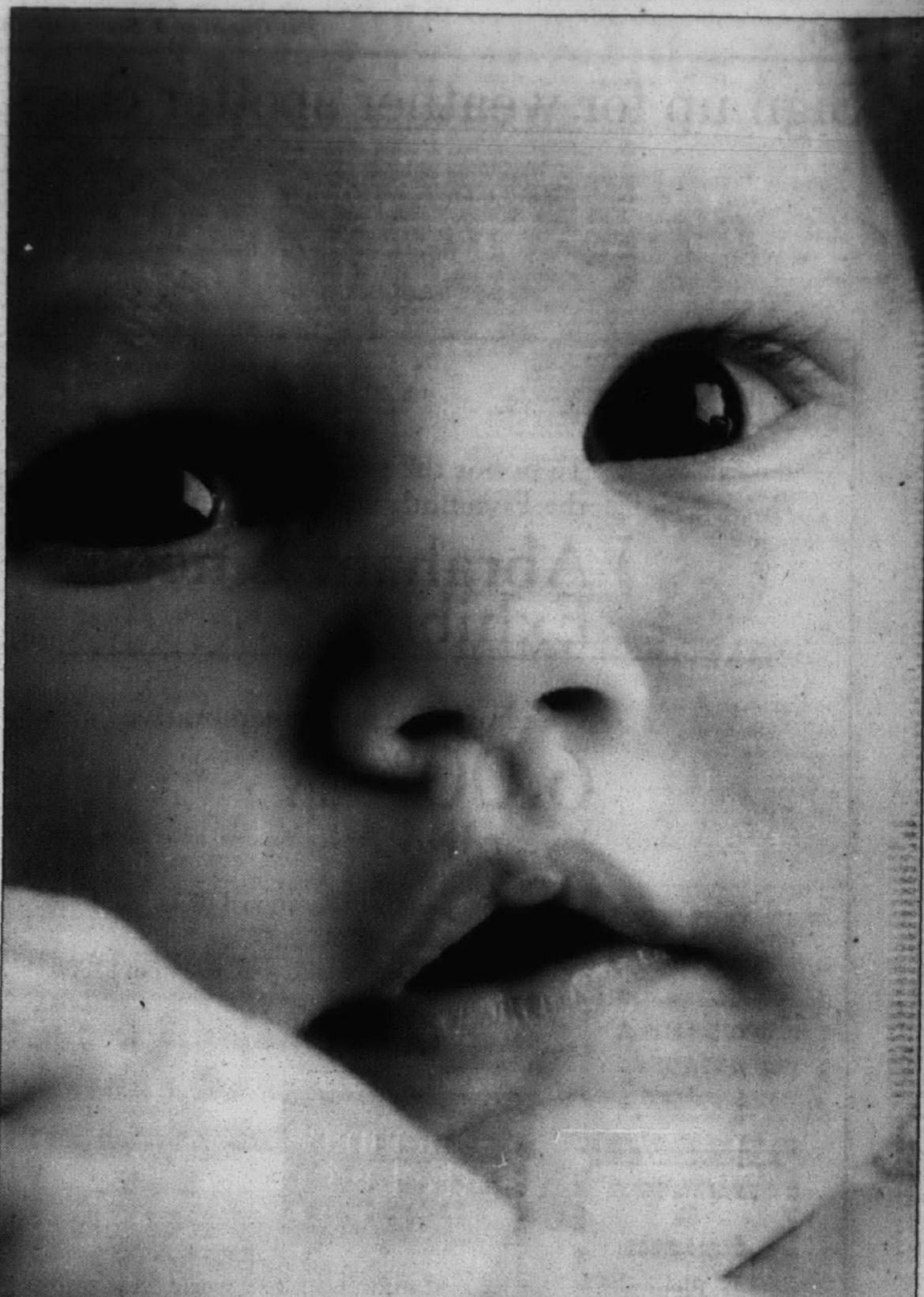
"I don't know what his credentials are and I want to know what his plans are for the airport," Patterson said.

Patterson, whose district also contained Metro and Willow Run Airports, also was interested in noise mitigation programs and the airport expansion. "I also will want to talk to him about the security issue," Patterson said.

Patterson said he was willing to concede that the county executive can pick the department directors, but commissioners have a responsibility as a checks-and-balance of the administration.

Commissioner Edward Plawewski Sr., D-Dearborn Heights, recently said he had not yet made up his mind about the appointment, but he commended Katz for his work. "Dave Katz always seems to have an honest answer."

Commission Chairman Ricardo Solomon, D-Detroit, could not be reached for comment. Vice Chair Kay Beard, D-Westland, was out of town and unavailable for comment.



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This class will run approximately two hours and is given by the National Weather Service. All area residents are invited to attend. There is no cost for this training. For more information, please

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## Whistle blows

### It's too late to turn around

*Editor's note: We asked readers to tell us their tales about trains in the Plymouths. W.H. Dean of Plymouth offered this insight:*

A whistle blows in the distance. It seems pretty far away as I race down Main Street, so I ignore it. Eleven different thoughts swirl inside my brain, jostling for position like piglets at feeding time. Sorry, Mr. Trainwhistle, no room at the Id.

A second blast, closer now. I glance at the dashboard clock. Checking mirrors, I hang an amber left and floor it. Too Late. Up ahead, the gates swing down, flashing, clanging, and taunting. The train lumbers into view, and a short sharp whistle completes the effect. I am positively irked.

It wasn't always this way. I think idling. Once upon a time, the sight and sound of an approaching train meant excitement. Crowds gathered, people cheered, barefoot kids chased the train into town. The train brought mail, reunited loved ones, and represented progress.

Progress is definitely on my mind at the moment. I weigh my meager options, while the guy three cars back works the ol' turn-around-and-go-the-other-way maneuver. He cranks his Buick back and forth, then squeals away in search of a faster route, which I'm sure he'll never find. He

**'The train is gone. Cars inch forward, anxious to get over the tracks. I surge through the intersection and head down Mill Street as a whistle blows in the distance.'**

W.H. Dean  
—Plymouth resident

knows it too; he's just glad to be moving. Road rage conquers all. I entertain the idea, then choose not to follow Mr. Type A, instead clinging to my fantasy that this train is a short one.

My mind wanders. I consider rolling down my window and singing, "I've Been Workin' on the Railroad." Just to pass the time away, of course. I could encourage others to join in. After all, we're stuck here all the livelong day.

I crane my neck in search of a caboose, noting with annoyance that the train has slowed to a crawl. This may take awhile. I scan the boxcars for hoboos. No good - this train doesn't look too inviting, and scanning makes my eyeballs ache. I turn on the radio in time to catch and ad for Amtrak.

Rummaging in the back seat, I find an Observer that's



two months old. The stale news leaves a bad taste. I make a mental note that probably won't stick: always leave a book in the car, or a magazine, maybe a pillow.

The sound of 30 cars shifting out of "Park" jolts me from my trance. The train is gone. Cars inch forward, anxious to get over the tracks. I surge through the intersection and head down Mill Street as a whistle blows in the distance. It seems pretty far away, so I ignore it.

## Patrols from page A1

Also, department staff plan to meet with an official from the Michigan Department of Transportation in the next few days. Carey said one topic will be a reduction of the speed limit on Ann Arbor Road, from 45 mph to 35 along the main business corridor. The speed contributes to accidents, he said.

"I'm going to try and convince him through logic," Carey said, adding he also hopes to talk about reducing the speed limit on Ann Arbor Road on the west side of town.

Plymouth Township police have also been seeking to encourage compliance with speed laws through use of a trailer that displays motorists'

speeds as they pass it.

The township last year approved spending \$7,000 on such a trailer. The township board went 50-50 on the traffic device, with the Plymouth Canton Schools Board of Education.

Most of the selective enforcement patrols are happening along Ann Arbor Road and Beck Road near M-14, police said.

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## Torn to ed

BY TIM RICH  
STAFF WRITER

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## Tornado bill aims to educate students

BY TIM RICHARD  
STAFF WRITER

School kids will get two tornado alert drills a year if Rep. Jerry Law's bill flies through the Legislature as easily as it flew through the House Education Committee.

"Unless you put it in the code, each district has its own priorities. The only way you can do it is to require it," said Law, R-Plymouth.

He was backed during a Feb. 4 hearing by Paul Gross, a meteorologist from Farmington Hills with WDIV, who told of an incident last September at Spring Lake junior and senior high schools.

"Teachers mistook a tornado warning for a fire alarm and took the students outside," said Gross. "However, not all teachers went outside; some ignored the warning altogether and continued to teach classes."

"It's impossible," said Law, "for Paul to travel to all 500 school boards and convince them to do this."

The state Fire Prevention Code requires 10 fire drills per year in all schools, including colleges and universities. Law's bill would

amend it to require at least two tornado drills and eight fire drills.

The committee reported it out on a 17-0 vote. It was expected to be on the House calendar this week.

"Most communities have bought tornado sirens, but schools are a missing part of the protection," said Law.

For Michigan, tornadoes are a major problem, said Gross:

■ 90-95 percent of all tornadoes on Earth occur in "Tornado Alley," where warm, moist air from the Gulf of Mexico collides with cold, dry air from Canada.

■ Michigan jumps to eighth place in the number of "intense" tornadoes in the 1953-89 period.

■ Michigan has had some of the worst: the 1953 Flint tornado that splintered Beecher High in Flint and killed 115; 16 tornadoes last year in southeast Michigan, including one that devastated Hamtramck; the 1996 tornado that struck Frankenmuth; and a 1997 combination of twisters and thunderstorms that destroyed 2,000 acres of timber in the Huron National Forest.

## SC to get scholarships under jobs plan

BY TIM RICHARD  
STAFF WRITER

Community colleges will get the bulk of the business as the state puts up 10,000 scholarships at \$2,000 apiece for high-tech and construction trades training.

And the two-year colleges welcome the challenge from Gov. John Engler and Jobs Commission chief Doug Rothwell.

"Schoolcraft College had 4,575 students enrolled in occupationally-specific technical programs for fiscal 1996-7," said Conway Jeffress, vice president for instruction of the western Wayne County college. "This was 34.3 percent of the total students taking credit classes."

"Of these, 2,016 students were enrolled in high-tech programs (44.1 percent of total technical enrollment).

"Approximately 60 companies have participated in apprentice training, virtually since the beginning of the college (in the early 1960s)," Jeffress said.

The state is looking to deal

with community colleges that have partnerships with industries, Rothwell said in a Feb. 8 interview on the Channel 7 "Spotlight" program.

### 'Linked to industry'

Besides community colleges, the Jobs Commission also will deal with organizations like Focus:Hope in Detroit, Rothwell said. He encourages trade union apprentice programs but indicated it's unlikely they will see any scholarship money. "Community colleges are the bulk of the way we'll train them," he said.

Engler announced his job training strategy, not in his state of the state address but five days later in front of the Economic Club of Detroit. His \$50 million plan calls for:

■ \$20 million for scholarships - 10,000 scholarships at up to \$2,000 per student, reducing by half the cost of community college education. He highlighted a projected shortage of 6,000 buildings trades jobs - carpen-

ters, electricians, and masons. He also singled out high-tech jobs such as engineering technicians and computer programmers.

■ \$30 million to establish "at least five new technical training centers for adults at community colleges. These centers could be new buildings or retrofitted existing facilities."

Rothwell expanded on how it will work.

"The Governor's Workforce Commission will identify the occupations. Once that's done, then we'll work with the community colleges and ask them how their programs fit into this."

"It will be done primarily in community colleges. They're the backbone for providing technical training for workers in Michigan."

### Construction gains

Michigan had 54,000 more wage and salary jobs as of November 1997 than at the end of 1996, the House Fiscal Agency

reported.

Big gainer: construction: with 27,000 new jobs. Next: business services, 13,000, and professional services, 8,000. The manufacturing sector lost 6,000 jobs.

A major task of the state's school-to-work effort is to change the public perception that one must have a baccalaureate degree from a four-year university to succeed.

"We've told kids the only way to have a future is to go to a four-year college," Rothwell said. "We have a statewide school-to-work (STW) program in its fourth year. We're telling teachers, guidance counselors and parents about these kinds of jobs - what they pay, what their futures are."

Meanwhile, a study by the W.E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research in Kalamazoo found many educators have resisted implementing STW, the Associated Press reported. Educators view STW as little more than vocational education.

## Area trustees to discuss Rouge watershed project

A cooperative board of trustees meeting between Canton, Plymouth, Salem, Superior, Van Buren and Ypsilanti townships will be held tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the Walnut Room at Summit on the Park in

Canton Township. Representatives from these communities formed the Lower I 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.

The meeting is open to the public.

## Alliance to sponsor workshop for young writers

The Western Wayne Alliance for Gifted Education offers a free workshop for young writers Saturday, March 7 in St. Andrew Episcopal Church in Livonia.

The workshop is open to students in third through eighth grades. Two sessions are

planned, 9-11 a.m. for third, fourth and fifth graders and 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for sixth, seventh and eighth graders. Each session is limited to 15 students.

Mary Parviainen, past of the W2 Alliance, will conduct the workshop. You must be an

alliance member to register for the workshop.

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For more information, call Cheryl Gassen at (734) 422-0784.

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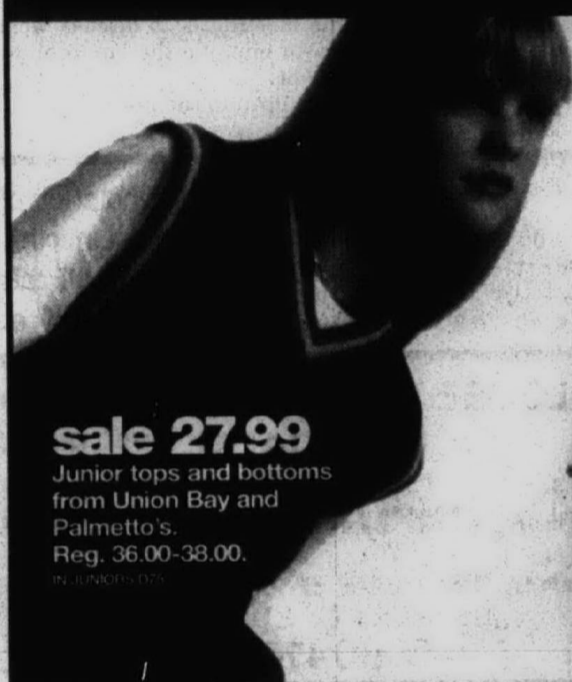
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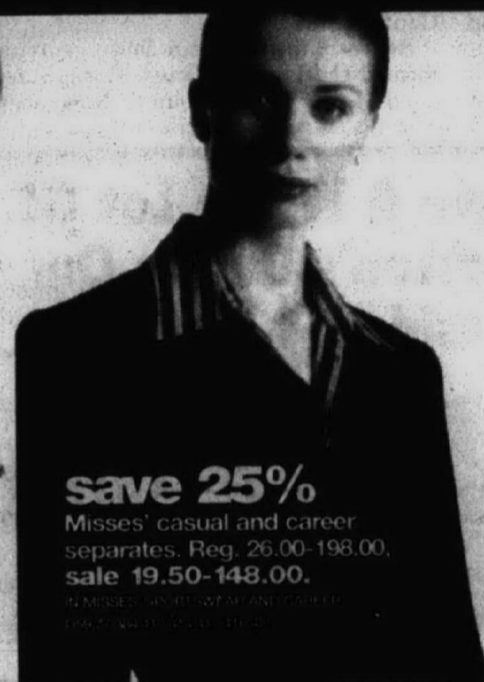
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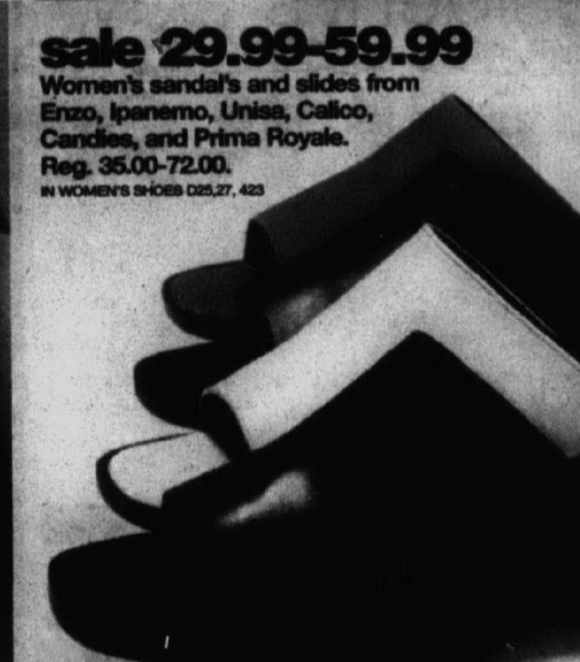
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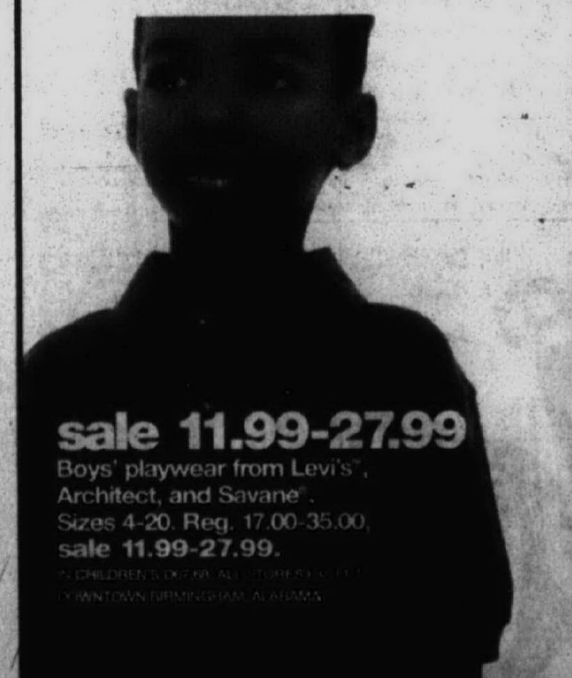
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# Skaters spin their way to the top

Roller skaters ranging in age from 6 to 60 jumped, spun, danced and finessed their figures before a panel of judges last Sunday at the Michigan Artistic Roller Skating Inter Club Contest in Livonia.

Riverside Arena hosted the event which attracted more than 140 skaters.

Top three finishers in primary figures were Deanne Filippi of Maumee, Ohio; Lauren Leader of Skate World, Troy and Brittany Adams of Westland who skates at Riverside Arena.

■Juvenile figures - Caroline Dieck, Skate World, Troy; Britani Cady of Livonia, (Riverside) and Suzanne Demarois of Novi (Riverside).

■Elementary figures (girls) - Sarah Baldwin of Livonia, Heather Menard of Garden City and Sarah Krug of Howell. All three skate at Riverside.

■Elementary figures (boys) - Tyjuan Kirby of Great Skate in Roseville, Steven Oginsky of the University of Michigan Artistic Team in Flushing and Edgar Fuentes of Livonia (Riverside).

Top finishers respectively in other categories included:

■Freshman figures (girls) - Katie Rydzewski of Livonia (Riverside); Jennifer Wright of Rollhaven in Flint and Christine Jarrett of Livonia (Riverside).

■Freshman figures (boys) - Matthew Karr of Livonia (Riverside), Brandon Laycock of Northville (Riverside).

■Sophomore figures - Cathi Yerrick and Peggie Cronkright of the University of Michigan Artistic Team in Flushing and Shantelle Taylor of Rolladium in Waterford.

■Junior figures - Tracey Wilson of Livonia (Riverside), Krysten Johnson of Livonia (Riverside) and Karen Bessler of Rollhaven in Flint.

■Junior world class figures - Moshae Ivory of the U-M Team, Tracey Wilson of Livonia (Riverside) and Krysten Johnson of Livonia (Riverside).

■World class figures - Marie Hayden of Livonia (Riverside)



STAFF PHOTOS BY TOM HAWLEY

Skater: Brittany Adams, 7, of Westland warms up before competing.

and Moshae Ivory, U-M.

■Novice figures - Melanie Black, U-M; Mary Cortese of Rollerama in Brighton and Diane Gietzen of Skate World in Troy.

■Classic figures - David Katovich and Deborah Dicho, both of Skate World in Troy.

■Esquire figures - Mary Gresko of Rollhaven, Flint; Christine Francis of Rolladium, Waterford and Janie Fagerlie of Skate World, Troy.

■Master figures - Roseann Piggott of Riverside, Pat Rutkowski of Rollerama, Brighton and Joan Kauer of Rollhaven, Flint.

■Elementary loops - Heather Menard, Garden City (Riverside); Sarah Baldwin, Livonia (Riverside) and Steven Oginsky, U-M.

■Open loops - (girls) Jennifer Wright of Rollhaven, Flint; Katie Rydzewski of Livonia (Riverside) and Rachael Finley of Ambassador, Clawson.

■Open loops - (boys) Matthew

Karr of Livonia (Riverside) and Brandon Laycock of Northville (Riverside).

■Advanced loops - Christine Jarrett of Livonia (Riverside), Cathi Yerrick, U-M and Peggie Cronkright, U-M.

■Junior dance - Adam Michalak and Sara Rydzewski, David Parker and Katie Rydzewski and Brian Truhan and Christina Gallos. All three couples skate at Riverside.

■Sophomore dance - Sean Cartwright and Kristina Revel of Riverside.

■Esquire dance - Robert Adair and Beverlee Diffin of RollArena, Midland.

■Masters dance - Ed Justin and Faith Dinnan of Olladium, Waterford; Frank Champine and Cheryl LeTourneau of Riverside.

■Senior solo dance - Sara Rydzewski of Riverside.

■Sophomore solo dance - Christine Jarrett, Riverside; Lindsay Caron of Riverside and Krysten Johnson of Riverside.

■Elementary solo dance -

Sarah Baldwin of Riverside, Heather Menard of Riverside and Sarah Krug of Riverside.

■Juvenile solo dance - Suzanne Demarois of Riverside, Chelsea Gonzalez and Britani Cady of Riverside.

■Adult junior solo dance - Karen Kenki of Rolladium, Waterford; Deborah Dicho of Skate World, Troy and Mary Cortese of Rollerama, Brighton.

■Solo creative dance - Lindsey Campbell of Rolladium, Waterford; Sandra Patrick of Skate World, Troy and Pamela Willoughby of Skate World, Troy.

■Senior solo in-line creative dance - Jenna Blair and Sean Portwood both of Rolladium, Waterford.

In junior olympic events top three finishers in the figures category were Brittany Adams of Riverside, Melissa Hogue of Rollerama, Brighton and Patrick Krug of Riverside.

In other junior olympic events top finishers were:

■Figures 2 - Jenna McQuestion of Skate World, Troy; Britani Cady, Riverside and Natasha Conz of Riverside.

■Figures 3 - Sandra Joysey of Skate World, Troy; Elizabeth Orvis of Riverside and Lori Boros of Riverside.

■Advanced figures 1 - Alison Kinka of Riverside, Deanna Filippi of Ohio Skate and Katie Jackson of Rolladium, Waterford.

■Advanced figures 2 - Ellissa VanHoutte of Ohio Skate, Cassandra Merrill of Riverside and Diane Gietzen of Skate World, Troy.

■Level I division A team dance - Patrick Krug and Britany Adams of Riverside.



On deck: Skaters (from left) Lauren Harrison, 9, of Livonia, Cara Podeszwik, 10, of Westland and Britani Cady, 10, of Livonia await their turn on the floor.

■Level I division A solo dance - Brittany Adams of Riverside, Deanne Filippi of Ohio Skate and Leandra Edward of Riverside.

■Level I division B solo dance - Alison Kunka of Riverside, Natasha Conz of Riverside and Heather Sloan of Rollerama of Brighton.

■Level I division C solo dance - Holly Morris of Rollerama, Brighton; Katie VanBuskirk of Riverside and Amy Young of

Lincoln Park.

■Level II division A solo dance - Jennifer VanHoutte of Ohio Skate, Gretchen Yurek of Riverside and Cara Podeszwik of Riverside.

■Level II division B solo dance - Brandon Laycock of Riverside, Rebecca Bethel of Riverside and Cassandra Merrill of Riverside.

Katie Jackson of Rolladium, Waterford, was number one in division A, in-line creative solo dance.

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# Roses

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"It's unfair on my side, because everyone thinks the florist is the bad guy," said Ribar.

In an unscientific survey of some Plymouth-Canton florists, price increases this week for a box of long stem roses ranged from \$10 to \$26. Expect to pay more if you want them arranged or put in a vase.

Delivery charges generally are based within a few miles of the florist, and go up the farther you want them delivered.

One florist, Sparr's Flowers and Greenhouse in Plymouth, didn't increase prices for Valentine's Day.

"We grow some of our own, and we think we'll have enough to get by without increasing prices," said a representative from Sparr's.

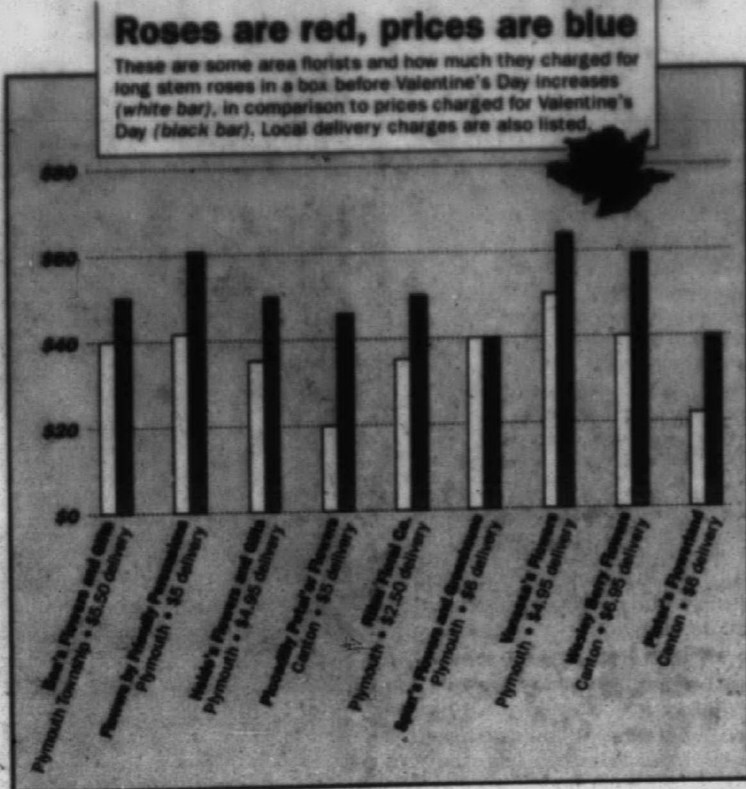
If you're going to spend a lot of money on the roses, you should spend some time learning how to make them last as long as possible.

Roses are the most sensitive of flowers, and react to cold and warm temperatures.

Angela Wanshon, owner of Pinter's Flowerland in Canton, says putting flowers in the kitchen is not a good idea.

"There are temperature changes in the kitchen because of cooking, which isn't good for roses," said Wanshon. "Plus, fruits and flowers don't mix. Fruits emit a gas which kills flowers."

Wanshon also suggests cutting



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the stems. "You should cut the stems at an angle with a sharp knife, not a pruning knife, approximately two inches from the bottom," said Wanshon. "Every flower gets an air pocket and seals itself, which won't allow water to

enter the bottom of the stem unless cut." She also suggests using the preservatives usually given by florists to help keep flowers healthy. If you follow the advice of your florist, they should last nearly a week.

**Celebrate: Plymouth Newcomers (from left) Christina Jackson, Jan Donaldson and Cynthia Anderson capture the spirit of Mardi Gras in their costumes at the club's Masquerade Dinner Party.**



PHOTO BY JERRY HENDON

## Newcomers celebrate

The Plymouth Newcomers Club celebrated Mardi Gras with a Masquerade Dinner Party on Saturday at the Water Club Grill, 39500 E. Ann Arbor Road.

Cajun style dishes were featured, including jambalaya over rice, chicken creole, dirty rice, pecan pie and hurricane punch.

A Mardi Gras king and queen were named, by the 36 who attended the party - Mark Hadar and Suzanne Cullen.

"Everyone was in costume or wearing a Mardi Gras mask,"

**'Everyone was in costume or wearing a Mardi Gras mask. It was a good turnout.'**

*Susan Tish*  
—Newcomers publicity chairwoman

communities. Members gather for social events, or sign up for mutual interest groups ranging from golf and games to antiques and baby sitting.

The next Newcomers event is from 7-9 p.m. March 5 at Picadilly's, 873 N. Mill, in Old Village. Basket, table setting and other design ideas for Easter and other occasions will be discussed.

For more information on Plymouth Newcomers, call membership chairwoman Christine Jackson at 416-0300.

**CANTON TOWNSHIP ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS**

The Charter Township of Canton 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, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon two weeks notice to the Charter Township of Canton. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Charter Township of Canton by writing or calling the following:

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ADA Coordinator  
Charter Township of Canton  
1150 S. Canton Center Road  
Canton, MI 48188  
(734) 397-5435

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**ADVERTISEMENT POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES**

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)

**SHURGARD OF CANTON**

Notice is hereby given that the entire contents of the following storage units will be sold to the highest bidder by way of open bid on March 16th, 1998, at approx. 10:00 a.m. at Shurgard Storage located at: 2101 Haggerty Rd., Canton, MI (313) 961-0300.

Unit 4076 - Mckeridge - 2 spoons of coaxial cable, approx. 10 misc. boxes.

Unit 3021 - Harrod - 3 living room chairs, dining table with chairs, 2 TV's, entertainment center, desk, 8 misc. boxes.

Unit 2026 - Hendrick - 2 pairs of skis, golf clubs, 30 misc. boxes.

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**NATIONAL SELF STORAGE NOTICE**

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**CHIPPING OF BRUSH AT DPWARD**

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

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**WESTERN TOWNSHIPS UTILITIES AUTHORITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING SYNOPSIS 4:00 P.M., MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 1998**

Regular meeting called to order at 4:10 p.m. Present: Karen Woodside, Ron Griffith. Agenda - adopted as presented. Minutes - regular meeting of December 22, 1997 - postponed until February, 1998 regular.

Schedule of operating expenses totaling \$480,890.01 - approved. Operations and Maintenance Monthly report - received and filed. Operations Manager's Report - received and filed. First Quarter Revenue/Expenditure Report (FY 97/98) - received and filed. Bid Award-Middle Rouge Office Expansion - postponed until February, 1998 regular meeting, pending additional information. Election of Officers - Chairman - Thomas Yack; Vice-Chair/Secretary - Karen Woodside; Treasurer - Kathleen Keen-McCarthy; Assistant Secretary - Tim Fass. Hours of Work - approved. Safety Modifications (Middle & Lower Rouge) - bid awarded to Weldcraft, Inc., of Plymouth, MI. Upgrade of FundBalance Software - approved. Performance Management System Upgrade - approved. The regular meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

KAREN M. WOODSIDE, Vice-Chairperson

This is a synopsis. A complete copy of the minutes may be reviewed at the WTUA offices located at 40905 Joy Road, Canton, MI 48187.

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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW**

All persons protesting their assessment must complete petitions prior to appearing before the Board. A personal appearance is not required.

The Board of Review will be held in Canton Township Hall in the lower level, at 1150 S. Canton Center Road. Please come prepared, as an 8 minute time limit before the Board will be strictly adhered to.

If you have any questions regarding the March Board of Review, you may call Sally Sibilla, Secretary to the Board of Review, at (734) 397-6831.

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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF HEARING ASSESSMENT BOARD OF REVIEW**

Notice is hereby given that the Canton Township March Board of Review will meet on the following dates and times:

Hearings are by appointment, call (734) 397-6831 between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. for appointments from February 23, 1998 thru February 27, 1998.

**Tuesday March 3, 1998 ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING ONLY 1:00 P.M.**

**HEARING DATES BY APPOINTMENTS**

|         |                |                         |
|---------|----------------|-------------------------|
| Monday  | March 9, 1998  | 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.  |
|         |                | 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.  |
| Tuesday | March 10, 1998 | 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. |
|         |                | 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.  |

**HEARING DATES ON A FIRST COME BASIS (WALK INS)**

Saturday March 14, 1998 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

You may call (734) 397-6831 for further information on the hearings, dates, and times.

Publish: February 12, 15 and 19, 1998

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSED STARKWEATHER HISTORIC DISTRICT**

Notice is hereby given that the City of Plymouth's Historic District Commission will be holding a Public Hearing. The meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 25, 1998 at the City of Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer Street, Plymouth, Michigan.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to discuss the proposed creation of the "Starkweather Historic District". This meeting is being scheduled pursuant to Michigan Public Act 169 of 1970, as amended.

Information regarding the Starkweather Historic District may be reviewed at City of Plymouth Building Department at 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, Michigan, (734) 453-1234 x 232.

In compliance 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  
210 S. Main Street  
Plymouth, MI 48170  
(734) 453-1234, ext. 206

All interested persons are invited to attend.

Publish: February 12 & February 19, 1998

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR PARAMEDIC COURSE INSTRUCTION FOR CANTON FIREFIGHTERS TO PREPARE THEM FOR THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMERS AND INDUSTRY SERVICES STATE EXAMINATION FOR PARAMEDIC LICENSURE**

The Charter Township of Canton will accept Request for Qualifications for Paramedic course instruction for Canton firefighters until 5:00 p.m., March 5, 1998. Requests may be picked up at the Finance and budget Dept., 3rd floor, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton MI 48188.

The request for Qualifications describes the scope of services. Questions may be directed to Fire Chief Michael Rorabacher at (734) 397-5347.

Late proposals will not be accepted. Canton Township reserves the right to reject any or all proposals. Canton 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

Publish: February 12, 1998

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# High school musicians get their turn at festival

BY DIANE HANSON  
SPECIAL WRITER

Tympani, snares and marimbas traveled down the hallways of Livonia Franklin High School Feb. 7, along with more than 4,500 high school musicians participating in the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association (MSBOA) District 12 High School Solo & Ensemble Festival.

Participants included 150 students playing in 94 events from the Plymouth Canton Educational Park music programs. One hundred-fifty area middle-schoolers were among the 3,500 participants in the middle school festival at Franklin, Jan. 31.

"This is the largest music festival in Michigan," said Kristi Jasin, Franklin's band director. This was the 20th year Franklin has hosted the two-weekend event for junior and senior high school musicians and it has grown every year.

Washtenaw, Monroe and part of Wayne County are included in the District 12 area. "It's a chance for students to work on something individually or put together an ensemble with

friends where they have to be self-motivated and self-directed," said Amy Boerma, PCEP associate band director. Participation is strictly voluntary but it is a good experience for the musicians to play for someone other than their band directors, she added.

Student musicians are judged on timing, tone, rhythm, correct notes and musicianship and given division ratings from first through fifth. First and second division ratings are awarded blue and red medals respectively. Each musician is judged against a standard and has the opportunity to achieve top ratings.

