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## Woman hurt in purse theft

■ A 68-year-old woman was injured when someone tried to grab her purse. She has since undergone surgery. Two men face unarmed robbery charges.



BY KEVIN BROWN  
STAFF WRITER

Adele Gray could never have expected to spend Valentine's Day like this.

It was almost 1:30 p.m. Feb. 12 when she went into Kmart on Ann Arbor Road to buy a locket, a Valentine's Day present for herself.

But as she walked back to her car, Gray, 68, had her purse stolen. Inside was her new locket and \$100.

In the struggle to keep the purse, the Plymouth Township woman fell and broke her hip, and was admitted to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital.

Arrested early Monday and charged with unarmed robbery in the incident were Brian E. Jackson, 18, and Michael E. Smith, 21. Both men are from Canton.

The two appeared before 35th District Court Judge John MacDonald on Tuesday. MacDonald set bond for the two at \$100,000 each, after police Detective David Hayes told MacDonald that Jackson has ties to other states, and that both suspects are unemployed.

Gray's daughter, Cindy Gray, also addressed the judge. "She is an old woman. She has a weak heart. We request the highest bond possible," Gray said.

After setting the bond at \$100,000, MacDonald did not reduce the amount to be posted by 10 percent, as is typical. "Does that satisfy you, Mrs. Gray?" he asked. "Yes, your honor," she said.

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**Upset:** In 35th District Court Tuesday, Cindy Gray (above), Adele Gray's daughter, shows her anger at the two men Brian Jackson (below right) and Michael Smith (below left) arraigned on unarmed robbery charges.



## Creek reaches capacity

BY KEVIN BROWN  
STAFF WRITER

The record-setting downpour on Tuesday pushed the Tonquish Creek to capacity, but no significant flooding happened.

City Municipal Services Director Paul Sincok said rushing water washed away a retaining wall around the pipe that carries the creek under downtown, starting just west of Harvey Street between Ann Arbor Trail and Penniman.

"That's been the worse its been in relatively recent times," Sincok said.

The cement wall helps funnel water into the pipe. He said the wall must be rebuilt, as a continued high water level could cause substantial soil erosion around the pipe.

"That's going to have to be addressed very quickly," Sincok said.

The National Weather Service reported 2.5 inches of rain fell in the area in one day - a higher level than what's normal for the entire month of February, 1.74 inches.

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STAFF PHOTOS BY JERRY MENDOZA

Life saver: Paramedic Dave Bowman of Huron Valley Ambulance is equipped with heart paddles used to revive cardiac patients.

## ER ON WHEELS

# Emergency care: HVA vs. firefighters



EMS run: Canton Fire Sgt. Rick Paulun is behind the wheel of an emergency rescue vehicle en route to a 911 call.

BY VALERIE OLANDER  
STAFF WRITER

If you were having a heart attack today in greater Plymouth or Canton, firefighters would arrive on the scene within three to six minutes and begin CPR.

They could use semi-automatic defibrillators for electrical shock to restore a patient's heartbeat. They also are equipped with oxygen.

Licensed as Basic Life Support (BLS) agencies, the firefighters are EMTs and are limited as to what emergency procedures they can perform. They can't intubate patients, start IVs, or administer drugs.

What happens in the next few minutes differs for the Plymouth Community Fire Department and Canton Fire Department.

In greater Plymouth, paramedics from Huron Valley Ambulance (HVA) respond to the scene three to four

minutes later armed with a drug box and can begin administering a number of emergency medications. They also are proficient in monitoring heart rhythms and providing more advanced respiratory support.

As an Advanced Life Support (ALS) agency, the HVA paramedics begin performing the lifesaving procedures that Plymouth firefighters cannot.

The HVA paramedics transport the patient to the nearest hospital for additional care. The ambulance is also equipped to continue the care in transit.



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# Teachers, schools to begin negotiations April 15

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth-Canton teachers will seek a pay raise equal to the rate of inflation.

However, the real battle may come down to whether the district can afford it.

"We'll be looking for an increase in the range of 2.5-percent," said Tom Cotner, chief negotiator for the Plymouth Canton Education Association. "We're aware of the district's financial plight, and it's not terrific. However, I'm not sure it will go bankrupt in a few years like they project."

The two sides, according to the contract, must begin bargaining by April 15. However, some positioning has already begun.

"I've already met informally

with their chief negotiator, Errol Goldman," said Cotner. "We gave them some of our concerns and they gave us some of their issues."

The school board began its homework Wednesday night, holding a special executive session to discuss upcoming negotiations.

"We have a lot to talk about," said Superintendent Dr. Charles Little. "There's no question we don't have enough money to make things work. However, I do sense there's a positive atmosphere with the teacher's union."

PCEA president Charles Portelli tells the Observer he's hopeful of a contract longer than two years.

"We would certainly like to see that," said Portelli. "The district, in its long-range plan, even

anticipates a three-year pact. I think the final determination will depend on the climate of the talks."

The climate could become a bit chilly.

Portelli said there are still some bad feelings after the last contract was settled, when teachers were forced to begin co-paying for traditional Blue Cross medical coverage if they didn't opt to join alternative plans. Portelli said that has cost some members up to \$80 a month.

Cotner agreed, saying "we want to fix some language in the benefits area."

The current two-year pact expires at the end of August, just before students' return from summer vacation. The contract gave teachers a 2-percent wage hike each year, plus a half-per-

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Chuck Portelli  
—Negotiator

cent lump sum payment the first year and a 1-percent lump sum payment the second.

Portelli would like to see wages for the 877-member PCEA on par with nearby districts.

"We are above Wayne-Westland and Van Buren," noted Portelli. "However, we're below

most of the other districts the administration usually compares itself to."

Those other districts include Ann Arbor, Bloomfield Hills, Dearborn, Farmington, Huron Valley, Livonia, Northville, Novi, South Lyon and Walled Lake.

In Plymouth-Canton, a new hire with a bachelor's degree receives \$32,412 a year. Ten years later, that same teacher will be at the top of the scale earning \$53,856.

Meanwhile, a first-year teacher with a master's degree starts at \$35,658. That same teacher will get top-scale pay 11 years later, at \$63,207.

The PCEA also is expressing concerns about teaching computer technology at the elementary school level.

"We have teachers who spe-

cialize in music and physical education, and we'd also like to see teachers who specialize in technology," said Cotner. "There's been a tremendous increase in computer technology, and it's very difficult for the classroom teacher to take time out of his or her curriculum to teach it."

Cotner, a teacher at Salem High School, is joined on the PCEA's bargaining team by Sharon Belobraidich and Dave Wert from Hoben Elementary, Joann Gustafson from Lowell Middle School, and Portelli.

"We've begun surveying our members to find out what issues are important to them," said Portelli. "We're in the process of putting together proposals."

## Increased pay draws substitute teachers

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

As little as \$6 a day has made life a bit easier for Plymouth-Canton school officials, who on a daily basis fill dozens of substitute teacher positions.

"Ever since we increased the pay to become more competitive, we've had fewer problems finding substitute teachers," said

Errol Goldman, assistant superintendent for employee relations and personnel. "However, there are still some days we don't have enough subs."

The district increased the per-day salary to \$66, up from \$60, as of Dec. 1, 1997. Goldman noted the pay hike puts Plymouth-Canton in the middle of the pack, when comparing pay

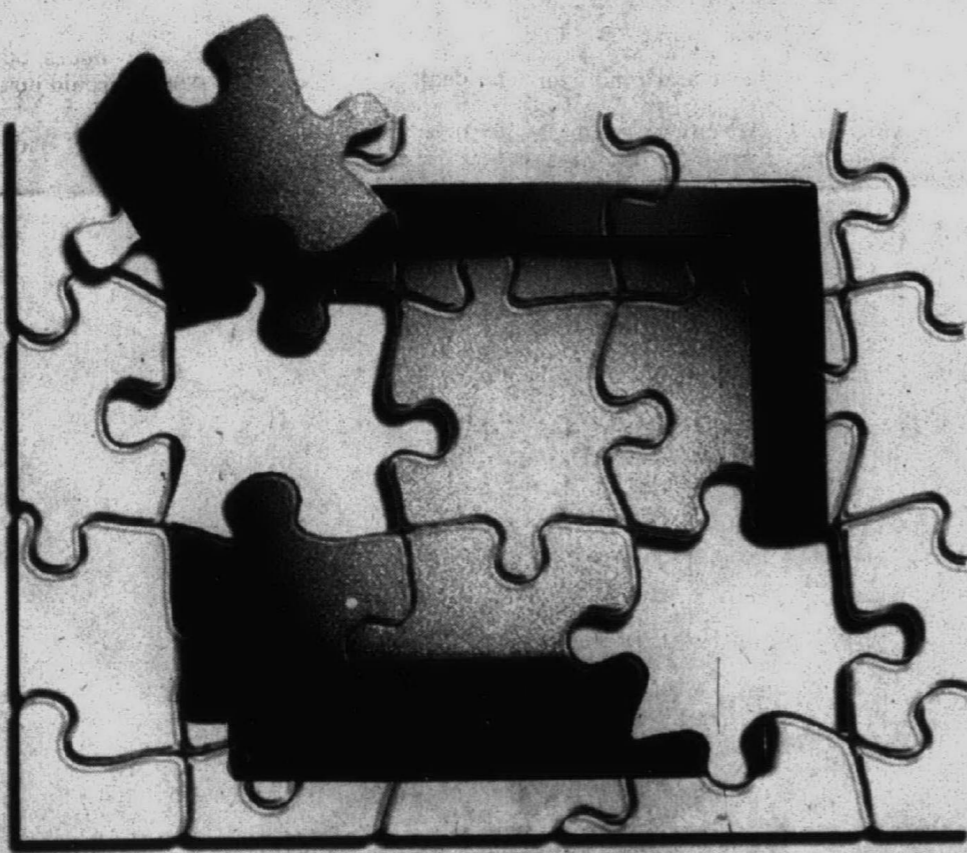
with such districts as West Bloomfield, Wayne-Westland and Livonia, among others.

Goldman said as soon as vacancies are listed, a machine which can call three subs at one time starts phoning prospective substitute teachers. Teachers can also call in to find out what vacancies there are, and pencil themselves in.

"On an average day, we have between 45 and 60 teachers out," said Goldman. "Reasons range from sickness, family illness, bereavement and school business."

Goldman said he "gets a little nervous when the number goes above 70. Last week, we hit 93, but we covered all the classes."

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Questions should be directed to the council at 734-9255 or 416-4906.

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# Lincoln celebration draws Civil War buffs

BY KEVIN BROWN  
STAFF WRITER

Even Civil War documentary filmmaker Ken Burns was in on the celebration.

In a letter to Dan LeBlond, president of the Plymouth Historical Museum, Burns congratulated the community for obtaining the Abraham Lincoln Collection of Dr. Weldon Petz.

Museum Director Beth Stewart read the letter in ceremonies at the museum Sunday to mark the collection's acquisition. That sparked applause from about 150 on hand for the event.

Folks were able to tour the museum and view the "Images of Lincoln" exhibit featuring pieces from Petz's collection. They also crowded into the lower level meeting room to hear Petz talk about his collection, now the property of the Plymouth museum.

He recounted the story of the collection's most



**Crowd:** Michael McHenry, 7, sits in the middle of a large crowd Sunday as Dr. Weldon Petz speaks.

## PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM

notable item — the plaster mold of Lincoln's face, taken by sculptor Leonard Volk and cast in bronze.

Lincoln had to sit motionless for an hour while the plaster hardened, breathing through quill-like tubes. When the time was up, he followed the artist's direction to slowly push the cast forward off his face, with his thumbs.

"As Lincoln looked at the mask, great tears came to his eyes," Petz said. "All the hair on his right temple was imbedded in the cast."

Petz held for all to see one of only six copies of the only known photo of Lincoln smiling.

"Lincoln would never show his teeth. He said they were kind of brown and backwoods-looking," Petz recalled. Four days later, Lincoln was assassinated.