"This is a special experience because they get to play for people who are specialists on their given instrument," said Boerma. "It's a great opportunity for them to build up confidence."

That's exactly what veteran musician Faith Scholfield has done. A sophomore at PCEP, Scholfield has played oboe for

five years and English horn for three years. She said playing in front of a judge doesn't really make her nervous "because you get a lot of input from the judges."

That certainly has paid off for Scholfield who would like to go into oboe performance. She already plays with the Detroit Civic Symphony Orchestra, Michigan Youth Orchestra, and Plymouth Community Band as well as the Wind Ensemble at PCEP.

Scholfield easily captured a first-division rating with her English horn solo and plans to attend the Michigan State Festival in April.

"Small ensemble playing and solo literature performing are two of the most valuable things to make a well-rounded musician," said David McGrath, PCEP band director. "Performing in a large ensemble is one facet. This is certainly an equally important part of the experience."

Senior Stacie Ludwig agreed. The marimba player has performed all four years in the PCEP Marching Band, one year in concert band and three years in symphony band.

Of the solo and ensemble experience she said, "It gives you a goal and someone to perform it for." She said the judges' comments are very helpful. The judge at her solo performance gave a lot of kudos and a first division rating for her skill.

But musical prowess isn't all the students are gaining through their diligence and practice. "There have been numerous studies that have shown the value of a musical education and how it enhances students' academic performance," McGrath said. "It's an amazingly complex physical activity as well as intellectual."

"I think there is a real misconception that (music) is a frill," McGrath continued. "It is not. This is something that makes us complete. This is something that makes us human. This is something that sets us apart. All of these things need to continue to be stressed this day and age."



On her own: Stacie Ludwig performs a marimba solo for first division rating at the high school Solo and Ensemble Festival at Franklin High School in Livonia.

## AAUW hosts its annual production

"Jack and the Beanstalk" will be produced Thursday through Saturday, March 5-7, by the American Association of University Women at Garden City High School's O'Leary Auditorium, for children and their parents. Many of the cast members and behind-the-scenes workers of the AAUW are local school district administrators or teachers.

Tickets are \$3. For advance tickets, persons may send a check made out to the Plymouth Branch AAUW and a stamped, self-addressed envelope to: Play Tickets, 1274 Penniman, Plymouth 48170. Ticket orders must be postmarked by Friday, Feb. 13.



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRESLER  
Cast: Jack, played by AAUW member Melissa Uhl, flees with the hen, played by Mickey Edell-Cotner, that lays golden eggs in the production of "Jack and the Beanstalk."

## School equity meeting set

The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Legislative Action Committee is sponsoring the state's first "Michigan Summit on School Equity" at 7-9 p.m. Monday, March 23, at the Summit on the Park in Canton Township. The public is invited.

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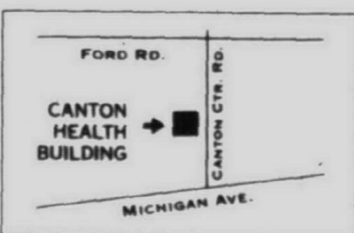
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# Plymouth Community Fire Department sponsors CPR, first aid classes

The Plymouth Community Fire Department will again sponsor adult, child and infant CPR and basic first aid.

The classes are scheduled for 6-10 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 24, Tuesday, March 3, and Tuesday, March 10, at the clerk's office at

Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth Township.

Participants must attend each

class to be certified in CPR and basic first aid. At the conclusion of the third class, participants will receive a certification card.

The program costs \$14.50 for each participant.

For more information or to register for the classes, contact

the Plymouth Community Fire Department at 453-8340, Ext. 221.



## CITY OF PLYMOUTH COUNTY OF WAYNE, STATE OF MICHIGAN NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that an Ordinance, designated Ordinance No. 97-5, of the City of Plymouth, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, amending Chapter 78 of the City of Plymouth Zoning Ordinance in the Code of Ordinances of the City of Plymouth has been adopted on September 29, 1997 and readopted on February 2, 1998 by the City Commission of the City of Plymouth pursuant to the provisions of Act 207, Public Acts of 1921, as amended (MCL §125.581, et seq.; MSA §5.2931, et seq.).

The time and place where a copy of the Ordinance may be purchased or inspected is, as follows: City Clerk's Office, Plymouth City Hall, 201 South Main Street, Plymouth, Michigan 48170 during regular business hours of Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., excluding legal holidays.

A summary of the regulatory effect of the amendatory Ordinance No. 97-5 to the existing City of Plymouth Zoning Ordinance including the geographic area affected, is as follows:

### CITY OF PLYMOUTH ORDINANCE NO. 97-5

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 78, THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH ZONING ORDINANCE IN THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING AN ANN ARBOR ROAD CORRIDOR DISTRICT.

THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS that Section 78, "Zoning" in the Code of Ordinances of the City of Plymouth is hereby amended by adding the following described text and map revisions. A summary is, as follows:

**SECTION 78-26.** Enumerated Residential and nonresidential zoning districts of the City of Plymouth are set forth.

**SECTION 78-331.** Limiting height, bulk, density and area by zoning district.

Limitations by zoning district pertinent to regulating minimum lot size per dwelling unit, maximum height of structures, minimum yard setback, minimum floor area and maximum lot area covered by building are provided.

**SECTION 78-360.** Plant Materials and landscaping requirements. Greenbelt, planting and landscaping regulations are mandated.

**SECTION 78-363.** Walls and berms. Location, size and other required obscuring wall or landscaped berm are provided.

**SECTION 78-392.** Regulations by use district. ARC zoning district signage regulations are cross-referenced to Section 78-710 of the Ordinance.

**SECTION 78-417.** Submitted for approval. The instances when a site plan shall be submitted to the city for approval are designated.

**SECTION 78-507.** Off-street parking requirements. Parking regulations within the ARC zoning district are cross-referenced to Section 78-706 of the Ordinance.

**SECTION 78-701.** Preamble.

**1. District Established.**

Recognizing the importance of a viable Ann Arbor corridor with well-planned, quality development, and further recognizing that a unified approach is the most effective, the City of Plymouth and the Charter Township of Plymouth have jointly established the ARC, Ann Arbor Road Corridor District. This zoning district is based upon careful evaluation, study and plans completed by the two communities with considerable input from the corridor businesses.

It has been agreed by both the City and the Township, as the foundation for this zoning district that creation of a common ARC zoning district, presents opportunities for intergovernmental coordination, cost savings, consistent land use regulation, sound planning and reflects the traditional spirit of cooperation in the Plymouth Community.

It is further acknowledged that creation of the ARC District does not change the independent authorities and powers of each unit of government to adopt, enforce and amend its zoning ordinance; however it is the intent of both bodies in creating this district that the regulations and effect of the ARC remain the same in both the City and Township. Therefore, by mutual agreement, variations which are not approved by both the Township and the City are contrary to the intent of this district.

**2. Boundaries Defined.**  
The boundaries of the ARC, Ann Arbor Road Corridor District are as shown on the Zoning Map published with this Notice. Generally the ARC District includes parcels of land with frontage on Ann Arbor Road between Mill Street on the east to Sheldon Road. The particular parcels comprising the geographic area of the ARC district are described by the tax item parcel numbers and postal street addresses, as follows:

| CITY OF PLYMOUTH<br>ANN ARBOR ROAD CORRIDOR PROPERTIES |                     |
|--|---------------------|
| 110 W. ANN ARBOR RD.                                   | 449-011-99-0025-000 |
| 200 W. ANN ARBOR RD.                                   | 449-011-99-0026-000 |
| 208 W. ANN ARBOR RD.                                   | 449-011-99-0027-000 |
| 210 W. ANN ARBOR RD.                                   | 449-011-99-0028-000 |
| 220 W. ANN ARBOR RD.                                   | 449-011-99-0029-000 |
| 260 W. ANN ARBOR RD.                                   | 449-011-99-0030-003 |
| 280 W. ANN ARBOR RD.                                   | 449-011-99-0030-004 |
| 300 W. ANN ARBOR RD.                                   | 449-011-99-0031-000 |
| 400 W. ANN ARBOR RD.                                   | 449-011-99-0062-000 |
| 450 W. ANN ARBOR RD.                                   | 449-011-99-0061-000 |
| 510 W. ANN ARBOR RD.                                   | 449-011-99-0059-000 |
| 530 W. ANN ARBOR RD.                                   | 449-011-99-0060-000 |
| VACANT LOT BY CREEK                                    | 449-011-99-0048-000 |
| 560 W. ANN ARBOR RD.                                   | 449-011-99-0047-000 |
| 620 W. ANN ARBOR RD.                                   | 449-011-99-0046-002 |
| 640 W. ANN ARBOR RD.                                   | 449-011-99-0046-001 |
| 684 W. ANN ARBOR RD.                                   | 449-011-99-0044-000 |
| 800 W. ANN ARBOR RD.                                   | 449-010-04-0001-003 |
| 874 W. ANN ARBOR RD.                                   | 449-010-05-0110-000 |
| 936 W. ANN ARBOR RD.                                   | 449-010-05-0113-000 |
| 980 W. ANN ARBOR RD.                                   | 449-010-05-0015-000 |
| 1020 W. ANN ARBOR RD.                                  | 449-010-05-0016-002 |
| 1052 W. ANN ARBOR RD.                                  | 449-010-12-0004-000 |
| 1054 W. ANN ARBOR RD.                                  | 449-010-23-0003-000 |
| 1056 W. ANN ARBOR RD.                                  | 449-010-12-0002-000 |
| 1058 W. ANN ARBOR RD.                                  | 449-010-12-0001-000 |
| 1100 W. ANN ARBOR RD.                                  | 449-010-05-0121-000 |
| 1122 W. ANN ARBOR RD.                                  | 449-010-05-0121-000 |
| 1150 W. ANN ARBOR RD.                                  | 449-010-05-0122-000 |
| 1160 W. ANN ARBOR RD.                                  | 449-010-05-0123-002 |
| 1330 W. ANN ARBOR RD.                                  | 449-010-99-0017-003 |
| 1490 W. ANN ARBOR RD.                                  | 449-010-99-0013-301 |

**SECTION 78-708.** ARC, Ann Arbor Road Corridor District:

**1. Purpose.**  
The Ann Arbor Road Corridor Zoning District is intended to establish uniform regulations applicable to the use of land, dimensions for building and site development, parking, landscaping and signage which accommodate and promote land uses which are compatible with the desired character of the corridor, and which conserve property values and long term stability of office, commercial and limited light industrial uses along the Ann Arbor Road Corridor. The Ann Arbor Road Corridor District is intended to accommodate a mixture of office, business and limited light industrial uses designed to serve the commercial needs of the general community in an attractive, well designed and functional environment.

**2. Principal Uses Permitted.**  
No building or land shall be used and no building shall be erected except for one or more of the following specified uses, unless otherwise provided in this Ordinance.

- a. Medical and dental offices and clinics and other professional offices.
- b. Administrative, executive and editorial offices.
- c. Real estate and other general business offices.
- d. Banks, credit unions, savings and loan associations, and similar financial institutions.
- e. Schools for arts and crafts, photography and studios for music or dancing; training centers, business or private schools operated for profit.
- f. Private clubs and lodge halls.
- g. Mortuaries.
- h. Churches, not including large scale churches.

- i. Research, computer, and design centers where such centers are intended for the development of pilot or experimental products.
- j. Personal service establishments which perform services on the premises such as shoe repair, dry cleaning shops (without on-site processing), tailors and dressmakers shops, beauty parlor and barber shops, or any service establishment of an office-showroom or workshop nature of an electrician, decorator, doing radio, television or home appliance repair, photographic reproduction, and similar establishments that require a retail adjunct and are of no more objectionable character than the aforementioned subject to the following provision: No more than five (5) persons shall be employed at any time in the fabrication, repair and other processing of goods.
- k. Retail establishments whose principal activity is the sale of merchandise in an enclosed building, including sales of groceries, meats, dairy, dry goods and notions or hardware.

**1. Business services** such as mailing, copying and data processing.  
**m. Restaurants, taverns, bars/lounges** and other uses serving food and/or alcoholic beverages, where patrons are served while seated within a building occupied by such establishments.

**n. Drive-thru restaurants or restaurants** which include drive-thru facilities, subject to provision of a separate stacking land to accommodate a minimum of six (6) cars and positioned in such a manner that stacking will not interfere with vehicular traffic on site, on the adjacent roadway, entering or leaving the site. No eating shall be permitted while on site and in a parked vehicle. Sufficient number of outdoor litter receptacles shall be provided to prevent blowing paper and other material moving off site onto surrounding properties.

**o. Bus stations.**  
**p. Commercial parking garages.**

**q. Accessory structures and uses** customarily incidental to the above permitted uses.

**3. Uses Subject to Special Approval**

This section identifies land uses which may be permitted subject to the ordinance procedures and standards required for uses subject to special conditions, including a public hearing of the Planning Commission. Among the uses listed are municipal facilities, hospitals, public/parochial/private schools, hotel and motels, automobile sales, theaters and assembly halls, veterinary clinics, open air sales and display, auto wash facilities, gas stations, minor auto repair and limited wholesale, warehouse, or light industrial uses. Specific conditions are prescribed, which are applicable to certain of the uses.

**4. Development Requirements**  
Requirements regarding fencing, sidewalks, exterior building wall finish and various other development considerations, which apply to all uses permitted in the district are described. Site plan review and compliance with other provisions of the zoning ordinance are required.

**SECTION 78-703. Schedule of Regulations**  
**1. Area, Height, Bulk and Placement Requirements**  
Establishes basic dimensional requirements for buildings and uses in the district. Minimum yard setback requirements and maximum building height is specified for principal uses and for uses subject to special approval.

**2. Notes to Schedule**  
Identifies additional yard setback requirements when parking is located between the building and the street, or when ARC uses are adjacent to residential uses or districts.

**SECTION 78-704. Parking Requirements, Layout, Standards, and Off-street Loading and Unloading**

**1. Off-Street Parking Requirements**  
Off-street parking is required in accordance with the standards of this section. The number of spaces required is specified by the particular land use. The number of barrier-free parking spaces required, permitted locations, and method of calculating the number of parking spaces required are also identified. Collective parking facilities are permitted.

**2. Requirements for the Development, Maintenance and Layout of Parking Facilities**  
Parking space, aisle width and length minimum dimensions are provided. A minimum nine foot wide parking space is permitted. Standards for parking lot lighting, and maintenance are also specified.

**3. Off-Street Loading and Unloading**  
Standards for the required minimum dimensions and number of loading spaces are provided.

**SECTION 78-705. Access Management and Driveway Standards**

**1. Statement of Purpose**  
Standards for driveways access to streets are provided to facilitate through-traffic operations, to ensure public safety along roads, and to protect the public investment in the street system while providing property owners with reasonable, though not always direct access.

**2. Application of Standards**  
The access management and driveway standards provided apply in the ARC District to all uses except permitted one-and-two family dwellings. The Planning Commission may vary these requirements for the expansion and/or development of existing sites which meet certain conditions.

**3. General Standards for Driveway Locations**  
Driveways shall be located to minimize interference with free movement of traffic and to ensure that adequate sight distance and favorable driveway grades are provided.

**4. Standards for the Number of Commercial Driveways**  
Each separately owned parcel may have one driveway, shared driveway or service drive. Conditions under which additional driveways may be allowed are listed.

**5. Driveway Spacing Standards**  
Distances are specified for separation of driveways.

**6. Standards for Shared Driveways and Service/Frontage Roads**  
Shared driveways or service drives may be required by the Planning Commission.

**7. Commercial Driveway Design**  
Design standards for laneage, radii and clear vision are provided.

**8. Modification of Standards for Special Situations**  
The Planning Commission is authorized to modify the access management and driveway standards based upon site conditions.

**SECTION 78-706. Landscaping Standards**

**1. Landscape Standards**  
Installation of landscaping must be consistent with an approved landscape plan. Minor deviations may be approved by the Chief Building Official. Plant material quality standards, minimum plant sizes, undesirable varieties, and lawn/ground cover requirements are stated. Artificial plants are prohibited. Maintenance is required.

**SECTION 78-707. Landscaping, Screening or Buffering**

**1. Character of Landscaping, Screening or Buffering Areas**  
Landscaping for required screening shall form a complete visual and physical separation, create a transition between uses, and reduce adverse effects of lights and unsightly areas. Landscaping which is required as buffering or green space shall create a partial visual separation and break up the visual pattern of parking areas.

**2. Methods of Screening**  
Standards are given for acceptable screening using a solid wall with planting strip, screening berm, or evergreen screen.

**3. Areas Requiring Screening and/or Buffering**  
Various methods of screening and/or buffering are required between uses that may have a negative impact on one or the other, and those uses are listed.

**SECTION 78-708. Parking Area Screening**

**1. Parking and Screening**  
Specific standards and illustrations of berms, walls and trees are provided for four alternate combinations of acceptable parking lot screening.

**SECTION 78-709. Interior Parking Lot Landscaping**

**1. Parking Lot Landscaping**  
Established required numbers of trees and other landscaping within parking lots, dependent upon the size of the lot.

**SECTION 78-710. Signs**

**1. Purpose**  
Sign regulations are established for the ARC District to provide for consistent sign regulation on both sides of Ann Arbor Road. The requirements are intended to promote a balance between advertising needs, aesthetic recommendations of the Ann Arbor Road Plan, and motorist safety.

**2. Definitions**  
Provides sign definitions in alphabetical order within the district text for easier reference, expands the number and modifies some definitions to provide better clarification of the terms and consistency between the City and the Township.

**3. General Standards**  
Describes the method of calculating sign area, setback and height, and places limits on the number of items of information that may be contained on a sign.

**4. Signs Prohibited**  
Lists signs not permitted in the district, including unsafe signs.

**5. Area, Height, Placement and Other Regulations for Permitted Signs**  
Regulations are provided for particular types of signs. Ground signs are permitted to a maximum of 42 square feet in area and 8 feet in height, depending on setback. Sites with a large Ann Arbor Road frontage may have larger ground and wall signs. Ground monument signs are encouraged. Wall signs are permitted to a maximum of 42 square feet in area, based upon signable area of the building. Standards for multi-tenant building wall signs are provided. Window signs are limited to 15 percent of the glass surface of the window area for non-illuminated, temporary signs. Other signs for which specific regulations are given include, projecting signs, marquee signs, flags, directional signs, menu boards, bulletin boards, political signs, temporary real estate signs, and temporary construction signs. Signs permitted, but exempt from item of information requirements, are listed.

**6. Nonconforming Signs**  
Provides for legal nonconforming signs and establishes limitations on their continuance and modifications which may be permitted.

**7. Variances**  
The Zoning Board of Appeals has the authority to vary the sign regulations.

**8. Noncommercial Message Permitted**  
A sign structure which is permitted as an on-premise advertising sign or an off-premise advertising sign may contain a noncommercial message.

**SECTION 78-711. Amendments**

**1. Purpose**  
Amendments of the ARC District text or map should be coordinated between the City and Township. Amendments which would effect the continuity of the boundaries or create differences between the City and the Township lands are contrary to the intent of the district.

**2. Amendment Requirements**  
Amendments to the text or which would remove land from the district boundaries require approval of both the City Commission and Township Board. Amendments which would add land to the district require approval of only the municipality having jurisdiction over that land.

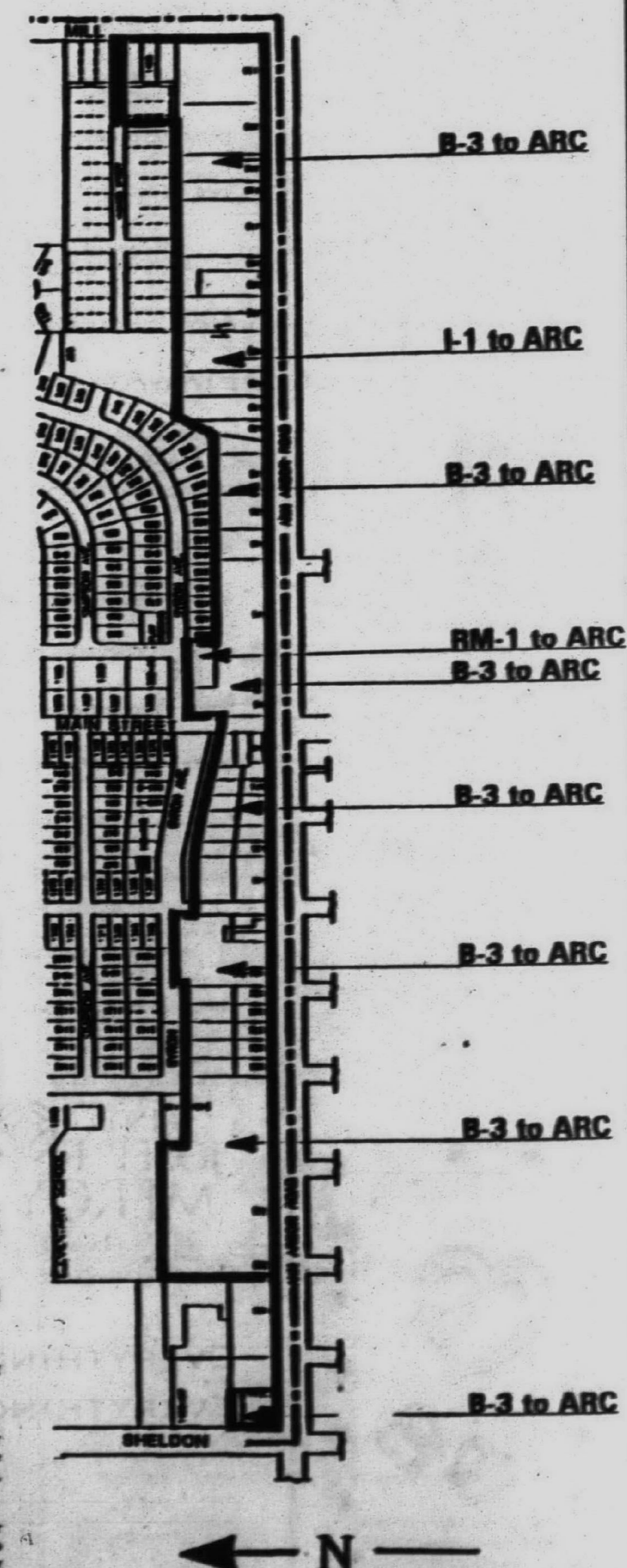
**Additional provisions are, as follows:**

**Rights and Duties**  
Rights and duties which have matured, penalties which have incurred, proceedings which have begun and prosecution for violations of law occurring before the effective date of this ordinance are not affected or abated by this ordinance.

**Validity**  
Should any section, clause or paragraph of this ordinance be declared by a Court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the same will not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or part thereof, other than the part declared invalid.

**Ordinances Repealed**  
All other ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are to the extent of such inconsistencies hereby repealed.

**Effective Date**  
This ordinance shall become effective one day after publication.



Made, passed and adopted by the City Commission of the City of Plymouth, Michigan, this 2nd day of February, 1998.  
DONALD DESMUK, Mayor  
LINDA J. LANGHEISSER, CMC, City Clerk  
Publish February 12, 1998

## Madonna plans volunteer fair

Madonna University in Livonia will hold its fourth annual Volunteer Fair 1-4 p.m., Tuesday, March 24 in the Take 5 Lounge on campus.

"The fair is an effort to match the interests and talents of volunteers with existing needs in the community by providing the volunteers with a chance to shop for the right organization," said Deacon Gene Desjarlais, director of campus ministry.

Some organizations offer internships which can help expand career skills. There are local, national and even international community opportunities, Desjarlais said.

Approximately 35 organizations with volunteer opportu-

nities attended last year's fair.

"This year we are planning to send invitations out to local high schools, churches and senior centers," said Melissa Edmonds, junior history major and coordinator of community and public services at Madonna University.

"Sometimes people say they don't have the time to volunteer, however, some volunteer opportunities only request a few hours a week from their volunteers. For example, the tutoring program we work with in Detroit can request tutors to give as little as three hours a week. A lot of people spend that much time watching TV. It is about quality of time, not quantity, for both

the volunteer and recipient," said Edmonds.

As a student at Madonna University, Edmonds herself have volunteered with numerous organizations, two of which came from the volunteer fair.

"Volunteering gives the volunteer the opportunity to learn new and different things about themselves," she added.

Some of the organizations which will be represented include A Christian Ministry in the National Parks, FOCUS Hope, Habitat for Humanity and Franciscan Outreach Association.

For more information, call campus ministry at (734) 432-5419.

## Western Wayne group to host discussion groups on guiding gifted children

The Western Wayne Alliance for Gifted Education will hold guided discussion groups for eight weeks 7-8:30 p.m. on Mondays beginning Feb. 23 in St. Paul Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile, west of Inkster Road, Livonia.

The alliance, an affiliate of the statewide organization, includes parents, teachers and friends that support gifted education.

The guided discussion groups offer parents the opportunity to act as resources to one another. The groups help parents develop skills to nurture the self-concept and emotional development of their children.

"Guiding the Gifted Children" by James Webb, Ph.D., is used as a basis for discussion. Topics include: identification, motivation, discipline, stress, depression/communication of feelings,

peer relationships, sibling rivalry, tradition breaking parenting.

Each group is limited to 15 people. Cost is \$35 and includes a copy of Webb's book.

To register, send a check payable to: W2 Alliance to W2 Alliance, 28006 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland, Mich. 48185. A spouse may attend the eight-week session free.

## Rivers to host constituent coffee hours

U.S. Rep. Lynn Rivers, D-Ann Arbor, has scheduled coffee hours from 8:30-10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 20, at Silverman's Restaurant, 36480 Plymouth Road, in Livonia.

All 13th District constituents are encouraged to drop by, have a cup of coffee and discuss their concerns with her.

For information, call Rivers' district offices in Ann Arbor at

(734) 741-4210 or Wayne (734) 722-1411.

## STATE CAPITOL CAPSULES

### Lab life extended

The Senate has passed a bill to extend state ownership of the Michigan Biologic Products Institute to Sept. 30.

The sponsor, Sen. Bob Geake, R-Northville, said the value of the institute was increased when the U.S. Defense Department announced it will immunize all troops against the biological agent anthrax. MBPI is the sole federally-approved maker of the anthrax vaccine.

Gov. Engler's administration wants to sell MBPI, based in East Lansing, because it's essentially a business. Democrats stoutly oppose the sale.

The state took bids but reopened bidding Jan. 2, and three likely bidders have emerged, Geake said.

His bill extended the effective date for transferring MBPI to the Department of Community Health from Feb. 17 to Sept. 30. The bill also supplies \$9 million for operations.

The Senate vote was 34-0 with four not voting. All area senators were present and voted yes.

The House has passed similar bills. Geake said the two chambers will negotiate a final version.

### Library bill OK'd

The Senate has approved a House bill to protect the privacy of library records and sent it to Gov. John Engler for signing.

"There has been concern that vulnerable populations - such as children and senior citizens - could be subject to unwanted and inappropriate solicitation through their library records," said the sponsor, Rep. Tom Kelly, D-Wayne.

His HB 4146 expands the Library Privacy Act to cover a patron's name, address and telephone number. The old law covers materials a person checks out of the library.

The House unanimously passed his bill in April of 1997, and Senate passage came Jan. 27 on a 36-0 vote with two absent.

All area senators voted yes except Bill Bullard Jr., R-Milford, who had an excused absence.

### Idea becomes law

State Rep. Lyn Banks, R-Redford, credits constituent Scott Heinzman for an idea that

Gov. Engler signed as Public Act 2 of 1998. Banks sponsored the law to give a valid state personal identification card the same legal status as a driver's license for identification in stores and banks.

Heinzman, a disabled Livonia resident, wrote to Banks after encountering situations where his state ID card was unacceptable for cashing or writing a check.

"I don't have a driver's license, nor will I get one anytime soon, because I am a person with a severe disability," his letter said. "It seems ridiculous for there not to be an acceptable form of identification for a person who doesn't have a driver's license. And it's discriminatory."

The law takes effect July 1.

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## Gridlock

### Time to put trains on track

When you hear the whistle in Plymouth or Plymouth Township, it's pretty certain what it is. Another train. More time waiting at the crossing. Or if you're like many others, your cunning and expert timing takes over and you turn around looking for another route.

There's no better environment for a dose of road rage than at the railroad crossings in the city and township.

Let's be honest, motorists are waiting, in many cases, longer than seven minutes - after which the CSX may be fined. How about 10 minutes, 15 minutes, even 30 and 40 minutes?

No one wants to interfere with commerce, interstate or otherwise. But there's a problem here. Let's acknowledge it. While CSX is entitled to conduct its business, it is hampering others from conducting theirs, not to mention gridlocking the communities as the trains pass through crossing by crossing.

CSX didn't have a problem in the early '90s fighting the city over tickets when trains blocked crossings for five or more minutes. State and federal authorities agreed with CSX. It's clear that CSX now takes the money they spend on tickets - which is put into an escrow account for crossing improvements - as just part of doing business. They got the best of the local communities.

It's time to fight back. Police are urged to hammer away at CSX with tickets when their trains are holding up traffic for seven or more minutes. That should be a priority.

City and township officials must make plenty of noise, enough for their state and federal representatives to hear. It's time to bring U.S. Rep. Lynn Rivers and U.S. Sens. Spencer Abraham and Carl Levin into the equation and demand some results. Commerce is one thing. Gridlock is another.

**While CSX is entitled to conduct its business, it is hampering others from conducting theirs, not to mention gridlocking the communities as the trains pass through crossing by crossing.**

We also urge the city and township to seek federal money available to construct overpasses or underpasses. While the crossing at Sheldon Road is not as busy as the one on Main Street, it still has a chance to qualify for money. It is also the crossing where gridlock has occurred - especially with the traffic from the Sheldon Ford Plant and traffic coming off M-14.

Other communities, such as Livonia and Canton, have no problem going head-to-head with public officials to get what they want. It's time city and township officials do the same.

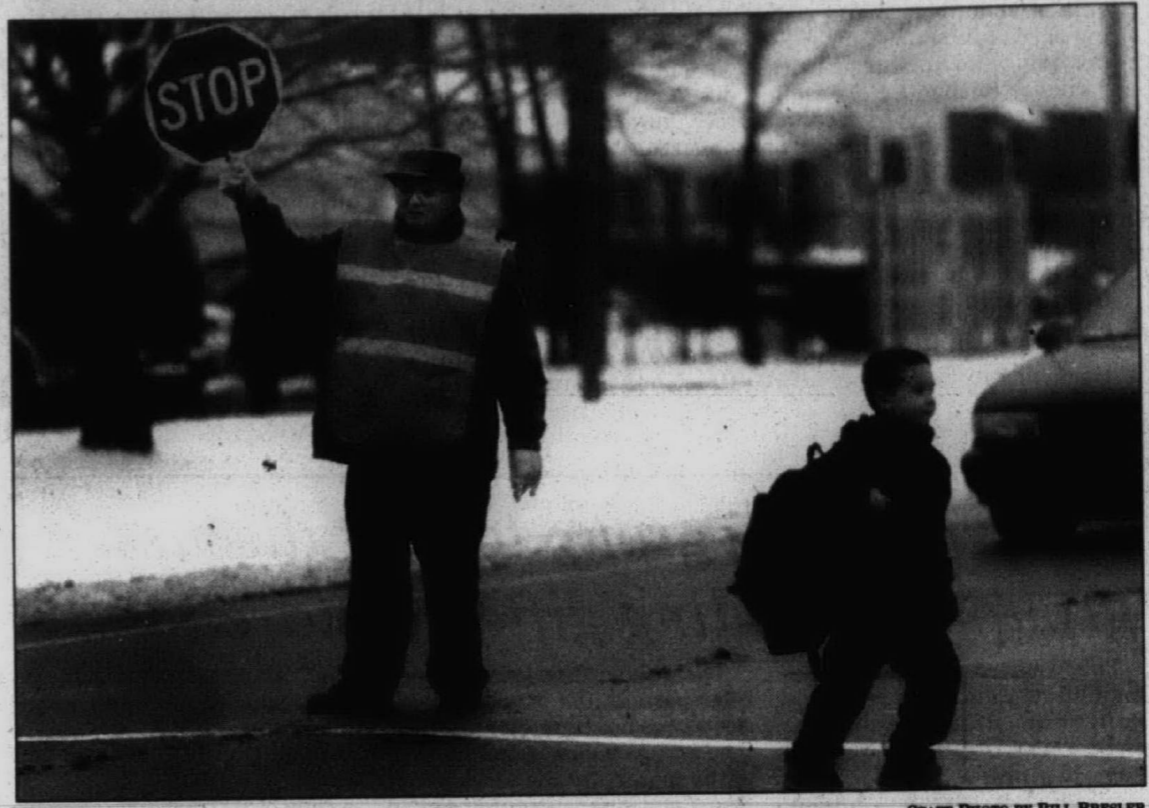
A county official estimated the Sheldon improvement at \$10-\$12 million. The federal government would pay 80 percent, with the city likely picking up 5 percent and the county 15 percent. Let's set some priorities.

Addressing the backups on the roadways due to long trains, as well as problems with trains as they cross the roads should be a major priority for city, township and county officials.

The potential for accidents - as motorists quickly find other routes - as well as tragedies, as when ambulances and other emergency vehicles can't get through, is real.

It's time for city and township officials to take a very public, very loud role in resolving problems with the railroad crossings ... before someone gets seriously hurt.

## A heartwarmer



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRESLER

**Needed: People like Bill Thomas, a crossing guard at Allen Elementary in Plymouth, make the day better. Not only does he watch over the kids at the school, he is a godsend to parents as he cleans their car windshields, helps with traffic and generally provides familiarity and camaraderie.**

## LETTERS

### Enjoyed column

I liked Philip Power's column in the Dec. 25 Observer titled "Traditions of yuletide endure."

I wish to add that the mistaken interpretation of the First Amendment regarding religions, contrived and craftily promoted by a tiny non-Christian minority, should be reinterpreted to its original, common sense meaning, as intended by the founders of the amendment.

It is a shame that such small, but insolently aggressive minority prevails and is allowed to impose its anti-Christian agenda on, overwhelming, over 95 percent of this country's population Christian majority.

What kind of democracy do we have? Soviet style? In the former Soviet Union, a small minority of godless Communists terrorized the Soviet people with its kind of anti-Christian subversion for over 70 years. Those Marxists who run that country used to say the same thing, "You may worship in your own house, but not in schools and other public places," even though the people over whom these Marxists ruled were the public.

I know how it was there because I used to live there.

I think that Christians are much delinquent in asserting their right to free exercise of their religions. In this overwhelmingly Christian country, apparently the enemies of Christianity managed to convince Christians that their place is in catacombs.

Joseph Wira  
Plymouth

### Recruiting is honorable work

As president of Michigan Association of Personnel Services, the largest staffing services organization in Michigan, I feel compelled to respond to the George Hayes column of Feb. 1 "Better to be a pain than to fade away" and the implication that recruiting is less than an honorable profession.

While we sometimes have to live with the sins of our forefathers, I think that Mr. Hayes reflects the days-gone-by attitude of those who have not kept up on the latest state of the art of our industry.

I think it is abhorrent to intentionally try to "scare" someone from a business that directly reflects one's reward by hard work. While Mr. Hayes mentions the downside of our business (in virtually every paragraph), he fails to mention much of the upside.

So, I would like to offer some of the very positive aspects of the staffing industry.

■ The industry rewards hard work and discipline, yes long hours do pay off!

■ There is rejection, but in any sales-oriented job it goes with the turf. What worthwhile endeavor doesn't afford setbacks?

■ Boredom - anything but! You keep constructively busy and you will develop a bank of business that looks to you for help and guidance.

■ Opportunity abounds. I defy anyone to show an opportunity that rewards industriousness and hard work as the staffing industry does.

■ Rewarding is the watchword of the industry. It's a fantastic feeling to place candidate with a job and make both happy. And you get paid for it. To receive repeat business and gain friends in the interim makes it that much more enjoyable.

■ The industry has matured. Associations such as MAPS and its National Association of Personnel Services are trying to meet the needs of our clientele by meeting with them to find out how we can be more responsive, upgrading the consultants knowledge by having classes (nationally recognized in 1997), encouraging certification - an arduous exam where over 165 people have passed in the last two years (again, nationally recognized).

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## Roundtable clarifies debate

Two weeks ago, the Observer Newspapers held the second in an ongoing series of roundtable discussions about the role and condition of the arts in our communities.

Not surprisingly, it was a discussion as fertile and fascinating as a compelling work of art.

While issues like taxes, crime, the economy and repairs to our crumbling infrastructure require our vigilance, there's a pressing need to broaden the public discussion about how to further enhance our communities.

Making a commitment to the arts, we believe, can foster an identity and a further sense of community. And, it can help to define our area beyond the notion of the automobile-industry capital.

Western Wayne County is in the midst of one of the most prolonged economic growth periods in 25 years.

But what lies beyond the economic growth and affluence? How can our shared experiences best be characterized?

Since last October when the National Endowment for the Arts published, "American Canvas," a report on the nation's cultural legacy, the Observer has felt a compelling need to ask: What is the cultural legacy in each of the communities we serve?

About every eight weeks, the Observer moderates a public discussion with those who actively participate in the arts, including art associations, community theaters, community orchestras, patrons, museum directors and

## THE ARTS

arts educators.

Our goal is to examine how the arts contribute to the overall quality of life in our communities. And, equally important, how the Observer can contribute to cultivating and promoting the local art scene.

Essentially, we hope to elevate the discussion about the arts. In practical terms, that means getting beyond the political rhetoric.

For instance, for nearly two years, representatives from the tri-county area have debated the merits of a tri-county tax to support the arts.

Basically, the idea - modeled after the programs in Denver, Chicago and San Francisco - calls for a 1/2-mill property assessment to generate operating revenue for 14 of the metro area's major cultural institutions.

The proposal has languished in the state legislature, and has never come before the voters. It should.

Although the mechanics of the bill might need to be smoothed out, the intent of the proposal should have a broader public hearing.

Historically, the arts and populism have benefited from each other.

We believe the Observer roundtable discussions offer a valuable means to clarify the public debate about the values and priorities that define our common cultural experience.

## COMMUNITY VOICE

### QUESTION:

If you could win a gold medal in any Olympic sport, what sport would that be?

We asked this question at the Plymouth post office.



"Figure skating. I like it."  
Tricia McDonald  
Plymouth



"400 meters. That's what I used to run in college."  
Milton Feltner  
Plymouth



"Low hurdles. I used to run them back in high school."  
Ross Willett  
Plymouth



"Downhill skiing. I like the winter sports."  
Sherie Lothead  
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— Philip Power

POINTS OF VIEW

Let's refocus

I find it deeply distressing that the school bond election continues to divide our community. The election was certified first by a unanimous vote of the bi-partisan Board of Canvassers, who found no defect or bias in the voting machines. This was confirmed at the county level, by the Secretary of State, and by the decision of Circuit Court Judge Rashid. Once the election was certified, the school board had no legal right to nullify the election, and was, in fact, required to implement the results of the election. Four venues have determined that the vote was properly conducted and that the equipment used was in proper working order.

In every election, there are undercounts. These are either inadvertent or intentional, and ultimately, are the responsibility of the voter. Paper ballots can be cast incorrectly, and absentee ballots have been returned unmarked. The punch-card voting system used in school elections prior to the bond election is notorious for the potential for spoiled ballots.

As an example of a very narrow election with many spoiled ballots, I can point to the 1992 election of Kathleen Keen McCarthy as Plymouth Township supervisor. In that election, 13 percent of the approximately 10,000 ballots cast (roughly 1,300 votes) were easily spoiled in multi-seat elections if a voter accidentally chose more than the allotted number of candidates (three of six rather than two of six), and error that the new voting machines will not allow, by the way.

It would be a dangerous precedent to remove the responsibility of each voter to properly cast his ballot and require that elections meet some standard for undercounts or spoiled ballots. If we did make such a requirement, any election could be held hostage by a minority of people who, realizing that their candidate or proposition is unlikely to pass, deliberately fail to make a proper vote.

Unlikely, you think? Well, consider what sometimes happens in elections where multiple seats are being filled.

Supporters of a weak candidate often advise their voters to cast only a single vote, and forfeit their remaining votes, in essence "diluting" the vote for other candidates.

I find it alarming and un-American that one man should deliberately hold an election hostage under the guise of "defending the democratic process."

I am appalled that people are naive enough to believe that the issue is what he has tried to make it. The actions of the school board have been unjustly cast in the worst possible light, and many voters have been unreasonably turned against the schools. We need to refocus on the school children of this district. We need to build the schools.

Pat Kiewicz  
Plymouth

Reader offended

I am grievously offended by your coverage of the tragic, much mourned passing of Curtis Stucki on February 2, 1998.

Curtis was much loved and respected by the Stucki family and hundreds of co-workers at Mercy Health Services. Your callous, invasive and sensationalist reporting has raised disdain for print media to a new high.

Your article contained information no one needed, and few wanted to know. If you felt an obligation to report the incident, a brief article stating a young man (unnamed) had perished under the wheels of a train, similar to the report in the Free Press, would have been adequate.

I believe Curtis' family and friends and readers of your paper are due an apology and a commitment to raise the quality of your publication to that of a community newspaper we can respect and rely on to help us applaud and continue to improve the quality of our communities and our understanding of the local, national and global issues that are important to our future.

Carole A. Taylor  
West Bloomfield

Remember our rights

I would like to respond to the letter in the Jan. 15 paper, from Barbara Graham of Plymouth.

Thank you, Barbara! Your letter to the editor on Jan. 15 says it all! Thank you for crediting Jerry Vorva for exercising his legal rights, and thank you for crediting the mothers who were picketing for exercising their legal rights. But, most of all thank you for bringing again the public's attention to the real issue, voter's rights!

If the citizens of Plymouth-Canton can just get over the "it passed-it didn't pass" mentality and think about this real issue they would all be behind Jerry Vorva to see that their voter rights are indeed protected.

I would suggest that every person slip into "the other shoe" and ask themselves "if I was one of those voters whose vote was discarded would I like it? I dare say the answer would be a unanimous "No." Pretend we haven't counted the votes yet, the count is held because 740 votes haven't come in yet, we're still waiting for all precincts to report, no one would be picketing, no one would have a court case, no monies would be wasted, no divisions would be present in the communities, no rights would be violated!

Am I not correct in saying that all those who oppose doing what is right (somehow counting those votes) are those who are afraid the outcome would change? If this is their thinking then their reasoning is surely wrong!

I am wondering why we have not heard from all those people (740) whose votes were not counted! If it had been mine I would most likely have been pounding on the doors of the school board office demanding my voter rights be upheld and protected!

This entire issue needs a simple solution, let those 740 people re-vote! Let their vote be counted! Let the public "put their foot in the other shoe" and stand for what is right, not just what is thought to be a final outcome of an important education issue for our communities.

Without the outcome being decided by what is a voter's rights, any decision made by either the courts or the "voting count" will never heal and quiet the division now present in the communities. So lets do what is right! Lets not be afraid of the right outcome, but afraid of the outcome if our rights are not protected and upheld.

And, yes, Barbara, I too hope the total cost of all this fiasco will be tabulated and shared with the taxpayers! Thank you, for reminding us all of our rights and what is the right issue!

M. Johnson  
Plymouth

Losing confidence

To Jim Anulewicz, Plymouth Township public services director: You have created another situation in this saga that does not give the residents a high level of confidence in our government officials.

As a reminder, I attended the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees Meeting Nov. 18, 1997. During the "Public Comment & Question" section of that meeting, I told the board that the Westbriar 1 residents were very disappointed in the Plymouth Township officials.

We believe that the township did not complete all the steps necessary to resolve our potential traffic safety problem. The decision was made and work started on the street, between Westbriar 1 and Woodlore South, without a township notification that the residents had lost their appeal.

We requested the Planning Commission in early January, 1997, to conduct a Westbriar 1 study on the current school traffic and future traffic with a third high school located at Beck and Joy. In addition there was a request to determine if the county guidelines were legally binding. The Planning Commission agreed to act on our requests and we are still waiting for their report. This does not represent a real concern for the taxpayers!

At the board of trustee meeting, I was told by Kathleen Keen McCarthy

"that the township had done everything it could to appeal the County's WCDPS decision. The county has control of the roads." In our minds this statement is far from complete. Since we have never received a report on our two requests there must have been more township work.

During the Plymouth Observer's Joanne Maliszewski investigation of our appeal, a county contact told her that a traffic study was not submitted. It was her understanding that a traffic study would have been considered in their decision. It seems as if this was a serious shortfall of the Plymouth Township officials!

The residents feel as if the government officials want us to pay our taxes and be quiet! We have never gotten an answer to our Planning Commission requests, letters to county and township officials. Then to add insult to injury at the board of trustee meeting, Kathleen Keen McCarthy was tired of me talking about their short comings in public. She asked you to whisk me away to your office and continue my story in private. During that session you listened to the rest of my story, then promised to get answers on the results of the traffic study and legal question within 10 days to two weeks.

In December I received a call from your secretary, informing me that you were still working on my request. It's now January, 1998, two months after the board meeting and I am still waiting for your response, which seems to be no more than a yes or no.

Did the Planning Commission complete our January, 1997, requests? If it's yes, why didn't the township submit the results to the county? No response must mean the answer is no, shame on the township!

Jim, you came in late on this issue, but your responsiveness is in the same framework as all the other government officials that had something to do with our safety concerns.

This is government working for the residents!!

Ron Mack  
Plymouth Township

We name sources

What's the difference between gossip and news? That's a timely question now that newspapers, radio, TV, Internet, supermarket tabloids, Hard Copy and the New York Times are virtually indistinguishable from each other in the media feeding frenzy over President Clinton's alleged sexual habits.

There used to be a bright line between news and gossip. The traditional function of "mainstream" news media was to filter out the trash and pass on the truth. News was something that could be taken at face value as an accurate representation of an event.

Reporters either saw something take place or insisted on quoting by name anybody who claimed that something had happened. This practice, called "attribution," is a valuable discipline to both reporter and news source because it requires somebody - either the reporter or the source - taking responsibility for accuracy.

Gossip, on the other hand, usually amounted to not much more than rumor, almost always unattributed and without any of the insistence on accuracy or responsibility.

Over the years, the line between news and gossip has become blurred, most importantly through the practice of reporters' increasingly relying on anonymous sources. An anonymous source is somebody who tells a reporter something on the condition that his or her name be kept out of the story. "Sources," or "lawyers close to the investigation," or even "people in a position to know" are phrases reporters use to indicate the source is anonymous.

The stories about semen on Monica Lewinski's blue dress, for example, or the intern and the president being "caught in the act" by now have been shown to be nothing more than malicious gossip without credible evidence to back them up. Leaked to reporters, these stories migrate at the speed of a computer key from one medium to the other, gaining a spurious credibility as they are repeated again and again.

Many reporters, especially those working in Washington these days, rely heavily on leaks from anonymous sources. They claim that without their use of unnamed sources, much important news would remain hidden behind a cloud of silence, official or otherwise.

This may be so. But you've got to wonder about what motivates such a source. Does he want to smear a president? Does she want to spin the story to make the White House look good? How does a reporter know which is which? And, even more importantly, how does a reporter avoid being used as long as the source insists on anonymity?

That's why hometown newspapers like this one do not as a rule use anonymous sources.



PHILIP POWER

We believe there is a big difference between community journalism and what we call "vulture journalism." Our corporate policy manual says it clearly: "Avoiding the use of unnamed sources is one way of building readers' trust. It demonstrates that we hold ourselves accountable for the accurate reporting of information provided by reliable and identifiable sources. If an individual does not want his/her name used we are obligated to confirm their information from other identifiable sources."

"Our policy, consequently, is to avoid the use of unnamed new sources." Very rarely, there can be compelling reasons to use unnamed sources. If that happens, only the executive editor can authorize their use, and we further require an editor's note to accompany the story explaining what we have done.


Because as community journalists we have not only an obligation to the truth of our reporting but also to the consequences of our news stories to the communities they serve and to the people they portray, we try to distinguish quite clearly between personal gossip and hard news.

Years ago, for example, I knew a judge in Farmington who was sensationally good on the bench. Tough; fair; probing; just. But in the evenings he hung around the bars and, from time to time, he drank too much. We on the paper knew this, but because there was no evidence that his private drinking in any way whatsoever affected the performance of his public duties, we never ran the story. Had he turned up on the bench drunk, however, we would have felt an obligation to report the fact and let the chips fall where they might.

I'm not saying that the kind of community journalism we practice at this newspaper is always perfect. But I do assert that in our clear awareness of the bright line between news and gossip and in our refusal to use anonymous sources, we practice a distinctly different kind of journalism than most.

We think it is better for readers, (identified) sources and communities. We hope you agree.

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## OBITUARIES

**DOLORES F. BUGAI**

Services for Dolores F. Bugai, 69, of Canton were held Feb. 7 at the McCabe Funeral Home, Canton Chapel, with the Rev. Richard Kelly Jr. officiating. The burial was in Roseland Park Cemetery.

She was born Oct. 20, 1928, in Detroit. She died Feb. 5 in Canton. She is survived by her husband, Edwin; two daughters, Lynne Bugai of California and Libby Laslo of Canton; and one grandchild.

Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association.

**HALLIE ROSE MARTIN**

A funeral service for Hallie Rose Martin, 90, of Plymouth will be held 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 14, at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth, with the Rev. Dr. James Skimins officiating.

She was born May 2, 1907, in Terre Haute, Ind. She died Feb. 8 in Redford Township.

She was a resident of Plymouth for 40 years and one of the original residents of Tonquish Creek Manor. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth. She retired from Associated Spring of Plymouth in 1970, where she worked as an inspector.

Her survivors include a son, William E. of Canton; a daughter, Shirlee Verge of Mt. Vernon, Wash.; seven grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and a sister, Nila Gilbert of Westland.

Memorials may be made to the Presbyterian Village, 25300 W. Six Mile, Redford, Mich. 48240.

**ALICE A. RAMBO**

Services were held for Alice A. Rambo, 84, of Livonia, formerly of Plymouth. Local arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth.

She was born Feb. 14, 1913, in Logansport, Ind. She died Feb. 7 in Livonia.

She moved to the Plymouth community in 1966 where she was a member of the First Presbyterian Church. She was a homemaker; her life was her family and children. She was also a member of Phi Beta Kappa at Hillsdale College.

Her survivors include a daughter, Sue Ann Loveall of Kansas City, Mo.; three sons, Michael of Chicago, Ill., Frank of Plymouth and David of Chicago, Ill.; 19 grandchildren and great-grandchildren; a sister, Blanche Six of Dallas, Texas; and a brother, Tom Baker of Logansport, Ind.

**GILBERT H. RIX**

A funeral Mass was held for Gilbert H. Rix, 87, of Plymouth on Feb. 8 at the Risen Christ Lutheran Church with the Rev. Jacob Dressler officiating. The burial was in the White Chapel Cemetery in Troy. Arrangements were made by the Vermeulen Funeral Home.

He was born July 10, 1910, in Armada, Mich. He died Feb. 3 in Plymouth.

He served in World War II with the Army. He attended the University of Cincinnati and studied chemical engineering. He worked for WWJ, now WDIV, for 31 years as an engineer and technical director.

He is survived by his wife, Marie C. of Plymouth; three daughters, Patricia Patton of Plymouth, Carolyn E. Rougeaux of Redondo Beach, Calif., and Kathleen Tripp of Adrian, Mich.; a son, Douglas G. of Rockford, Ill.; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 17220 W. 12 Mile, Suite 100, Southfield 48076 or the Risen Christ Church-Building Fund, 46250 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth 48170.

**KENNETH J. ROBINSON**

A funeral service for Kenneth J. Robinson, 76, of Plymouth was held Feb. 9 at the Neely-Turowski Funeral Home, Canton Chapel, with the Rev. Jerry Yarnell officiating. The burial was in the Glen Eden Cemetery.

He was born May 26, 1921, in Lancashire, England. He died Feb. 5 in West Bloomfield.

He worked in the tool and die profession. He is survived by two daughters, Karen Joppes and Diane Perry; a son, Brian; four grandchildren: Michael, Jason, Kendall and Kristin; a sister, Ruth Jackson; and brother Norman Robinson.

**HARRY C. ROWLAND**

Services were held for Harry C. Rowland, 87, of Plymouth on

Feb. 10 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with pastor Frank Haynes officiating. The burial was in Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth.

He was born Oct. 4, 1910, in Waseau, Ohio. He died Feb. 4 in Livonia.

He moved from Livonia to Plymouth in 1954, where he built his own home. He owned and operated Rowland Construction, where he built custom homes from the 1940s until 1986. He was a member of the Metropolitan Seventh-day Adventist Church. He enjoyed fishing and boating.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Camilla of Plymouth; a daughter, Barbara K. Guenterberg of Taylor; a grandson, Brian G. Guenterberg of Dayton, Ohio; four sisters, Louva Waterman of Plymouth, Letha Travis of Plymouth, Cassie MacLeod of Manchester, Mich., and Ardith Fischer of Plymouth; and one brother, Murray Rowland of Mesa, Ariz.

Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

**LYMAN SCOTT SIBOLOSKI**

Services for Lyman Scott Siboloski, 25, of Canton were Feb. 4 at the Uht Funeral Home with the Rev. Drex Morton officiating. Burial was at Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock.

Mr. Siboloski was born July 8, 1972. He died Feb. 1. He was a laborer.

Survivors include his parents, Lyman and Thelma Siboloski; one sister, Tammy Fay; and two grandmothers, Elsie Siboloski and Nannie Spivey.

**GILBERT H. RIX**

Services for Gilbert H. Rix, 87, of Plymouth will be at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 8, at Risen Christ Lutheran Church with the Rev. Jacob Dressler and Hugh McMartin officiating. Burial will be at White Chapel Cemetery in Troy.

Mr. Rix was born June 8, 1910, in Armada, Mich. He died Feb. 3 in Plymouth. Mr. Rix graduated from Armada High School. He attended the University of Cincinnati, majoring in chemical engineering. He was a radio and television engineer at WWJ, a member of the original WWJ (now WDIV) television crew as an engineer and technical director. He worked for WWJ for 31 years, 1944 to 1975. He lived in Plymouth since 1984.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Martin H. and Flora Rix. Survivors include his wife, Marie C. Rix of Plymouth; son, Douglas (Jane) G. Rix of Rockford, Ill.; daughters, Carolyn (Tom) E. Rougeaux of Redondo Beach, Calif., Kathleen (Randy) A. Tripp of Adrian, Mich.; five grandchildren, Bradley (Kristin) Patton, Heather Patton, Justin Tripp, Sara Tripp, Holly Tripp; and two great-grandsons, Taylor Patton and Nathan Patton.

Memorials may be made to Alzheimer's Association, 17220 W. 12 Mile Road, Suite 100, Southfield, Mich. 48076 or Risen Christ Church Building Fund, 46250 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Mich. 48170-3446.

**PAMELA REGAN**

Services for Pamela Regan, 44, of Manassas, Va., were on Jan. 29 with the Rev. Ronald Gripsover officiating. Burial was at Quantico National Cemetery.

Mrs. Regan died on Jan. 23, at Potomac Hospital. She was involved with the school lunch program at Aquinas Catholic School. She was also treasurer of Boy Scout Troop 1919. She was a branch manager for Longaberger and Associates and a teller at First Union Bank.

Survivors include her husband, F. Weldon Regan of Manassas; her parents, Ralph and Doris Diedrick of Plymouth; two sons, Matthew Regan and Mark Regan of Manassas; and one sister, Connie Jacobs of Northville.

Memorials may be made to Matthew and Mark Regan Trust, Attention: Barbara Mitchell, Nationsbank, 4191 Dale Blvd., Woodbridge, Va. 22193 or to The Matthew and Mark Regan Trust, First Union Bank, 8118 Sudley Road, Manassas, Va. 20109.

**LUELLA K. DETHLOFF**

Services for Luella K. Dethloff, 85, of Canton were on Feb. 7 at the Vermeulen Funeral Home with the Rev. Joel W. Dethloff officiating. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth.

Mrs. Dethloff was born Oct. 9, 1912, in the village of Cherry Hill, Mich. She died Feb. 2 in

Ann Arbor. Mrs. Dethloff grew up on the family dairy farm at Ford Road and Lilley in Canton. The Dethloff family farmed from 1915 until the land was sold in 1958. She was a member of the Plymouth Grange, of which her parents helped build. She was also a member of the Dyer Senior Center in Westland, where she loved to play bingo. She also enjoyed gardening and crossword puzzles.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harvey Dethloff; and her parents, James Matthew

and Vivian M. Swegles. Survivors include three sons, Harvey (Evelyn) Dethloff Jr. of Manchester, Mich., Robert (Eleanor) Lee Dethloff of Salem Township, Richard (Sheryl) Dethloff of Garden City; two daughters, Virginia (William) Andreopoulos of Milwaukee, Wis., Cathryn Kalita of Westland; two brothers, Max Swegles of Plymouth, James R. Swegles of Wayne; one sister, Theo Demeritt of Bay City; 14 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association Michigan Affiliate Inc., 23100 Providence Drive, Suite 400, Southfield, Mich. 48075-3680.

**ROBERT JAMES "JAMIE" MEYERS**

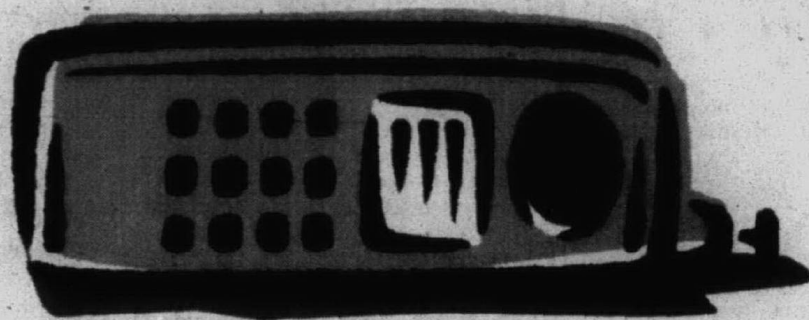
Services for Robert James "Jamie" Meyers, 43, of Plymouth were Feb. 7 at the Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Plymouth Township. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth.

He was born in Windsor, Ontario. He died Feb. 2 in Can-

ton. Mr. Meyers was a salesman for Steve Petix Clothier for six years.

Survivors include his fiancée, Nancy R. Marek, and her sons, Jeremy and Gary; one daughter, Staci M. Meyers of Ypsilanti; one son, Matthew A. Meyers of Ypsilanti; two brothers, Michael (Sally) Meyers of Snellville, Ga. and Dennis (Lisa) Meyers of Whitmore Lake.

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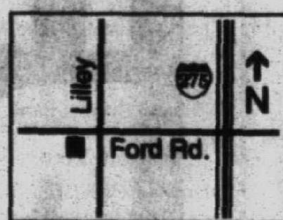
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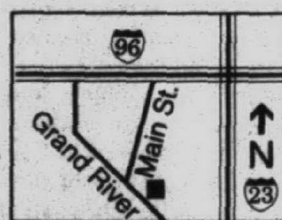
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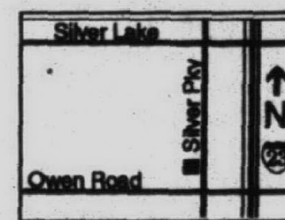
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Thursday, February 12, 1998



JACK GLADDEN

## Simple is best for me

I'm thinking about getting The Feminist a present for Valentine's Day. But it's gotta be something different. Of course, anything would be different, since I've never given her Valentine presents before.

Chocolates are out because she's into her "summer will be here before you know it, so it's time to go on a diet" mode. Flowers won't work. The cats would eat them. So I've been checking out these press releases and catalogs we get here in the office. There's some pretty neat stuff there. I wonder what she'd like?

The Detroit Zoological Society suggests "adopting" an animal for your Valentine. For \$25 you can "adopt" anything from a bald eagle to an African lion. You get an adoption certificate, a picture of the animal, a fact sheet and a newsletter. Wonder what kind of animal she'd like? Maybe a Canada goose. Nah. We've already adopted a dog, two cats, a goldfish and two dwarf hamsters.

Let's see, here's an idea from one of those kitchen supply shops: Heart-shaped muffin pans for just \$36. For the muffin of my heart... I don't think so.

Hey, how about this? An "Ultimate Romance" package. Two nights in the presidential suite of the Park Hyatt

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## Be mine, Valentine

### Love can be pricey, when shopping on-line

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO  
STAFF WRITER

Valentines who don't have the time or inclination to find a gift for their partners — or themselves — can easily take care of the task by taking a few steps to their computers or telephones. But the convenience can come with a hefty price.

With a click of a mouse or a push of telephone buttons, everything from cards and flowers to romantic meals and prospective mates is available.

Case in point... In honor of Valentine's Day, Hallmark has expanded its on-line store, The Hallmark Connections Shop, <http://www.hallmarkconnections.com>, to include floral arrangements through National Flora, Fannie May candies, sterling silver jewelry, heart-shaped frames and stuffed animals.

More than 1,700 electronic greetings — of which 1,500 are free as part of a grand-opening offer — can be found on the site. Animated cards that feature moving lips and hearts are sent e-mail for \$2.50. The Card and Gift Center in Livonia Mall charges an average of 99 cents to \$6 for paper cards.

If mass-reproduced cards just don't do the trick, customized cards are an option. The "Create-A-Card" service has been discontinued, but Kinko's is offering animated KinkoCARDS that can be sent from its stores or Web site, <http://www.kinkos.com>.

"The customized KinkoCARD is a high-tech and fun way to remember all the special people in your life on Feb. 14," said Laura McCormick, Kinko's spokeswoman. "Sending KinkoCARDS is easy. Customers simply select the Valentine's design, type in their own

message and send it to anyone with an e-mail address."

Recipients are notified with an e-mail message from Kinko's with instructions on how to pick up the card on-line. They can then send a card in reply or create their own Valentine sentiment.

Customers without Internet access can still send KinkoCARDS by visiting their local Kinko's — 34850 Plymouth Road, Livonia, (734) 522-7322; 44511 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, (734) 455-2840; or 29306 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills, (248) 932-3373. The cost of sending the card is free, however, those who need to use one of Kinko's computers will be charged \$12 an hour or 20 cents a minute.

Photos and artwork can be used to create personalized gifts, such as mouse pads, T-shirts, mugs, bookmarks, and color calendars ranging in price from \$4.95 to \$29.95.

If you just want to say "I Love You," visit <http://www.nowwhat.com> which offers free audio messages saying "I Love You" in 75 languages, including Cherokee ("Do-yu) Ji-ge-yu-atto-wa," Hawaiian "Aloha wau ia oe," Swahili "Ninakupenda," or French "Je vous aime."

#### Gifts of chocolate

The Hallmark on-line store offers only a few varieties of chocolates for Valentine's Day. The Purple Passion Heart Box sells for \$14. Other heart-shaped boxes of candies are available for \$21. Add shipping and handling to it for an additional \$4.95 to \$28, depending on the total price, delivery

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# Gladden from page B1

Hotel in Washington. Comes complete with fireplace, a candle-lit hot tub and something called an "unobtrusive butler." And the whole package is only \$15,000. I wonder if that includes breakfast?

Speaking of romance, here's a contest I could enter. It's sponsored by Fabio and the makers of "I Can't Believe It's Not Butter." What's it say?

"To enter the 'I Can't Believe It's Not Fabio!' contest, individuals must write an essay describing why their significant other is as romantic as Fabio." Grand prize is a two-carat diamond ring presented by Fabio. Well, maybe later.

'An ideal tryst?'

Here's another one right out of cyberspace. The Globe ([www.theglobe.com](http://www.theglobe.com)), which is described as "the on-line community that is defining virtual lifestyles for its over one million users," is holding a contest featuring a month-long search for the "ideal romantic tryst initiated and nurtured at The Globe."

It's sponsored by a company that makes "personal care products," including condoms, depilatories, toothpolish and home pregnancy tests. First prize is a dozen roses. Forget it.

Now here's an idea. NYLCare Health Plans, Inc., suggests that "as a unique and meaningful way to express their affection this Valentine's Day, men edu-

cate the women in their lives about the risk of heart disease and the ways they can help prevent it."

They suggest combining the educational materials with "other fun and interesting gifts," such as Vitamin C and E supplements, a pair of walking/jogging shoes, membership in a gym and taking her out for a fish dinner once a week. That's pretty romantic.

"Happy Valentine's Day, Sweetheart. Here's a new pair of gym shoes. And by the way, did you know that almost 480,000 women will die of cardiovascular disease this year?"

Wow, this is getting complicated. There's so much to choose

from.

But here's something interesting. According to a new survey, 79 percent of the 1,018 Americans interviewed said they'd like to receive a gift certificate as a present. That would simplify things a lot.

I wonder who sponsored this survey anyway. Let's see, here it is, some outfit called 1-800-PRESENT, a "new gift certificate by phone service." Uh-huh.

## Cards and candy?

Boy, everybody's getting in on the act. Maybe I'll just get her a card and some of those little candy hearts with the funny sayings on them. Seems like they've been around forever.

Hey, here's an Associated Press story about them. OK, so they haven't been around forever, just since 1902, when the first ones were produced by the New England Confectionery Company, which also makes Necco Wafers. They are still being stamped out on 100-year-old machines.

They've added some new messages this year, like "E-mail Me" and "Awesome," and dropped "Hot Stuff" and "Groovy." But the basic recipe hasn't changed.

They are a Valentine tradition, and I guess that's what I've been looking for all along. Something traditional. I'll get her a card and some candy hearts and send them to her at work.

Oops! Maybe not. Here's another press release from ROMAC INTERNATIONAL. They're worried about Valentine's Day gifts in the workplace.

"For some," according to the release, "these gifts of interest and affection will be well received — for others, they will represent another example of unwanted attention and Sexual Harassment."

I think I'll just forget the whole thing. I'll give her a kiss on the cheek and deliver my greeting in person.

"Happy Valentine's Day, sweetheart. I was going to buy you a present, but ..."

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

# Valentine from page B1

service and destination.

Aside from a few bucks in gas, it can be cheaper to visit the Fannie May store in Laurel Park Place in Livonia. Although the Purple Passion Heart Box isn't available there, there are other options. Heart-shaped boxes of candy at the store range from \$15.95 for a one-pound box to \$160 for an eight-pound box.

## Say it with flowers

A dozen long-stemmed roses in a crystal vase are available online for \$79.95 plus shipping and

handling on Hallmark's site.

To save a few bucks, try visiting FTD's Web site at <http://www.ftd.com>. There, the same arrangement costs \$74.95 plus shipping and handling. If that's still too much money to spend, Norton's Flowers in Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti has set up a Web site, <http://www.emailflowers.com>, where computer users can e-mail photos of 16 different FTD floral arrangements for free. The real thing can also be ordered off the Web site. One dozen long-stemmed roses in a

crystal vase is priced at \$69.96 plus shipping and handling.

Virtual flowers accompanied by poems and songs can be sent from <http://www.bizserve.com>. The Web site <http://www.4valentines.com> brags about its low prices. A dozen roses, sent directly from the grower, is available for \$59.95. The site 4valentines.com also offers chocolates, lingerie, filet mignon for two from Omaha Steaks, a Vermont Teddy Bear, and jewelry from QVC.

While it may be convenient to

purchase flowers over the Internet, sometimes the photo is so fuzzy it's hard to tell exactly what you're getting. Sharon Archambeau, head designer and manager at The Flower Pot in Canton, said there are other advantages to buying flowers in person.

"Wives like it better because they're (husbands) doing their own personal card; that means a lot. They also tend to buy little add-ons like balloons and stuffed animals," she said.

It can be less expensive as well. A dozen roses sells for \$55 plus \$15 more for a vase at The Flower Pot, located at 6575 N. Canton Center Road, between Ford and Warren roads. Unlike Internet Web sites, flowers can be purchased on Valentine's Day at flower shops.

Renaissance Spa Treatments Inc. provides Bath of the Month Club members with spa and bath products from around the world. The membership costs \$29.95 for the three-product startup kit and spa treatments, and \$9 for every month thereafter. Additionally, there are two special gift boxes available for Valentine's Day — a "Red Hot Box" for \$19.95 and a "Romance Box" for \$44.95.

To purchase memberships or gift boxes, call 1-800-406-BATH or <http://www.mudbath.com>. Victoria's Secret at Laurel

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Sharon Archambeau  
—The Flower Pot

Park Place and Westland Center is selling flavored and scented massage oil priced at \$5. If the oils, available in pina colada, Irish creme and strawberries and champagne, are ordered through the catalog at 1-800-888-8200, they're subject to a hefty shipping and handling charge.

Don't fret if you prefer to give gift certificates as presents. Through 1-800-PRE-SENT, gift certificates to a variety of services and stores can be purchased. Bath and Body Works, SpaFinders and The Sharper Image as well as Barnes & Noble, Episode, Warner Brothers Studio Stores, Brookstone, Brooks Brothers, El Portal, Hyatt Hotels, The Ritz-Carlton Hotels, Sam Goody/Musicland, The World of Golf, Tournear, Virtual Vineyards, Lew Magram, and Orvis and Nat Sherman also use the service.

Valentine's Day can be lonely for singles, log onto <http://www.SecretAdmirer.com> and send a free, anonymous message to the per-

son you've been longing for. The only way to find out who sent the message is to send an anonymous message to someone (or a few people) that you like. If you send one to the person who sent one to you, the database automatically recognizes a match.

When a match occurs, both you and your admirer are notified by e-mail that your feelings are mutual.