Lincoln visited Michigan only once, staying overnight in Kalamazoo in 1856, Petz said.

Opening his remarks, Petz told the audience, "I couldn't be more pleased that it (his collection) is going to be here."

"A fella from CBS News asked me how come Plymouth?" Petz said he chose the Plymouth museum because it "is a center for education in districts around it." Petz added he didn't want students researching the collection's archival



**Speaking:** Civil War buffs, friends and admirers of Dr. Weldon Petz (at podium) gathered to hear him speak about the Lincoln collection at the Plymouth Historical Library.

materials to have to go through the bureaucracy of a university.

Among those viewing the exhibit Sunday were Rick and Mary Jane Larson of Livonia. "She's a Lincoln nut," Rick Larson said of wife Mary Jane, who said she liked the photos and the life mask.

"He was president at the most crucial time," her husband said.

"He held it together," Mary Jane Larson added.

# Railroad engineer understands motorists' frustration



**Editor's note:** We asked readers to tell us their tales about trains in the Plymouths. The first tale is from a train engineer, named Bob, who asked that we not print his last name because of his job. The second tale, titled "On his way to heaven," is from Sue Davis of Plymouth Township.

### Misdirected anger

My name is Bob. I am an engineer for a major railroad. I am the person you get frustrated with. I see your frustration through fists waving, cussing at me, middle fingers from women and men, yes, even threats being yelled at me. A lot of your anger is directed at me. Even my friends and neighbors tell me of their stories at crossings.

But you have to understand your anger should be directed

**'I see your frustration through fists waving, cussing at me, middle fingers from women and men, yes, even threats being yelled at me.'**

**Bob**  
—Railroad engineer

at our politicians in Congress and state and local governments for allowing trains to continue to run without cabooses, with two-man crews (engineer and conductor only).

In the past, the crew consisted of a three-man crew (engineer, brakeman and conductor) so when a problem occurred the

conductor would walk from the caboose and the brakeman would walk from the engine, therefore, finding the problem in half the time.

Now that our politicians and unions have allowed major railroads to eliminate cabooses and have gone to two-man crews, the conductor now must walk the length of the train until the problem is found and then must walk back to the engine, which causes major delays at crossings.

Sure, the railroads are fined but the engineer and conductor are sometimes disciplined by the railroads for causing these delays which are out of their con-

trol. I know your frustrations, we all have to get somewhere, even me! Railroads are trying to save money by eliminating more jobs.

Now railroads are starting to run engineer only trains, so expect longer delays but please don't blame me, the engineer.

### On his way to heaven

My father was raised in Plymouth. He lived, worked, and died in Plymouth. All of his life he dealt with trains. He was a police officer of Plymouth for awhile. He even got a ticket once for going around the gates

at a railroad crossing in Plymouth. He tried to keep it a secret but his grandson was with him and told on him.

I remember through my life how his temper would flair when stopped by a train. For this seemed to happen every time he went through town. On the day of my dear father's burial, the hearse carrying my father was stopped by a train. The funeral procession stopped the town of Plymouth for what seemed hours, but was really minutes. I could just see my father's temper flair, "stopped by a train on my way to heaven." How fitting!

## CARRIER OF THE MONTH: PLYMOUTH

### PAUL POTOCKI

Paul Potocki, 12, delivers the Plymouth Observer in the Millrace condominiums subdivision. He has been delivering the Observer since January.

The Central Middle School seventh grader's favorite subjects are math and science. His hobbies are collecting baseball cards.

Paul wants to go to college and

study engineering and is also interested in becoming a doctor.

Earning money and the closeness of home are some of the things he likes about his route.

Responsibility and money management are some skills he has developed from being an Observer carrier.

Paul is the son of Steve and Stephanie Potocki. He has two sisters, Jocelyn, 14 and Shae, 15.



Paul Potocki

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## Rain from page A1

Sincock said the rain peaked between 4 and 5 p.m. Tuesday, when a half inch of rain fell.

"We actually had crews there (Harvey Street) from 4 o'clock to approximately midnight," he said.

During periods of high rain, city crews must keep an eye on the pipe entrance to clear debris that could clog the pipe and flood downtown.

"We pulled out everything from wood to a barbecue grill last night," Sincock said Wednesday. He said the water in

the creek began going down around 10 p.m.

Short-term power outages were reported around the city Tuesday. The traffic signals at Main and Mill and Ann Arbor Trail and Mill were out during evening rush hour, but power was restored by about 9 p.m.

Overloaded storm sewers caused some basements to flood. "At The Meadows condos they had significant water in the basement parking garage of the north building," Sincock said.

At Horton's Plumbing, crews

were busy until 3 a.m. Wednesday answering calls, staff reported.

Township and city police said that while there was some pooling of water on roads - including Mill north of Ann Arbor Road and North Territorial near Ridge Road - there were no road closings or unusual problems with accidents.

"I think people were going home and staying home," said city Police Chief Robert Scogins.

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**Editor's note:** Every week the Plymouth District Library staff provides the Observer with their lists of "Best Sellers" based on the number of requests for titles by library patrons. The books are available by placing a request with the library 453-0705.

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# Classic cars

## Local man takes on Autorama

BY KEVIN BROWN  
STAFF WRITER

Dave Reeves has a word of advice for those who want to restore a classic car: Find one that's already restored. "If I was going to do it now, I'd find one that's done. It's a lot of hard work," he said.

While there's satisfaction in completing a project, Reeves, 46, said it's tedious trying to scrounge parts. Work often has to wait until a certain part can be found.

Reeves rebuilds heater controls at the Sheldon Road Visteon-Ford plant. He showed the 1967 candy-apple red Chevy Nova Super Sport at last weekend's 46th Annual Detroit Autorama, billed as the country's greatest hot rod show.

It was 10 years ago that he chose the '67 Nova to restore.

"Back in high school I always liked them.

"I never had one. I thought if down the road I could restore a car I'd like one of those," he said.

"When it comes to old muscle cars, back then Chevys were the hottest things out. Ford had their Mustangs and that was about it," Reeves said.

It's taken him about 10 years and \$3,500 to restore his Nova super sport.

"It was real rough. I've replaced just about all the sheet metal on the car. It was full of Bondo," Reeves said. "The car was torn completely apart right down to nothing." He also restored the original black interior.

"Back in their day, they were known

for being one of the hottest street cars. I get a lot of comments on the way it looks."

"They were little boxy-type cars; in '68, they had more of a rounded look.

While some show cars stay mostly in storage, Reeves said of his Nova, "I drive it every day that's decent."

"I get a lot of old-timers talking to me about the car. It was built at Willow Run in Ypsilanti. They say 'I haven't seen one of these things since I retired.' My dad worked for General Motors, he worked at Willow Run when that car came out."

Reeves said this is his first time showing the car at Autorama.

"It was just to say I did it."



STAFF PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER

Proud: Dan Reeves says if you're interested in classic cars find one that has already been restored. It's time consuming, not to mention costly. His work often had to wait until he could find a certain part of the 1967 Nova.



Classic: The 1967 candy-apple red Chevy Nova Super Sport, owned and restored by Dan Reeves, was built at the Willow Run Plant in Ypsilanti. Reeves' father worked at the plant at the time Chevrolet produced the cars.

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# County, firm resolve fish kill violations

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK  
STAFF WRITER

Wayne County has agreed to pay for the restocking of fish at Newburgh Lake and a downstream impoundment on the Rouge River, while a project manager will give \$3,000 to Friends of the Rouge.

And, if another fish kill extends downstream again, beyond the state's approved area, it will mean a \$10,000 fine for the project manager.

It's all part of an administrative consent order and a settlement of violations stemming from a fish eradication in June 1997 that went awry in Newburgh Lake and killed thousands of fish downstream at the Nankin impoundment. The order is expected to be approved today (Thursday) by Wayne County commissioners.

Under the order, Wayne County will complete the restocking of the Rouge, valued at \$25,000, within 30 days

of completion of the Newburgh Lake restoration project. By Oct. 1, 2000, Wayne County must submit to the state's chief of the surface water quality division a report on the fish restocking.

Environmental Consulting & Technology of Detroit, the project manager and environmental consulting firm hired for the Newburgh Lake restoration project, will pay \$3,000 to Friends of the Rouge, a nonprofit group overseeing Rouge cleanups and helping in the river's restoration and public education.

If another "overkill" occurs, EC&T would be responsible for penalties associated with permit violations on this project. That would equal a \$10,000 fine, according to the order entered between the state and Wayne County.

The consent order was proposed by the state Department

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of Environmental Quality and negotiated by all the parties.

Last June contractors hired by EC&T applied rotenone — a natural pesticide — to kill fish in Newburgh Lake, many of which were contaminated with polychlorinated biphenyl. It was the first of two planned fish kills in a restoration of the lake. The second is scheduled for this summer. The public does not face any dangers from this application, as it is only fatal to fish and other small amphibians at the concentration levels used in the river.

The rotenone was to be neutralized, but that operation failed to completely oxidize the chemical. As a result, thousands of fish were killed, and the kill extended downstream six miles in the Rouge River, including the Nankin impoundment.

That application violated

state law and the permit. Wayne County was the holder of that permit from the state Department of Environmental Quality.

"It is Wayne County's position that as project manager, Environmental Consulting and Technology must bear responsibility for its contractor's actions in accomplishing the fish kill," said Jim Murray, director of Wayne County Department of Environment, in a letter to commissioners.

The order was approved last Tuesday by the commission's Committee on Environment, Drains and Sewers.

Commissioner Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, sits on that committee. "The order sets a liability for (the project)," McCotter said. "None of us were happy with it, but it's just one of those things." Wayne County could have spent \$30,000 in legal fees to pursue the matter, McCotter said.

# Children can 'Catch A Dream' at Nankin Mills

The legend of the Dreamcatcher comes to Nankin Mills Interpretive Center on Saturday, courtesy of Wayne County parks.

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adaptation of the Ojibway Dreamcatcher with materials provided.

The program fee is \$2 per participant and the program is appropriate for ages 8 to adult. The program will be held indoors 1-3 p.m. at Nankin Mills Interpretive Center, on Hines Drive, just east of Ann Arbor Trail in Westland. Parking is available off of Hines Drive.

For information, call the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center at (734) 261-1850.

# County will restock fish in Nankin impoundment

Wayne County has agreed to restock fish in Newburgh Lake and the Nankin impoundment on the Rouge River. The restocking will be coordinated with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, fisheries division.

The lake will be restocked with several species of fingerlings, which are small fish less than a year old.

The following species will be restocked in Newburgh Lake at the following levels:

/n Fathead minnows: 50 gallons, yearly for two years;

/n Bluegills: 20,000 fingerlings;

/n Largemouth bass: 4,000 fingerlings, yearly for two years;

/n Channel catfish: 3,000 8-inch fingerlings, yearly for three years;

/n Walleye: 5,000 spring fingerlings (or 1,000 fall fingerlings);

/n Northern pike: 2,000 fingerlings, yearly for three years;

/n Black crappie: 300 adult or 3,000 fingerlings, and

/n Pumpkinseed sunfish: 100 adults.

The county also will restock fish at the Nankin impoundment of the Rouge River, located downstream from Newburgh Lake between Stark and Merriman roads in Westland.

Those species and numbers include:

/n Fathead minnows: 5 gallons;

/n Bluegills: 1,000 finger-

lings;

/n Largemouth bass: 200 fingerlings, yearly for two years;

/n Channel catfish: 100 fingerlings;

/n Northern pike: 50 fingerlings.

Wayne County will restock the fish once the excavation of sediment contaminated with polychlorinated biphenyls and a second fish kill are completed, but officials believe that will not be finished until next year.

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## O&E names manager of information systems

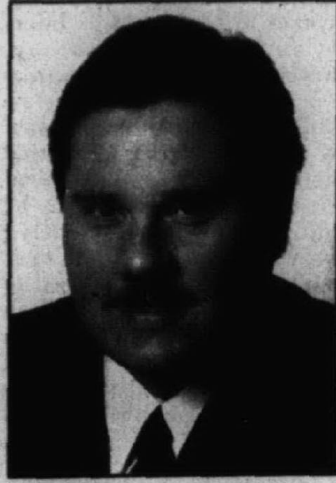
Greg Day has been named manager of information systems for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

A 15-year employee at the O&E, Day was most recently manager of the Enhanced Media Department where he was in charge of the newspaper's Web site and all Internet-related businesses services.

In his new position, Day oversees all of computerized information management systems at the O&E, which publishes 15 local newspapers in Oakland and western Wayne counties. His responsibilities include system design, selection implementation and operation.

"I look forward to consolidating all of the computer-related activities at the O&E into a more productive, efficient system that will benefit the company and increase customer satisfaction," said Day.

Day, 38, attended the University of Michigan-Dearborn, where he studied computer



Greg Day

A 1978 graduate of Garden City East High School, Day joined the O&E as a computer operator. He was promoted to programmer for business systems, systems analyst and most recently as manager of the Enhanced Media Department.

Day and his wife, Pamela, have four children. They live in Garden City.

## A poor ranking

### Director says airport will see improvements after low marks reported for Detroit Metro

Y KEN ABRAMCZYK  
STAFF WRITER

A survey of airline passengers has ranked Detroit Metro Airport last in overall quality, the worst out of 36 U.S. airports, according to published reports.

Metro Airport reportedly earned the lowest scores of the airports surveyed in four of eight categories — speed of baggage delivery, ease of reaching gates, available ground transportation and ease of following signs.

"It's no secret it's an antiquated facility," said David Katz, director of Wayne County airports. "I plan to use it as a motivational tool for myself and our staff to improve the airport," Katz said.

The private survey of flight passengers was completed by Plog and was commissioned by 36 national airports. Passengers were surveyed in the first six months of last year.

Katz believes many improvements have been made since that time.

"We are investing \$1.6 billion on the airport expansion that addresses the ease in getting ease and access to the gates," Katz said. Part of that expansion includes an international check-in and ticketing facility, which was opened in September to help relieve curb front congestion and traffic inside the J.M. Davey

**'It's no secret (Detroit Metro Airport is) an antiquated facility.'**

David Katz  
director, Wayne County airports



Terminal. That 17,000-square-foot facility adjacent to the Davey Terminal increases Northwest's counter space by about 50 percent — adding 24 new agent positions.

Another major addition since last year is the \$18.5 million extension of Northwest's busiest concourse — Concourse C. The 28,000-square-foot extension added six new gates, a 240-foot moving walkway and a ramp side shuttle stop for connecting passengers.

Northwest also has spent \$12 million on an expanded baggage terminal area to address the speed of baggage delivery cited in the survey, Katz said.

That expansion in the Davey Terminal was completed last year, including modifications to the existing conveyor system, and construction of a new conveyor system under the International Departure Facility. The expansion will increase the baggage handling capacity and improve performance, especially during peak travel periods.

"We've added more maps and signs. We're going to add customer service agents. In addition to the maps and signs, we will have kiosks.

"We were criticized for our parking, but we have a parking deck located directly across from the terminal.

"I would be hard-pressed to find a parking deck as close to a terminal as we do."

About 15 customer service agents will be added within 60 days, Katz said.

An international check-in and ticketing facility was opened in

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## Airport officials hope to improve security

Airport management, in conjunction with the airlines and the FAA, is working on mutual agreements to improve the convenience of airport security at Wayne County's Detroit Metropolitan Airport.

Although officials believe it is not prudent to discuss all security recommendations in a public forum, airport management will share the following:

■ A \$300,000-\$500,000 investment in electronic, mechanical, and physical improvements to the airport's security system has already been agreed to Metro's

hub carrier, Northwest Airlines, with newer closed circuit video cameras. The newer cameras would feature color capabilities and would give airport security the ability to pan and zoom into specific areas or features of the airport.

The color capability will allow security to more readily spot a suspicious person who may have breached security. "You can tell if they're wearing a black, blue or brown coat," said David Katz, director of Wayne County airports. "We can have a better chance of apprehending someone

once they're in a mob."

Wayne County has increased the presence of airport police in the terminal areas, and has made recommendations to the airlines to examine incentives to increase performance at the security checkpoint areas. Wayne County is asking that the airlines look into staffing and wage options as part of this plan.

Finally, airport management will pursue criminal charges against any individual who intentionally attempts to avoid passenger screening at Detroit Metro.

"These improvements and recommendations are designed not only to increase the performance of our security system, but also to make our passengers' travel experience as pleasant as possible," Katz said.

"Safety is always our primary goal, but we're aiming for the best of both worlds — security and hassle-free peace of mind."

Despite the fact that, by federal regulation, passenger screening falls under the jurisdiction of the airlines, not the airport.

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# Legislation allows for bids from county road departments

## County competition

County road departments could bid for state Department of Transportation contracts under a House-passed bill sponsored by Rep. Tom Kelly, D-Wayne.

The House approved the measure 100-2, with all area representatives voting yes. But the Feb. 5 final vote gave no hint of the fierce opposition Kelly's bill received a day earlier.

Republicans and the Michigan Chamber of Commerce argued that public agencies have a built-in advantage because they don't pay property taxes as do private contractors.

Rep. Alan Cropsey, R-DeWitt, got only minority GOP support for an amendment to give private bidders a 10 percent break "to level the playing field."

But Kelly replied, "If the county road commissions can offer a lower bid, let's go with it."

Next day the House was ready to vote overwhelming approval, but one holdout was Rep. Terry London, R-St. Clair County. He saw a Wayne County plot against MDOT. Said London:

"Currently PA 51 (the road act) says road commissions may engage in contracts with the state MDOT to provide maintenance, repair, snow plowing, grass mowing and other normal repair. Road building, however, is done by private contractors."

## Grant to assist children, families

Governor John Engler recently announced that the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Center for Mental Health Services has awarded the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) \$855,257 in children's mental health grants for fiscal year 1998. The five-year grant is expected to total approximately \$6 million by 2003.

"This grant is excellent news for children and families," said Gov. Engler. "This money, which will help fund the Southwest Community Partnership, will allow us to develop an integrated comprehensive system of care for children with serious emotional disturbance and their families in the community of Southwest Detroit."

"A 'system of care' is a wide range of mental health and related services and supports organized to work together to provide care. This approach is designed to help a child or adolescent with serious emotional disturbances get the services they need in or near their home and community. Local public and private organizations work in teams to plan and implement a tailored set of services for each child's physical, emotional, social, educational and family needs.

"Human service agencies at the state and local level, private health care providers, private agencies and families will all be collaborating to make this effort successful," said James K. Havenman, Jr., MDCH director.

The partnership will build upon the extensive collaborative work undertaken in Michigan and Wayne County over the past several years. The system of care to be developed will be family-driven, culturally-competent, and will offer a full continuum of individualized, case-coordinated services.

The grants will also enable local communities to integrate child-and-family-serving agencies, including health, mental health, substance abuse treatment, child welfare, education and juvenile justice.

"This gives us the opportunity to really begin to meet the needs of this troubled population with a very comprehensive and holistic approach that allows the community to have input on how services will be provided," said John Van Camp, president/CEO of Southwest Detroit Community Mental Health Services, the agency which will be implementing this program.

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"The bill was introduced because Wayne County was not allowed to bid on a rebuild job in Wayne and Oakland counties (I-275). Wayne County is suing MDOT because they didn't get the job. I felt the Legislature should not get in the middle of a lawsuit."

London also protested that Kelly's bill was sped through the Oversight and Ethics Committee rather than the Transportation Committee and rammed through the House just days after it was introduced.

*The bill goes to the Senate. Refer to House Bill 5524 when writing to your state senator, State Capitol, PO Box 30036, Lansing 48909.*

## Tornado drills

Rep. Gerald Law, R-Plymouth, had no trouble at all getting passage of his bill to require two tornado drills a year in public schools.

He won 97-6 passage on Feb. 11 with no arguments against his bill to change the Fire Code to require two tornado alerts and eight fire drills instead of 10 fire drills.

"The biggest threat to children in school is tornadoes," said Law, noting that some principals have

taken children outdoors when they heard a tornado siren.

*Refer to House Bill 5237 when writing to your state senator, State Capitol, PO Box 30036, Lansing 48909.*

## Employees rewarded

Taxpayers saved \$6.9 million last year because of suggestions by 30 state employees. Among those receiving \$23,000 in rewards were:

• **Nancy Pickelhaupt, Livonia.** An examiner with the Michigan Employment Security Agency, she received \$130 for her idea to modify the application form for jobless benefits, saving time in reviewing claims.

## Appointments

Gov. John Engler has appointed:

• **R. Eric Reickel** to the Michigan Capitol Park Commission, which plans and operates Capitol Park. Reickel is a former parks director for Wayne and Oakland Counties. He has been Lansing's city parks director since 1989.

• **Frank T. Mamat of West Bloomfield** to the Construction Code Commission. A senior partner at Clark Hill, PLC, Mamat was reappointed to represent the public.

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# Auto theft battle

## Fee increase proposed in Lansing

BY TIM RICHARD  
STAFF WRITER

More vehicle owners would pay \$1 a year apiece to combat auto thieves under a bill awaiting a vote in the State House of Representatives.

Owners of fleet vehicles, commercial vehicles and motorcycles would pay \$1 for every vehicle as part of their liability insurance to the Automobile Theft Prevention Authority (ATPA).

The estimated \$2.3 million in new revenue would be added to the present \$5.4 million per year for grants to regional teams of prosecutors and police. The funds are used for training and to pay investigators who fight thieves and "chop shops."

"In 1986 there were professional car thieves. They were running the show. Now we have auto theft investigators, and we are running the show," Margaret Ann Scott, head of the Oakland County prosecutor's auto theft section, told the House Insurance Committee Feb. 11.

"It works. It's a huge success," said Capt. Mike McCabe of the Oakland Sheriff's Department. "Michigan dropped from No. 1 to No. 7 nationally due to ATPA."

Oakland and Saginaw counties took the lead in seeking more money for ATPA. Since the law was passed in 1986, they said, the fee has remained at \$1, so state revenues have grown only with vehicle ownership. Mean-

while, local units have made contributions of up to 25 percent of total costs, he said.

Result: With inflation, the number of investigators has declined, and in the last two years, auto thefts have drifted back up, McCabe said.

Nevertheless, he said, Michigan has reduced auto thefts 12.6 percent since 1986 while thefts nationally have risen 14 percent, said Scott, adding, "We've bucked the trend."

Oakland sheriff's Detective Doug Edgar said multi-county teamwork is needed to chase auto theft rings. "There's a high degree of cooperation" among agencies, he assured the committee.