Those who have \$10,000 to spend can find a rich date through Mate-Search International, a retainer-based, matrimonial search firm that specializes exclusively in love-searches for executives of the Fortune 500 and the "Who's Who" of the World.

The firm's client roster has included sheikhs, movie stars, socialites, diplomats, politicians, business tycoons and professional athletes. The fee is for 10 matches. The company can be reached at (610) 527-6749.

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WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

**DiLaura-Schang**

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis DiLaura of Clinton Township announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer, to Brian Schang, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Schang of Plymouth.

The bride-to-be is a 1995 graduate of the University of Michigan with a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering. She is employed by The Standard Products Company.

Her fiancé is a 1992 graduate of the University of Michigan with a master of science degree in mechanical engineering. He is employed by General Motors Corporation.

A 1998 winter wedding is



planned in Sterling Heights.

**Eix-Colling**

Robert and Susan Eix of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Jill Deborah, to John Arthur Colling, the son of Lesley and Ida Houk, also of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Western Michigan University and Central Michigan University where she received her bachelor and master degrees respectively. She is employed by Assembly Technology & Test Inc. in Livonia.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Schoolcraft College. He is employed by Optical Imaging Systems in Northville.

A May wedding is planned at Newburg United Methodist



Church in Livonia.

**Keller-Price**

Thomas and Ann Keller of Walled Lake announce the engagement of their daughter, Lisa Marie, to Todd Louis Price, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Price of Canton.

The bride-to-be is a 1994 graduate of Walled Lake Western High School. She is pursuing a bachelor of arts degree in social work at Michigan State University.

Her fiancé is a 1993 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School. He is pursuing a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering at Michigan State University.

A March wedding is planned in East Lansing.



**Dividock-Best**

Ken and Kay Dividock of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Kelly Lynne, to Matthew Robert Best, the son of Thom and Patricia Best of Dearborn Heights.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Central Michigan University. She is employed by the Plymouth Canton Community Schools.

Her fiancé also is a graduate of Central Michigan University. He is employed by the Wayne County Department of Environment.

A March wedding is planned at First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth.



**Haase-Gilbert**

Jennifer Haase and Walter and Kim Haase, all of Westland, announce the engagement of their daughter, DeAnna Marie, to David Victor Gilbert, the son of David and Margaret Gilbert of Canton.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of the Starkweather Adult and Community Education Center. She is employed as a cosmetologist at the Hudson's Beauty Salon.

Her fiancé also is a graduate of the Starkweather Center. He is employed as an electrician at General Electric Contracting.

A March wedding is planned at the First Presbyterian Church



in Plymouth.

**Condon-Engling**

Edward and Patricia Condon of Northbrook, Ill., announce the engagement of their daughter, Clare, to Timothy Engling, the son of Herbert and Nancy Engling of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of St. Mary's College at Notre Dame and a graduate of Loyola University in Chicago with a master of business administration degree. She is director of operations, training and recruitment at Beggs Heidt, a Chicago computer consulting firm.

Her fiancé is a 1983 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and a 1988 graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y. He also has a juris doctor degree from Chicago-Kent College and is pursuing his master of law degree at John Marshall Law School in Chicago. He is a partner at the Chicago intellectual property law firm of



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A September wedding is planned at St. Athanasius Church in Evanston, Ill.

**Walitalo-Quick**

Tanya Ann Quick and Jay G. Walitalo were married on Nov. 22 at the Cliffdwellers Club in Chicago, Ill. Leonetta Bugleisi officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Dave and Ingrid Quick of Goldsboro, N.C. The groom is the son of Gene and Carol Walitalo of Livonia.

The bride is a graduate of East Wayne High School, Peace College and North Carolina State University School of Design. She is self-employed as a graphic designer/partner with Quick and Faust Design in Chicago.

The groom is a graduate of Livonia Bentley High School, Eastern Michigan University and the University of Illinois at Chicago with a master's degree. He is employed as a teacher at Wright College in Chicago.

The bride asked Helga Hammond to serve as her matron of honor with Karin Quick Thompson as honorary bridesmaid.



The groom asked Shawn Jimmerson to serve as his best man.

The couple received guests at a reception at the Cliff dwellers Club before leaving on a honeymoon trip to Dominica. They are making their home in Chicago.

**Morris-Palms**

William and Lucy Morris of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Suzanne Lynn, to William Nelson Palms, the son of Nelson and Elaine Palms of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a 1992 graduate of the Plymouth Christian Academy and a 1997 graduate of the University of Michigan-Dearborn with a bachelor's degree. She is employed by Valassis Communications in Livonia.

Her fiancé is a 1986 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and a 1989 graduate of Associated Schools in Florida. He is employed by J&L Industrial Supply.

A June wedding is planned at Calvary Baptist Church.



**Capote-Pryciak**

Jeanette Lynn Pryciak and Gregory Adam Capote were married in a candlelight ceremony in Martha-Mary Chapel in Greenfield Village. The Rev. Gene Sorenson of Unity of Livonia officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Dennis and Nancy Pryciak of Livonia. The groom is the son of Baltasar and Marie-Louise Capote of Plymouth.

The bride is a 1987 graduate of Redford Thurston High School. She has a bachelor of science degree from Eastern Michigan University. She is the dance director for Redford Township's "Redford Dance" program.

The groom is a 1982 graduate of Northville High School. He has a bachelor of arts degree from the University of Michigan. He is employed by the City of Novi as an economic development coordinator.

The bride asked Diane Grahl to serve as matron of honor, with Laura Polidori as maid of honor and Carrie Paps and Christine Caruana as bridesmaids. Andrea Korpi was the flower girl.



The groom asked Frank Nieto to serve as best man, with Jeffrey Pryciak, Jeffrey Roberts and Eric Olsen as groomsmen. Timothy Caruana was the ring bearer.

The couple received guests at the Hawthorne Valley Country Club before leaving on honeymoon trip to southern California. They are making their home in Dearborn.

**Fate-Pendell**

Dale and Kathleen McKee of Tiffin, Ohio, announce the engagement of their daughter, Natalie Nicole Fate, to Jeffrey Peter Pendell, the son of John and Judith Pendell of Brighton, formerly of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a 1992 graduate of Calvert High School in Tiffin, and a 1996 graduate of Ohio University in 1996. She expects to earn a master's degree from Bowling Green State University in May. She is employed as an assistant girls tennis coach.

Her fiancé is a 1989 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School in 1989 and a 1994 graduate of Madonna University in 1994. He also is a 1995 graduate of Bowling Green State University



where he received his master's degree. He is employed as a golf professional at Sunbelt Golf Corp. in Greenville, Ala.

A June wedding is planned in Tiffin, Ohio.

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# St. Patrick's dinner-dance honors Community Hospice

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI  
SPECIAL WRITER

When Bill Nilan was dying from brain cancer, his family and friends were amazed by the compassionate care the Livonia resident received from Community Hospice and Home Care Services Inc.

"My son, Mark, and I were overwhelmed by the caring and special attention they gave him," Nilan's wife, Delores, said. "We were just so overwhelmed with their giving."

Friends were so impressed by CHCS that every year since Bill Nilan's death they've held the St. Patrick's Dinner Dance and Auction to benefit the non-profit agency that gives support to incurably ill patients while in their own homes.

The sixth annual event begins at 6 p.m. Saturday, March 7, at St. Mary's Cultural Center, 18100 Merriman, Livonia. The event includes Irish step-dancing, performances by a bagpiper, live and silent auctions, dinner, dancing and an open bar.

Nilan died Oct. 13, 1992, at age 63, only 2 1/2 weeks after he was diagnosed with brain tumors.

"He was so active - he would have been the last person you would have expected to be sick," Delores said. "He was in great shape and took care of himself."

Before Nilan became ill, he worked as the St. Aidan Catholic Church activity center manager where he came in contact with many parishioners, including Judy Hale. After Nilan was hospitalized, Hale insisted that Delores meet Maureen Butrico, executive director of CHCS, who also attends St. Aidan.

"Maureen went to the hospital and visited my husband and said I absolutely needed the help," Nilan recalled. "At the time, I didn't want my husband to know that hospice was involved because it meant he was near the end and I didn't want him to think that way."

"Maureen was like an angel of mercy."

Nilan said she expected to care for her husband alone at home after he was discharged from the hospital.



STAFF PHOTO BY JIM JAGWELD

**Gone Beanie:** Showing off the TY Beanie Babies available to the highest bidder at the annual St. Patrick's dinner-dance are Carol Oberly (front row, from left), Michele Schmidt, Judy Hale, Rene Nassar (back row, from left), Carol Sullivan, Kathy Randinitis, Ellen Edelen, Suzanne Racey and Maureen Butrico, executive director of Community Hospice and Home Care Services, which is beneficiary of the party's proceeds.

"But, I didn't know what I was going to do," she explained. "I had taken care of my mother who was sick for six years. I thought I could do the same for my husband."

"When they discharged him, everything was there at home waiting for us - the nurses, the helpers."

### Never forgotten

Nilan was home only two days before he died. But the outpouring of support from CHCS was never to be forgotten. Hale launched the annual fund-raiser in honor of Nilan with proceeds going to CHCS. And every year since, she's tirelessly worked on the event.

"Judy asked if I would mind, if they had this in honor of my husband," Nilan said. "It was a

wonderful tribute. She's the one who initiated this whole project, and I'm grateful that her hard work has made it so successful so that others can benefit from hospice."

"There's many people, like Maureen Butrico and her staff, and parish members who participate in putting this whole evening together. It's a great effort on everybody's part."

This year the dinner-dance includes an auction with items, such as a TY Beanie Baby Princess Bear, 100 retired and active Beanie Babies, Detroit Red Wings, Lions and Pistons sports items, tickets to sporting

events and various theme baskets like a wedding basket with hundreds of dollars in gift certificates to various shops.

Live entertainment includes Allistair Hill of Farmington Hills on the bagpipes and the Tim O'Hare Irish Stepdancers as well as traditional live music.

The reception and auction preview is from 6-7:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 7:30. There are three ticket levels - benefactors are \$125, sponsors are \$75 and supporters are \$50. Corporate sponsor tables are available for \$1,000 and includes 10 tickets, a bottle of champagne and a full-page advertisement in the

auction program booklet. Donations are tax-deductible.

The goal for the dinner dance and auction is to top the \$50,000 that was raised last year.

"It has grown every year," said Kathy Randinitis, CHCS director of marketing and development.

### Sponsors help

Corporate sponsors also can take part by buying advertisements in the program booklets. Full pages are \$200 and half pages are \$100.

Hale and Michelle Schmidt are co-chairing the event. Honorary chairpersons are Wayne County Executive Ed McNama-

ra, U.S. Rep Joseph Knollenberg, R-Bloomfield Hills, state Rep. Lyn Bankes, R-Livonia, Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey, Westland Mayor Robert Thomas, Livonia City Clerk Joan McCotter, Donald Massey of Don Massey Cadillac and Tom Monaghan of Domino's Pizza.

Proceeds are targeted for the proposed CHCS Hospice Home, an eight- to 10-bed residence that will care for the incurably ill people who have nowhere to go or no one to care for them.

"This way we can provide a home-like setting for patients who can receive our tremendous amount of care," Randinitis said.

CHCS has two administrative offices - one on Warren Road in Westland and another on Main Street in Plymouth. Besides caring for the incurably ill at their homes, CHCS gives families access to support groups and bereavement programs during the 13 months after a patient's death.

"We have a team approach to hospice care," Randinitis said. "We work with patients' physicians, nurses on staff, home health aides, social workers, bereavement and spiritual care advisers and many volunteers who provide a tremendous amount of services to patients."

CHCS volunteers offer relief to families by running errands and visiting with patients while families go grocery shopping or take much-needed breaks. The agency provides services for more than 200 patients in western Wayne, southern Oakland and eastern Washtenaw counties.

CHCS also sponsors a Shamrocks for Hospice campaign Feb. 16 through March 2. People are invited to make donations by buying shamrocks at area businesses.

The donors write their names on the shamrocks, provided by CHCS, which are displayed at the businesses. For more information about tickets and shamrocks, call CHCS at (734) 522-4244.

## Guide helps in selecting summer camps

February is the month to sign your child up for summer camp. If you don't, you may be out of luck since camps fill quickly considering more than 5 million kids register each year.

So now that you have your deadline, how do you choose a camp?

The choices are vast and varied. While the old-fashioned summer camps are still popular, a new breed of specialty program offers kids and teens a chance to explore a fascination or learn a new skill. There are programs for every kid's interest and every family's budget.

With more than 1,800 of these camps listed in "Peterson's Sum-

mer Opportunities for Kids and Teenagers 1998," which has been recommended by "Working Mother" magazine, here's a few ways to get the search rolling.

If your teenager is interested in studying film, check out the programs at the American Academy of Performing Arts or the New York Film Academy. These programs offer kids the opportunity to write, direct, shoot and edit films; produce radio and TV programs; explore computer animation, and study at a school that trained Robert Redford and Danny Devito.

Maybe your youngster prefers the performing or fine arts. If so, the "Peterson" guide lists camps,

such as Stagedoor Manor, where "campers" learn how to act in a Broadway play, create works of art, and even perform a symphony!

For adventurous types, there's the Flight Training Adventure Camps for Youth and the Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Aerospace Summer Camp. At these camps students, ages 15-18, can experience the thrill of their first solo flight, obtain a FAA private pilots license (17 years and up), or attend the world's leading aerospace/aviation university to learn about the latest in space technology.

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Camp LaJolla and Camp Murietta teach children the art of good nutrition and how to strive for a healthy mind and body.

That's only a few of the camps listed in "Peterson's Summer Opportunities for Kids and Teenagers 1998." For more information on summer camps, visit your local book store or the guide's Web site at <http://www.petersons.com>.

## TOPS chapter celebrates anniversary

TOPS (Taking Off Pounds Sensibly) Chapter 28 will cele-

brate 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 Winkelman's.

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

### CLARIFICATIONS

Teens interested in more information about the Young Mothers Assistance Program can call Sherri Frick or Maureen Knighton at (734) 513-7598.

The Y-MAP program is based in the Hegira Prevention offices in the Bentley Center, 15100 Hubbard, Livonia.

People interested in buying raffle tickets - \$3 each or two for \$5 - for the TY Beanie Baby Princess Bear being raffled off by the Apple Wreath Store in Livonia for the benefit of First Step, can get them by calling the store at (248) 474-6090 or First Step at (734) 459-5900.

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# From Toltecs to today, chocolate is sweet experience

BY SUE MASON  
STAFF WRITER

The next time you take a bite of chocolate, say thank you to the Toltecs.

An ancient group of the Nahaut Indians who lived in Mexico before the Aztecs, they've been credited with discovering that, with a little work and some fermentation, the seeds of the cacao tree could be turned into a food.

"I don't know when the trees or bushes were discovered by the Toltecs, but the seeds were considered food of the gods," said Chef Jennifer Todd.

Todd was the opening act for winter luncheon series, sponsored by Schoolcraft College's Women's Resource Center, who tempted her audience with the history of chocolate, samples of her amaretto- and Kahlua-flavored truffles and a quick lesson in making the candy's foundation - ganache.

A graduate of the college's culinary arts program, Todd works in pastry and is an experienced cake decorator. She also has a silver medal in Culinary Salon competition.

Todd talked about the history of chocolate, according to "The Chocolate Bible," while making a ganache of chocolate and heavy cream, foundation of a chocolate truffle. The book contains a multitude of recipes as well as 35 pages devoted to the history of chocolate.

The trees grow in very tropical regions and require a constant temperature and humidity. A temperature dip below 68

degrees can cause the tree to die.

## To taste better

According to Todd, the leaves and football-shaped cacao seed are very leathery, while the whitish pink pulp surrounding the seeds is very acidic. The Toltecs found that the seeds or beans tasted better if they fermented the seeds in the ground, dried them in the sun and then crushed them and discarded the shells.

By the 1400s, the Aztecs were using the beans as currency, a practice that was still around in Costa Rica in the 19th century, and by the late 1400s, explorer Christopher Columbus would see them firsthand.

"Columbus came over and saw the trees and thought the beans were almonds and were inedible," said Todd, heating 3/4 cup of cream until it just bubbled, but not a full rolling boil.

In Mexico, they also decided to use the crushed beans to make a drink, no simple task considering they have a "55 percent fat content and the nibs (pieces of chocolate) have a lot of cocoa butter.

"When they tried to mix it with water, it wouldn't mix together, so they had their slaves mix and mix," she said. "It was the Europeans who decided to use hotter water and in the 17th century, they took bland milk from cows, raw sugar cane and used chocolate."

In Mexico, the crushed beans were rolled until the cocoa butter separated before being made into cakes to which they would



STAFF PHOTO BY JIM JACFIELD



Oh, my ganache: After heating cream to a bubble, "not a full rolling boil," Chef Jennifer Todd adds it to chocolate nibs as she shows her luncheon audience how to prepare ganache, the "heart" of chocolate truffles.

add such things as almonds. The poorer people would mix in cornmeal while the wealthier people added wild honey and chilies, Todd said.

Getting back to the ganache, Todd added 12 ounces of nibs (pieces of chocolate) to the cream, mixing until melted. Flavorings such as orange zest (the orange portion of the peel) can be added before the ganache is

then chilled in the refrigerator for a few hours until firm.

## Tool of the trade

While the truffles can be shaped by hand, Todd uses a melon baller to scoop it out before rolling the candies in powdered sugar or cocoa powder.

"You can also do it with milk chocolate or white chocolate although white chocolate isn't

chocolate," said Todd, who works at the Professor's Pantry in the college's Waterman Center. "White chocolate is made from cocoa butter and milk solids."

Todd tends to buy her baking chocolate in large quantities and points out that it should be stored at 60-70 degrees.

"Chocolate doesn't ever really go bad like having mold grow on it," she added. "When chocolate

gets that whitish appearance, it is the cocoa butter coming out."

The Winter Luncheon Series continues on Friday, Feb. 20, with author Kathleen Wider talking about "The Bodily Nature of Consciousness." Doors open at 11:30 a.m., with lunch served at 11:45 a.m. Tickets cost \$14 and can be ordered by calling the Women's Resource Center at (734) 462-4443.

## CRAFTS CALENDAR

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

**ST. MEL'S**  
St. Mel's Catholic Church will have its spring arts and crafts show 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 7 at the church, 7508 Inkster Road, Dearborn Heights. There will be a special crafters raffle. Table and a 5- by 10-foot space

costs \$30 and a 5- by 10-foot space only is \$25. For more information, call Debbie at (313) 6881.

**MEMORIAL PTA**  
The Memorial Elementary School PTA will have its 11th annual craft fair 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 7 at the school, 30001 Marquette, between Middle Belt and Henry Ruff roads, Garden City. Table space is available. For more information, call Darlene at (734) 425-4221.

**LIVONIA CHURCHILL**  
Crafters are wanted for the Livonia Churchill High School PTSA

show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 21 at the school, 8900 Newburg Road, Livonia. Admission will be \$1; strollers and wheelchairs welcomed. For more information, call Diane at (734) 422-4507 or Garrett at (734) 464-7425.

**ST. DAMIAN'S**  
St. Damian's Church will have a collector's sale 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 21, at the church, 29891 Joy Road, Westland. Admission will be \$1, children under age 12 free. Table space, costing \$25, is available. Proceeds will benefit Christian Service. For more information,

call (734) 421-6130.

**LIVONIA FRANKLIN**  
The Livonia Franklin High School Patriots Club will have a craft show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 21 at the school, 31000 Joy Road, Livonia. More than 175 crafters will be featured. Admission will be \$1 for those older than 5 years of age. No strollers will be permitted, however, people in wheelchairs will be admitted at 9:30 a.m.

**PRCVA SYRENA**  
The PRCVA Syrena Parents club will have a holiday craft show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 21

at the Dearborn Heights Canfield Community Center, 1801 N. Beech Daly. Table reservations can be made by calling (313) 383-1821 or (313) 563-1761.

**LIVONIA STEVENSON**  
Crafters are needed for the Livonia Stevenson High School Booster Club's Spring Spectacular craft show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 28 at the school, 33500 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia. Spaces - 10 feet by 10 feet or 5 feet by 16 feet - cost \$50. Limited electricity is available at no additional cost, and chairs (no

tables) are available upon request. For an application or more information, call (734) 464-1041 or (248) 478-2395.

**FINNWEAVERS**  
Applications are being accepted for the Finnish Center Association's art and craft fair 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 28 at the Finnish Cultural Center, 35200 W. Eight Mile Road, Farmington Hills. Spaces, approximately 10 feet by 10 feet, are available for \$15 each. Original work only, no kits. The deadline is March 1. For more information, call (248) 546-6527.

# We can't stop winning awards.

In addition to the 70 we told you about last year, we've just received 26 more!

This latest batch was won in Suburban Newspapers of America's 1997 Editorial Contest.

With all the modesty we can muster, we're going to list them here:

### Best Entertainment/Lifestyle Section

- First Place—Clarkston Eccentric, Clarkston Life
- Second Place—Birmingham Eccentric, Suburban Life
- Third Place—West Bloomfield-Lakes Eccentric, Lakes Café

### Best Editorial Writing

- First Place—Oxford Eccentric, Closed Doors
- Second Place—Lake Orion Eccentric, Lake Orion Editorial

### Best Column Writing

- First Place—Clarkston Eccentric, Carolyn Walker
- Second Place—Rochester Eccentric, Jay Grossman
- Third Place—Birmingham Bloomfield Eccentric, Judith Doner Berne

### Best Editorial Page

- First Place—Southfield Eccentric
- Second Place—Lake Orion Eccentric, Jay Grossman

### Best Coverage of Local Business & Economic News

- Third Place—Birmingham-Bloomfield Eccentric

### Best Sports Photo Journalism

- First Place—West Bloomfield-Lakes Eccentric, Not Quite Spring Training
- Second Place—West Bloomfield-Lakes Eccentric, Riding the Wave

### Best Sports Section

- Second Place—Livonia, Westland Observer

### Best News Photo

- First Place—West Bloomfield-Lakes Eccentric, Watching
- Second Place—Garden City Observer, Clinton Rally
- Third Place—Rochester Eccentric, Ride Me Down Easy

### Best Feature Photo Story or Series

- First Place—Livonia Observer, Derek's Day
- Third Place—Westland Observer, Festival
- Third Place—Rochester Eccentric, Handful of Hope

### Best Breaking News Story

- First Place—Plymouth Observer, Fire Destroys Courthouse
- Third Place—Birmingham-Bloomfield Eccentric, Bungled Robbery

### Best Local Election Coverage

- Third Place—Farmington Observer

### Best Young People's Coverage

- First Place—Plymouth and Livonia Observer, Life in the 6th Grade

### Best Coverage of Local Education/School District

- Second Place—Farmington Observer, Back to School series
- Third Place—Southfield Eccentric, Professor who Survived Holocaust

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**SINGLE POINT**  
Single Point is sponsoring a seven-week divorce recovery workshop at 7 p.m. Thursdays, beginning Feb. 12, in Knox Hall of Ward Presbyterian Church, 17000 Farmington Road, Livonia. Cost will be \$30 for those who register the first night of the workshop, \$25 for preregistration and \$15 for those repeating the workshop. Free child care will be provided. For more information, call the Single Point office at (734) 422-1854.  
Single Point Ministries continues its "Talk It Over" program at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 13, with the Rev. Paul Clough discussing "Aliens and Strangers - The

Dating Life of a Single Adult" in Knox Hall.

Single Point Ministries also offers indoor volleyball at 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays in Knox Hall. A \$1 donation is suggested to help maintain the equipment. Single parents meet the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 7 p.m. in the Calvin Room of Ward Church. Free child care is available. For more information, call (734) 422-1854.

**VALENTINE CARD PARTY**  
A Valentine card party will be held 6:30-10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 13, at St. Simon and Jude Church, 32500 Palmer Road, Westland. There will be door and table prizes, 50/50 drawing and cards and games of choice. Tickets cost \$6 and include a light meal and snacks. For more information or tickets, call (734) 728-2090 or (734) 729-2716.

**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**  
Worldwide Marriage Encounter offers a weekend experience for married couples to

improve their communication skills, learn the value of intimacy and renew their love for each other Friday through Sunday, Feb. 13-15 and March 20-22, at St. John's Family Life Center in Plymouth. For more information or to register, call Bill and Carol at (248) 528-2512 or Dan and Debbie at (810) 286-5524.

**BLOOD DRIVE**  
The Red Cross will have a blood drive 2-8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 13, in the church hall of St. Edith Catholic Church, 15089 Newburgh Road, Livonia. Walk-ins are welcome. For more information, call the church at (734) 464-1222.

**WOMEN'S AGLOW**  
The Westland/Canton Chapter of Women's Aglow International will have Marge Pochodai as its guest speaker 9:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 14, in the Community Room of AutoNation USA, 39600 Ford Road, Canton. Pochodai, treasurer of the Richmond Aglow Chapter, will share the love of Christ and what he means to her.  
Refreshments will be served at 9:30 a.m., with the meeting starting at 10 a.m. Complimentary child care will be provided by CPR-licensed workers for children ages 3-12. For more information, call Penni at (734) 261-5268.

**MEET MOTIF**  
The Detroit-area singers "Meet Motif" will perform during a contemporary service at 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 14, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile Road, Livonia. A potluck dinner will follow the service with food and song.

**BETHANY SUBURBAN WEST**  
Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization which provides spiritual, social and support assistance divorced and separated Christians, is hosting a Valentine dance at 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 14, at St. Gerald Catholic Church, 21300 Farmington Road (north of Eight Mile Road), Farmington. The \$8 charge includes refreshments. For more information, call Rose at (734) 484-3325.

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

**QUEST SPEAKER**  
The Rev. John Buchanan, pastor of the Fourth Presbyterian Church in Chicago, Ill., and the former moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA) will speak at 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 15, at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile Road, Livonia. Admission to the lecture is free. For more information or to make reservations, call the church at (734) 422-1470.

**MARRIAGE SEMINAR**  
Dr. Duane Cuthbertson will be the special guest speaker at a marriage enrichment seminar offered at 6 p.m. Sundays, Feb. 15 and 22, at Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Road, Canton.

Cuthbertson is a professor of psychology at William Tyndale College, a conference/seminar speaker and author of "Marriage Manuel" and "Raising Your Child, Not Your Voice." He also is executive director of Growing Together Ministries.  
The seminar topics will be "How to Have a Conflict-Free Marriage" on Feb. 15 and "How to Correct Your Spouse and Get Away With It" on Feb. 22.

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

**BENEFIT PERFORMANCE**  
Camelot Productions will present a benefit performance of "A Broadway Celebration" at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 15, in the Hellenic Cultural Center of Sts. Constantine and Helen Greek

Orthodox Church, 36375 Joy Road, Westland.

"Celebration" is a musical revue, featuring songs from such Broadway favorites as "Oklahoma," "The Sound of Music," "Guys and Dolls" and "Applause" as well as newer classics like "Phantom of the Opera," "Les Miserable," "Miss Saigon" and "Jekyll and Hyde." Tickets cost \$15 for adults and \$10 for children. Drinks and appetizers will be sold. For more information, call (734) 525-6789.

**CONFIDENTIAL HELP**  
Life Care Ministries of Livonia offers a free, confidential Christian telephone listening service 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. by calling (734) 427-LIFE Monday through Saturday. Life Care Ministries can be reached through P.O. Box 530611, Livonia 48153-0611.

**CHRISTIAN SCIENCE**  
The radio series, "What is This Christian Science and Who Are These Christian Scientists?" is being broadcast at 1:30 p.m. Sundays of WQBH-AM 1400. The topic will be "Why are you Christian Scientists always talking about healing?" on Feb. 15, "How do Christian Scientists deal with financial concerns?" on Feb. 22, and "How do Christian Scientists feel about recreational drugs such as marijuana, alcohol and tobacco?" on March 19.

"The Christian Science Sentinel-Radio Edition" also can be heard at 9:30 a.m. Sundays on WAAM-AM 1600. The conversational program discusses current public topics as well as shares healing through prayer from people all over the world.

**'MIRACLES' COURSE**  
Unity of Livonia continues its "A Course in Miracles" 1-3 p.m. Mondays throughout February at the church, 28660 Five Mile Road, Livonia. The course combines spiritual wisdom and psychological insight into a practical answer to mankind's deepest innermost need. For more information, call the church at (734) 421-1760.

**MAKE A DIFFERENCE**  
Men Who Make a Difference, a small group of Christian men dedicated to the biblical principles of building a "Godly Man," meets at 7:30 p.m. Mondays at Merriman Road Baptist Church,

2055 Merriman Road, Garden City. The group is open to men of all denominations who wish to diligently seek the face of Jesus. For more information, call (734) 421-0472.

**TAI CHI CLASSES**  
The Taoist Tai Chi Society of Michigan is offering beginning and continuing Tai Chi classes 7-9 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. For more information, call (248) 332-1281.

**EXERCISE FUN**  
The Merriman Road Baptist Church Fitness Bunch meets 6:15-7 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at the church, 2055 Merriman Road, Garden City. The program consists of low-impact light aerobics, perfect for toning and shaping muscles. For more information, call the church office at (734) 421-0472.

**PRAYER LUNCHEON**  
Sister Loretta Mellon will be the special guests at a prayer luncheon at Monday, Feb. 16, at the Livonia Sweden House Restaurant, 29477 Seven Mile Road (at Middlebelt Road). The room opens at 11 a.m., with lunch at 11:30 p.m. For reservations, call Kathleen Hollowell at (734) 427-4371 or Mary Ellen Lotz at (734) 427-0002.

**HARVEST TIME REVIVAL**  
Full Gospel Church, 291 E. Spring St., Plymouth, is hosting a Harvest Time Revival with evangelist Jay Boyd at 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 20-21, and 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 22, at the church, two blocks north of Main Street and two blocks east of Mill Street in Old Village. Boyd of Elizabeth, Ky., will preach and minister each night with special singing and worship. For more information, call (734) 453-0323.

**LAS VEGAS NIGHT**  
St. John Bosco Church will have a Vegas Night 7 p.m. to midnight Friday and Saturday, Feb. 20-21, in Sheltreau Hall, 12170 Beech Daly Road, Redford. There will be games of black jack and Detroit craps and roulette wheel, hourly 50/50 raffles starting at 8 p.m. and the big 6 wheel. Admission is \$1, with food and beverages available for a cost.

# Rev. Casey conducts Pre-Lenten Mission

The Rev. Bill Casey of Philadelphia, Pa., will conduct a Pre-Lenten Mission Monday through Thursday, Feb. 16-19, at St. Sabina Catholic Church, Ann Arbor Trail, between Beech Daly and Telegraph roads.



Rev. Bill Casey

Casey is a member of the Fathers of Mercy who conduct retreats and missions throughout the United States. He has studied philosophy at Christendom College in Front Royal, Va., and theology at Holy Apostles Seminary in Cromwell, Conn.

There will be a Mass at 9 a.m. each day, followed by a homily. The evening conferences will begin at 7:30 p.m. and will include such topics as "The Catholic Church," "Eucharist," "Sin" and "The Power of Prayer." Refreshments will be served following the conferences.

People interested in personal spiritual growth are invited to attend. For more information, call (313) 565-3277.

At the close of the mission, Casey will bestow the Papal blessing, a treasured sacramental in the Catholic Church.

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- WORSHIP**  
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# Reunions from page B2

**11. (248) 473-4437**  
**DETROIT KETTERING**  
 Class of 1978  
 Is planning a reunion.  
 Send name, address and telephone number to Chrystal Esaw, 27930 Berkshire Dr., Southfield 48076, or call (248) 358-5236, (313) 526-8667, (313) 839-9858 or (313) 372-3159

**DETROIT MACKENZIE**  
 January-June classes of 191948  
 A reunion is planned for Sept. 18.  
 (248) 553-4033 or (734) 464-3793

**DETROIT PERSHING**  
 Classes of 1949-53  
 Are planning a reunion.  
 (248) 471-5609 or P.O. Box 530-244, Livonia 48153-0244  
 January-June classes of 1952  
 A fall reunion is being planned  
 (248) 623-2454, (810) 771-9810 or (810) 979-4594

**Class of 1948**  
 A September reunion is planned.  
 (248) 879-8173 or (517) 546-0903

**DETROIT SOUTHEASTERN**  
 50th anniversary  
 May 30 at the Somerset Inn, Troy. \$50.  
 (248) 828-0018 or (313) 881-5927

**DETROIT WESTERN**  
 Class of 1949  
 Is planning a reunion.  
 (313) 274-3214

**FARMINGTON**  
 Class of 1988  
 A reunion is planned for July 25.  
 (313) 266-0783 or (313) 394-0649  
 Class of 1968  
 Aug. 7 at the Novi Hilton Hotel, Novi.  
 (810) 465-2277 or (810) 263-6803

**FARMINGTON HARRISON**  
 Class of 1988  
 A reunion is planned for July at the Hawthorne Valley Country Club, Westland.  
 (248) 442-2862

**Class of 1978**  
 Aug. 8 at the Lochmoor Club, Grosse Pointe Woods.  
 (800) 677-7800

**HAZEL PARK**  
 Class of 1978  
 Is planning a reunion in 1998.  
 (800) 677-7800

**HIGHLAND PARK**  
 Class of 1969  
 Is planning a reunion.  
 (313) 864-5943, (313) 583-5418 or (313) 867-3201

**Class of 1978**  
 Is planning a reunion for July.  
 Fax info to C. Jones (313) 836-5302 or write to HPCS reunion committee, c/o P.O. Box 760484 Lathrup Village, MI 48076.  
 January-June classes of 1948  
 April 24 at the Troy Marriott Hotel.  
 (248) 594-4546 or (248) 546-1736

**HURON**  
 Class of 1988  
 Is planning a reunion in 1998.  
 (800) 677-7800

(313) 928-4575, (248) 551-9146 or P.O. Box 1323, Lincoln park 48146

**MADISON**  
 Class of 1948  
 Is planning a reunion.  
 (248) 548-5470 or (810) 264-9191

**NORTH FARMINGTON**  
 Class of 1978  
 Aug. 7 at the Novi Hilton Hotel, Novi.  
 (810) 465-2277 or (810) 263-6803

**OAK PARK**  
 Classes of 1957-59  
 Is planning a reunion for November.  
 (248) 559-1746 or (248) 354-0092

**PLYMOUTH CANTON/SALEM**  
 Classes of 1988  
 A joint reunion is planned for June 20.  
 CEP Class of '88, P.O. Box 5356, Plymouth 48170

**REDFORD THURSTON**  
 Class of 1973  
 Nov. 28 at St. Mary's Cultural Center, Livonia.  
 Donna Erndt, 33466 Vargo Dr., Livonia, or call (734) 522-9405 or (313) 535-4000, Ext. 412

**ROYAL OAK**  
 January Class of 1953  
 May 16 at the Botsford Inn, Farmington Hills.  
 (248) 549-3863 or (810) 752-8961

**ST. ALPHONSUS**  
 Class of 1958  
 A reunion is being planned.  
 (513) 878-7483 or (734) 455-1277

**ST. HEDWIG HIGH**  
 Class of 1958  
 Is planning a reunion.  
 (734) 953-1011

**SOUTHFIELD LATHRUP**  
 Class of 1988  
 A reunion is planned for Nov. 27.  
 (248) 851-2587

**STERLING HEIGHTS**  
 Class of 1978  
 July 25 at Gino's Surf Ristorante, Harrison Township.  
 (248) 360-7004, press 6

**STERLING HEIGHTS STEVENSON**  
 Class of 1988  
 Aug. 21 at the Sterling Inn.  
 (800) 677-7800

Send name, address and telephone number to Mary Monte-LeMerise, 45051 Glengarry Road, Canton 48188 or call (734) 981-4778.