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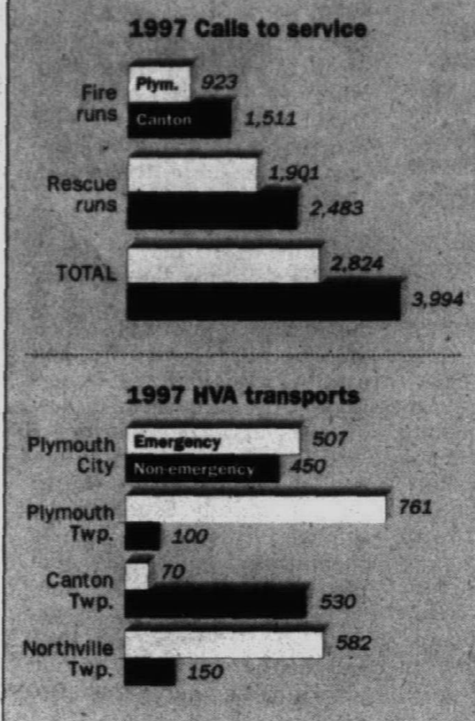
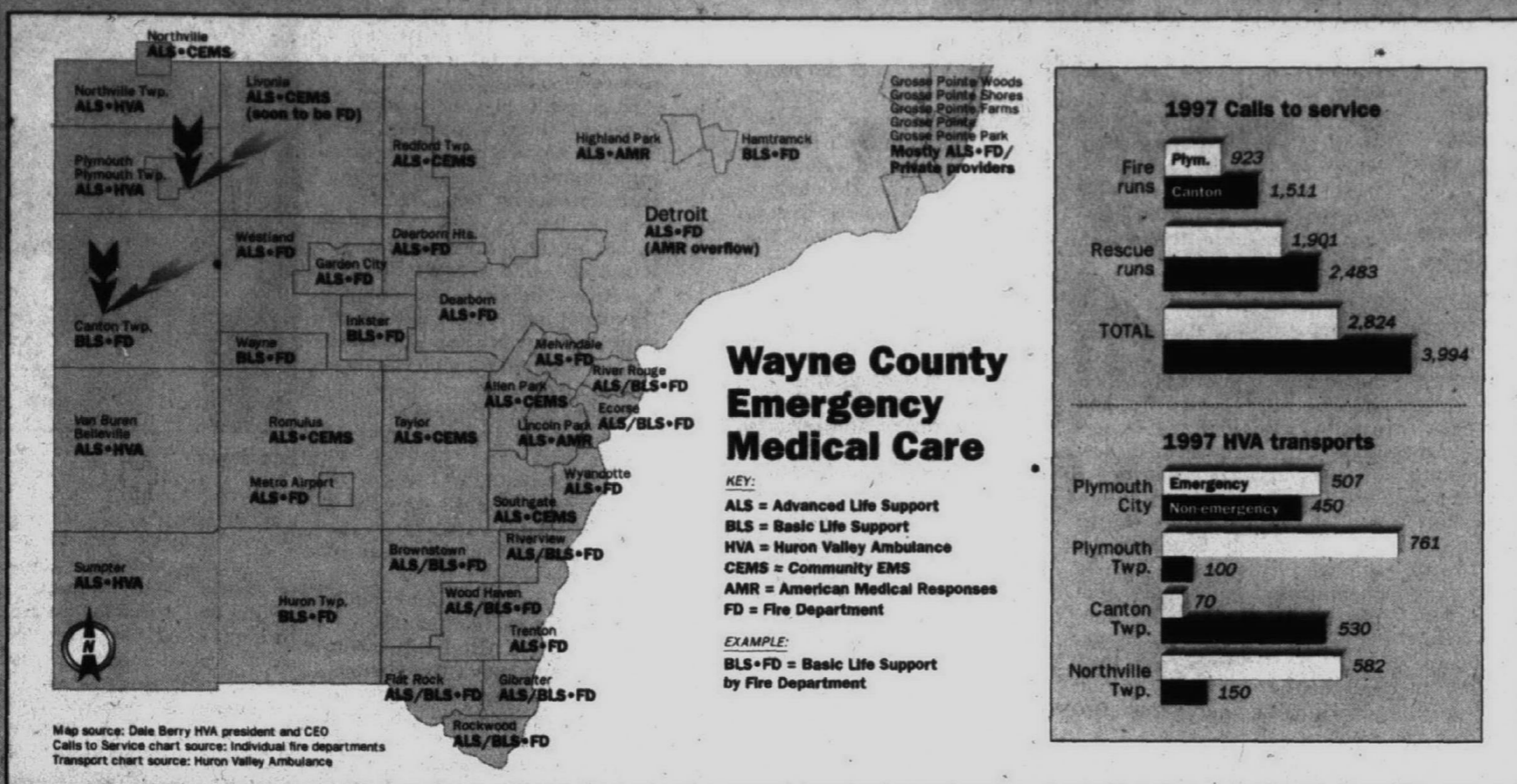
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# Competition heats up over ALS



BY VALERIE OLANDER  
STAFF WRITER

For firefighters, offering Advanced Life Support (ALS) is an issue of survival, not just for the car accident victims or cardiac arrest cases they see every day, but for themselves.

It's job security. In some communities, such as Plymouth, the public sector is competing with private ambulance companies that are already trained, equipped and licensed as ALS providers.

In addition, as more and more fire departments become staffed with paramedics, private ambulance companies seem to be turning to alternative work as well.

Although Huron Valley Ambulance has been offering wheelchair van transportation for nearly 10 years, it recently joined County Transportation Systems Management (CTSM) to offer senior citizens in Canton with a 12-passenger bus shuttle to various medical centers.

Dale Berry, president and CEO of HVA, said the service was not a result of the loss of business, but rather due to the aging population and changes in managed health care.

"We haven't lost any communities we cover as for fire departments going ALS," said Berry. He also said the loss of the Plymouth area wouldn't create a financial hardship for HVA, which services 600,000 people in southeastern and south-central Michigan.

"I don't see this as a public versus private issue right now. It could be in the future with Plymouth and any other cities change their EMS from private to public," said Berry.

In the Plymouth community, paramedics from Huron Valley Ambulance have been responding to city and township medical calls since 1990.

Canton Public Safety Director John Santomauro doesn't see the privatization of the fire department's EMS as being cost-effective for the community.

"If I thought it was, I would. I've privatized gas (operations for public vehicles) and animal control. The key component here is we already have the full-time staff. Another key component is this is the level of service our residents want."

The number of fires has diminished greatly over the years with the advent of smoke detectors and sprinkler systems. Training employees as paramedics is a way for fire departments to maintain staffing and offer a greater level of medical service to the residents they serve.

"Fire departments do have problems. They don't have fires, especially in a community like Plymouth that has strong building codes. They're looking at other ways to be useful," said Berry.

Although fire departments may be perceived as being fire suppression services, statistics show otherwise.

Plymouth Community Fire Chief Larry Groth said 70 to 80 percent of his department's calls are EMS runs. In Canton, approximately 68 percent of the calls are for medical services, according to Chief Mike Rorabacher.

"We don't have that many fires where our men can be used," said Plymouth firefighter Don Hahn, union president.

"We do have two major expressways running through our community and when one car hits another car, it's usually going to be a traumatic incident. If we can give them better emergency service, our residents will be getting more out of their tax dollars."

The threat of privatization is heating up in some states, such as Florida where communities have even privatized fire suppression services.

"Michigan doesn't have any of those yet, although there are big companies out there wanting to do that. EMS is big business... To keep our jobs this is something we have to do," Hahn added.

Besides HVA, other nonprofit ambulance services in the metro area include Southfield-based CEMS and Concord, based in Dearborn.

American Medical Response (AMR), owned by Laidlaw Waste contractors, has also come on the scene in southeastern Michigan in recent years buying smaller EMS services and operating as a for-profit ambulance service.



Rescue: Canton firefighters at the scene of an injury accident at Beck and Cherry Hill in November.

## Fire departments ax free EMS rides

BY VALERIE OLANDER  
STAFF WRITER

Costs associated with fire departments becoming certified as Advanced Life Support providers have received the most attention from critics, many of whom object to new billing procedures.

There would no longer be a free ride, so to speak.

Residents, who already pay taxes for fire and emergency service, would be billed for transports to an area hospital by the fire department.

The Canton Fire Department, which has been transporting its patients by rescue squad since 1968, has never charged residents for the service — above the taxes they already pay.

Elected officials decided in December they were forgoing a revenue opportunity. As of Jan. 22, residents will be charged \$200 and non-residents \$300 for ambulance transports. The fees will increase to \$350 for residents and \$500 for non-residents when the fire department goes online with its ALS service later this fall.

Medical and auto insurance is expected to pay for most of the cost. Canton will consider waiving fees for

uninsured victims on a case-by-case basis under the plan.

Canton's Finance Department determined it would generate \$330,000 in revenue in the first year of billing for rescue runs. That would "more than offset" the expenses accrued to become an ALS provider, said Fire Chief Mike Rorabacher.

Plymouth Township also has a proposal soon to go before its township board to increase its ambulance transport rates, which are 12-14 years old, according to Chief Larry Groth. It currently charges residents \$70 and non-residents \$105, although it does very few transports to hospitals right now.

HVA rates for emergency runs range from \$325 to \$494 based upon what type of care is provided. About 80 percent of the runs are paid by insurance, although the company writes off \$750,000 annually for charity cases, said Dale Berry, president and CEO of HVA.

"(By billing residents) we'd be working under the same premise as HVA, except the money comes to us, instead of them," said Canton Public Safety Director John Santomauro.

Plymouth Firefighter Don Hahn

said, "This is about what the private sector can do to make money. The public sector isn't in business to make money... The money recouped will pay for time and equipment."

However, Berry said Plymouth wouldn't make enough money from billing residents to support an ALS service.

"They'll lose money on providing ALS. They're basically getting ALS for free right now. They would have to put on another six or seven firefighters to successfully operate. There's not enough ambulance runs to pay for seven additional firefighters."

The union has claimed it would only need two additional firefighters; Groth said he has yet to determine how many more firefighters would be needed to provide a paramedic emergency service.

Currently, Plymouth Township officials are considering a millage increase to add six new firefighters to its department, which would be separate from the ALS issue, according to Groth.

Canton will be adding three firefighters. Other costs for Canton include training, \$31,000; equipping

two squads \$38,000; and overtime during training, \$151,000.

Preliminary figures for Plymouth amounted to \$302,921 in the first year of operation, \$167,680 in the second year and \$132,000 in the third year. However, the finance department pointed out that the costs would be "substantially higher" due to new training requirements that went into effect Jan. 1.

A paramedic is required to have 600 hours of training — 300 hours of classroom time and 300 hours of clinical time. EMTs receive 194 hours of training with only 32 hours in the field.

"Medical emergencies is our only job. Firefighters have to know fire suppression... and rescue operations," Berry said.

"How can they be as good as us to look you in the eye and know if you're dying?"

But Rorabacher has a similar argument in support of the firefighters who currently respond to medical emergency equipped only as EMTs. "These guys have to look at the families of the victims they see and they wonder to themselves 'Could I have done more?'"

## Paramedics from page A1

quickly loaded onto a Canton Fire Department rescue rig and rushed to the nearest hospital's emergency room. The ER is where the lifesaving tactics begin.

### Paramedic care

Firefighters in both Canton and Plymouth want to become licensed paramedics so that they can begin the advanced emergency care as soon as they arrive on the scene.

Canton has taken measures for its fire department to become licensed, with at least \$220,000 budgeted to do so by its elected officials. Three new firefighters will be hired to operate the paramedic service that should be in operation by late 1998.

"Now with Livonia going ALS, Canton is the only community of its size not offering ALS right now," said HVA president and CEO Dale Berry.

Canton is one of five communities in Wayne County that has not provided ALS to its residents as of yet. The other four are Wayne, Inkster, Huron Township and Hamtramck.

HVA offered to assign its ambulances to Canton three years ago at no cost, but officials declined the offer, said Berry. A study began in 1994 to see what level of service residents wanted. Last year, a second report set the stage to provide ALS by its fire department.

In Plymouth, talks have been stalled until the union contract is settled with its 23 firefighters.

### Ambulance transports

HVA has been offering ambulance runs in greater Plymouth since 1990 when the city of Plymouth and Plymouth Township began talks of merging fire services into one department. The merger took place in 1995.

Prior to 1990, Plymouth transported its own patients. Now, firefighters want that job back. Two HVA ambulances are stationed in greater Plymouth at the old city hall and at Six Mile and Northville roads, according to Berry. There is no written contract

between HVA and the Plymouths. According to a study by Plymouth last year, costs would amount to \$302,921 in the first year, \$167,680 in the second and \$132,629 in the third year. The projections were based on costs prior to new licensing requirements and will result in "substantially higher costs," according to Finance Director Rosemary Harvey.

### Public vs. private

The ALS debate pits the public and private sector against each other in a dispute over who can be more cost-effective and efficient in offering emergency health care.