**WARREN**  
 Class of 1978  
 July 25 at the Fernhill Country Club.  
 (248) 644-3545

**WARREN WOODS TOWER**  
 Class of 1988  
 Is planning a reunion.  
 (810) 790-4214 or (810) 771-7328

**WATERFORD KETTERING**  
 Class of 1968  
 Is planning a reunion.  
 (248) 628-3926, (248) 681-1768, or (248) 623-6057.

**WAYNE MEMORIAL**  
 Class of 1983  
 Sept. 26 at the Roma Banquet Center, Garden City.  
 (248) 360-7004, press 1

**YPSILANTI**  
 Class of 1988  
 Aug. 8 at Doubletree Guest Suites, Southfield.  
 (248) 366-9492, press 1

**DETROIT ST. THERESA**

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH  
 NOTICE OF HEARING  
 ASSESSMENT BOARD OF REVIEW**

NOTICE OF HEARING given that the Plymouth Township Board of Review will meet on the following dates and times:

Hearings are by appointment, please call 453-3840, Ext. 267, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. for an appointment.

|                    |                  |                           |
|--------------------|------------------|---------------------------|
| Tuesday, March 3   | 9 a.m. - Noon    | Organization Meeting      |
|                    | 2 p.m. - 5 p.m.  | Hearings by Appointment   |
| Monday, March 9    | 2 p.m. - 5 p.m.  | Hearings by Appointment   |
|                    | 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.  | Hearings by Appointment   |
| Tuesday, March 10  | 9 a.m. - Noon    | Hearings by Appointment   |
|                    | 2 p.m. - 5 p.m.  | Hearings by Appointment   |
| Saturday, March 14 | 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. | First Come - First Served |

Other hearing dates and times may be scheduled as needed.  
 All persons protesting their assessments must complete petitions prior to appearing before the Board. A personal appearance is not required. Appeals by mail will be accepted if received by March 14, 1998.  
 The Board of Review will be held in the Board Meeting Room of Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170.  
 Please come prepared as a ten (10) minute time limit before the Board of Review will be strictly adhered to.

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**1954 PA 188 PROCEEDINGS  
 NOTICE OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT HEARING**

**Charter Township of Plymouth  
 Wayne County, Michigan**

**TO: THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Township Board of Trustees for the Charter Township of Plymouth, pursuant to P.A. 1954, No. 188 (MCLA 41.721 et seq) does hereby tentatively declare its determination to initiate a road improvement project for the construction, improvement and maintenance of the following described road area:

The project commences at the north right-of-way line of Ann Arbor Road and proceeds northerly along Ridge Road to the southerly right-of-way line of Powell Road.

That further, such road improvement project shall be undertaken in accordance with a contract with the County of Wayne whereby the County of Wayne shall contribute Eighty (80%) percent of the project costs, and the Charter Township of Plymouth shall contribute Twenty (20%) of the project costs and the Township is creating a Special Assessment District for the recovery of its Twenty (20%) percent share by a Special Assessment District against the properties benefited therein.

Notice is hereby given to all persons interested that the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth has tentatively declared its intention to make the hereinafter described improvement:

The project consists of approximately 3,600 feet of existing gravel road along Ridge Road from Ann Arbor Road to Powell Road to be paved with bituminous concrete, consistent with Ridge Road north of Powell Road and Powell Road between Ridge and Beck. The project commences at the north right-of-way line of Ann Arbor Road and proceeds northerly along Ridge Road to the southerly right-of-way line of Powell Road.

That it has further been tentatively determined that the following described lots and parcels of land will specially benefit from said improvement and will constitute a Special Assessment District against which the cost of said improvement shall be assessed.

The district limit for frontage consists of parcels with Tax ID Number 045-99-0001-000 (A1a), 045-99-0002-000 (A1b), 045-99-0005-001 (B1), 045-99-0005-002 (B2), 045-99-0005-003 (B3), 045-99-0008-000 (D1b), 045-99-0009-702 (D3b,E1b,Q2b) located in the northeast 1/4 of Section 31, and 045-99-0009-000 (Q1a1a,BB1a), 045-99-0010-000 (Q1a1b,BB1b), 045-99-0011-000 (Q1a2,BB2), 045-99-0012-000 (Q1b), 045-99-0014-000 (S1a), 045-99-0015-000 (S1b,S2) located in the southeast 1/4 of Section 31. The district also includes Lot 227 through Lot 295, inclusive, of Ridgewood Hills Subdivision Number 3 as recorded in Liber 101 Page 29 to 32, Lot 306 through Lots 319, inclusive, of Ridgewood Hills Subdivision Number 4 as recorded in Liber 102, Page 1 to 3, and Lots 1 through 33, inclusive, of Pine Ridge Estates Subdivision as recorded in Liber 104 page 44 to 47, of T.I.S., R.E., of Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth shall meet on February 24, 1998 at 7:30 p.m. at the Township Hall in the Township of Plymouth located at 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170 for the purpose of reviewing said proposed Special Assessment District, and hearing objections to the improvement, creation of the Special Assessment District, and the Assessment thereon. All persons may then and there appear and make any objections they may have to such improvement and assessment. Appearance and protest at the hearing is required in order to appeal the amount, if any, of the special assessment to the state tax tribunal. An owner, or party in interest or agent thereof, may appear in person at the hearing, or may file an appearance of protest by letter. All parties or agents appearing in person at the hearing for purposes of protest should request the appearance be entered into the record of the meeting.

The improvement shall not be made without Petition of the property owners within the proposed District, if the record owners of land constituting more than Twenty (20%) of the total road frontage of this proposed road improvement district file their written objections to the Township Board of Trustees at or before this Public Hearing.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that plans, specifications, and estimates of cost of the engineer for said proposed Special Assessment District have been filed with the Township and are available for public examination at the office of the Township Clerk. The estimate of costs of such construction is in the approximate amount of \$120,000.00.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that periodic redetermination of costs for the proposed Special Assessment District may be necessary and may be made without further notice to the record owners or parties in interest in the property.

MARILYN MASSENGILL, Clerk  
 Charter Township of Plymouth  
 42350 Ann Arbor Road  
 Plymouth, Michigan 48170  
 (734) 453-3840, Ext. 224

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**LINCOLN PARK**  
 June Class of 1973  
 A reunion is planned for Aug. 15.

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## OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

### Season stars

Last Saturday, Eastern Michigan University honored its "Stars of the Season" for last fall, and a pair of local athletes were among those lauded.

Both were standouts on the Eagles' soccer teams. Amy Westerhold, from Plymouth Canton, was the women's soccer honoree; Drew Drummond, from Plymouth Salem, was the men's soccer standout.

Those selected were chosen by their respective coaches for their performance in the classroom as well as on the playing field.

### Fast afoot

University of Detroit Mercy's men's track team placed fifth at the Windsor Team Challenge last Saturday, thanks in part to the effort of its 4x800-meter relay team.

Senior Jeff Keith, from Plymouth Canton HS, combined with Tom Jacobs, Jaymi Dumper and Corey Stedman to finish second in 7:57.78, narrowly missing a victory in the race.

"The 4x800 squad did a good job, losing only to the top Canadian team, and turned in our third-best all-time performance," said UDM coach Guy Murray.

### Adult softball

Informational meetings for the upcoming Canton Parks and Recreation-sponsored adult softball season are set for Saturday, Feb. 28 at the Summit on the Park Community Center, located at 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton.

The men's meeting will be at 10 a.m.; the women's will follow at 10:30 a.m., with the co-ed meeting at 11 a.m. Topics to be discussed are league registration fees and dates, schedules, residency rules and league set-up.

For further information, call (734) 397-5110.

### Basketball shoot-out

The Milford Police Athletic League will sponsor its seventh-annual 3-on-3 Junior Shootout, open to boys and girls in grades 4-12, on March 20-22.

Entry fee is \$60 per team. There will also be a special "shootout" in each division to win a pair of \$100 Converse basketball shoes.

For more information, call Rick Sharpe at (248) 684-1322.

### 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.

### Soccer referees class

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 Meeting Room.

Cost for the class, which runs through March 14 and is open to men and women 12 years old to adult, is \$43 per person. To register, call Brian LaMasse at (313) 397-8325.

### Softball hitting clinic

A fast-pitch softball hitting clinic for girls in grades 4-8 will be conducted from noon to 5 p.m. at Livonia Ladywood HS Feb. 22.

Cost is \$25 per player. Parents and coaches may attend for free. Included will be instruction on hitting and bunting, and a variety of different training methods and workouts.

The clinic is limited to the first 50 athletes. Checks and registration forms should be mailed to: Sal Malek, athletic director; Livonia Ladywood HS; 14680 Newburgh; Livonia, MI, 48154.

Registration deadline is Monday. Call Ladywood HS at (734) 591-2323 for further information.

Anyone interested in submitting items to Sports Scene or Sports Roundup may send them to sports editor C. J. Risak, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI, 48150, or may fax them to (313) 591-7279.

## Skating Sectionals bring supportive crowds to town

BY C.J. RISAK  
STAFF WRITER

Many of the goals the Plymouth Figure Skating Club had hoped to accomplish at last weekend's Midwestern Precision Skating Sectional Championships, held at Plymouth's Compuware Arena, were reached.

Not all of them, but most of them.

Indeed, according to co-chairman Bob Rzepecki, there was certainly nothing negative to report. "We had fantastic crowds," he said, estimating a total attendance of 12,230 for the event, which started last Friday morning and ended Sunday at noon.

"There were nothing but positive comments from everyone. The parking lot was absolutely full (Friday and Saturday)."

While the championships went off without a problem, the teams sponsored by the Plymouth club — considered possible qualifiers for the National Precision Skating Championships going into the Sectionals — came up just short of their goals.

The juvenile team (11-and-under) finished one spot out of qualifying, placing sixth out of 17 teams, and novice team (14-and-under) ended up seventh out of 12 teams. Both were named alter-

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STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRESLER

Great show: The Plymouth Skating Club's novice team put together a great program, just missing qualifying for the Nationals.

## Salem powers past Canton

BY C.J. RISAK  
STAFF WRITER

It's really simple arithmetic:  $5 \times 12 = 11$ , a final result that is greater than  $2 \times 11 + 12 + 10 + 9 = 26$ .

Such an equation is just what Plymouth Salem used quite capably to dismantle Plymouth Canton Tuesday, 61-42, in a Western Lakes Activities Association basketball game played at Salem.

And there isn't a coach around who would argue with the logic — once they deciphered it.

Okay, here's how it works: The first part of the computation describes Salem — the  $5 \times 12$  referring to the five seniors who started the game, the 11 the number of turnovers the Rocks committed in the game.

The second part of the equation is Canton, which started one freshman, one sophomore, two juniors and a senior. The result of this lack of experience, something the Chiefs have been battling all season, was 26 turnovers.

And that is why Canton could not keep pace with Salem.

"Let's be positive," insisted Chiefs' coach Dan Young, his team now 4-10 overall, 3-5 in the WLAA. "I'm very proud of our guys. We just got beat by a better team."

"All you can ask is for them to do their best."

What Young said was, in truth, more than a coach searching desperately for something positive to say. The Chiefs did battle, right to the end, thanks in large part to junior guard Joe Cortellini's offensive abilities. He scored 19 points, nailing five three-pointers; the fourth one came midway through the final quarter and trimmed Salem's lead to 44-37.

But that's as close as it got in the second half, because the Rocks' defense proved to be the dominant force in this game.

If the opening equation needs further justification, then how's this: Canton had 26 turnovers and 27 shots. A team can't win with numbers like that.

"We changed up our defenses quite a bit," said Salem coach Bob Brodie, his team moving one step closer to wrapping up the WLAA championship. The Rocks remain the



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRESLER

Hooked: A determined Jeff McKian (with ball) manages to drive past Canton's Eric Larsen on his way to scoring two of his 14 points.

league's only unbeaten team at 8-0, and they have now won 12-straight to improve to 12-2.

"We knew they'd be very deliberate on offense and we wanted to control the tempo a bit."

With Andy Power, Tony Bernhard and Matt Mair (among others) apply-

ing three-quarters to half-court pressure on Canton's guards, that was assured. The Rocks trailed just once: When Cortellini opened the game with a three-pointer.

Salem scored the next 12 points, forcing six turnovers in a 4 1/2-minute span. Jeff McKian led the early barrage, collecting eight first-quarter points as Salem opened up a 14-9 lead after one.

The Rock defense was just as suffocating in the second quarter. Canton was held to two free throws in the first 6:25 of the period, and to just two baskets in the quarter.

With Tony Jancevski coming off the bench to control the boards and score six-straight points, the Salem lead grew to 31-18 by halftime.

The second half consisted of Canton's comeback efforts being turned back by Salem. After Cortellini cut the Rocks' lead to seven with 3:57 left, Power took command. The senior guard scored six-consecutive Salem points and 13 of the team's final 19; he tied Canton's Cortellini for game-high scoring honors with 19 points.

Power also had four assists and two steals. McKian finished with 14 points, Jancevski totaled 10 with nine rebounds, and Bhavin Patel had nine points, seven boards and four steals. Mair also had four steals.

Next highest scorer for Canton was Dan McLean with eight.

Getting points from other sources continues to be a concern for Young, but as the Canton coach said: "Those are the kinds of things we're trying to build, but we need a lot of things right now."

Salem, on the other hand, needs just one thing — a win at Westland John Glenn Friday, which will clinch at least a tie for the WLAA championship.

Saline Christian 72, Agape 61: Visiting Canton Agape Christian Academy dug itself an early hole, one it could not overcome in dropping into a tie for first in the Metro Christian Conference Tuesday.

Saline Christian, which Agape defeated by 20 at home earlier this season, this time got the jump on the

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## Top-ranked Kicking Mules sideline Rocks in Schoolcraft quarterfinals

BY BRAD EMONS  
STAFF WRITER

Temperance Bedford did little to dispel its No. 1 ranking in girls volleyball.

The Kicking Mules, located just northwest of Toledo near the Ohio border, ran their overall record to 61-3 by upending defending Schoolcraft College Invitational champion Livonia Ladywood, 15-3, 15-11, on Saturday night.

It was Bedford's fourth Schoolcraft crown in five years and second victory this season over Ladywood.

The 32-team field featured six of the state's top-10 ranked teams in Class A.

Two other area teams reached the quarterfinal round of the 16-team winner's bracket — Plymouth Salem, which defeated Battle Creek Central (1-15, 15-6, 15-11) before losing to Bedford (3-15, 3-15); and Redford Thurston, which defeated Fenton (15-13, 12-15, 15-7) and lost to Ladywood (2-15, 3-15).

Bedford senior setter Melissa Lyczkowski, who is headed to Youngstown State, was voted tournament MVP.

"Bedford is not as flashy this year, but their setter (Lyczkowski) is one of the better setters around and she gets everyone in position," said Ladywood coach Tom Teeters, whose team is 34-6-1 overall. "And Jodi (Manore) has a great program. And they keep coming up with good talent."

Two other Bedford players also made the all-tournament squad including 6-foot-2 junior middle blocker Shayna Munson, who recorded five kills and three solo blocks in the win over Ladywood; and outside hitter Theresa Estes.

Senior Sarah Schneider, who is headed to LSU, led Bedford in the championship final against Ladywood with four kills, four blocks and one ace.

After being demolished in the opening game, Ladywood stayed nip-and-tuck with Bedford in the second game.

The Blazers were tied at 11-all when Manore, now in her 13th season with Bedford, called a crucial timeout.

The Kicking Mules responded with a

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STAFF PHOTO BY JIM JACOBFIELD

Bumped: Despite the efforts of Ladywood's Jenny Lachapelle (left), Salem's Amanda Abraham gets a kill.

RECREATION

TEN PIN ALLEY



AL HARRISON

Century Bowl in Waterford was the site of the inaugural Michigan Team Challenge last Sunday.

Using the Baker System format, several top teams from around the state gathered to vie for the prize money and title. The event was sponsored by Turbo 2-n-1 grips and Storm products and operated by the Greater Detroit Bowling Association.

The championship was won by the Rite Shot Pro Shop team from the Saginaw-Bay City area. The win was worth \$5,000.

The Turbo 2-n-1 Grips senior team took second, collecting a check for \$3,000.

Forty-one teams participated, 32 in the regular division and 9 seniors. Each team bowled a three-game qualifier before the cut was made to the top 10 regular and 4 senior division finalists.

The final five were Rite Shot Pro Shop, Pepsi Team, Turbo 2-n-1 Grips Senior, Lou Magic State Farm and Unique Embroidery.

The Baker match play began with the Pepsi team bowling a 300 game. This is rare since each bowler on the team only rolls two frames.

The Baker System is a purely team effort in which the lead-off bowler has the first and a fifth frame, the second bowler rolls the second and sixth, etc. This format is like a batting order in baseball, and if the teamwork is good, the chances are better to win.

Lou Magic State Farm was well represented from the O & E cities with Dan Ottman of Troy, Lee Snor of Farmington Hills and Rick Elermann of Garden City joining up with Trey Edwards of Oak Park and Captain Lou Ivancik of Wyandotte and Kevin Trumbull of New Boston.

They were fourth seeded on the stepladder finals and finished a very respectable fourth.

Ansara's Big Boy, with captain Lou Ansara of Farmington Hills, finished sixth.

"This turned out to be a fantastic success for the first year of this tournament. We are looking forward to making this an annual event," said Mark Martin, executive director of the G.D.B.A.

"We get some interesting letters. Bob Hannenberg's wife wrote this after he finally bowled a 300 game:

"Forty years, a long time! My husband, going on 65 this year, has been a bowler that long. Waiting for that perfect game. He has been a secretary at Super Bowl Lanes in Canton since 1977.

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"We get some interesting letters. Bob Hannenberg's wife wrote this after he finally bowled a 300 game:

"Forty years, a long time! My husband, going on 65 this year, has been a bowler that long. Waiting for that perfect game. He has been a secretary at Super Bowl Lanes in Canton since 1977.

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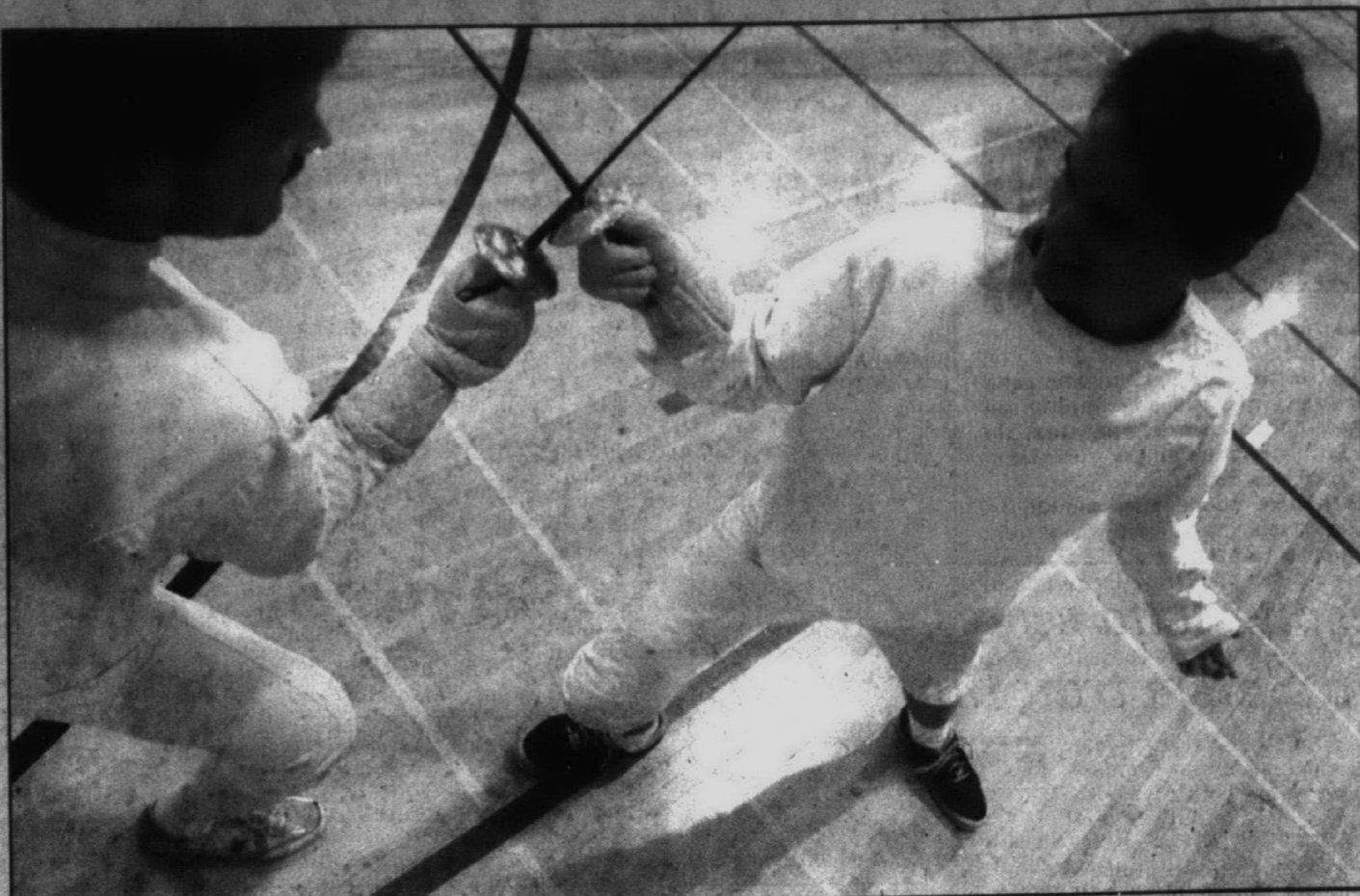
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SCHOOLCRAFT FENCER HEADS FOR JUNIOR OLYMPICS

En garde: Schoolcraft instructor Don McLaren (left) and student John Hallisy practice fencing techniques. Hallisy, a 15-year-old Canton resident, has qualified to participate in the Junior Olympics in Oakland, California.



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En garde!

BY C.J. RISAK, STAFF WRITER

So you start out by chasing your buddy around the living room, each of you armed with the cardboard innards from a roll of gift wrapping. You club each other mercilessly, gleefully, all the while screaming amid the scattered remnants of your paper swords: "All for one, one for all!"

You don't even know what that means really, but you heard those guys on TV with the funny costumes, wearing capes and feathered hats, yelling it while waving their really cool thin swords.

Those colorfully-garbed characters always seemed to win, no matter how many others armed with the same thin swords were pursuing them. And they always overcame those insurmountable odds while grinning.

"I used to play with those plastic swords when I was a kid," recalled John Hallisy. "And I really liked that 'Three Musketeers' movie when it came out."

You mean the one starring Gene Kelly, from the 1940s? Or the '70s version with Michael York?

Uh, neither. This was the '90s Disney production.

Which really does say something. The sport of fencing isn't part of the past, at Schoolcraft College it's thriving, with classes usually filled to capacity.

And Hallisy for one has made it part of his future.

"I always thought it would be fun," the 15-year-old Canton native said. "Then one day I was paging through the Schoolcraft College catalogue of classes and I saw fencing, and I thought 'This would be cool.'"

So Hallisy, who described himself as "kinda lazy" before signing up for fencing at Schoolcraft, got involved.

That was less than two years ago. What started out as something just for fun has taken a decisively serious turn for Hallisy, who later this week departs for Oakland, Calif., and the Junior Olympics.

"This is definitely changed the order of things," Hallisy said. "Before it was just a hobby. Now it's a competitive sport."

His qualifying was almost accidental. His instructor at Schoolcraft, Doug McLaren, heard about the statewide championships hosted by the Grosse Pointe Neighborhood Fencing Club just in time for Hallisy to register for them last December. It would be



One for all: John Hallisy of Canton learned to fence at Schoolcraft College. The 15-year-old qualified to participate in the Junior Olympics in Oakland, California. The state championship was his first major competition.

his first major competition, the first time he fenced in anything more than club-level meets.

To almost everyone's surprise, including his own, Hallisy battled through the under-17 age bracket to reach the finals. There, faulty equipment may have cost him the state championship.

But in the end, it didn't really matter. The top finisher in his age division opted not to go to the Junior Olympics; Hallisy did. He'll

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— Doug McLaren, instructor

be the only Michigan fencing representative there.

"When he first started fencing, he was one of our youngest students," said McLaren, who's been Schoolcraft's fencing instructor for the past 10 years. "He was kind of gangly and not real well-coordinated."

That isn't the case any longer. Now about 6-foot-2 and about as thin as the foil he fences with, Hallisy has the perfect physique for the sport. "He's lean and fast and has long arms," said McLaren.

He also has the desire, his coach said. "He's really worked at it because it was something he really wanted to be good at."

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Hallisy isn't sure what to expect at the Junior Olympics, and he hasn't established any goals. The competition, which runs Feb. 13-15, begins with eight-person pools consisting of seven five-touch matches. The top finishers in pool play advance to the single-elimination round, which features 15-touch matches.

"This is the biggest thing I've ever been in," said Hallisy. "I never thought when I started I'd be going to compete at a national event."

But he is, and if his progress continues on its current astronomical pace, he might want to start keeping track of his frequent-flyer mileage.

NATURE NOTES



TIM NOWICKI

Though color predominates our world, the striking contrast of black and white is very impressive.

This contrast becomes very evident during winter. Consider fluffy white snow that hangs on the dark branches of a tree. Each twig is highlighted and accentuated against the blue sky or the white snow on the ground.

Contrasting black and white is a very effective coloration for the striped skunk. Its basic colors are recognized by young school children and many wild animals.

One encounter with a skunk and animals remember to stay away from the boldly striped stinker.

Even in darkness, when most animals are active, the contrasting colors of the skunk can be seen easily by many animals.

Limited light at night does not allow animals to

discern color, so they have eyes that produce a black and white image. Some color vision is known among nocturnal animals, but it is very rare.

Skunks are not the only animals with a sharp contrast between white and dark. A bald eagle is dark chocolate with contrasting white head and tail.

The snow bird, or more properly, the dark-eyed junco, is a slate gray bird with a white belly and white outer tail feathers.

Downy woodpeckers that visit suet feeders are a beautiful black and white. Female downys do not have any red on their head, only the males.

All these birds are easily recognized by their bold contrast of light and dark.

In winter, crows are very visible against the white snow. These birds are a lamp black color throughout. At least in most cases. A few years ago the late J. P. McCarthy told me

about a white crow he had seen near his house. A couple of his neighbors also called to tell me about this unusual bird.

Every once in a while coloring pigment fails to develop and the animal turns out to be all white, or mostly white.

When I took my daughter to Riley Middle School the other day, we saw an unusual crow. As it flew in front of the car into a backyard, we noticed it had large patches of white running down the length of both wings.

This contrast of black and white was very striking on this normally all black bird. It reminded me of the white in the wings of a black-billed magpie, a crow cousin found in the western states.

Just as some people have a lock of white hair surrounded by their normal color hair, sometimes animals develop these unique patterns too. When they occur in black and white they become very noticeable.

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# Whalers rally, but lose in OT



The Plymouth Whalers came back twice from two-goal deficits Sunday, but their comeback hopes eventually fell short.

Kingston's Chris Allen scored 1:27 into overtime to lift the visiting Frontenacs to a 5-4 victory over the Whalers.

After 51 games, both teams have 61 points in the Ontario Hockey League.

Plymouth had trailed 2-0 and 4-2, but were able to force the game into an extra session. Allen, who is the leader of the league's defensemen in scoring, took the only shot in overtime and it was able to elude goaltender Robert Esche.

The Whalers (28-18-5) fell behind 2-0

after goals by Kingston's Matt Bradley and Matt Elich. David Legwand got the Whalers on the board midway through the first period with a power play goal — his 45th goal of the season. Paul Mara and Andrew Taylor drew the assists.

Plymouth tied the game late in the period when Jesse Boulerice scored (assisted by Randy Fitzgerald and Pat Parthenais. But Kingston (29-19-3) took a 4-2 lead after goals by Colin Chaulk and Jan Sulc.

Yuri Babenko got the Whalers back in the game at 9:30 of the third period with an unassisted goal. And with five minutes left, Harold Druken found the net. The game-tying goal was assisted by Taylor and Esche.

Esche saw 23 shots on net. Kingston goalie Curtis Cruickshank stopped 28 of the 32 shots he faced.

**WHALERS 3, OWEN SOUND 3:** The Whalers settled for the tie Saturday, thanks to Paul Mara's second goal of the game with 1:38 remaining in the game.

The visiting Whalers recorded 45 shots on goal, but only managed three past Owen Sound goaltender Eoin McInerney. Owen Sound had 33 shots on net.

Trailing 1-0, Mara got Plymouth going with a goal set up by Legwand. With just over a minute remaining in the opening period, Boulerice notched his 15th goal of the season on a power play opportunity. Mara and Nikos Tselios drew assists.

The Platers tied the game in the second period and took a 3-2 lead early in the third period. Mara tied the game with his 15th goal of the year, which was assisted by Druken and Taylor.

Both teams had three shots on goal in overtime, but failed to score.

**WHALERS 5, GUELPH 0:** The Whalers began their tough, three-game weekend Friday with an easy blanking at Guelph. Guelph leads the Central Division with 71 points, but is currently on a four-game losing streak.

Esche recorded his second shutout of the season, stopping all 23 shots by the Storm. Chris Madden, the league's winningest goalie with 26 wins, suffered the loss.

Druken supplied much of the offense for the Whalers with two goals and an assist. Legwand, Julian Smith and Brian Passmore also scored for Plymouth, while Taylor added a pair of assists.

| ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE STANDINGS (Through Feb. 8) |    |    |   |      |
|--|----|----|---|------|
| <b>East Division</b>                             |    |    |   |      |
| Ottawa 67's                                      | W  | L  | T | Pts. |
| Ottawa 67's                                      | 30 | 14 | 7 | 67   |
| Bellefleur Bulls                                 | 32 | 20 | 2 | 66   |
| Kingston Frontenacs                              | 29 | 19 | 3 | 61   |
| Oshawa Generals                                  | 21 | 27 | 5 | 47   |
| Peterborough Petes                               | 17 | 28 | 7 | 41   |
| Toronto St. M. Majors                            | 12 | 31 | 9 | 33   |
| <b>Central Division</b>                          |    |    |   |      |
| Guelph Storm                                     | W  | L  | T | Pts. |
| Guelph Storm                                     | 33 | 17 | 5 | 71   |
| Barrie Colts                                     | 32 | 15 | 4 | 68   |
| Kitchener Rangers                                | 23 | 21 | 8 | 59   |
| Owen Sound Platers                               | 22 | 26 | 4 | 48   |
| Sudbury Wolves                                   | 20 | 30 | 5 | 45   |
| North Bay Centennials                            | 13 | 35 | 6 | 32   |
| <b>West Division</b>                             |    |    |   |      |
| London Knights                                   | W  | L  | T | Pts. |
| London Knights                                   | 31 | 18 | 4 | 66   |
| Plymouth Whalers                                 | 28 | 18 | 5 | 61   |
| Samia Sting                                      | 24 | 18 | 9 | 57   |
| Erie Otters                                      | 24 | 26 | 4 | 52   |
| Windsor Spitfires                                | 18 | 31 | 3 | 39   |
| SSM Greyhounds                                   | 15 | 30 | 6 | 36   |

## Despite solid scores, Canton and Salem trail Invite field

It was another Saturday featuring the state's best gymnastics teams, and both Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem were there.

Four of the 15 teams competing scored better than 140 points, with Hartland getting the best of it at 144.95 to win the Freeland Invitational. The host Falcons were second at 143.90, with Portage third (142.85) and Rochester fourth (142.65).

Canton placed a very creditable sixth (137.85), just behind Brighton (138.90). Salem was 14th (121.00).

The Chiefs got strong all-around performances from Liz Fitzgerald, who was 11th in Division I (35.40); Marcie Emerick, who was 16th in Division I (34.30); and Amy Driscoll, who placed sixth in Division II (34.65).

Fitzgerald's best event was the uneven parallel bars; she took fourth (9.4). She was also ninth in the floor exercise (9.05), eighth in the vault (8.8) and 17th in the balance beam

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(8.15). Emerick finished 17th in the bars (9.0), 13th in the vault (8.65), 21st in the beam (8.05) and 26th in the floor (8.6).

Nicole Vaagenes had Canton's best finish of the day; she was first in the Division II bars (9.15).

In Division II, Driscoll placed fourth in the floor (9.15), third in the vault (8.95) and ninth in the bars (8.9).

For Salem, Janine Schmedding and Allison Bracht turned in the top performances. Schmedding took 20th in the Division II all-around (31.85), with Bracht 23rd (31.45).

Best placing among the Rocks for the day went to Bracht, who was ninth in the Division II vault (8.55). Schmedding placed 19th in the Division II bars (8.4).

Salem is at Walled Lake for a 7 p.m. dual meet tonight. Canton travels to Traverse City for a dual meet Saturday.

## Volleyball from page C1

four-point run to close out the match.

Ladywood had three players named to the All-Tournament team including 6-1 junior Jenny Young, who had eight kills in the final; 6-1 senior Sarah Poglits, who finished with 38 kills and 73 assists on the day; and senior Jenny Lachapelle, who added 68 total assists.

"I thought there big outside-hitter, number 10 (Young), was moving very well," Manore said. "I don't remember her being a force the first time we played. They were more one-dimensional with Poglits."

Bedford, whose only losses this season are to No. 2 Portage Northern (twice) and No. 4 Portage Central, beat Ladywood on Dec. 20 at the Western Michigan University Tournament (7-15, 15-8, 15-12).

"This year's team is real strong

all the way around," Manore said. "We can go to any of our six kids and sub off the bench and not lose much."

"We've had some very competitive practices and we can mix things up."

Katie Brogan was Ladywood's top defensive player with 44 digs, while Poglits, who is headed to Loyola of Chicago, was the top server with 13 aces. MaryLu Hemme added 11 blocks.

"Right now we have the power, but we have to go with more speed," Teeters said. "We're going to use Young more on the right side. And there are a lot of little things we can change on each person."

In one of the area's more anticipated matchups, Ladywood and Salem split in pool play.

Ladywood won the first game, 11-15, but Salem took the second, 17-15.

Thurston, 15-3, 15-6; Midland def. East Kentwood, 15-12, 15-13; Marian def. Walled Lake Central, 15-6, 15-1.

**Round of 16:** Bedford def. Novi, 15-1, 15-0; Ladywood def. Grand Blanc, 15-2, 15-3; Midland def. Farmington Hills Mercy, 15-7, 15-3; Marian def. Carleton-Airport, 15-10, 15-8; Salem def. Battle Creek Central, 1-15, 15-6, 15-11; Thurston def. Fenton, 15-13, 12-15, 15-7; W.L. Central def. Dearborn, 15-13, 15-12; E. Kentwood def. Northville, 15-5, 4-15, 15-9.

**Quarterfinals:** Bedford def. Plymouth Salem, 15-3, 15-3; Ladywood def. Redford

Ladywood has knocked Salem out of the regional tournament the last two years.

"We played our best volleyball of the day against Ladywood and Birmingham Seaholm," Salem co-coach Allie Suffety said. "The one thing that hurt us the first game against Ladywood was when we went seven rotations without scoring a point. And you can't do that against them. They scored four during that stretch and we struggled to come back. You can't give them that type of edge."

Salem's top players on the day included three seniors — Jenny Trott, 37 kills and 32 digs; Amanda Abraham, 30 kills, 11 digs, six solo blocks and 10 assist-blocks; Kelly Street, 18 kills.

Junior Angie Sillmon had 20 kills, 12 digs, three solo and nine assist-blocks.

The Rocks, however, ran into a Bedford buzzsaw in the quarterfinal.

"Our offense looked like they were standing still compared to Bedford's," Suffety said.

Also named to the All-Tourney team was Midland's Erin Hartley, who is considered the state's best and is headed to Michigan State.

Midland, coached by former Livonia Bentley and Schoolcraft player Angie Porter, ousted East Kentwood in the quarterfinals, 15-12, 15-13, but lost to Bedford in the semifinals, 15-1, 15-5.

Ladywood knocked off state-ranked Walled Lake Central in the quarterfinal and Catholic League rival Birmingham Marian in the semifinal. Marian had two All-Tourney picks, Kristy Kreher, who is bound for Notre Dame, and Katrina Lehman, headed to Michigan.

**E (Court V):** 1. Fenton, 4-2; 2. Novi, 3-3; Stevenson, 3-3; Farmington Harrison, 2-4.

**F (Court VI):** 1. Ladywood, 5-1; 2. Salem, 5-1; Birmingham Seaholm, 2-4; Westland John Glenn, 0-6.

**G (at Northville):** 1. Airport, 5-1; 2. Northville, 4-2; Harper Woods Regina, 2-4; Livonia Clarenceville, 1-5.

**H (at Northville):** 1. Battle Creek Central, 6-0; 2. Grand Blanc, 4-2; Ferndale and Mount Clemens Dakota, 2-4 each.

## Basketball from page C1

Wolverines, going in front 24-14 after one quarter. They managed to pull to within eight after three quarters (46-38), but could not overtake their foe.

Agape and Saline Christian are now tied for first in the MCC at 6-2. Agape is 11-4 overall, Saline is 10-4.

Paul Anleitner's 31 points paced the Wolverines. Julian Wettlin had 14.

For Saline Christian, Ross Gordon was the big gun with 30 points and eight blocked shots. Steve Ball and Dennis Kotman each scored 12.

Last Friday, Wettlin's 23 points helped Agape tame Greater Life of Pontiac 71-56 at Agape. Steve Mecklenburg added 19 points and Anleitner netted 12. Tommy Hopewell's 10 points was best for Greater Life.

**AP Inter-City Baptist 75, PCA 74:** It sure was different this time around.

The result was the same — an Allen Park Inter-City Baptist victory — but the margin was 31 points less.

Plymouth Christian Academy dropped an 81-49 decision on its home court Jan. 20.

This time it took a Chris Moore tip of a missed Jason Marshall shot with two seconds to play to enable Inter-City Baptist to come off its home floor a winner.

"We've really started to play good basketball," Coach Doug Taylor of PCA said. "We've started to score in the paint."

"I feel we did a pretty good job of getting the ball up the floor and that our guards did a real good job of getting the ball inside."

Sophomore forward Derric Isensee scored 22 points, grabbed nine rebounds and passed for seven baskets. Forward Chris Brandon backed him with 21 points and 10 rebounds.

Sophomore point guard Jordan Roose made all but one of his eight foul shots and finished with nine points while doing a good job of distributing the ball, Taylor said.

His running mate at guard, James Jones, scored seven points.

Marshall scored 36 points to lead Allen Park while Moore netted 18, including all four free throws as his team made 9-of-10 of its foul shots.

Plymouth trailed, 19-14, after the opening period and was down by six, 37-31, at the intermission.

The teams played an even third quarter but PCA took the fourth, 22-17. It is now 10-5 overall and 4-3 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference while Inter-City Baptist remained undefeated in eight MIAC contests and 11-2 overall.

Allen Park trailed by one when Marshall drove baseline and tossed up a shot that just missed. Moore rebounded and tipped it in with two seconds to play.

PCA called timeout but its last-second attempt to win was a pass that hit the ceiling.

PCA, which made 19-of-27 free throws, held a six-point lead with 48 seconds to play but Allen Park came up with the plays it needed to win.

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# Ocelots' Melson drawing scouts' attention

BY BRAD EMONS  
STAFF WRITER

He may be the best-kept secret in junior college basketball, but word on Schoolcraft College's Kevin Melson is slowly leaking out. Five Division I college coaches were on hand Monday night to see the nation's second-leading scorer toss in a "quiet" 25 points as the host Ocelots held off Henry Ford Community College, 73-70.

The wiry 6-foot-6, 190-pound forward had an "off game" on Monday by his standards, but his progress and steady improvement has catapulted Schoolcraft, now 22-5 overall, to its first winning season since 1984.

Ironically, the Ocelots were picked last in the preseason Eastern Conference coaches poll.

But due to a remarkable transformation, Schoolcraft received votes for the first time ever in the top 20 NJCAA Division I national poll.

Only two days earlier, Melson dropped in a career-high 53 points to go along with 19 rebounds in a 114-104 double-overtime loss to host Alpena.

"I knew I was having a pretty good game, but not 50," Melson said. "But it really doesn't mean much since we lost. I'd trade it for a win any day."

Averaging 29.2 points per game, Melson is simply the Ocelots' most prolific scorer since Carlos Briggs, who happens to be his current coach.

"Offensively he was great and he scored when we needed him — Kevin carried us the whole second half," Briggs said of the Alpena performance. "But the 53 didn't mean anything to him because all he talked about afterwards was the one shot he missed down the stretch. He'd give up the 53 for a win. That's how he is. He's such a team player. He's so unselfish."

Briggs knows a little about scoring himself.

He led the NJCAA twice in scoring with averages of 30.9 (in 1983) and 33.0 (in 1984) before going on to star at Baylor followed by a brief fling overseas in the pros.

"Kevin is so smooth, it doesn't seem like he gives the maximum effort," Briggs said. "The thing I'd like to see him do is be more aggressive. We've talked about it because he can dominate not only on the offensive end, but also on defensive end."

Melson, nicknamed "K-Rock," is the quiet assassin. He rarely shows his emotions, preferring to be humble and polite, on and off the court. He's a taller version of Barry Sanders in short pants.

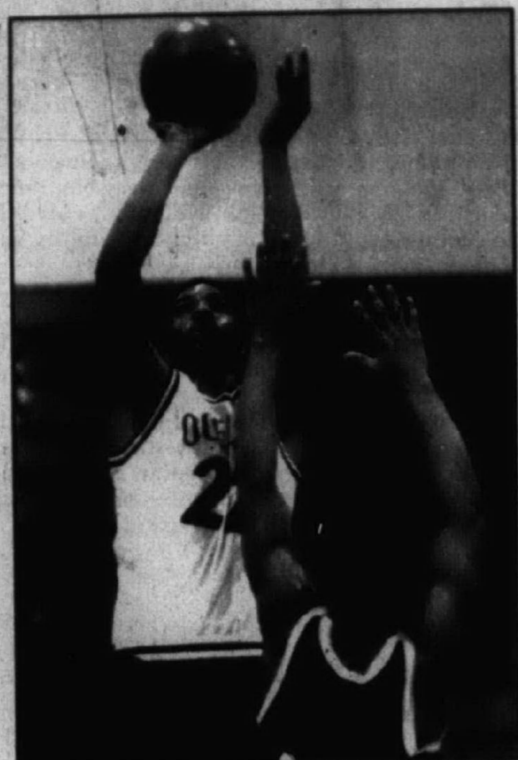
"That's what some people say, that I'm not aggressive enough, but I think I play as hard as I can," he said.

Melson, who rarely gets subbed, also averages nine rebounds and three assists per game. And despite double and triple-teaming, he shoots 64 percent from the floor. He's also a 78 percent free throw shooter.

"Kevin's unique because he's so versatile," said teammate and starting point-guard Pete Males. "He can bring it inside, go outside, put it on the floor and pass. He still had 25 the other night and you don't notice it."

"If you're going to the basket and miss it, he'll come out of nowhere and put it back in. Defensively, I can be aggressive on the wing and gamble on going after passes because I know he's back there to block or alter a shot."

Melson, who grew five inches between his junior and senior seasons, started at Cass Tech, but finished his career at Communica-



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

**Scoremaster: SC's Kevin Melson has proven to be one of the NJCAA's best scorers.**

tion & Media Arts, a small public school in Detroit where he averaged 19 points and eight rebounds his senior year.

Former Schoolcraft coach Glen Donahue, who left the program last fall to take an assistant's position at Central Michigan, first spotted Kevin in AAU.

"I knew his dad Carvin, who was an outstanding player and he respected me," Donahue said. "I knew Kevin was an outstanding person with real good ability. He just had great speed with the ability to run down the floor gracefully. I felt back then he'd get nothing but better, and I thought he'd be a great player. He had a lot of the same abilities I saw in Vernon Carr as a senior. And he comes from a great family. The sky's the limit."

Donahue coached Carr, who later went on to star at Michigan State, at Highland Park CC.

Melson's Schoolcraft career, however, got off to a rocky start. Three weeks before the season opener (in 1996), the forward fractured his ankle. He spent the next four weeks in a cast.

He decided to sit out the season and come back at full strength this year.

"It was real tough not being able to play," Melson said. "But it wouldn't have helped me to come back in the middle of the year."

"I tried to just work on everything over the summer. I tried to play anywhere I could. St. Cecilia had a lot of competition."

Melson found himself pitted against the likes of Michigan's Maurice Taylor, Robert Traylor, along with Todd Burgan of Syracuse.

"I lifted weights over the summer, but I need to get a bit stronger to hold my ground against those guys," Melson said. "And I'll definitely do more lifting this summer."

Melson gained some exposure last summer when he attended a camp for junior college players in Terre Haute, Ind.

But with Donahue gone and Schoolcraft administrators unexplicably dragging their feet for months about hiring a new coach,

Melson contemplated transferring to Owens Tech in Toledo, a top-notch NJCAA Division II program. (Schoolcraft plays in Division I.)

"After the end of the season Schoolcraft didn't have a coach and I was not sure," Melson said. "I was real close, I almost had my mind made up."

And then entered Briggs, a former SC All-America who was hired in mid-July. Briggs left his assistant's position at a Texas high school to lead a down-trodden Schoolcraft program.

Melson remembers his initial meeting with the new coach.

"Carlos sounded like a good guy and he said he'd change the program around," he said. "I said to myself, 'Why not stay here instead of going down there?'"

"He's a smart guy who can relate to what guys my age are going through. He's honest and he has your best interests in mind."

Briggs sold Melson on playing time. The two had a lot in common. They were virtually neighbors just around the corner from each other in northwest Detroit.

"I told him he could leave for Owens and be part of the puzzle, playing 20 to 25 minutes a game, or he could come here and play 40 minutes, make a name for himself and put Schoolcraft back on the map," Briggs said. "Down there he would have been another fish in the sea."

And Briggs couldn't have asked for anything more.

"Kevin understands, he listens and does exactly what you want him to do," the Schoolcraft coach said. "He's a good kid, a 'Yes sir, no Sir,' kind of guy."

"We want to see him get to the next level and I know he'll do what it takes to get there."

And it doesn't hurt that Kevin comes from some fine basketball pedigree.

Carvin, who starred at Oakland University, played for the 1968 PSL champion Murray-Wright team, which included the likes of NBA players Lindell Reason and James McElroy, along with William James and Clifford Pratt.

Carvin, who coached Kevin in the Police Athletic League, is happy his son stuck with Schoolcraft.

"Without Donahue we were unsure of the coaching situation," Carvin said. "Carlos seemed real knowledgeable and sincere. We just said, 'Why go to Ohio when you have a good coach here?'"

Carvin said his son has already surpassed his talents.

"I had a problem dribbling with both hands," he said. "At this point, Kevin is better than I was at the same age."

Kevin, a good student who is undecided about a major, is open-minded about choosing a school.

Four-year programs like the fact that he'll graduate this year with an associate's degree and have three years of eligibility remaining.

UD-Mercy, Colorado State, Lamar, Tennessee State and Wright State all came calling Monday on the projected small forward.

"I like to go somewhere and play a lot of minutes and contribute to a winning team right away," Melson said. "And possibly go to the next level from there, whether it's here or overseas."

"I'd like to stay close to home, near my mother (Madeline), but I wouldn't have a problem going away."

For now, his home is at Schoolcraft, which hasn't seen a player of his caliber since the school's last best kept secret — Carlos Briggs.

# SC repels Hawks

BY C.J. RISAK  
STAFF WRITER

Schoolcraft College men's basketball coach Carlos Briggs got just what he wanted from his team Monday.

A strong effort — and a win. The Ocelots bounced back from a disappointing double-overtime loss last Saturday at Alpena CC to turn back Henry Ford CC 73-70 at SC.

The win clinched at least a second-place finish in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association's Eastern Conference for the Ocelots, who improved to 22-5 overall and 11-2 in the conference. Henry Ford fell three games behind in the loss column at 7-5; the Hawks are 12-10 overall.

The effect of Saturday's loss at Alpena showed up in the second half Monday. SC jumped out to a 47-38 lead by halftime, thanks to a combined 32 points from Kevin Melson and Emeka Okonkwo (Melson 17, Okonkwo 15).

But the Schoolcraft offense — averaging better than 90 points a game — went dry in the second half, scoring just 26 points.

"It was a tale of two halves," said Henry Ford coach Gary Nustad. "Truth be known, if we played defense in the first half like we did in the second, it would have been a whole different ball game."

SC's fatigue contributed to its second-half offensive woes. "They're tired," Briggs said of his team. "The thing is, they didn't give up. They kept fighting."

The opportunity to fold was there for SC, certainly. Henry Ford closed to within three with 8:04 left on a Mike Sykes basket, but SC scored the next six points to push its lead back to nine.

The Hawks continued to chip away at the lead, but ran out of time. Poor perimeter shooting plagued them throughout the game; they made just 31-of-73 floor shots (42 percent), and the only two three-pointers they converted came in the game's last 20 seconds.

Melson finished with 25 points for SC, with Okonkwo getting 21 and Derek McKelvey adding 14. Pete Males (from Garden City) finished with nine. Henry Ford got 16 from Sykes, 15 from John Skoczylas and 10 from Kris Landers.

At Alpena Saturday, the Ocelots had a couple of chances to put the Lumberjacks away, but they misfired and ended up absorbing a 114-104 loss in

## COLLEGE MEN

double overtime — despite a season-high 53 points from Melson.

SC was up by two with Males at the line in the closing seconds of regulation. He missed the free throw, but Melson rebounded — and he missed the putback. Alpena (14-8 overall, 6-6 in the conference) got the ball, went the length of the court and tied it at 82 to force OT.

At the end of the first extra period, SC had two chances to break a 91-91 tie and missed both, Mario Montgomery's layup rolling out and Melson's rebound attempt missing.

"That hurt," said Briggs. "To come so far and get so close, that was tough to lose."

Melson had 39 points in regulation; he also grabbed 19 rebounds. McKelvey added 16 points, Okonkwo scored 12 and Dan Gomez (Canton) had 10 points and 10 rebounds.

**Spring Arbor 108, Madonna 77 (men):** Visiting Spring Arbor College jumped out to a 7-0 lead Monday and never looked back as the Cougars routed Madonna.

The visiting Cougars received 44 points from forward Jason Elder, including seven three-pointers. He also grabbed a game-high 11 rebounds.

The Crusaders, who trailed 54-25 at halftime, fell to 3-22 overall and 2-7 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference. Spring Arbor evened its league mark at 4-4 and improved to 15-13 overall.

Mark Hayes led Madonna with 23 points. Narvin Russaw added 18 points and eight rebounds, while guard John-Mark Branch chipped in with 15 points and seven boards.

Spring Arbor received 17 points from Bryan Gordon and 12 from Jeremy Patterson.

**Tri-State 81, Madonna 51:** The weekend began just like it ended for the Crusaders on Friday as Tri-State had little trouble with visiting Madonna.

The Thunder broke open a reasonably close 31-23 halftime lead by outscoring Madonna 50-28 in the second half.

Twelve Tri-State players scored in the game, led by Chad LaCross' 13 points and 11 rebounds. The Crusaders received 14 points apiece from Mark Hayes and Jason Maschke.

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## WEEKEND

### VALENTINE'S DAY EVENTS

■ The Westside Singles present a Valentine's Day dance 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, Feb. 13, at Burton Manor, on Schoolcraft west of Inkster Road. Admission is \$6. 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 are hosting the annual Valentine's Dance 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 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 7-9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 13. The dance will be 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.

■ February is "Heart Month" and on Valentine's Eve, Feb. 13, the Ann Arbor community is invited to the "Hearts for the Arts 98," an annual benefit dinner dance and celebrity art auction presented by the Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra and the Heart Care Program of the University of Michigan Health System. Hosted at the Crowne Plaza Ann Arbor, the event begins with a champagne reception and silent auction at 6:30 p.m. Gourmet dinner is at 7:30 p.m., followed by a live auction of original art local and national artists, celebrity creations and memorabilia, and one of a kind valued treasures from are merchants, organizations and individuals. For more information or to place a reservation, call 994-4801.

■ **ALL NIGHT LOCK-IN**  
 ■ The Canton Friendship Church Student Outreach is sponsoring an "All Night-Lock-In" for teens 10:30 p.m. to 7 a.m., Friday, Feb. 13, continuing Saturday, Feb. 14, at The Summit on the Park in Canton. Cost is \$20, which includes pizza, comedy team, DJ and music videos, pool, waterslide, open gym for volleyball and basketball, and wallyball and euchre tournaments. All middle school and high school students are invited. For more information, call Howard Matthews at (734) 451-2100.

■ **BOWLATHON**  
 ■ The Ladies Auxiliary to

VFW Post No. 6695 will be hosting its annual bowlathon at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 14, at 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.

### 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.

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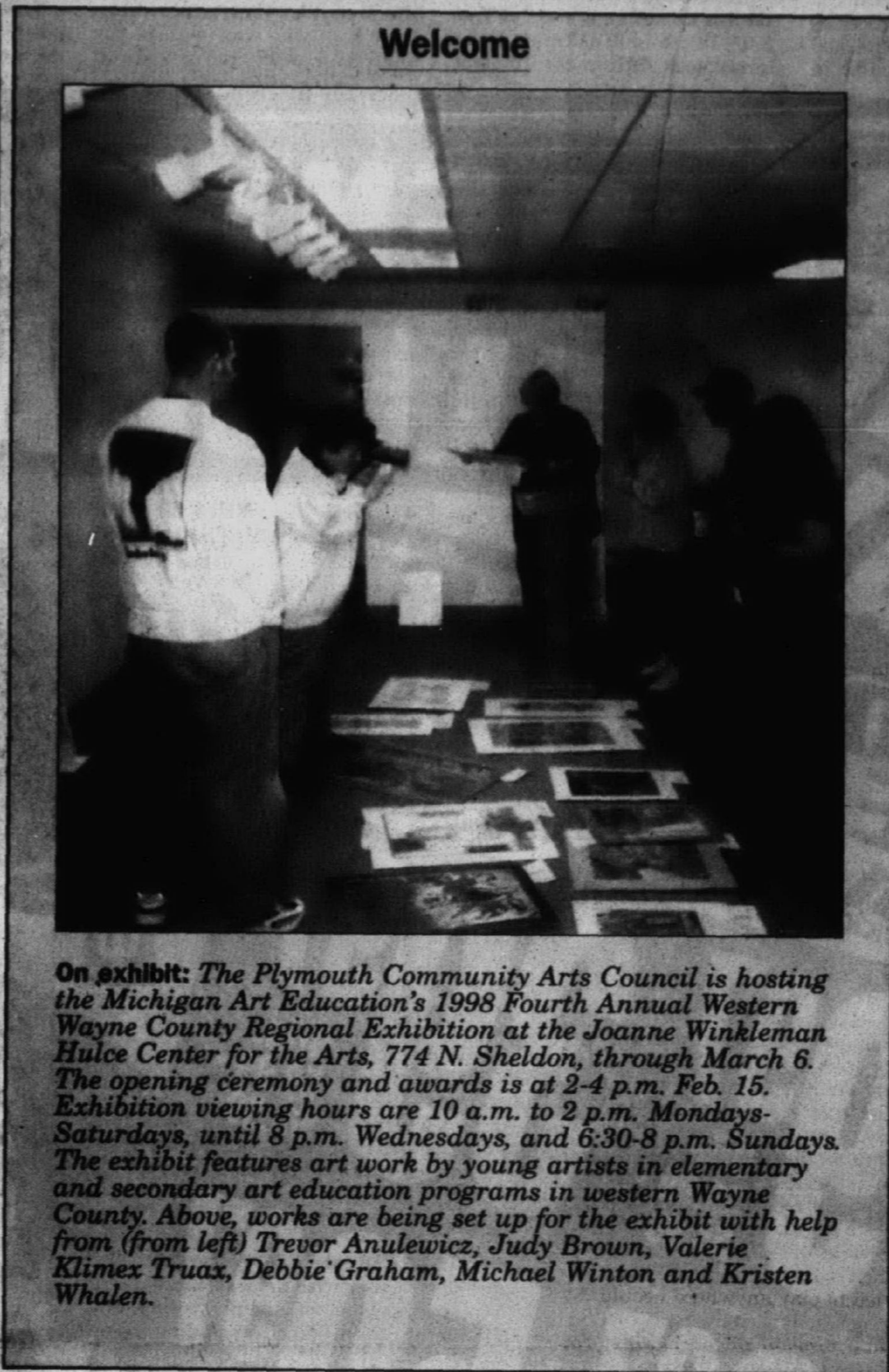
### ICE SKATING PARTIES

■ 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 and 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) 455-6620.

■ **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 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.

■ **PHARMACY PRESCRIPTIONS**  
 ■ Free prescription drugs to middle income seniors if you qualify will be available by appointment only at the Plymouth Township Hall Clerk's Office 1-4 p.m. For more information, call 455-7526.

■ **EXTREME BEANS**  
 ■ Save your skin. Learn how to cleanse, moisturize, and sun-protect your precious skin using pure botanical products from Switzerland. Independent consultants from Arbonne International will be at Extreme Beans at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 17.



On exhibit: The Plymouth Community Arts Council is hosting the Michigan Art Education's 1998 Fourth Annual Western Wayne County Regional Exhibition at the Joanne Winkleman Hulce Center for the Arts, 774 N. Sheldon, through March 6. The opening ceremony and awards is at 2-4 p.m. Feb. 15. Exhibition viewing hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays-Saturdays, until 8 p.m. Wednesdays, and 6:30-8 p.m. Sundays. The exhibit features art work by young artists in elementary and secondary art education programs in western Wayne County. Above, works are being set up for the exhibit with help from (from left) Trevor Anulewicz, Judy Brown, Valerie Klimex Truax, Debbie Graham, Michael Winton and Kristen Whalen.

Men and women are invited to sample products and discuss employment opportunities. Come early, buy a cup of coffee, and reserve your seat. Extreme Beans is located at the intersection of Canton Center and Sheldon Center roads. For more information, call (248) 374-2215.

■ **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 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) 455-6620.

■ **ST. MARY HOSPITAL**  
 ■ 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 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 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 17, in the St. Mary Hospital Auditorium. 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.

■ **MADONNA UNIVERSITY**  
 ■ Madonna University will hold a faculty music recital at 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 22, in Kresge Hall. Admission is free, however, donations to the music scholarship fund will be accepted. The recital will include solo and ensemble pieces in piano, violin, flute, and guitar performed by several faculty members. For more information, call (734) 432-5709.

■ Madonna University in Livonia will host an art exhibit in honor of Black

History Month. It will run through Monday, Feb. 23, in the library wing exhibit gallery. Library hours are 8 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday and 1-5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is free. The exhibit will include a series of posters and books from the 20th century. For more information, call (734) 432-5711.

■ **SUMMIT ON THE PARK**  
 ■ Summit on the Park Senior Center is offering tax counseling for seniors. This service is offered every Tuesday through April 14 in the Parkview Room. Appointments are necessary for counseling, and will be taken for morning or afternoon times. Arrangements can be made for those who are homebound. Call 397-5444 for more information.

■ **ST. JOSEPH'S FOOT CLINIC**  
 ■ St. Joseph's Foot Clinic will also be sponsoring an information meeting on new procedures for treating foot problems. A podiatrist will speak from 1-2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 18. There is no charge for this meeting and you may register at the Senior Desk or call 397-5444.

### 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 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.

■ **PRESCHOOL 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. ■ **Beginning Feb. 15, Henry Clay Preschool Cooperative, Inc.** in Marshall Elementary School, 33901 Curtis (Six Mile and Farmington), Livonia, is accepting applications for 1998-99 school year for 3-4 year old classes. Morning and afternoon sessions are available. For more information, call Judy at (734) 953-9728.

■ **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.

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■ 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**  
 ■ 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.

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## CLUBS

■ **MOTHER OF MULTIPLES**  
 ■ The Plymouth-Canton Mothers of Multiples club meets 7 p.m. the first and third Monday of each month. Call Barb at (313) 207-5224. Playgroup meets every other Tuesday, call Sue at (313) 459-9324.

■ **DAR**  
 ■ The Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, will meet for a tea for the Good Citizens and American History Essay winners at 1 p.m. Monday, Feb. 16, at St. John's Episcopal Church, 572 S. Sheldon, Plymouth Township. For more information, call (248) 349-8056.

■ **CAREER WOMEN**  
 ■ The National Association of Career Women, West Suburban Chapter, will host the monthly networking meeting at 11:45 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 17, at Ernesto's Restaurant, 41661 Plymouth Road, Plymouth. The featured speaker will be Carol Lewis. For more information, call Judie at (313) 453-7272, Ext. 223.

■ **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.

**CALENDAR FORM**

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## THE WEEKEND

### FRIDAY



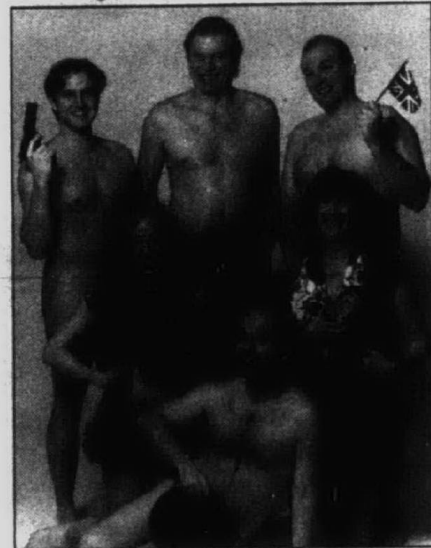
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### SATURDAY



Detroit Symphony Orchestra's Tiny Tots concert features Rheda Becker host/narrator 10:15 a.m. and 11:45 a.m., Mercy High School Auditorium, Farmington Hills. Tickets \$10, (313) 576-5111.

### SUNDAY



Meadow Brook Theatre presents Joe Orton's outrageous comedy "What the Butler Saw," 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. at the theater on the campus of Oakland University, call (248) 377-3300 for tickets.



**Hot Tix:** Belle Tire Detroit Autorama features more than 800 exhibits of hot rods and custom cars, trucks, vans and motorcycles, 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 Exhibition Center, Detroit. Admission \$12, \$5 children younger than 5 at the door, (810) 650-5560.



Bagpipers: The Pipes and Drums of The Black Watch will perform at the Scotland of the Brave Tour.

## BANDS SOLDIER ON FOR Scotland The Brave

BY KEELY WYGONIK  
STAFF WRITER

"Riverdance" created renewed interest in Irish culture, and movies such as the 1995 Academy Award-winning film "Braveheart" and "Rob Roy" have helped do the same for Scots.

"People are so intrigued with the history of clans, they want more of it," said Cpl. David Smith of The Black Watch, one of the most famous bagpipe bands in the world, which is part of the "Scotland The Brave," 60-city tour coming to Joe Louis Arena Saturday and to the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts Sunday.

"Shows in the past were pipes and drums, this time it's a little bit different," said Smith. "In the past we just marched on stage and played."

This year's tour has a theme - "Scotland The Brave," - and includes performances by Highland dancers, a Ceilidh band and a vocal soloist in addition to

performances by the Regimental Band of The Scots Guards and The Pipes and Drums of The Black Watch.

Scotland The Brave takes the audience on a musical journey of Scotland from the 1600s to the present.

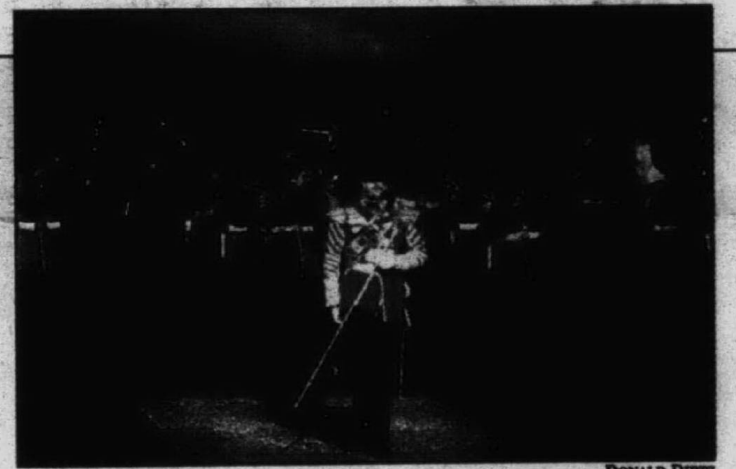
The show includes numbers that are well-known to fans of Scottish music - "Scotland The Brave," and "Highland Laddie," and rarely performed tunes unearthed especially for this tour.

Highland dancers perform the strenuous Argyle Broadsword, The Highland Fling and other numbers.

"We have four professional dancers touring with us, all girls," said Smith. "They're excellent."

A narrator tells the story, giving the audience a lesson in history about The Scots Guards, one of the top military bands who accompany the "Changing of the Guard" at Buckingham

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DONALD DIETZ

**Rich Legacy:** The Scotland the Brave tour features the Scots Guard, one of the top military bands who accompany the "Changing of the Guard" at Buckingham Palace.

### Scotland the Brave Tour

Visiting two metro Detroit entertainment venues:

■ Joe Louis Arena, 600 Civic Center Drive, Detroit - 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 14.

**Tickets:** \$35, \$25 and \$18.50, call (248) 645-6666. For more information, call (313) 983-6606 or (313) 396-7902.

■ Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, 44575 Garfield Road, Clinton Township - 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 15.

**Tickets:** \$29 adults, students and senior citizens \$26, call (810) 286-2222, or (248) 645-6666.

Also of interest:

■ Membership in The St. Andrew's Society of Detroit is open to all persons of Scottish birth or descent. For membership information, contact the Membership Secretary at 18793 Kenosha St., Harper Woods, MI 48225-2127.

■ The 149th annual Highland Games will be held Saturday, Aug. 1 at Greenmead Historical Village in Livonia. Check out their web site, [HTTP://www.highlandgames.com](http://www.highlandgames.com)

## MUSIC

Irish troubador: Tommy Makem accompanies himself on banjo and tinwhistle.



## Godfather of Irish Music keeps tradition alive

BY HUGH GALLAGHER  
STAFF WRITER

"I was just in a bit of a row," Tommy Makem said in his familiar, rich baritone brogue.

He apologized for a brief delay in the start of a telephone interview from his home in Dover, N.H., while he settled a discussion over delivery of furniture for his daughter.

Despite the "bit of a row," the man called the Bard of Armagh and the Godfather of Irish Music was in a good mood, happy to talk and tell stories about the music he's been singing for most of his 65 years.

Makem, who will perform Friday, Feb. 20, at the Mercy High School Auditorium, grew up in an Irish home

filled with traditional music. His late mother, Sarah, was a noted singer and song collector.

"Music in our house was like breathing," he said. "My mother sang all the time, all day without stopping. ... She had this vast store of wonderful songs."

In the mid 1950s, the BBC recorded Sarah Makem and her neighbors for a BBC world-service program. Her recording of "As I Rove About" became the show's theme song, heard around the world every Sunday morning.

"I remember arriving home from the States on a holiday. I had hired a car and drove up, took my bags in and couldn't get in the kitchen," Makem said. "There was a class from a south-

western university in the United States sitting on the kitchen floor. My mother was stepping in and out making tea for them and the students were taking notes. To my mother it was no different than serving tea to my father. My father was sitting in the corner, smoking his pipe and laughing his head off."

Makem's father played fiddle and other family members and neighbors played musical instruments, sang and performed traditional dances.

But Makem's first interest in the arts was in acting, not music. He had won some acting prizes and was invited to audition for the famous Old Vic

### Tommy Makem

**What:** Irish folk singer performs to benefit the St. Patrick's Senior Center in Detroit.

**When:** 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 20.

**Where:** Mercy High School Auditorium, 29300 W. 11 Mile Road, Farmington.

**Tickets:** \$20 in advance, \$23 at the door. Available at Murphy's Restaurant in Redford Township, The Celtic Shamrock in Farmington, The Innisfree Pub & Restaurant in Garden City and other area locations. For information, call (734) 562-5610, (734) 534-5610, (248) 348-2660 or (248) 649-1140.

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## Scotland from page E1

Palace, and "The Black Watch," one of the most famous bagpipe bands in the world.

"A lot of people from Scotland settled in the Canada and the United States. We're bringing the music back to these people of Scottish descent," explained Smith.

Soldiers first, performers second, Black Watch pipers can trace their ancestry back to the Highland clans who relied on bagpipe music to rouse them in war.

"We're all trained infantry soldiers," said Smith. "You can't join the military as a piper, you must join as a soldier. You go to pipe

and drums school in Edinburgh then you join the regiment as a junior soldier. Pipe and drum is a secondary role."

People come to the concert for all kinds of reasons. "A lot of people come out of curiosity," said Smith. "People of Celtic background have come to the show and people who are intrigued by Scottish history."