Firefighters say they are the first responders and being the first on the scene should be the ones offering ALS to residents.

Private carriers say they are exclusively in the emergency medical business and can therefore offer better services to residents.

Converting fire departments into ALS providers is also costly because of training expenses, additional firefighters and equipping vehicles with heart monitors and EKG machines, according to HVA's Berry.

A heart monitor alone costs \$12,000 to \$15,000.

However, Canton Fire Chief Mike Rorabacher and Plymouth Fire Chief Larry Groth say billing residents for the ambulance transports can offset the expenses. (See related story.)

### Patient Care

At the center of the issue, however, is patient care, according to Dr. Robert Domeier, emergency room physician at St. Joseph in Ypsilanti. He is also a representative of the Wayne and Washtenaw County Medical Control Board.

"As paramedics (the firefighters) can start treatment in the field. Asthma are a good example. By the time they get (to the hospital) with paramedic care, they're almost ready to go home."

"Same with diabetics, with ALS (paramedics) can begin IVs whereas with basic (care) they only have oral sugar to give them and that doesn't do much good."

So what's the difference if firefighters provided ALS or if a private carrier, such as HVA, provides the patient care?

According to Domeier, "HVA serves a number of communities around Canton but there's not a paramedic ambulance between Canton and St. Joe's. It's easier to just bring them here than to wait for HVA. Why wait for a paramedic intercept?"

However, Berry of HVA said ambulances are situated on Canton's three boundaries in Belleville, Sumpster and Van Buren. HVA has an average response time of 6:55 minutes for neighboring Plymouth Township and 5:41 for the city of Plymouth during a six-year period.

"The Canton issue doesn't really affect us," said Berry.

"Plymouth would lose money (by providing ALS). Basically, they're getting ALS for free right now."

### Staffing levels

In addition, there is an added concern regarding staffing fire departments appropriately to be able to offer the added care.

"For Plymouth, St. Mary's is the closest hospital for life threatening cases, but only 10 percent of all 911 calls are life-threatening. So that means 90 percent can go to the hospital of their choice and because of HMOs they have to go to the patient's hospital which could be in Ann Arbor, Ypsilanti, Royal Oak or Dearborn."

Berry questioned how Plymouth, which currently has a staff of seven firefighters on duty daily, would be able to take its squads out of service for hospital transports.

Groth said prior to the Plymouth fire merger, transports did cause problems with staffing levels. However, the township fire departments only

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# Probate court expands services to Northville

Residents of western Wayne County seeking guardianship or conservatorship of adults, minors and developmentally disabled persons now can file petitions at the Northville Court, 41001 West Seven Mile Road, in Northville Township.

Wayne County Probate Chief Judge Milton Mack Jr. said the expanded services began on Monday for the following communities: the cities of Belleville,

Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Garden City, Inkster, Livonia, Huron Township, Northville, Plymouth, Romulus, Wayne and Westland, and the townships of Canton, Huron, Plymouth, Redford, Sumpter and Van Buren.

"We hope that this will be more convenient to the public and increase our own efficiency," Mack said. "We expect that this will enable people to travel a shorter distance and avoid prob-

lems with transportation and parking.

"Filing a petition for guardianship of an adult or minor is often difficult enough for family members. If we can ease some of that difficulty, we are happy to do that."

Mack expects 1,200 families will benefit.

"For those who are appointed to handle a person's affairs, normally, they would have to go

downtown to file inventories, accounts and annual reports. Now that will change with the expansion of cases heard at the Northville Court.

The cases will be heard by Judge Cathie B. Maher.

For information, contact Probate Register Jeanne Takenaga at (313) 224-5725.

**"We expect that this will enable people to travel a shorter distance and avoid problems with transportation and parking."**

**Milton Mack**  
—Wayne County chief probate judge



## Siemert from page A9

be facing to deliver road improvements and other projects. The county's top engineer has to be someone who would not be intimidated by politics, but who would consider the taxpayers first and make the appropriate decisions," said McNamara. "That's been Ed all along."

### Local ties

Siemert lives in Livonia with his wife, Jan. They raised four children there. He will be replaced by his deputy, Alan Richardson, also a Livonia resi-

dent, who has been with Wayne County for 32 years.

Richardson's main focus has been the planning of Wayne County's short- and long-term road improvement program and airport access projects. Currently, he is working with local communities to finalize project plans for the county's \$60 million road improvement bond program. Richardson also manages the \$9 million federal road improvement allocation Wayne County receives each year, as well as state transportation grants.

Richardson coordinates plans with the county's Department of Jobs & Economic Development to plan access to new major developments and sits on a state committee overseeing major freeway work in Wayne County.

"Alan has an encyclopedic knowledge of Wayne County road system and its needs and has earned tremendous respect among the engineers he deals with at the state and community level," McNamara said.

"He has done, and will continue to do, an outstanding job."

## Legacy from page A9

Volunteer speakers also will take the message to civic and professional organizations. Campaign organizers also have compiled a list of attorneys and financial planners who are knowledgeable in charitable giving and willing to consult with individuals who do not already have professional advisors of their own.

Leave A Legacy is coordinating educational and training opportunities with the Community Foundation in advocating charitable giving by establishing planned giving programs,

bequests and endowments.

The campaign's objective is to convince people to remember one or more favorite charities in their estate plans. Leave A Legacy will not recommend specific charities that should receive bequests, but will encourage donors to make their own choices.

The Leave A Legacy campaign is funded by more than 50 individuals, foundations, non-profit organizations, hospitals, arts organizations, banks, brokerage firms, corporations, estate and financial planners, attorneys and

accountants.

Clubs, professional organizations and civic groups can schedule a Leave A Legacy speaker by calling Evelyn Gehres at (248) 334-9411 or Sarah Smith Redmond at (248) 354-1300.

Charities that wish to distribute Leave A Legacy materials to their constituencies or otherwise support the effort can call Jean Schneider at (810)-558-0034. Individuals wishing to volunteer or to obtain more information on the program can call the Leave A Legacy office toll-free at (888) 826-7900.

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"Tax laws encourage people to give to their favorite non-profit," Freij said. "We don't encourage one non profit over another."

Freij is looking forward to her new challenge.

"I'm really excited that our

communities will at least be educated about bequests," Freij said.

# Bills banning cloning approved

BY TIM RICHARD STAFF WRITER

Michigan would join the parade of states outlawing human cloning - and even research on human cloning - under three bills passed by the House of Representatives.

The bills would allow permanent lifting of the medical licenses of guilty doctors, provide for \$10 million in civil fines, set up 10-year prison sentences, and ban the use of state money for human cloning research.

"The bills don't match (what other states are doing)," said opponent Patricia Godchaux, R-Birmingham. "We'll end up (as we did) with assisted suicide - people running between states to get what they want."

Godchaux was the only Repub-

lican to oppose the measures. She said she opposes human cloning but thinks it would be best handled uniformly by a federal law rather than a patchwork of state laws.

Godchaux and other opponents said human cloning is so far in the future that there should be no rush to pass a state law now.

The key bill, requiring the loss of medical licenses for offending doctors, passed 92-11 with six absent. Ten Democrats and Godchaux cast the no votes.

Rep. Nancy Cassis, R- Novi, a co-sponsor, said, "With Dolly (the Scottish sheep) and now the two calves here in America, cloning is no longer considered science fiction. We must not the possibility of a scientific advancement lead us to the reprehensible act of human cloning."

The bills don't prohibit licensed health professionals from engaging in assisted reproduction technology, including in vitro fertilization.

Here is how western Wayne lawmakers voted:

YES - Lyn Bankes, R-Redford, Bob Brown, D- Dearborn Heights, Eileen DeHart, D-Westland, Tom Kelly, D-Wayne, Gerald Law, R-Plymouth, Deborah Whyman, R-Canton.

NO - none.  
Refer to House Bills 4846, 4962 and 5474 when writing to your state senator, State Capitol, Lansing 48909.

## Fee from page A7

The 1986 exempted fleet vehicles, motorcycles and commercial vehicles. The new bill, sponsored by Rep. William Callahan, D-St. Clair Shores, would include them in the revenue base.

Rep. Harold Voorhees, R-Wyoming, offered an amendment to allocate ATPA's grants on the basis of where the revenues were raised, but it died for lack of a second.

Only the Michigan Insurance Federation opposed the bill.

"Commercial vehicles and motorcycles are not a theft problem," said Eric Henning, MIF's general counsel. "We don't

believe ATPA is that effective in preventing theft. We haven't seen an accounting or a strategic plan.

"But if you believe it's an effective program, collect the fees through the (statewide vehicle) registration program, not through the insurance. We don't want to be a tax collector."

Agreeing with Henning was Nancy McKeague of the Michigan Chamber of Commerce. "Make this part of the Michigan motor vehicle registration so you'll get more vehicles," she said.

Rep. David Gubow, D-Hunt-

ington Woods, replied, "The Legislature can look at this down the road. We need to consider whether the secretary of state will object. This is a way we can prevent auto theft now."

The committee reported out the bill on an 11-0 vote, with three abstaining. It will be on the House of Representatives calendar this week and could be voted on at any time.

Refer to House Bill 4769 when writing to your state representative, State Capitol, PO Box 30014, Lansing 48909.

# 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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**OBITUARIES**

**GILBERT H. RIX**

Services for Gilbert H. Rix, 87, of Plymouth were Feb. 8 at Risen Christ Lutheran Church, with the Rev. Jacob Dressler officiating. Burial was at White Chapel Cemetery, Troy. Local arrangements were made by Vermeulen Funeral Home.

Mr. Rix was born July 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 TV engineer at WWJ. He was a member of the original WWJ (now WDIV) television crew as an engineer and technical director. He worked for WWJ for 31 years, 1944-75. He was a resident of 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; three daughters, Patricia (Terry) Patton of Plymouth, Carolyn (Tom) E. Rougeaux of Redondo Beach, Calif., Kathleen (Randy) A. Tripp of Adrian, Mich.; one son, Douglas (Jane) G. Rix of Rockford, Ill.; 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 the 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.

**ESTELLA "SHERRY" MEYER**

Services for Estella "Sherry" Meyer, 87, of Northville will be at 1 p.m. Monday, Feb. 23, at Casterline Funeral Home in Northville. Visitation will also be held at Casterline Funeral Home 3-9 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 22.

Mrs. Meyer was born in Matthews, Miss. She died Feb. 13 at Harborside Nursing Home in Rockledge, Fla.

Mrs. Meyer was an antique dealer in Northville and owned the Weathervane Antique Store. Her family owned the Meyer Berry Farm. She was an elder and clerk of session of the First Presbyterian Church in Northville. She also was a founder of the Co-op Nursery School, and was a dental assistant in Plymouth for 10 years. She moved to Northville in 1941, where she lived for 50 years on Eight Mile Road.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Howard Meyer, in June 1977; and two sons, Michael and Pat.

Survivors include two sons, Howard F. Meyer of Plymouth, Lawrence L. Meyer of Northville; one daughter, Sheridan L. Meyer of Cape Canaveral, Fla.; seven grandchildren, Debra Bostwick, Kelli Kahm, Fred Meyer, Tim

Meyer, Matt Meyer, Michael Meyer, Robert Meyer; eight great-granddaughters; and two great-grandsons.

Memorials may be made to the charity of your choice.

**TAYLOR ELAINE WOODRUFF**

Services for Taylor Elaine Woodruff, 7, of Canton were held Feb. 16 at the Neely-Turowski Funeral Home in Canton with the Rev. Robert Bayer officiating. Burial was at Highland Cemetery.

Taylor Woodruff was born July 1, 1990, in Wayne. She died on Feb. 12 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. She was a second-grade student.

Survivors include her parents, Gregory Woodruff and Donna Bissell of Canton; one sister, Chelsea; and one brother, Lucas.

**RUDOLPH KASIC**

Services for Rudolph Kasic, 81, of Plymouth were Feb. 14 at St. Kenneth Catholic Church with the Rev. Joseph S. Mallia officiating. Burial was at University of Michigan Medical School, Ann Arbor.