Because of the popularity of The Black Watch, Cpl. Smith spends 60 percent of his time piping and 40 percent soldiering. "We still train every weekend," he said.

His father was a drummer in the local pipe band, and encour-

aged him to be a piper like his uncle, a member of The Black Watch.

"When I was born I was taken to the Highland Games," he said. "It's in the blood. I always wanted to play the drums, but my father told me the pipers are always kept busy and better paid."

Piping is just one of the contests that takes place during the Highland Games, a celebration of Scottish heritage.

Learning to play the bagpipes wasn't easy. "It's a very complex instrument. In the beginning it's very hard and it gives you a sore

head and you get dizzy," said Smith. "You have to be dedicated, I wanted to quit. You come home from school, do your homework and then practice."

At age 16 Smith joined the military and was chosen to attend the Bagpipe School of Music.

Smith, who has been on tour with Scotland the Brave since Jan. 17, on his fourth tour to the U.S., said the crowds have been enthusiastic.

"When the guys hear the crowd cheering and clapping it makes them feel appreciated. They grow with the enthusiasm

and want to show off."

The tour, which comes to the United States every two years, will end March 25 in West Palm Beach, Fla.

"They've been doing this since the 1950s," said Smith. "These are the two biggest military bands in the world. We find we're getting a lot of youngsters and I recommend that you bring your children. It's good for children to learn history. The concert is a great teaching experience, you learn history in school, and this is a chance to see it. The younger generation of Americans is becoming more aware of other

cultures in the world, and are starting to trace their family tree."

The St. Andrew's Society of Detroit, founded on Nov. 20, 1849, has hosted Highland Games every summer for the past 148 years. This year's games are scheduled Saturday, Aug. 1, at Greenmead Historical Village in Livonia.

Bob Giles of the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit is looking forward to the concert. "It strikes a chord with everyone," he said. "It's the precision, the familiarity."

## Music from page E1

but decided to go to the United States in 1956 to become an actor in New York. But first he found work and settled in Dover, where many of his cousins had already moved.

"When I came out here it was almost like coming home. Unlike many immigrants, I didn't suffer from homesickness, which is a terrible disease," he said.

Shortly before leaving Ireland, he had met with a teenager who was also planning to emigrate, Liam Clancy. Clancy had two brothers in New York who were also trying to make it as actors.

Makem made contact with Pat Clancy and on a special St. Patrick's night in 1956 a legendary collaboration began at New York's Circle in the Square Theatre.

"I called Paddy Clancy and he asked if I would sing a few songs in concert. There was a midnight concert following a performance of 'Long Day's Journey Into Night,' the O'Neill play directed by Jose Quintero," Makem said.

Makem made \$30 and knew he'd found his American dream. It was there that Makem met folklorist Alan Lomax and leg-

endary folk singer Pete Seeger.

The Clancys (Pat, Tom and, soon, Liam) joined with Makem at just the right moment in popular music history.

"The folk boom had started with the Kingston Trio, Harry Belafonte and others. It all just started to rise and here was the four of us with this vast repertoire of songs that none of the American folkies knew," Makem said.

The Clancy Brothers and Tommy Makem were on the A list of folk music acts, first recording on their own Tradition label and then recording numerous albums for Columbia and bringing Irish folk songs to Americans who thought Irish music was "Danny Boy" and "When Irish Eyes Are Smilin'."

Makem said one of the reasons for the group's success was that

they were indifferent to it.

"We thought it was funny, none of us had a notion of being a singer," he said.

But singers they were. Makem's voice is a quavery, expressive baritone and he has an actor's sense of drama and a comic's sense of timing. He is also a noted song writer who has contributed numerous songs to the repertoire, including his poignant take on the "Troubles," "Four Green Fields."

The group disbanded in 1969. Makem and Liam Clancy merged again after solo careers in 1975 (reforming officially at Southfield's Raven Gallery) and performed and recorded together until 1988. Liam still performs as part of a trio with his son and nephew.

Makem is delighted with the "rise of all things Irish" in recent

years from folk-influenced Irish singers and rock groups to traditional dance tours to the phenomenal success of the Irish instrumental group The Chieftains.

"My only concern is that the singing tradition has sort of been neglected. I'm starting a crusade to make people more aware of the singing tradition. It's very much a part of Irish culture," he said.

Part of that tradition and the Makem family tradition is being carried on by Makem's sons, Shane, Conor and Rory, who as the Makem Brothers perform traditional music and record on their own Red Biddy label. Makem said when they were teenagers, he didn't push the music on them and they listened to the same rock as others their age.

"But I would pass by their rooms and every once in a while I would hear my voice or Peter Seeger's. Of course all the records and books were about the house and such," he said.

Makem has been busy with other projects, including a recent PBS two part documentary, "Tommy Makem's Ireland" and a book "Tommy Makem's Secret Ireland," released last fall. He is recording on the Shanachie label and plans to release "The Song Tradition" in March.

For his performance in Farmington, Makem will sing songs, recite poetry, spin yarns and invite the audience to sing along. Makem said he always tries to move his audience in "spirit and soul."

"If I feel I've moved two people in the audience, I've done a good job," he said.

## Concert honors Mother Teresa, helps feed poor

"The Table of Plenty Tour: An Evening With Catholic Musicians," stops at St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 44800 Warren, Canton 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 13. Tickets are \$16 in advance, \$18 at the door. Call the Catholic Bookstore, (313) 962-4490 to order tickets, or for more information.

John Michael Talbot will headline the evening, and be joined by Tony Melendez. Dove Award

nominee Tom Booth will open the evening.

"With the recent passing of Mother Teresa, it seems fitting to reflect on her life and to dedicate these concerts to her memory," said Talbot.

A portion of concert proceeds benefit Mercy Corps International whose purpose is "to help break the cycle of poverty, hunger and illness in countries torn apart through violence and civil conflict."



Guest artist: John Michael Talbot headlines the Table of Plenty Tour.

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# Stagecrafters offers evening of good 'Company'

Stagecrafters presents "Company," a musical comedy by Stephen Sondheim, 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, Feb. 13 and 14, Feb. 20 and 21, and 2 p.m. Sundays, Feb. 15 and Feb. 22 at the Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette in Royal Oak. Tickets are \$12-\$14 and are available by calling (248) 541-6430.

BY JON KATZ  
SPECIAL WRITER

"Company," the very mention of its name sends shivers through the Stephen Sondheim lover and shudders through the Sondheim hater. The version currently running at Stagecrafters' Baldwin Theatre gave us the "shuvers" ... mixed emotions.

"Company," with music and lyrics by Sondheim and book by George Furth, was a breakthrough in 1970 for both Sondheim and American musical theater.

A show with no plot and characters you wouldn't want to be seen in a stadium with, much less at a birthday party, it ushered in Sondheim's "sophisticated period." He followed it with "Follies," "A Little Night Music" and "Sweeney Todd."

Bobby (Dean Gaboury) is a 35-year-old New Yorker whose dysfunctional friends - five married

couples - want him to get married so he can be as "sorry-grateful" as they are. "A person's not complete until they're married," says one. "It's not like I'm avoiding marriage; it's avoiding me," protests Bobby, trying to convince himself as much as his hosts.

Each couple is seen with Bobby in a vignette that could be in the present or the past. Harry and Sarah (Kevin Edwards/Laurie Freedman) stage a funny karate demonstration. Peter and Susan (John M. Miller/Jennifer Combs) reveal their unorthodox state of matrimony. David and Jenny (Doug Clark/Judy Clubb) get stoned. Paul and Amy (Michael P. Falzon/Megan Meade-Higgins) have pre-wedding jitters. And Larry and Joanne (Rick Bodick/Dianne Sievers), the older couple, provide an unsteady foundation for these "good and crazy people."

Bobby also has three girlfriends, and he's welcome to them. April, the ditzy stewardess (Dana Lynn Applebaum) needs three tries to button her blouse evenly. Kathy (Megan McNally) escapes to married life in New England. And then there's Marta (Anne Conlon), whose explanation of how living in New York

can affect one's anatomy you won't find in the tour guidebooks.

"Company" is an adult musical comedy, and the opening-night audience was hip to both the subtle humor from author George Furth and the touches deftly added by director David McIntosh. The two ensemble numbers - "Company" and "Side By Side By Side" - were outstanding, with great flair and energy as choreographed by Jerry Haines with vocal direction by Kim Marlinga.

In contrast, the girlfriends' "You Could Drive a Person Crazy" was danced well, but a poor vocal blend by the trio and the sound mixer undid the effect.

Low volume was a problem throughout the show. The actors relied too much on their body mics, substituting amplification for projection. Singers were often drowned out at the end by the orchestra. The fortunate exception was Amy's showstopper, "Getting Married Today." The song is vocalist's nightmare that works only when every breath is taken right and every syllable is heard clearly, but Megan Meade-Higgins nailed it perfectly.

Notable, too, was Dianne Sievers as Manhattanite Joanne, for

whom Chicago is "over there somewhere." Her "stupor-fied" delivery of "The Ladies Who Lunch," though lost at what should be a big finish (see previous paragraph), showed a great grasp of both her character and how to play her.

That's more than can be said for Gaboury, who confuses compassion with commitment. Bobby is afraid of the latter; Gaboury is afraid to show us the former. He portrays Bobby as an unemotional observer; Bobby is neither. Bobby cares deeply for his friends; they are his "ports in a storm, comfy and cozy." In the climactic "Being Alive," Bobby is supposed to tear open his chest to us ("Somebody hold me too close; somebody hurt me too deep..."). Spreading his arms at the end of the song isn't the same thing.

Purists will note that Stagecrafters is presenting the 1995 revival version. The "Tick Tock" dance has been cut; "Marry Me A Little" has been resurrected (with a much better presentation by Gaboury); and a scene with apparently bisexual Peter has been extended, which caused some people to appreciate his political correctness while others seemed plainly uncomfortable.



On stage: Robert, played by Dean Gaboury of Bloomfield Hills, is surrounded by the women in his life (clockwise from left): Dana Lynn Applebaum of West Bloomfield as April, Anne Conlon as Marta and Megan McNally as Kathy in the Stagecrafters presentation of "Company."

# Farmington Players presents fine version of 'The Heiress'

Farmington Players presents "The Heiress," a drama by Ruth and Augustus Goetz, 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, Feb. 13 and 14, 20 and 21, Feb. 27 and 28; 8 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 26; and 2 p.m. Sundays, Feb. 15, and 22 at the Farmington Players, 32332 W. 12 Mile in Farmington Hills. Tickets are \$8 and are available from the box office, (248) 553-2955.

BY BOB WEIBEL  
SPECIAL WRITER

The Farmington Players' splendid production of "The Heiress" illustrates how much we need to be loved and respect-

ed for who we are - not for fame, position or money - or even what others may expect of us.

The setting is the elegant parlor of Dr. Sloper's home on Washington Square, New York in the 1850s. A rich, but somehow sterile environment is achieved with pleated muslin walls - most unusual and very effective. Many beautiful costumes and fine furnishings provided decorous accents of a moneyed family.

Suzanne Rogers gives a luminous performance as a young lady, Catherine Sloper, who seemingly has it all - except

what she needs most: unconditional love from the two most important men in her life, her father and would-be husband. Her transformation from a shy, naive young lady into a revengeful woman is extraordinary.

The people around her use and abuse her in cruel, manipulative ways. Hank Benet gives a commanding performance as her domineering father (Dr. Sloper). He constantly reminds Catherine that she has none of the beauty, wit and charm of her deceased mother. Totally intimidated by her father, Catherine lacks social graces, especially in

the presence of men.

She is easy prey for one Morris Townsend, when he comes courting one day, lavishing her with compliments. Craig Forhan, as Townsend, is a bit one dimensional in creating the formal upper class style and language of the 1850s. However, he perfectly creates doubt as to whether he is a mercenary out to get her money, or is the unlucky victim of circumstance.

Her father suspects the former. So, Morris and Catherine plan to elope. At the appointed hour Morris fails to show up (after learning Catherine will not

receive her full inheritance until the father dies.)

Devastated, Catherine somehow survives - as a hardened woman. As her father faces death, he asks Catherine how she can be so cruel. Her answer: "I learned from a master." And at long last, when Morris comes courting again, Catherine leads him into a trap and extracts a most appropriate act of vengeance.

Marge Wetzels is delightful as Lavinia Penniman, a jolly aunt who accepts Catherine as she is. Kathleen Monticello is effervescent as the fixer-upper (Eliza-

beth Townsend), who arranges the meeting between the young couple.

Ellen Akins is terrific as Morris' sister, Mrs. Montgomery, who stands up to the conniving bombasts of Dr. Sloper. Kathleen Ternes, Toby Booker and Janet Ginis give solid performances in supporting roles.

Director Emily McSweeney has effectively staged, in style and substance, Ruth and Augustus Goetz' classic drama, which was first performed on Broadway in 1947. Olivia deHavilland won her second Oscar in the movie version of 1949.

# JET's 'Taking Sides' weighs conflict of art and politics

Jewish Ensemble Theatre presents "Taking Sides" by Ronald Harwood, through Sunday, March 8. Opening night is 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 15. Performances 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Thursdays and Sundays; 8 p.m. Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays. One additional show 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 4. Tickets range from \$13-\$23, student, senior and group discounts available. There will be a talk back for "Taking Sides" after the 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 18 performance led by Dr. Charles Calmer, the new artistic administrator of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. Call (248) 788-2900.

BY KEELY WYGONIK  
STAFF WRITER

Can you separate politics from art? Do you believe "music especially transcends language and national barriers and speaks directly to the human spirit?"

These are the questions playwright Ronald Harwood explores in "Taking Sides," a docudrama about Wilhelm Furtwangler, chief conductor of the Berlin Philharmonic during the Third Reich.

After the war, Furtwangler is accused by an American tribunal of serving the Nazi regime.

Among the issues "Taking Sides," explores are: Did the great conductor give aid and comfort to Hitler by continuing to work there during the war?

Or, did he, as he claims, stay to "defend the intellectual life of my people against an evil ideology?"

The play is fictional, but based on historical facts. John Michael Manfredi portrays Major Steven Arnold, who has already decided that Furtwangler is guilty before questioning him. Arnold just has to prove it.

"As an artist, I agree that art can raise you above politics, but as Arnold I don't," said Manfredi. "It's up to the audience to make a choice where they stand. What would you have done in those circumstances?"

As the drama unfolds, the audience learns that Furtwangler, who is German, helped Jews

escape, but they were talented musicians.

In his defense, he argues, "They came to power in January '33. In April, I wrote an open letter to the newspapers condemning what they were doing to music, making these distinctions between Jews and non-Jews. For my part, the only divide in art is between good and bad. Great artists are rare, I said, and no country can do without them unless it wishes to damage its cultural life irrevocably... I have always held the view that art and politics should have nothing to do with each other."

Although he tried to separate himself from what was going on, Furtwangler continued enjoying benefits.

Arnold says, "Art and politics, yeah, art and politics. Are you saying that touring abroad, conducting the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra in foreign lands from 1933 on wasn't a commercial for Adolf and all he stood for?"

"It is a very entertaining piece of theater," said Manfredi. "The juxtaposition between the two men is witty, but a lot of the humor is at someone else's expense."

The other characters in "Taking Sides," Manfredi said, are interesting as well. "I think people will identify with them," he said.

Robert Grossman portrays Furtwangler. Betsy Brandt is Emmi Straub, who works in the office, Charles W. McGraw is Helmuth Rode, a German musician who is questioned. Rode wasn't skilled enough to be in the orchestra on his own merits, he got in only because of the Jews who were forced to leave.

David Wolber is Lieutenant Wills, a Jew who fled to America, and lost his family in the Holocaust. He appreciates Furtwangler's talent, and respects him as an artist. Joanna Hastings Woodcock is Tamara Sachs, a woman who defends Furtwangler because he helped her husband, Walter Sachs, a promising young Jewish pianist, escape.

"What would you do if you

were given a chance to become a great player in a world-class orchestra even if it was at someone else's expense," asks Manfredi. "What if you knew the only reason you got there was because the people that were there are dead?"

Furtwangler was at the height of his powers when Hitler became chancellor of Germany. He came before a Denazification Tribunal in Berlin in 1946, and was cleared of all charges, but the stench of Nazism stuck. After the war he continued to work as a musician, but was no longer a super star.

Fearing an arrest by the Gestapo, Furtwangler fled Germany shortly before the war ended.

"This is much more a world issue," said Evelyn Orbach, director and artistic director of the Jewish Ensemble Theatre. "What is your responsibility in your society?"

In the play, Furtwangler argues that the only real legacy we leave is our culture, but "what is the true culture if it is isolated from society," said Orbach.

"The major says, 'so you saved a few lives, but what about the millions that were killed.' Furtwangler was the star of stars, he was among the very tiny elite of conductors."

As a director, Orbach said her task is to try to create an atmosphere where the audience can hear both Major Arnold and Furtwangler.

"The man was sincere," she said. "He did help people, and honestly felt that he was protecting the German culture that he valued from the Nazis. But when they were ready to arrest him, which probably meant death, he fled."

For Orbach, "Art is about asking questions. Let's hear all the arguments," she said. "He loved his music, but Major Arnold who witnessed the liberation of the camps doesn't know anything about his music. It's a complicated but fascinating story."

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**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) 253-8065 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," through Sunday, 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 Britny Kissing as Annie, through Sunday, Feb. 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. Thursday-Friday, Feb. 12-13, 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-Thursdays (\$22), 2 p.m. Wednesdays (\$22), 8 p.m. Fridays (\$26.50), 2 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 PLAYRIGHTS**  
"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 Wednesdays-Thursdays and Sundays, \$25 Fridays-Saturdays. (734) 475-7902, group sales 475-5817

**COLLEGE**

**UNIVERSITY OF DETROIT-MERCY**  
The Theatre Company presents, "Blue Window," Craig Lucas's comedy about a group of disparate characters who come together for a Manhattan dinner party, through Feb. 22, 8 p.m. Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays, and 2 p.m. Sundays, at the Earl D.A. Smith studio theater on the McNichols campus, Detroit. \$10, \$8 seniors/students with ID. (313) 993-1130

**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 Mendelsohn Theatre, Michigan League, 911 N. University, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. \$18, \$14 (reserved seating), and \$7 (student). (734) 764-0450

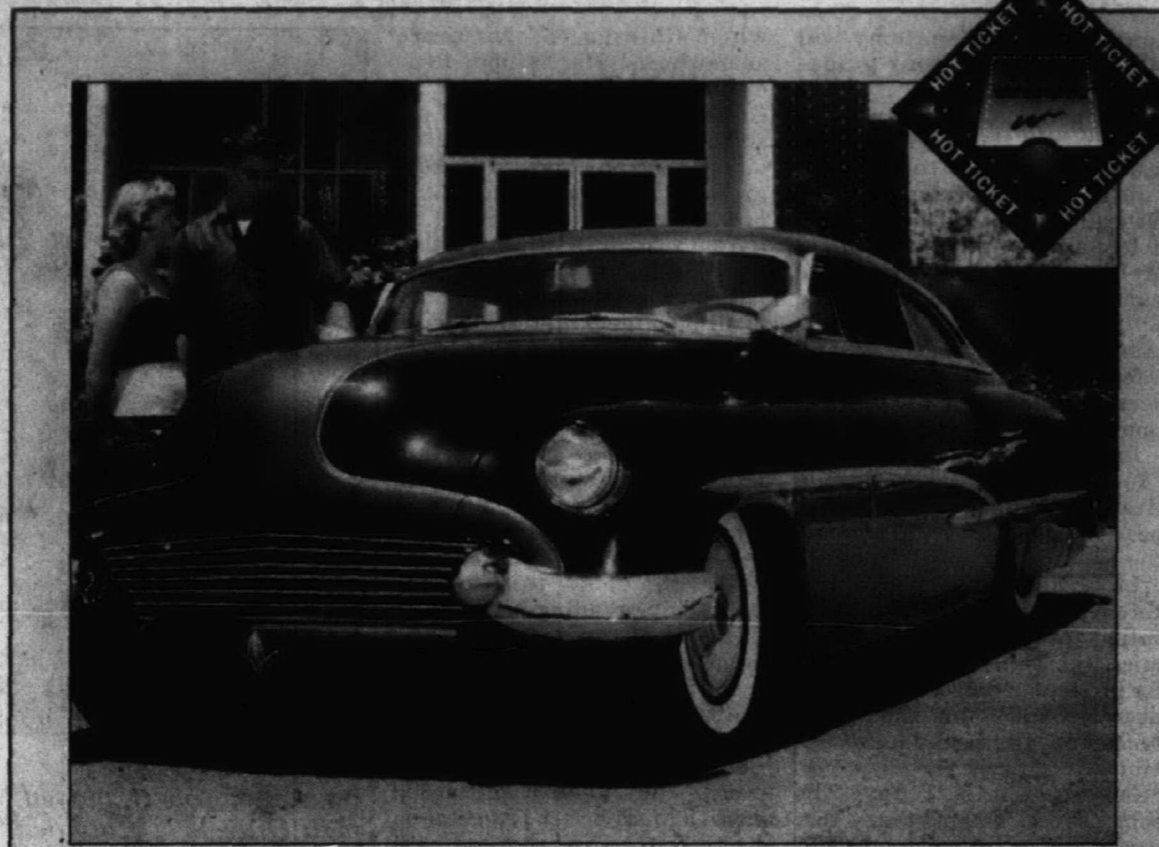
**WSU HILBERRY THEATRE**  
"A Woman of No Importance," Oscar Wilde's story of a woman's struggle in a man's world in the late 1800s asks if a woman betrayed by her lover should sacrifice the child's future happiness to revenge her honor, Friday-Thursday, Feb. 13-14 at the theater, 3424 Woodward Ave. on the Wayne State University campus, Detroit. 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, and 2 p.m. Wednesdays and Saturdays. \$10-\$17. (313) 577-2972

**COMMUNITY THEATER**

**BIRMINGHAM TEMPLE DRAMA CLUB**  
Neil Simon's "California Suite," 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21, and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 22, 28811 West 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills, \$8 members, \$10 non-members. (248) 477-1410

**BROADWAY BUDDIES**  
"That Broadway Best," a comedic musical review featuring songs from "Ragtime," "Evita," "La Cage aux Folles," and more, 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 13 and Saturday, Feb. 28 (benefit for GLSEN Detroit) at the Underground Theater, 110 South Main, above Ace Hardware (11 Mile and Main), Royal Oak. \$10. (248) 542-1763

**HURON CIVIC THEATRE**  
Neil Simon's "Fools," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 13-14 and 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 15 at the Huron Civic



**Auto event: Belle Tire Detroit Autorama features 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'Ernico, Red Wing player Kris Draper, Kenny Baker who played R2D2 in "Star Wars," Peggy Sue Geron 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 Exhibition Center, Detroit. Admission \$10, \$4 for children younger than 12, in advance at all Belle Tire locations; admission \$12, \$5 for children younger than 5 at the door. (810) 650-5560**

Theatre Auditorium, 32044 Huron River Drive, New Boston. \$8, \$6 students/seniors. (313) 782-5380

**PLYMOUTH THEATRE GUILD**  
"Sweet Charity," 8 p.m. Fridays-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 Feb. 19-21, Riverside Arts Center, 76 N. Huron, Ypsilanti. \$12, \$9 students and seniors. (734) 483-7345

**ROSDALE COMMUNITY PLAYERS**  
"The Boys Next Door," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 13-14, at the Upstage Theater, 21728 Grand River (east of Lahser Road), Detroit. \$10, all seats reserved. (313) 532-4010/537-7716

**THE WIRED FROG**  
"Bye Bye Birdie," 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 19-21, at the coffee-house, 21145 Grottiot Ave., Eastpointe. \$8. All ages. (810) 498-9500

**DINNER THEATER**

**FARMINGTON PLAYERS**  
"The Heiress," 8 p.m. Feb. 13-15, 20-22 and 26-28, at the Players Barn, 32332 W. 12 Mile Road, (1/2 mile west of Orchard Lake Road), Farmington. \$8. (248) 553-2955

**GENITTI'S HOLE-IN-THE-WALL**  
"Trial By Error," through the spring at the restaurant, 108 E. Main St., Northville. \$39.95 includes 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

**JACKSON 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**

**NANCY GURWIN/TEDD E. BEAR PRODUCTIONS**  
"Cinderella," 1:15 p.m. lunch and 2 p.m. show (\$12) and 3:30 p.m. show (\$8) Sunday, Feb. 15 in Shiffman Hall at the Jewish Community Center, 6600 West Maple Road, West Bloomfield. (248) 288-1508/354-0545

**SPECIAL EVENTS**

**BOAT, SPORT AND FISHING SHOW**  
3-9:30 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, Feb. 18-19, 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 20, 10 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 22, Pontiac Silverdome. \$6.50, \$3 for children ages 6-14, and free for children ages 5 and younger. (248) 456-1600

**DETROIT CAMPER & RV SHOW**  
Featuring all types of 1998 recreational vehicles including folding campers, motor homes, travel trailers, truck campers, park models, and fifth wheels; over 300 models ranging from \$3,000 to more than \$200,000, through Sunday, Feb. 15, 1-9:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, noon to 9 p.m. Saturday, noon to 6 p.m. Sunday, at the Novi Expo Center,

43700 Expo Center Drive, south of I-96 at Novi Road exit. \$6.50, \$2 children ages 6-12, free for children under age 5, 2 for 1 coupons available at participating RV dealers. (517) 349-8881

**THE GETTVO FILES**  
The "twisted marionette theater" presents new show "That's Not Love!" 11:45 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 12, Center for Creative Studies's Boughton Auditorium, 201 E. Kirby, Detroit. Free. All ages; 8:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 13, Planet Ant, 2357 Caniff, Hamtramck. \$5. All ages; 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 14, Gypsy Cafe, 214 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. \$5. All ages; With Five Ton Creek, 10 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 17, Heidelberg, 515 N. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$4. 21 and older. (313) 872-3118/(313) 365-4948/(734) 994-3940/(734) 663-7758

**LONGHORN WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP RODEO**  
8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 20-21, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 22, The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr. (I-75 and Lapeer Road), Auburn Hills. \$12-\$18. \$10 for Friday, Feb. 20. Seniors ages 62 and older, and children ages 12 and younger receive \$2 off \$14 and \$32 tickets on Sunday, Feb. 22. Kids ages 2 and younger are admitted free. Groups of 15 or more receive \$2 off all seats. (248) 377-0100

**MACOMB HOME IMPROVEMENT SHOW**  
5-10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 13, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 14 and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 15 at Macomb Community College Physical Education building, Hayes and Martin Road, south of 12 Mile, Warren. \$4, \$3 seniors, and children ages 6-12. (248) 737-4478 or <http://www.builders.org>

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With the "World Famous Royal Lipizzaner Stallions," 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 15, The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr. (I-75 and Lapeer Road), Auburn Hills. \$18.50 and \$14.50, Superfan seating available. Seniors 62 and older and children ages 12 and younger receive \$2 off. Groups of 15 or more receive \$3 off. (248) 377-0100

**BENEFITS**

**"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, Crowne Plaza, Ann Arbor. Last year's auction included contributions by artists and celebrities such as Chris Roberts Antieau, Hank Ketcham, John Traolta, Lloyd Carr, Steve Yzerman, George Bush, Matthew Hoffmann, Billy Joel and Dr. Michael DeBakey. \$75. (734) 994-4801

**HEART TO HEART**  
The 41st annual benefit for the Academy of the Sacred Heart in Bloomfield Hills hosted by Steve Garagiola, includes silent and live auction featuring Bob DuMouchelle of DuMouchelles Art Galleries, dinner and dancing to "1964" The Tribute, a group playing music of the Beatles, 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21, at the Troy Marriott. \$100, \$150, \$250. (248) 846-8900, ext. 172

**MARDI GRAS**  
A Cajun-style dinner, silent and live auctions by Joe DuMouchelle, music by the New Reformation Dixieland Band, and dancing to benefit the Plymouth Community Arts Council, 6 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Feb. 21, Fox Hills

Country Club, 8768 North Territorial, Plymouth. \$50 per person. (734) 416-4ART

**FAMILY EVENTS**

**"MASTER MAGICIAN" LANCE BURTON**  
Five performances Friday-Sunday, Feb. 20-22, Fox Theatre, 2111 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$25-\$50. All ages. (248) 433-1515

**DSO TINY TOTIS SERIES**  
"A DSO Valentine Greeting," with conductor Ya-Hui Wang, host/narrator Rheda Becker and guest flamenco dancer Anna Menendez, and African drums Bichini Bia Congo, 10:15 a.m. and 11:45 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 14, Mercy High School, 29300 11 Mile Road, Farmington Hills. \$10. (313) 576-5111

**KIDS KONCERT**  
Storyteller LaRon Williams presents theatrical interpretations of African and African-American folk tales including why a crocodile brings good luck, 1:30-2:15 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21 at the Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road, Southfield. \$3.25, \$2.50 groups of 10 or more. (248) 424-9022

**METROPOLITAN YOUTH SYMPHONY**  
4:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 15, program includes "Palladio" by Karl Jenkins; "Swan Lake Ballet Suite Op. 20," Tchaikovsky; "Jubilee," Ron Wilson, and "Symphony No. 7," Shostakovich, at Detroit Orchestra Hall. \$12 adults, \$10 children/students. (313) 833-3700

**JON ROSS DANCE MAGIC SHOW**  
3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 15, JD's Macomb Theatre, 31 N. Walnut St., Mount Clemens. Cover charge, benefits Turning Point shelter. All ages. (810) 465-5154

**VILLAGE "ICE FANTASY"**  
Featuring ice sculptures and "wandering hearts," noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 14, throughout Grosse Pointe's Village shopping district on Kercheval Avenue between Neff and Cadieux roads, Grosse Pointe. (313) 881-9726

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**CLASSICAL**

**BIRMINGHAM MUSICALE**  
A "Parade of American Music" featuring works of outstanding local composers 1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 12, The Community House, 360 S. Bates St., Birmingham. \$2 guest fee, visitors welcome. (248) 475-5978

**BIRMINGHAM BLOOMFIELD SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**  
Valentine's Day dinner and concert to benefit the orchestra, 5 p.m. dinner (\$50), 7:30 p.m. concert of Gershwin selections (\$20), Sunday, Feb. 15, at Temple Beth El, 7400 Telegraph Road (at 14 Mile Road), Bloomfield Hills. (248) 645-8850

**CLASSICS ON THE LAKE**  
Pianist Flavio Varani, artist-in-residence at Oakland University, presents an entire program of music by Brazilian composer Heitor Villa-Lobos, 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 15 at St. Mary's College, 3535 Indian Trail, Orchard Lake. \$12, \$20. (248) 683-1750

**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; With conductor Zdenek Macal and violinist Sarah Chang, perform Smetana's excerpts from "The Bartered Bride," "Violin Concerto of Sibelius, and Beethoven's Symphony No. 5 in C minor, Op. 67, 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 19, 10:45 a.m. and 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 20, and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$17-\$60. (313) 576-5111

**LARRY HENSEL AND TIMOTHY CHEEK**  
Baritone and pianist perform Schubert's last work, the song cycle "Die Winterreise (The Winter Journey)," 8 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 15, Britton Rectal Hall, University of Michigan School of Music, E.V. Moore Building, 1100 Baits Dr., University of Michigan north campus, Ann Arbor. Free. All ages. (800) 221-1229 or <http://www.ums.org>

**PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**  
Family concert featuring Gemini and Youth Artist Competition winner Stephen Goto performing the first movement from Khachaturian's "Violin Concerto," 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21 at Belleville High School Auditorium, 501 West Columbia, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 22 at Plymouth Salem High School Auditorium, 46181 Joy Road at Canton Center Road, Canton. \$8, \$4 children. The first 250 people to purchase a ticket to the Plymouth Symphony concert will receive a free ticket to the Detroit Whaler's Tuesday, Mar. 3 game against the Samia Sting at Compuware Arena, Plymouth (limit four free tickets). (734) 453-2112

**PETERSEN QUARTET**  
Featuring former principal players in the leading orchestras in Berlin and Leipzig, 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 19, Rackham Auditorium, Rackham Building, 915 E. Washington St., University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. \$14-\$28. (800) 221-1229 or <http://www.ums.org>

**TALICH QUARTET**  
8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 17, as part of the Cranbrook Music Guild Chamber Series in the library of the Cranbrook House, 380 Lone Pine Road (northwest corner of Cranbrook Road), Bloomfield Hills. \$25. (810) 751-2435

**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>

**VALENTINE'S DAY**

**'80S DANCE**  
With The Larados 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 a dinner of tomato bisque, artichoke hearts and watercress salad, roasted beef tenderloin with Bordelaise sauce, heart-shaped potato leek pie, asparagus and cheeseecake with raspberry sauce, and dancing to the music of Johnny Trudell, 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 14, Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty Road (between Six and Seven Mile roads), Livonia. \$37.50, proceeds benefit the Schoolcraft College Foundation, and the Continuing Education Services Physical Education programs. (734) 462-4417

**FCB VALENTINE DINNER DANCE**  
With music by the Farmington Community Band, 8:30 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

**TIP TOPPERS CLUB VALENTINE DANCE**  
8:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 14 at Fairlane East Apartments and Condo Clubhouse on south side of Rotunda

Washington St., University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. \$16-\$30. (800) 221-1229 or <http://www.ums.org>

**WINDSOR SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**  
"Pops III: Wacky Celebrity Variety Show," 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 14, and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 15, 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>

**AUDITIONS**

**LITTLE MISS & 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 Mar. 28-29. Portion of proceeds will be donated to "Make-A-Wish" Foundation. (248) 650-1741

**NOVI THEATRES**  
Auditions children ages 10-18 for "Wind in the Willows," 4 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 12, at the Novi Civic Center Stage, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi. If cast, fee is \$125. Performances May 15-17. (248) 347-0400

**STAGECRAFTERS 2ND STAGE**  
Auditions for three women and one man for "Extremities" by William Mastrosimone 6:30 p.m. (registration), 7 p.m. (auditions), Monday, Feb. 23, must be registered by 7:30 p.m. in order to audition, at the playhouse, 415 South Lafayette Avenue, Royal Oak. For performances Apr. 17-19, 24-26. Scripts available for check-out at the Baldwin Theatre office (415 South Lafayette). (248) 541-4832

**CHORAL**

**PARADE OF HARMONY**  
Two of Barbeshop Harmony Society's (SPBSQSA) top-ranking quartets, the Gentlemen Songsters and Fred, from Atlanta, perform at the Detroit-Oakland Chapter's 59th annual Parade of Harmony, also Four Note Trump, Note-Torium and Shindig from Detroit-Oakland Chapter, 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 20 and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21 at Clarenceville High School Auditorium, on Middlebelt, south of Eight Mile, Livonia. \$13. (248) 559-7082