Mr. Kasic was born Aug. 11, 1916, in Lackawanna, N.Y. He died Feb. 10 in Royal Oak.

Mr. Kasic was a painter. He also served in World War II. He was the beloved husband of Bette, dearest father of Katherine and Christopher, loving grandfather of Jennifer and Matthew. His family and many friends mourn his sudden passing. Bette, his wife of 42 years, anchored his life. His faith in God sustained Rudy and his family, and the dear Lord blessed them abundantly. He was truly thankful. His family was warmed by his gentle heart. A smile became him.

Other survivors include his brother, Martin Kasic of New York; one sister, Julia Taylor of New York; and one brother-in-law, Joseph (Audrey) Bolstrum.

Memorials may be made to a charity of the donor's choice or as Mass offerings.

**JEREMIAH "JERRY" ROWRY**

Services for Jeremiah "Jerry" Rowry, 65, of Ann Arbor will be today at Second Baptist Church with the Rev. Emmett L. Green officiating. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery. Local arrangements were made by Muehlig Funeral Chapel.

Mr. Rowry was born Aug. 26, 1932, in Coahoma County, Miss.

He died Feb. 13 at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia.

Mr. Rowry served with the U.S. Army during the Korean War. Mr. Rowry worked for Green's Cleaners in Ann Arbor. Since 1973, he owned and operated Jerry's Shirt Laundry in Plymouth. He was an avid bowler and loved to golf.

He was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers, Moses, J.C., and Elijah.

Survivors include his wife, Margaret Wilder Rowry; two sons, Ronald Ginyard of Long Beach, Calif.; Mitchell L. Rowry of Ann Arbor; two granddaughters, Tivonia and Sylvia Ginyard; four brothers, Peter, Ezra Lee (Mary H.), Herbert Jr. (Doris), Roosevelt (Dianna) Rowry; three sisters, Ruth M. (Sam) Peppers, Pearlene Sullivan, Ida (Floyd) Covington; one sister-in-law, Marie Rowry; and a host of nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends.

Memorials may be made to Mott Children's Hospital

**JOHN PAUL ALEXANDER**

Services for John Paul Alexander, 72, of Plymouth were held on Feb. 9 at Thomas A'Beckett Church with the Rev. C. Richard

Kelly officiating. Burial was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield. Local arrangements were made at the Vermeulen Funeral Home.

Mr. Alexander was born on Nov. 14, 1925 in Detroit, Mich. He died on Feb. 6 in Plymouth.

Mr. Alexander was vice president of operations at Central Transport. He was an Army veteran who served in World War II. He was also a member of St. Thomas A'Becket Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Paul and Jean Alexander. His survivors include his wife, Elizabeth J. Alexander of Plymouth; two daughters, Paula M. Alexander of Jackson, Mich., Julie (Robert) E. Deacon of Ann Arbor; two sons, John P. Alexander Jr. of Northville, David (Maureen) Alexander of Plymouth; one brother, Danny Alexander of Ormand Beach, Fl.; five sisters, Eveleyn DePriest of Las Vegas, Nev., Eleanor Malget of Rochester Hills, Emma Aprahamian of Clinton Twp., Josephine Dupell of Las Vegas, Nev., and Kathleen Pallisco of Commerce Township.

Memorials may be made to

Arbor Hospice, 3810 Packard Rd., Suite 200, Ann Arbor, Mich. 48108.

**RUTH V. HONEY**

Services for Ruth V. Honey, 88, of Plymouth were held on Feb. 12 at the Venice Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Venice, Fl. with the Rev. Ted Wheeler officiating the service. Local arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth.

Mrs. Honey was born on Nov. 1, 1909 in Burgessville, Canada. She died on Feb. 9 in Livonia. She came to live and work in Detroit in 1929. She has resided in Plymouth since 1956.

She was preceded in death by her two husbands, Robert D. Honey and Leo J. Graydon; and her granddaughter, Julianne Bedrosian.

Her survivors include her two daughters, Norma Sayres of Venice, Fl., Patricia (Sidney) Bedrosian of Plymouth; one son, John Graydon of Howell; one sister, Bernice Burrill of Branford, Canada; three grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

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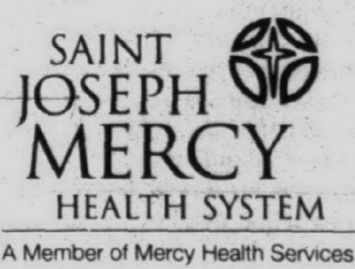
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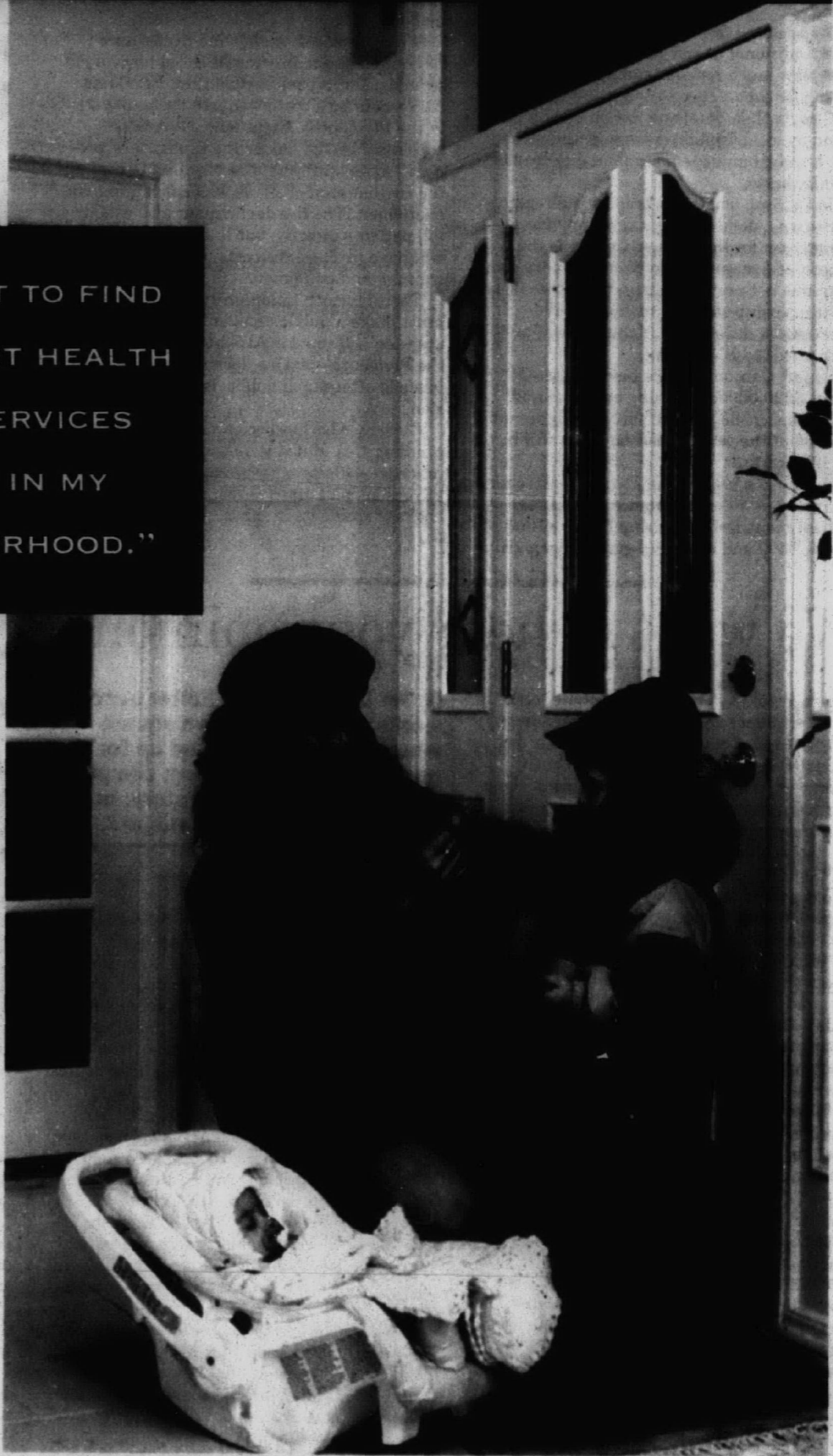
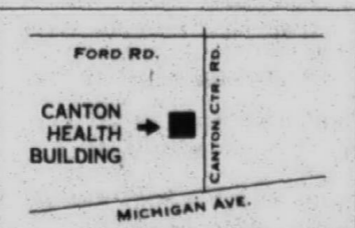
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# Emergency care

## Decide based on community

It's easy to paint the issue of Advanced Life Support with dramatic, broadbrush strokes. Who, after all, wouldn't want paramedics showing up at their door in a medical emergency with the highest level of training possible? Who wouldn't want those paramedics to be able to hook up an IV and begin lifesaving measures as soon as possible - even before heading out the door to the nearest hospital emergency room?

But deciding to upgrade to ALS - and determining whether public employees or private contractors should provide such services - just isn't that simple. A series of stories in today's Observer points out factors communities must consider, including:

- Population, community demographics and location in relation to hospital trauma centers;
- How many runs require or benefit from ALS;
- Increased fire department staffing;
- Additional money for training;
- How much revenue can be collected by billing for ambulance services.

Clearly then, implementation of ALS provided by local firefighters is something that needs to be handled on a community-by-community basis.

In Canton, where the process is already under way, demographics alone provide a strong case for the change. Canton is the largest of five remaining Wayne County communities not providing its own ALS services.

In township surveys, residents have expressed a desire for a higher level of publicly-provided EMS care.

So far, Canton officials have budgeted about \$220,000 for training expenses and additional money to hire three firefighters by the end of the year. Those expenses will be offset by increases in the townships SEV (State Equalized Valuation) due to new construction and revenue from ambulance transports.

Last month, the township began billing residents \$200 and non-residents \$300 per trip.



How this affects you

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The fees, which are usually covered by insurance, will increase to \$350 and \$500 when ALS services are offered in the fall. Previously, Canton didn't charge for EMS transport.

In the Plymouths, Huron Valley Ambulance provides ALS. But members of the Plymouth Community Fire Department earlier this year asked the local governments to consider allowing firefighters to provide the advanced service. Unlike Canton, the Plymouths have not conducted any survey to determine what residents want.

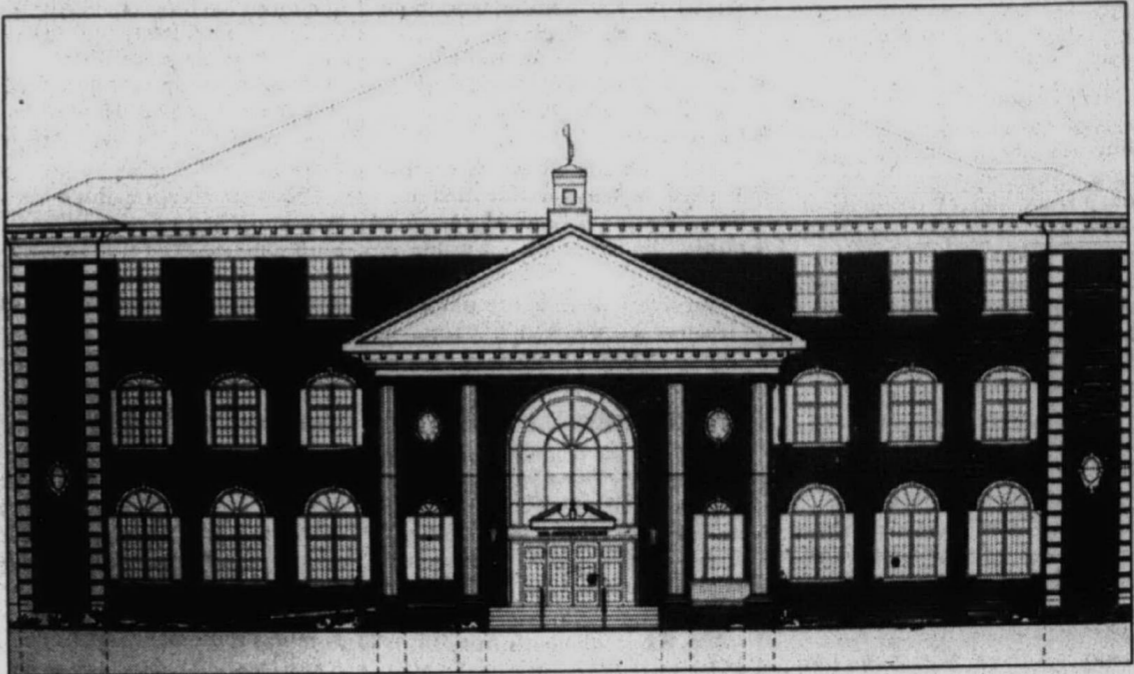
Neither the city or township officials have officially addressed the issue in public. Residents in the city and township have a right to offer their comments - before any decision is made.

We recognize that allowing firefighters to be trained and to provide ALS is a form of job security. But it goes beyond that. Providing ALS would be a costly venture for taxpayers in the Plymouths. Right now, HVA bills patients directly. Under the firefighters' proposal, more staff would be required to beef up the current staff of 23, as well as training and equipment. The fire department also would bill patients directly, but it appears taxpayers will have to share the costs of additional staff, training and equipment.

The Plymouth Community firefighters must make a public case for their desire to upgrade and provide ALS before officials in the Plymouths make a decision, one we hope is made after much public debate and discussion.

Clearly, ALS has become a big issue in our communities. But it is a decision that must be made on a community-by-community basis, always keeping the desires, needs and pocket-books of residents in mind.

### A bit much



Retrace: It's time for the 35th District Court Authority to revamp its plans for a new courthouse. The proposed \$9 million facility carries a hefty price tag and may include amenities that the communities will have to do without.

### LETTERS

#### Review the statutes

I have read with interest about the proposal of the individual challenging the bond issue approved by voters last year.

As I understand it, he wishes a select group of the population to automatically receive absentee ballots for each election. While I certainly support the model established by the state of Oregon last year to have voting by mail, I find the concept of preferring one group of an electorate a serious throwback and a challenge to equal access. I would also like to point out two issues.

First, I believe that federal and state election laws have prohibited any practice that prefers one group of voters over any other. Even if the school district, city or state passed legislation to allow such a voting preference, it would probably be unconstitutional. Second, the laws of our state currently specify who can vote by absentee ballot, and the lawyers involved in the litigation may want to review the statutes which would prohibit any settlement based on the proposal.

Michael S. Khoury  
Plymouth

Regardless of how we have felt about the bond issue in the past, I urge this community to read this report and consider the serious educational consequences our children will face if we continue to ignore this growing problem. This report is available through CAP member Judy Mardigian at 451-2230.

Marion Krutty  
Plymouth

#### A dedicated leader

On behalf of the Plymouth City Commission, I want to congratulate Joanne Hulce and the other members of the Plymouth Community Arts Council on the dedication of the Joanne Winkleman Hulce Center for the Arts.

The history of the PCAC, from its beginning in 1969, is the story of Joanne Hulce's commitment and dedication to the promotion of the arts in the Plymouth community. There have been many other citizens who have also contributed to this effort over the years, but Joanne has been a constant supporter and motivator throughout. It is therefore most appropriate that the new facility be named in her honor.

After many years of existence in an office facility with programs provided in facilities wherever they could be found, the PCAC made a major commitment in 1994 to acquire a vacant church building at 774 Sheldon Road.

The City Commission was pleased to play a small part in helping the PCAC to arrange building financing and obtain some grant money from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs. The dedication and commitment of many local citizens, lead by Joanne Hulce, made this project become a reality.

The community is very fortunate to have a wonderful arts facility for the benefit of all citizens, as well as outstanding community leaders such as Joanne Hulce.

Donald R. Dismuke  
Plymouth

#### Consider consequences

Along with many others in this community, I have been concerned about overcrowding in our schools.

For quite some time, I have been in support of selling the bonds that will provide funds to build a new high school and elementary school in our district. It has been clear to me that we need more space ever since my first child began kindergarten. Although there was money available to hire an additional teacher to lower class sizes, there was no room to house another class.

Not long ago I attended a school board meeting in which factual evidence was presented to the board that may help others recognize this need. A group known as C.A.P. (Class Size Action Partnership) has compiled a report that clearly shows how widespread overcrowding in our school system is. Not only are our high schools over capacity by 991 students, but seven of our elementary schools and three of our five middle schools are also at over-capacity status. Consider that these figures do not reflect the additional students that are constantly moving into our school district as the many new construction neighborhoods are being completed.

## We want to hear your opinions

If you regularly or even occasionally read this space, chances are you're interested in opinions - reading others', expressing your own. This page is set aside in your Plymouth Observer newspaper to share opinions about pertinent issues for people in our community. Our viewpoints show up on the left half, yours on the right half.

That starboard side keeps this opinion page afloat, as the most important space on this page. Our Letters to the Editor space works as sort of a town square where readers can stand up for a position, issue or person; complain about or compliment a story; or issue a challenge on a subject.

It's also a section of the newspaper that generates plenty of questions from the public. With that in mind, it's important that we share our philosophy of letters.

We publish nearly all of the letters we receive. The exceptions are those that are libelous - meaning publishing them injures someone's reputation - and those that are not signed or their authenticity cannot be determined.

Local letters with local content get top priority. Those written by people who live or work in our community that deal with local issues are of keen interest to our readers. Letters written by people in our community that focus on state or national issues - perhaps even those we haven't written stories directly about - also get priority. Timeliness is also important, and we'll try to ensure that a letter regarding a proposed city ordinance decision, for example, is published before the vote on that subject.

Lower on our priority list are letters from those people who live in our community and send us one or more letters almost every week. If we published all of their letters, we wouldn't have space for any others and it wouldn't be fair. Lastly, people who live outside our community but send letters to local newspapers to advance their own personal or political agenda often get pushed to the bottom of the pile. Some will never run.

Please be succinct and concise. We ask letter writers to keep their comments to 300 words or so - so that lots of people can be published on this page. We reserve the right to

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edit for length, style and, of course, grammar and punctuation.

(If you want a bit more space for a guest column, please call or e-mail the editor.)

Shorter letters also make a difference around election time when we become deluged with letters urging yes or no votes on, for example, a millage election. In those situations, we're forced to decide on either first-come, first-served basis or sometimes by running a representative collection of the letters received.

Legibility is key. We want to get your words correct so we ask readers to please type and double space letters, though very clear handwriting or printing can be used too.

Agreement isn't necessary, either in grammar or opinion. We'll fix the English if it needs to be fixed to make readers understand your point. And, whether we agree with your point of view or not isn't a factor in determining which letters to publish.

Get the letters to us. We'll accept letters via e-mail (please send your letter in a text format), fax transmission, (734) 459-4224 - or traditional snail mail - with e-mail being the easiest for us to process.

The e-mail address is jmaliszewski@oe.homecomm.net. They must include a signature (other than e-mail), printed name, city of residence and telephone number. Only the name and city of residence (or title and group name if applicable) will be printed, but we use other information to verify the authenticity of letters.

Your opinions play a valuable role in your newspaper, so keep those letters coming. As always, if you have any questions about a letter you've sent or any of these explanations, call Joanne Maliszewski, community editor, at (734) 459-2700, or contact managing editor Susan Rosiek at (734) 953-2149 or e-mail srosiek@oe.homecomm.net.

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— Philip Power

POINTS OF VIEW

# Treat cheerleaders, as all students, equitably

Every day, we are bombarded with horrible stories of troubled youth. Stories of gang activity, murder rampages, or perhaps just kids skipping class and smoking on school grounds fill our newspapers and TV news shows.

It's almost too easy to overlook the majority of kids in our community who go to school every day, participate in school events and get good grades. However, the Plymouth-Canton School District is full of many such kids.

We can be particularly proud of the Plymouth Salem cheerleaders. This team provides to our football and basketball teams during games. They also provide community support by helping at community events such as the Fall Fest and Liberty Fest. In these ventures, they are dedicated and tireless workers. Not many people other than parents and friends are aware, however, that this is also a competition team. For several years, the Plymouth Salem cheerleaders have dominated the regional cheerleading competitions. For the last four years, they have placed in the top

20 teams in their division nationally. It would be very hard to find another team at our school that is so dominant in its sport. As a result of this strong program, a good number of our graduating seniors have gone to cheer in college, some even earning scholarships for their athletic abilities.

As with any team, this success is the result of many factors. The kids work hard and practice hard. They have experienced, concerned and dedicated coaches. They have parents who support their efforts and encourage them to do their best. They are also one of the few coed teams in the area. Much of their success is due to the fine young men who are integral to the "stunting" that is a hallmark of competitive teams.

That is why, as a parent of a cheerleader, I am so outraged at the treatment this team receives from some faculty and staff at Plymouth Salem High School. As a parent and taxpayer it is hard for me to understand why members of one of our teams should be publicly ridiculed by teachers and coaches. For three years, I have heard stories of coaches of other Ply-



GUEST COLUMNIST

MATTHEW BETZ

mouth Salem teams threatening young men who try out for the cheerleading team. Even though cheerleading would not interfere with other team practices or games, young men are told they will not be welcomed on the other teams if they try out for cheerleading. Apparently, these coaches don't recognize the pure athletic talent involved in many of the stunts performed by the cheerleaders. Young women are singled out in

class and ridiculed for being "just a cheerleader." One of the latest incident was the padlocking of the auxiliary gym that is used by the cheerleaders. The wrestling coach arbitrarily locked them out, citing some vague "health issue." Of course, the cheerleaders are the only team excluded from using the gym. Other kids continue to practice or have classes in the room. I view this as just one more in a list of harassing actions.

Unfortunately, the administration of the school seems powerless to rectify this situation. Several meetings have taken place over the past few years to try to ensure that these kids have a safe place to practice and that teachers and coaches treat them with respect that any student attending our school deserves. However, everyone seems powerless to correct the situation.

As parents, we do everything in our power to encourage our kids to get involved in positive activities. I, for one, am outraged that some of the very teachers and coaches who are forming my child's future could act in

such a manner. I don't think there is any place for such action in our school system. Most of the good lessons my daughter could be learning about social responsibility are being subverted by the small-minded thinking of a few people.

To the majority of teachers who openly support the positive activities of Plymouth Salem students, thank you from grateful parents. To those few teachers who can't find it in them to support our young people, please find another job.

As a taxpayer, I'll want to be certain all students are being treated fairly and equitably before voting for any further taxes to support our schools. We pay for the facilities our students use and the salaries of those we trust to educate them. I hope our school administration can rectify these problems before asking for further support. I urge all parents to take an active role in your student's education and an interest in who is teaching him or her.

Matthew Betz is a Plymouth resident.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Frequent flier annoyed

Having just traveled on Northwest Airlines from Detroit to Minneapolis and back, I experienced enough rudeness, incompetence, inconvenience, and discomfort for a lifetime of travel.

I am a frequent flier and my last year-and-a-half of experiences with Detroit Metropolitan Airport and Northwest Airlines have just about nullified any good past experiences with these facilities. My requests for a wheelchair are no longer honored, resulting in a fruitless wait for a motorized cart. On my last four trips I have had to give up waiting for the cart and have had to walk to my gate

in order not to miss my flight.

The lines to check in are much too long both inside and outside. On my last trip I chose to check inside due to the bitter cold and very long line outside. I waited from 8:20-9:45 a.m. just to get to the counter. Then there was no cart or wheelchair available to help me to the gate and my walk, (a necessity in order not to miss my flight), seemed interminable and was extremely painful. And of course, the moving walkways going to the gates were not working.