**WALT BABY LOVE GOSPEL TOUR**  
Featuring Karen Clark-Sheard, Dottie Peoples, Fred Hammond, Hezekiah Walker, Men of Standard, Marvin Sapp, the Williams Brothers and Vickie Winans 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 14 at the Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$35, \$27.50. (248) 433-1515

**JAZZ**

**M.R. B**  
With Geroge Bedard, guitar, blues, boogies and beyond, 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 14 at the Kerrytown Concert House, 415 North Fourth Avenue, Ann Arbor, \$25 assigned rows 1-2, \$15 rows 3-5, \$10 general, reservations suggested. (734) 769-2999

**B'JAZZ VESPERS**  
Featuring 100 minutes of music by Ursula Walker and Buddy Budson and 20-minute worship interlude 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 15, First Baptist Church of Birmingham, 300 Willits Street (at Bates Streets, one block north of Maple Road, one block west of Old Woodward Avenue), Birmingham. Free, but offering is taken for musicians. (248) 644-0550

**CHICK COREA AND GARY BURTON**  
8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 20, Michigan Theatre, 603 Liberty St., Ann Arbor. \$20-\$30. (800) 221-1229 or <http://www.ums.org>

**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

**KIMMIE HORNE**  
9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 13-14, D.L. Harrington's Roadhouse, 2086 Crooks Road (at M-59), Rochester Hills. Cover charge. 21 and older. (jazz/pop) (248) 852-0550

**INTRIGUE**  
9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 20-21, D.L. Harrington's Roadhouse, 2086 Crooks Road (at M-59), Rochester Hills. Cover charge. 21 and older. (contemporary jazz/top 40) (248) 852-0550

**MIKE KAROUS TRIO**  
7-11 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 19, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (cello/piano/bass trio) (248) 645-2150

**SHEILA LANDIS**  
With guitarist Rick Matie, 9:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 12, and 9 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Feb. 14, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Cover charge. 21 and older; With Rick Matie, 7-10 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 19, Bistro 313, 313 E. Walton Blvd., Pontiac. Free. 21 and older. (313) 886-8101/(248) 332-7184

**MARDI GRAS CELEBRATION**  
Featuring a traditional New Orleans meal of cajun gumbo with andouille sausage and crawfish, assorted rolls and jalapeno corn muffins, New Orleans mixed green salad, jambalaya with gulf shrimp, tasso ham, cajun pork ribs and braised duck, and pecan masquerade, and entertainment by the SCool Jazz singers and Tom Saunders and the Detroit Jazz All-Stars, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 20, Waterman Campus Center, Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty Road (between Six and Seven Mile roads), Livonia. \$30. (734) 462-4417

**FRANK MCCOLLERS TRIO**  
8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Feb. 14, Agape Cafe, 205 Fifth Ave. (at Center Street), Royal Oak. Free, 25-cent sur-

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charge on drink. All ages. (248) 335-8101

**MATT MICHAELS**  
With guest vocal p.m. Thursday, saxophone play 11:30 p.m. Thur Botsford Inn, 28 Farmington. \$5 ner (5:30-8 p.m. m.m. (248) 474

**LARRY NOZERO**  
8 p.m. to midnight DePalma, 7-11 Fridays-Saturday, Passalacqua and 11 p.m. Thursdays-Ristorante, 317 Livonia. No cover

**ROBERT PIFHO**  
8:30 p.m. to 12:20, Edison's, 220 Birmingham. Free piano/bass 2150

**ELLEN ROWE AND QUARTET**  
With drummer John Clayton, 8 Kerrytown Center Fourth Ave., An \$10 general see or <http://www.LARRY SMITH>

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**PAUL VORNHAN**  
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charge on drinks during live entertainment. All ages. (248) 546-1400

**MATT MICHAELS TRIO**  
With guest vocalist April Tini, 8-11:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 12, and with guest saxophone player Paul Vornhagen, 8-11:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 19, 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

**LARRY NOZORO AND FRIENDS**  
8 p.m. to midnight, Mondays, Ron DePalma, 7-11 p.m. Wednesdays, Fridays-Saturdays, and David Passalacqua and Francesco Cavellini, 7-11 p.m. Thursdays, at DePalma's Ristorante, 3173 Plymouth Road, Livonia. No cover. (734) 261-2430

**ROBERT PIPHO TRIO**  
8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 20, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (vibes and piano/bass/drums trio) (248) 645-2150

**ELLEN ROWE AND JIGS WHIGAM QUARTET**  
With drummer Jeff Hamilton and bassist John Clayton, 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 19, Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. \$15 rows 1-5, \$10 general seating. (734) 769-2999 or <http://www.peus.com/kch>

**LARRY SMITH TRIO**  
9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 14, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (sax/piano/bass trio) (248) 645-2150

**HARVEY THOMPSON TRIO**  
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**PAUL VORNHAGEN QUARTET**  
9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 13-14, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley, Ann Arbor. \$5. 21 and older. (734) 662-8310

**URSULA WALKER AND BUDDY BUSDON**  
With Dan Koltan, 9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Thursday-Friday, Feb. 12-13, at Forte, 201 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 594-7300

**KENNY WERNER**  
Pianist performs 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 18, SereNgeti Ballroom, 2957 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$15. 21 and older. (313) 832-3010

**SUNNY WILKINSON**  
9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 20-21, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley, Ann Arbor. \$5. 21 and older. (734) 662-8310

**NEW REFORMATION DIXIELAND BAND**  
At the Concerts-in-the-Garden Series, 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 15, Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road. Tickets \$8, (248) 424-9041.

### GOSPEL

**"WALT BABY LOVE GOSPEL TRAXX POWER 98 TOUR"**  
With Fred Hammond, Hezekiah Walker, Vicki Winans, Karen Clark-Sheard, Marvin Sapp, Men of Standard, Dottie Peoples and the Williams Brothers, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 14, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$27.50 and \$35. All ages. (248) 433-1515

### WORLD MUSIC

**IMMUNITY**  
9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 14, Library Pub, 35230 Central City Parkway, Westland. Free. 21 and older; 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 20-21, Woody's Diner, 208 Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (reggae) (734) 421-2250/(248) 543-6911

**GAELIC LEAGUE IRISH AMERICAN CLUB**  
Paddy Reilly, one of Ireland's most entertaining balladeers, Friday, Feb. 13, 2068 Michigan Avenue, Detroit. \$15 cover. (313) 964-8700

**ODD ENOUGH**  
High spirited Irish music, Friday, Feb. 13 and Saturday, Feb. 21, at Innisfree Irish Pub, on Middlebelt Road, between Ford and Warren, Garden City. No cover. (734) 425-2434

**"SCOTLAND THE BRAVE"**  
The 1998 tour of the Regimental Band of the Scots Guards and The Pipes and Drums of The Black Watch, featuring a 100-member ensemble of bagpipers, drummers, horn and reed players, as well as Highland dancers, a Ceilidh band and a vocal soloist, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 14, Joe Louis Arena, 600 Civic Center Dr., Detroit. \$18.50, \$25, \$35. (313) 396-7902/(248) 645-6666

**CHIEN ZIMBALISTA**  
Percussionist celebrates Israel's 50th anniversary with a concert of drums, cymbals, marimbas and vibraphones, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 14, Rackham Auditorium, Rackham Building, 915 E. Washington St., University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. \$14-\$26. (800) 221-1229 or <http://www.ums.org>

### FOLK/BLUEGRASS

**DAVID BARRETT AND KITTY DONOHUE**  
8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 12, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$10, \$9 members, students, seniors. All ages. (734) 761-1451

**RFD BOYS**  
8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 20, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$9, \$8 members, students, seniors. All ages. (734) 761-1451

### POETRY/ SPOKEN WORD

**JIM CARROLL**  
Author of the book "The Basketball Diaries," 9:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 20, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$12.50 in advance. 19 and older; With American Mars, 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$12.50 in advance. 18 and older. (spoken word) (734) 996-8555/(313) 833-POOL

**"EROTIC POETRY AND MUSIC FESTIVAL"**  
A celebration of erotic art, sensual poetry and sexy music with artists John White and Jeff Hocking, poets Amy Woodby, Matthew Scott Olzmann, Renee Tambau, Kim Webb, Cindi St. Germain, Marc Maurus, Vievee, Ron Allen, James Clay, Mike Madias, Ellen Hildreth and Mike Dorn, St. Germain and White's performance duet Juxtaposition, the erotic funk band Seks, the rock band N2 Submission, the lounge act Velvis and the glam/pop band Spat, 6 p.m. to 2 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 14, Holbrook Cafe, 3201 Holbrook (three blocks east of Jos. Campau), Hamtramck. A special food menu with erotic food by Holbrook Cafe Chef Ed Schenk, formerly of The Whitney and Tom's Oyster Bar, available from 6-10 p.m. \$6. 18 and older. (810) 754-9645 or <http://www.members.tripod.com/~eroticpoetry>

**"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, Lil's, 2930 Jacob, Hamtramck. Cover charge, 21 and older. (313) 875-6555

**HENRY ROLLINS**  
7:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 15, Michigan Theatre, 603 Liberty St., Ann Arbor. \$12 in advance. All ages. (734) 668-8397

### DANCE

**CHICAGO'S RIVER NORTH DANCE COMPANY**  
8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 14, jazz dance concert, at Eastern Michigan University's Pease Auditorium, Ypsilanti. \$12, \$6 EMU students, \$10 seniors/students. (734) 487-1221

**COUNTRY WESTERN DANCE**  
7 p.m. to midnight Friday, Feb. 13, at St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus, 44425 Utica Road (west of Van Dyke), Utica. Single and couples welcome. \$7.

**ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCING**  
Hosted by the Ann Arbor Council for Traditional Music and Dance, lead by Eric Arnold and Don Theyken, and live music by David West and Donna Baird, 7:45 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 17, Chapel Hill Condominium Clubhouse, 3350 Green Road (north of Plymouth Road), Ann Arbor. \$4. (734) 663-0744/(734) 662-5158

**GENDER-FREE CONTRA DANCE**  
American folk dancing without gender-specific dance roles, with the Ann Arbor Rainbow Contra Dancers, 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 15, Fellowship Room in the Ann Arbor Friends Meeting House, 1420 Hill St. (west of Washtenaw Ave.), Ann Arbor. \$6, \$5 students. Beginners and experienced dancers of all orientations are welcome. No partner needed. (734) 764-6958 or [yusufo@umich.edu](mailto:yusufo@umich.edu)

**POLKA DANCE**  
Presented by Polka Booster Club of America, with music by Walt Lipiec Orchestra, 3-7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 22, at Pvt. John Lyskawa Hall, 6828 Waverly, Dearborn Heights. \$8. (248) 471-2963/(313) 561-8389

**BIZA SOMPA AND BICHINIS BIA CONGO DANCE TROUPE**  
8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 14, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$10, \$9 members, students, seniors. All ages. (734) 761-1451

**WOLVERINE SILVERSPUR DANCERS**  
7:30 p.m.-midnight Saturday, Feb. 14, Italian American Cultural Center, Warren. \$7, \$6 WSD members. (313) 526-9432/(810) 573-4993

### COMEDY

**THE ARK**  
Dos Fallopa, lesbian comedy duo featuring Lisa Koch and Peggy Platt, 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 19, at the club, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$13.50. All ages. (734) 761-1451

**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

**JOE'S MACOMB THEATRE**  
Open mic night with MaryAnn DeMoss and special musical guest Ernie Douglas, the Acoustic Terminator, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 17, at the theater, 31 N. Walnut St., Mount Clemens. 18 and older. (810) 469-0889

**JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB**  
Norm Stulz, Tim Wilson (a.k.a. Jackie Roy) and Joey Bielaska, Thursday, Feb. 12 (free), Friday, Feb. 13 (\$10), and Saturday, Feb. 14 (\$15); Paul D'Angelo, Michael Jr., and Joey Bielaska, Thursday, Feb. 19 (free), Friday-Saturday, Feb. 20-21 (\$12), 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**  
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, Feb. 13-Saturday, Feb. 14 (\$15, \$27.95 dinner show package); Sheila Kay, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 19 (\$10, \$20.95 dinner show package), 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 20-21 (\$12, \$24.95 dinner show package), at the club, 5070 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885



Bobby Slayton

**MAINSTREET COMEDY SHOWCASE**  
314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 996-9080

**MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE**  
at the club, 269 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. (248) 542-9900 or <http://www.comedycastle.com>

**SECOND CITY**  
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, through Wednesday, Feb. 25, at the club, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$10 Sundays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, \$17.50 Fridays and \$19.50 Saturdays. (313) 965-2222

### MUSEUMS AND TOURS

**CRANBROOK ART MUSEUM**  
"Five Dresses from the Collection of Diana, Princess of Wales," on display 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday, March 10-15, at the museum, 1221 N. Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. \$10 adults, \$7 children ages 12 and younger, for "timed tickets" to the exhibit. Preview events Monday, March 9, include lectures by the owner of the collection, three preview teas at noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m., and two champagne receptions at 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. \$50 for the tea, \$125 for champagne reception. (248) 645-3361 or <http://www.cranbrook.edu> / (248) 645-6666

**DETROIT HISTORICAL SOCIETY/MUSEUM**  
"Doorway to Freedom," exhibit on Detroit and the Underground Railroad; "Detroit Storyliving," including the Michigan Underground Railroad, at the museum, 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

**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. 14; Sunday gospel brunch, noon and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 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

**CHISEL BROS. WITH THORNETTA DAVIS**  
9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 13, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 543-4300

**CIGAR STORE INDIANS**  
With Stencils Flat and Six String Drag, 8 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 15, Mill Street Entry below Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. \$8 in advance. 18 and older. (honky tonk/alternatwang) (248) 333-2362 or <http://www.961melt.com>

**CITY LIMITS BLUES BAND**  
9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 14, Carriage House's Blues Alley, 24200 Grand River Ave., Detroit. Free. 21 and older (blues) (313) 535-3440

**CLOWN POUNDERS**  
With Khaki Warriors, 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 20, Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge, 21 and older. (rock) (248) 334-9292

**COLD AS LIFE**  
With Bumplin' Ugliers, P.B.D. and V.D., 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 13, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$7. 18 and older. (punk) (313) 833-POOL

**COMPLAINTS**  
With Hoppin' Mad, Cruisin' for Grannies, Sioe-Poke, Aka Momma and Old Spice, as part of an "Anti-Valentine's Day Party," 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 14, JD's Macomb Theatre, 31 N. Walnut St., Mount Clemens. Cover charge. All ages. (rock/ska/punk) (810) 465-5154

**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) 698-2210

**DEEP SPACE SIX**  
10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 14, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 18 and older. (Deadhead) (734) 485-5050

**DETROIT BLUES BAND**  
9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 19, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 644-4800

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**EKOOSTIK HOOKAH**  
8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 20, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$8 in advance. 18 and older. (Deadhead) (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com>

**ESHAM**  
Horror rap artist signs autographs at 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 14, The Record Collector, 28143 W. Eight Mile Road, Livonia. Free. All ages. (248) 473-8350

**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

**KIM FOX**  
8 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 15, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. \$7 in advance. 18 and older. (pop) (248) 335-8100 or <http://www.961melt.com>

**FREE BEER**  
9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 13, Moby Dick's, 5452 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rock) (313) 581-3650

**GOD LIVES UNDERWATER**  
With Fluorescein and Forge, 6 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 18, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$8 in advance. All ages. (tech-no rock) (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com>

**SILVER GOODMAN AND THE ROCKETPOPS**  
10 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 19, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti.

9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Saturday-Sunday, Feb. 14-15, Pages, 23621 Farmington Road, Farmington. Free. 21 and older. (pop) (248) 477-0099

**BONNE TEMPS ROULE**  
9 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 18, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 644-4800

**MARK "MR. B" BRAUN**  
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**BRIDGE**  
9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 12, and Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 19-21, Bullfrog Bar and Grill, 15414 Telegraph Road (one block north of Five Mile Road), Redford. \$3. 21 and older. (rock) (313) 533-4477

**JONATHA BROOKE**  
7:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 15, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$15. All ages. (pop) (734) 761-1451

**JIMMY BUFFETT AND THE CORAL REEFER BAND**  
8 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, Feb. 16-17, The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr. (I-75 and Lapeer Road), Auburn Hills. \$46, \$30.50, and \$21, with \$1 of each ticket purchased going to SFC Charitable Foundation. Monday show is sold out. (pop) (248) 377-0100

**CASH MONEY**  
With Bantam Rooster and The Clutters, 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 20, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$5. 18 and older. (punk blues/alternatwang) (313) 833-POOL

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10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 14, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 18 and older. (Deadhead) (734) 485-5050

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STREET SCENE

# Britain's swanky Jai comes to U.S.

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO  
STAFF WRITER

Life has been crazy these days for the soulful, jazzy British crooner Jai as he prepares to embark on his first U.S. tour.

"I've been racing around like a headless chicken, trying to pack my stuff and buy clothes. I think I've bought 4,000 shirts. I never know whether there's going to be any kind of laundry service where we're going so I'm covering all my bases," said Jai, who is known to his parents as Jason Rowe.

Known for his dapper clothing, there's one item of clothing that's not-so-mod that he jokes about bringing with him.

"There's a lot of female singers over there (the United States). I was over there at Christmas and every day on MTV and VH1 were singers like Fiona Apple and Jewel. It seems like that's the way things are going at the moment," he explained.

"I'm thinking I should dress in a dress or something; show a little angst and play my songs with an acoustic guitar. I'd sell millions of records," Jai added with a laugh.

His debut album "Heaven" (RCA) blends his affection for The Beatles, his love of hip-hop, and just about anything on the jazz label Verve. The sultry first single "I Believe" transcends

rock music's history grasping the soul of Motown and computerized drum tracks.

Jai and producer Joel Bogen began writing "Heaven" two years ago after meeting in a nightclub.

"We started talking about music and the next day we started writing the album, basically," he said.

The achingly vulnerable lyrics recall the painful years he spent growing up in the tiny southwestern English village of Yeovil, the same hometown as PJ Harvey, Jai said.

"All the songs on the album are very much from stuff that happened in my life since I was a young boy growing up and stuff like that. I grew up in a small town and I was always picked on at school," the swanky 23-year-old said.

"Some of them were really difficult to write because some of the things that happened to me weren't nice. It's very difficult to think about those sorts of things. People try to block out those kinds of things."

His dark lyrics stick with the characteristics of "real soul music," he added. The song titles alone spell out the mood of the record - "I Need Love," "Cry Me a River," "Let Me In," "Wishing the Rain Away," and "Don't Give Me Away."

The title track "Heaven"

implies an upbeat song but continues with Jai's theme of a breaking heart: "Could it be heaven/or is it something on my mind/all I have given/to make me think that it is fine." The single "I Believe" offers an ounce of hope: "She didn't think I could do it all/the things, I can do them all/I believe in nothing else."

Jai - which rhymes with "guy" means "victory" and was taken from John Lennon's "Across the Universe" - explained that his songwriting abilities have come a long way since the first songs he penned at age 14.

"They were terrible. I just wanted to be like The Beatles. They were complete rip-offs of The Beatles, which has helped a certain band beginning with an O, hasn't it," he said of Oasis.

"I always loved The Beatles. That's who I wanted to sound like as well. When I started writing with Joel for this album it was very clear that we were going to get all our influences together, including the Beatles, and mash it up and make it sort of unique. We wanted to make something that people could relate to."

After "Heaven" was finished, the duo took the album to a small independent record company, M&G Records, in England who immediately signed Jai. After releasing a "couple of low-key singles" including "I Believe"

and "Don't Give Me Away," the label folded.

RCA/BMG snatched up the album for the United States and released it in October. Next week, Jai will play two very different shows in this area - 3-4 p.m. Monday, Feb. 16, he said he will perform acoustically at Harmony House in Farmington Hills, and the following night he will be backed by his seven-piece band at the Mill Street Entry in Pontiac.

In Pontiac it's "going to be a lot like what you hear on the album but a little bit more lively because it's live, I suppose. I think it'll be interesting for people. I don't think people will be bored."

Jai will perform and sign autographs between 3-6 p.m. Monday, Feb. 16, at Harmony House, 30830 Orchard Lake Road (south of 14 Mile Road), Farmington Hills. For more information, call (248) 626-4533. He also performs Tuesday, Feb. 17, at the Mill Street Entry below Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. Tickets are \$9 in advance for the 18 and older show. Doors open at 8 p.m. Call (248) 333-2362 or visit <http://www.961melt.com> for more information.

Jai can be reached at <http://www.jai.co.uk> or via e-mail at [jai@jai.co.uk](mailto:jai@jai.co.uk).



"Homecoming" concert: Windsor natives The Tea Party from left, Stuart Chatwood, Jeff Martin and Jeff Burrows - performs Friday, Feb. 13, at Clutch Cargo's.

## Tea Party inspired by Detroit's music



CHRISTINA FUOCO

Windsor, Ontario, didn't exactly provide a musically inspiring childhood for The Tea Party singer/guitarist Jeff Martin. For a muse, Martin looked across the river to Detroit.

"Windsor doesn't offer much as far as the arts. For artistic stimulation, I would always go to Detroit. My father would take us to the Soup Kitchen to hear blues when we were young. As I grew older I hung out at (the legendary underground club) City Club. That's where you first digested music like Joy Division and the Sisters of Mercy. That's what I grew up on," said Martin rolling out support for the city like a scroll that has been let loose.

"Then the whole techno thing started to happen. Club Taboo, do you remember that? There were all those things springing up from Detroit's eclectic music scene. One thing most people don't realize about the city of Detroit is the ethnic influence that abounds there."

Considered a primarily African-American populated city, Detroit is rich with Arab, Mexican, Polish and Greek traditions, he explained.

"One of my favorite stations was WDET. That was the first time I heard Iranian folk music. That city was every bit of my influence."

He and fellow Windsor natives drummer/percussionist Jeff Burrows and bassist/keyboardist Stuart Chatwood took those experiences and folded it into The Tea Party five years ago. The latest reflection of that is "Transmission" (Atlantic), its fourth album.

"Transmission" sends its signal via a 50-second acoustic guitar solo and crashes headfirst into heavy drum beats, sweeping guitars and programmed keyboards that slide along Martin's vocals in "Temptation."

The 11-song album continues to transmit world-beat sounds such as Middle Eastern-inspired melodies and Indian-like percussion while hanging on tightly to stomp-worthy drum beats. It wraps up with what Martin calls "the perfect chill-out for the record," "Aftermath."

"Obviously I think the integrity that we put in our music is pretty visible. We care deeply about the art that we make. We

make sure no mistakes were made. Ultimately you make music for yourself but you want to make music for people as well and provide a soundtrack for certain lifestyles."

Of the 11 songs on the album, Martin enjoys "Psychopomp" the most for "the drama that's inherent in it."

"It's a very sensual song. It's almost like operatic in its arrangement. The one thing that my band's tried to explore is the dynamics of music. Pop music doesn't go anywhere. It's so linear. To me music has to offer mood swings. Music was meant to be the language that's closest to the soul. What soul do you know that's linear?"

"Transmission" has already proved to be successful for The Tea Party. "Temptation" has received radio support from WKRK (K-ROCK) and WRIF.

"We've always had a cult following, but now with the radio picking up on the airplay, it's really starting to blossom."

He attributed some of the success to the band's new label, Atlantic Records.

"EMI was a terrible rock 'n' roll label. You've got to remember, the last act that they broke was Vanilla Ice. They're not going to understand a band like Tea Party. No one was really pushing us. We signed with new management for this record and through that they got us this new deal with Atlantic. Atlantic is a rock 'n' roll label and they got us."

One organization that doesn't understand The Tea Party, Martin said, is the Windsor-based modern rock station CIMX. It has left the band off its playlist, Martin explained, because of "political reasons."

"Somebody there doesn't like us." Perhaps, he added, it's because "our music's always been on the heavier side of things. Modern rock for all intents and purposes is pop radio."

Frustrated with that lack of hometown help on previous albums, Martin moved to Montreal six years ago. Burrows still resides in Windsor while Chatwood calls Oakland, Calif., home. Martin said he always looks forward to coming back to the Detroit/Windsor area.

The Tea Party and Creed perform an all-ages show Friday, Feb. 13, at Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. Tickets are \$15 in advance. Doors open at 7 p.m. For more information, call (248) 333-2362.

## Like all good things, progressive rock returns

BACKSTAGE PASS



ANN DELISI

You burned your bell bottoms. They bounced back. You trashed your tie-dyes. They resurrected. You pitched your platform...

OK, OK. You get the drill. Everything cycles back.

The lesson? For one, start hunting for your parachute pants and narrow ties, because they're likely next up on the fashion merry-go-round. But most important: never declare a fashion dead. Subjectivity never dies, it merely hibernates - only to wake up hungrier than ever for victims of blackmail-inducing photos. ("I cannot believe I wore that!")

Cycles apply to all fashions: what you wear, what you listen to, even what you eat (that's right - even fondue has made a comeback. I'm thinking it's a conspiracy involving Packers fans and the makers of Velveeta). It's not that the thing our taste abandons suddenly goes bad, we just (probably subconsciously) periodically decided that we need to take a break from it. Which brings us to one of our guests this week on Backstage Pass on Detroit Public Television. Remember "Progressive Rock?" There were entire radio formats built on the widespread and enduring appeal of prog rock. Prog rock ruled! It was forever! It had the undying allegiance of a fan base that would never, ever ... Hey, what's that over there? Punk rock? PUNK RULES!

Progressive rock was abandoned. Does that mean it lost credibility? Only to the extent that crock pots ever lost credibility. The audience simply left. Prog rockers were the trees falling in the proverbial woods.

But the faithful never stopped making their sound, and tonight's guest band, Tiles, may just be a harbinger of a progressive rock comeback in Detroit. The hard-rocking quartet - drummer Pat Delon, bassist Jeff Whittle, singer Paul Rarick and guitarist Chris Herin - is swimming upstream from Downriver, and Gary Graff will host them in our studio for a performance.

Another of tonight's guests actually worked through a fashion cycle or two to complete her creative process. Elliot Wilhelm - director of the Detroit Film Theatre at the Detroit Institute of Arts and the DIA's curator of film - will host film maker Josan Wright. Josan's seven-year odyssey recently culminated in the release of the film, "One Down." The picture was produced by Pparallax Films, founded by Josan and her partner,

Quan-Linh Phillips, who also wrote and directed "One Down."

Josan may be in Hollywood now, but her roots are right here in Detroit. She received her masters of education for educational leadership from Wayne State University and took a job teaching chronically ill children in Detroit for 10 years. Shortly after arriving in Los Angeles, Josan and Quan-Linh hooked up and Pparallax was born.

Their search for material led to "One Down," a play by Mark McNease about a prisoner returning home to address family secrets after a five-year term.

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DINING

Restaurant sommeliers practice art and craft

BY ELEANOR HEALD  
SPECIAL WRITER

If you've wondered what makes fine dining service a cut above, a sommelier with an internationally recognized diploma ranks at the top of the list.

Sommelier (pronounced som-el-yay) is the masculine French word for wine specialist or restaurant wine waiter. While the world of sommeliers remains largely male, increasingly, a number of top professionals are female. In the Detroit metropolitan area, three women hold internationally recognized sommelier diplomas.

Golden Mushroom

Distinguished by world-renowned Champagne Ruinart as Best Young French Sommelier in 1994, French native Marlene Vendramelli-Pouysegur is now making her mark in the United States. Hired recently as sommelier at the Golden Mushroom in Southfield, she is responsible for selecting wines to complement the restaurant's award-winning menu. She uses her extensive wine knowledge to aid diners in selecting wines to complement chosen menu offerings.

Vendramelli, who is 30, and uses her maiden name professionally, was the first female sommelier to write a column for "Cuisine et Vins de France," a monthly French food and wine magazine.

In 1988, she earned a sommelier diploma from Lycée Hotelière in Bordeaux. Continuing her studies, she was awarded a degree in wine tasting from the University of Bordeaux in 1994.

"Preparing to work in the hotel and restaurant industry as a sommelier in France requires knowledge of restaurant business, management, service and classical cooking in addition to understanding how wine is made

and best served," Vendramelli explained.

Her French work experience includes sommelier at Michelin one-star Hotel Restaurant Francis Darroze in Villeneuve de Marsan in the Armagnac region and at the one Michelin-star Le Pré Catelean restaurant in Paris. There she was responsible for a 50,000 bottle wine cellar with 900 selections valued at over \$1 million. In 1994, she put her career on hold and came to the United States with her husband, Serge, so he could pursue his career with Valeo Climate Control, an automotive supplier in Auburn Hills.

For her first three years in Michigan, Vendramelli, who lives in Rochester Hills, concentrated on learning to speak English fluently. She continued to study about wine and made trips to California to learn about America's premier wine industry.

"A sommelier must be an artist who understands nature," Vendramelli said. "Wine is art in the making, from the time grapes are harvested until the wine is drunk. Everything that surrounds winemaking is a craft. So, I think it is correct to say that a sommelier practices the art and craft of wine."

Vendramelli also considers herself as an ambassador. "I make the transition between a bottle of wine and its ultimate enjoyment with food created by Executive Chef Derin Moore and his staff," she continued. "I love to please people and I can do this when diners ask me for a wine recommendation."

Reid Ashton, founder/president of the Golden Mushroom, is the proud owner of one of the most extensive restaurant wine cellars (more than 800 selections) in Michigan. Vendramelli noted that the strength of the Golden Mushroom list is older vintages

with a number of estate Burgundies and a large selection of California cabernet sauvignon and merlot.

American sommeliers at the top of the "pro" list have earned Master Sommelier recognition from the Court of Master Sommeliers, established in England in 1977. The title Master Sommelier marks the highest recognition of wine, liquor and beverage service professionalism. Three education stages are involved: basic certification course, advanced sommelier course and the Master Sommelier diploma granted after a rigorous examination. On average, it takes three to five years to complete courses and pass examinations. There are 35 Master Sommeliers in the U.S. and 90 in the world. Of the American Master Sommeliers, 29 are men and six are women.

Unique Restaurant Corp.

Madeline Triffon, Beverage Director for the Unique Restaurant Corp. in Bingham Farms, was the first American woman to earn the Master Sommelier title in 1987.

Triffon is responsible for beverage selection and service at: Sebastian's Grill, Troy; Morels in Bingham Farms; Tavern on 13, Bingham Farms; No. VI Chop-house & Lobster Bar, Novi; Northern Lakes Seafood Company, Bloomfield Hills; and Relish, Farmington Hills. Because she has duties at many restaurants, Triffon trains wine service staff at each location.

Triffon offered the following sound-bites on her job.

"If a sommelier genuinely understands the art of service, which pre-supposes a generosity of spirit, a diner will be the lucky recipient of a body of experience, a commodity far more precious than knowledge. One gets infor-



REID ASHTON, JR.

Enhancing dining experiences: French native Marlene Vendramelli is new sommelier at the Golden Mushroom in Southfield.

mation free of charge (except for the cost of the wine) and with a gracious, comforting, cheerful smile to boot!"

The Whitney

In November 1997 following an examination in London, England, Claudia Tyagi, dining room manager at The Whitney restaurant in Detroit, became a Master Sommelier.

"A Master Sommelier diploma identifies technical correctness," Tyagi said. "Whether that's tem-

perature of service, decanting wine or using proper glassware; each wine can be shown to its greatest advantage.

"A sommelier reduces the risk for diners who like to be adventurous with food and wine pairings. They can push the envelope further because I'm there to make recommendations and give feedback. Great food and wine harmony is as exhilarating as completing a dance with a great partner."

Tipping an accredited somme-

lier is not required, but appreciated. A standard is \$5-\$10 per person above the gratuity. Present the amount to the sommelier personally or create a line below "tip" on a credit card receipt.

You can experience the cooperative efforts of a sommelier and chef at an upcoming Golden Mushroom Dinner: Tuesday, Feb. 24, Russian Dinner \$85 (plus tax and gratuity) per person, call (248) 559-4230.

WHAT'S COOKING

MARVIN'S BISTRO

Offering Valentine's Day Specials, cost \$24.95 per person - choice of three entrees - slow Roasted Prime Rib Au jus, Roasted Quail with Four Berry Sauce, and Baked Flounder stuffed with crabmeat topped with a dill sauce. Includes two jumbo shrimp shaped into a heart atop a baby greens house salad, fresh vegetable medley, mashed red-skin potatoes with roasted garlic, dessert, 15800 Middlebelt, Livonia, call (734) 522-5600 for information/reservations. Open 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday, Feb. 13, 4-11 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 14. Bar open until 2 a.m. each evening. Look for feature story about Marvin's Bistro on next week's Dining page in Entertainment.

PLYMOUTH LANDING

Offering Chef Chaz West's special Happy Valentine's Day Menu including Chateaubriand for Two, \$45.95, Surf and Turf for Two, \$43.95, Chicken Cordon Bleu \$14.95, Seafood Marinara \$17.50, and other special items. Strawberry Shortcake Torte and Raspberry Bavarian Cream Torte desserts will also be featured. Items from Special Valentine's Day menu served 4-10:30 p.m. Reservations accepted. Serving lunch from regular menu 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. For late

nighters, selections from the Landing's Casual Fare Menu available until 12:30 a.m., 340 North Main Street, Plymouth (734) 455-3700.

OLD COUNTRY BUFFET

All couples married 50 years or more can stop by for a free lunch or dinner through Feb. 14. All the couple needs is their marriage certificate to enjoy one free meal each. Each couple will have their picture taken free at the restaurant. They can pick up their picture later. Entrees include baked and fried chicken, baked and fried fish, ham and roast beef.

BREADSMITH

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Joe's Produce, (248) 442-1100, Dearborn store is in West Village Shoppes on Michigan Ave., across from Buddy's Pizza, (313) 792-7323.

Here are some more Valentine's Day dining recommendations from Observer & Eccentric Newspaper wine columnists Ray & Eleanor Heald:

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- 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

■ Morels: A Michigan Bistro, 30100 Telegraph, Bingham Farms (248) 642-1094  
■ Ocean Grille, 280 Old Woodward, Birmingham (248) 646-7001

■ 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

■ Nov. VI Chophouse & Lobster Bar, 27790 Novi Road (in Hotel Baronette), Novi (248) 304-5210

■ Oakland Grill, 32832 Woodward Ave., Royal Oak (248) 549-7700  
■ Rochester Chop House, 306 Main St., Rochester (248) 651-2266

STELLINE

Jimmy Schmidt closed his Stelline restaurant in the Somerset Collection on Jan. 15. Matt Prentice's Unique Restaurant Corporation will renovate the Stelline location to

Portabella, a casual Italian restaurant. The planned opening is May. "The day it opens, we'll close Sebastian's," Prentice said.

But that's not all Prentice has on his plate! Flying Fish Tavern will open at the end of February in the former location of Memphis Smoke at Maple and Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield.

"The menu will be similar to Tavern on 13 in Birmingham, but exploiting the seafood concept a bit more," Prentice noted.

Duet, another Unique Restaurant Corporation restaurant, to be located in the building next to Orchestra Hall in Detroit, has been on the drawing board for some months. Planned opening is mid-April.

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