My experience in Minneapolis was so gratifying in comparison, organization, courtesy, adequate help and all. However, my fears of returning to Detroit were fully justified: no wheel-

chairs, no carts, no assistance at all, just a cavalier "wait in the corridor lady, a cart will be by." Needless to say, no cart came by. Then, after reaching the baggage claim by foot, I found my bag was not on the announced carousel or any other and I walked around each carousel in a useless search. Meanwhile, the courageous soul waiting outside for me was being verbally abused by Wayne County's "Finest" as she waited, confused and intimidated by the mayhem that is Detroit Metropolitan Airport.

Only stupidity and incompetence can allow such conditions to exist at one of the busiest and largest terminals in the country in one of its major cities. What a welcome! With all of

the upbeat economic plans going on in the Detroit, my place of birth, it is awful that a visitor's first experience upon arriving in our city is the negative one he or she encounters at Detroit Metropolitan Airport. And God help the handicapped who fly Northwest!

Joann Gargaro  
Plymouth

### A job well-done

American Legion Post No. 112 Plymouth Township would like to say thank you to St. Raphael's School students for doing a great job collecting

can tabs, for our Tabs for Tots program.

Every year the two classrooms that collect the most tabs receive a free lunch from Burger King, and every student in the school receives a bag of potato chips from post No. 112.

This year's winning classes were: Mrs. Gibbons' Room 10, and Mrs. Dee's Room 6. The tabs are used to purchase equipment for the pediatric wards at local hospitals and volunteer ambulance services.

Again we thank every student at St. Raphael's for a job well done!  
American Legion Post 112  
Plymouth

## Prison spending out of line

The devil, as they say, is in the details. And reading the fine print in the state budget proposed last week by Gov. John Engler proves the adage.

Coming into an election year, the governor wants state general fund, the main source of discretionary spending, to grow just 1.5 percent, less than inflation and, therefore, by any measure politically correct.

Despite all the soaring language in the State of the State speech, much of what Engler wants to do in the coming fiscal year will be paid for by those nasty people at the federal government in Washington, D.C.

Remember the \$200 million in extra highway repairs? Comes from additional federal highway aid, as well as an increase in the state gasoline tax. What about the nice idea of subsidizing health insurance for 156,000 uninsured children? Paid for by a \$64 million federal grant.

And where does the \$500 million for the much touted program in toxic waste cleanup and improvement in state parks come from? Borrowing, that's where. The governor wants to issue bonds, which is another way of saying he wants to borrow the money and let his successors figure out how to pay for it.

The only notable homegrown increase in the \$8.77 billion general fund budget proposed by Engler is for - remember, it's an election year - prisons. The governor wants to spend \$180 million to build space to house another 5,400 inmates. More prisons means more spending on prisoners, and the governor wants to channel another \$56 million to the \$1.4 billion we already spend on the Michigan Department of Corrections, a 4.2 percent increase.

I suppose no one should be surprised at the priority given to making more slam space. After all, prison inmates don't vote, and the political pros say there's no downside to a sitting governor's wanting to spend more on warehousing criminals.

What's curious about Engler's proposal, however, is that he doesn't say a thing about the fact that costs per inmate in Michigan prisons are considerably above neighboring states such as Ohio. Before we go plunging into another orgy of prison construction, wouldn't it make sense to take a serious look at just why Michigan's costs per inmate are so much higher than other states? The idea of a Blue Ribbon Commission on prison costs, so far, has been received with a cold shoulder from the governor's office.

So who gets the shaft in the governor's spending plan?

Colleges and universities, mostly.

Engler wants to increase higher education



PHILIP POWER

### ... the governor can always blame college trustees for raising tuition.

appropriations by just 1.5 percent in the coming year, well below the rate of inflation. There is no doubt that if his recommendation holds, universities will have no choice other than to bump up tuition yet again. But, heck, most college kids don't vote, and the governor can always blame college trustees for raising tuition.

There is no doubt that higher education benefited during the past two fiscal years from appropriations in excess of the inflation rate. But a quick look at the history of state spending on colleges and universities - well below the rate of inflation for the past 20 years - suggests that just two years of catchup are not enough.

State Sen. John Schwarz, chair of the Senate Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee and the Legislature's main authority on spending for colleges and universities, will hold hearings on the state of state funding for higher education in Ann Arbor at 10 a.m. Friday. Another will be held at 10 a.m. March 2 in Oakland University's Meadowbrook Hall.

"There's no need to sound alarmist right now," said Schwarz, pointing out that the Legislature traditionally works to find extra money in the state budget to keep tuition at state colleges low.

But that will be especially tough this year. Because of a Supreme Court decision, the state will pay \$1.1 billion to school districts to settle a suit over funding for special education. And Engler wants to do a tax cut in an election year, not to mention the extra spending on prisons.

That's budgetary politics in an election year. When you get the increased bill for your kid's tuition at college, don't call me. Call the Governor's Office at (517) 373-3400.

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**DEPLOYED**

Marine Sgt. Steven C. Sullivan recently departed on a six-month deployment to Okinawa, Japan, with 2nd Battalion, 6th Marines. He departed from his home base of Camp Lejeune, N.C., in December as part of the Unit Deployment Program (UDP). He is a 1991 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and joined the Marine Corps in June 1991.

**BASIC TRAINING**

Marine Pvt. Jamarr D. Riley, son of Billy K. Riley of Canton, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego. Riley successfully completed 12 weeks of training designed to challenge new recruits physically and mentally. He also received instruction on first aid, combat water survival, marksmanship, and many other skills and values. He is a 1997 graduate of Flint Northern High School.

**BASIC TRAINING**

Navy Airman Apprentice Ryan S. Dahlman, son of Robert D. and Robin A. Dahlman of Canton, recently completed U.S.

Navy basic training and was meritoriously promoted to his present rank at recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill. During the eight weeks, Dahlman studied naval customs, first aid, fire fighting and many aspects of water and aircraft safety. He is a 1997 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School.

**REPORTED FOR DUTY**

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Bobby Asher recently reported for duty with the aircraft carrier Precommissioning Unit Harry S. Truman, based at Newport News, Va. Asher's new assignment is an example of how Navy and Marine Corps men and women are assigned to ships, squadrons and shore commands around the world. He is a 1990 graduate of Belleville and joined the navy in October 1990.

**OVERSEAS TRAINING**

Marine Capt. Kerry J. Block, son-in-law of Harold B. and Dorothy Palmer of Plymouth, was recently in Guam for training with the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU), homebased in Okinawa, Japan. Block's unit was participating in urban training when Super Typhoon Paka hit the region. Training was called off and the unit provided humanitarian assistance. He is a 1982 graduate of Livonia Stephenson High School and

joined the Marine Corps in 1988. He is also a graduate of Eastern Michigan University.

**DEPLOYMENT**

Marine 1st Lt. Douglas W. Smith, son of Nicholas and Joan E. Smith of Plymouth recently participated in Exercise Invitex while on a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea with the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU), embarked aboard the ships of the USS Guam Amphibious Ready Group. Smith's unit helped naval units from France, Italy, Turkey and the United States by conducting training on surface and undersea warfare, fire support, maritime interdiction, ordnance and mine disposal drills.

Sailors and Marines from the USS Guam Amphibious Ready Group and 24th MEU also conducted mock noncombatant evacuation operations and amphibious raids.

Smith is a 1993 graduate of Indiana University Alumni Association, with a bachelor of arts degree.

**Volunteers sought to serve for review of foster care**

The State Court Administrative Office of the Michigan Supreme Court is seeking volunteers to serve on Foster Care Review boards in Macomb, Oakland, and Wayne counties.

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

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

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are formulated and mailed to the court, child welfare agency, prosecuting attorney, parents, and other interested parties.

The purpose of the review is to ensure that all agencies, including the court, have established a plan for the ward and progress is being made toward achieving permanency.

The Foster Care Review boards are comprised of citizens who reflect a broad cross section of their communities.

The program is seeking volunteers who have demon-

strated leadership in other settings. Employees of the Family Independence Agency, court, or private child placement agencies are prohibited by law to serve on Foster Care Review boards.

Each volunteer who is selected must attend a two-day orientation training in the Detroit area May 14-15. This training is a requirement to serve on a board. Also, board members attend yearly training which is held in different locations throughout the state. Expenses for training are reimbursed.

Citizens interested in volunteering for a Foster Care Review Board should call (517) 373-1956 for an application. The deadline for receiving applications is March 31, and interviews with prospective candidates will take place in April.

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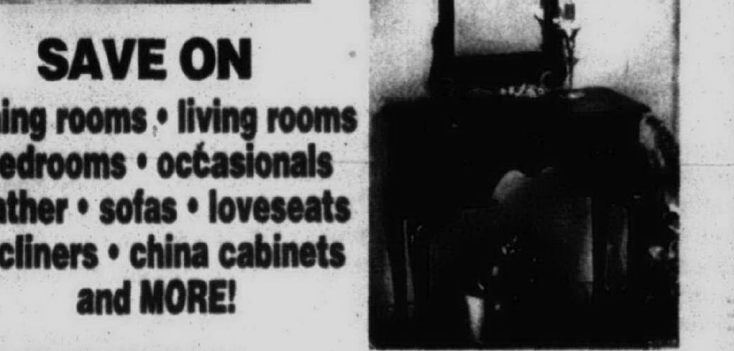
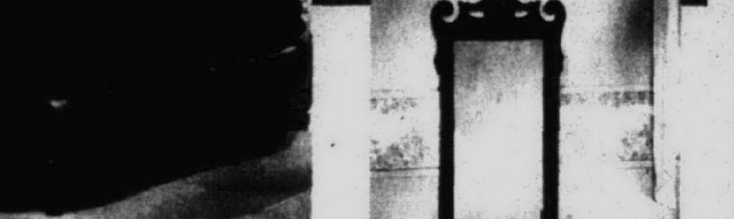
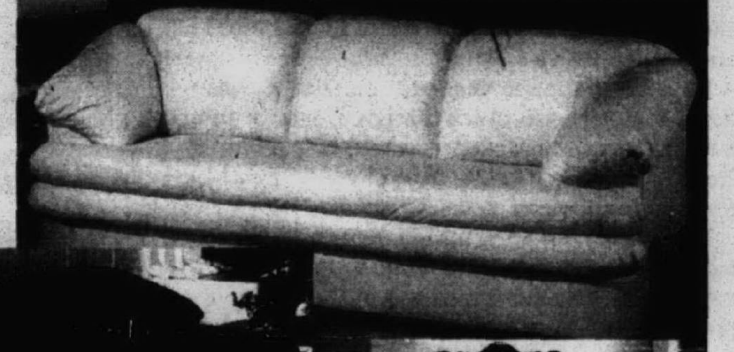
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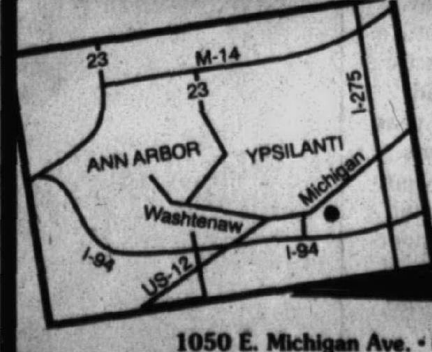


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**BUYING IN A BUYERS' MARKET**

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This kind of market is referred to as a "buyers' market" for good reason—it is an opportunity for buyers to select from a large number of homes that could satisfy their needs. Everyone involved is ready to bend over backwards to make it possible for you to buy your dream home. Most sellers are highly motivated and so are the local Realtors, loan officers, title companies, and other professionals involved in the transaction. It is important to remember that the real estate market runs in cycles, and conditions can change without a lot of warning. This could be the perfect time to contact a good Realtor to discuss your needs and to explore the possibilities available to you.

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## COMMON SENSORS



JACQUE MARTIN-DOWNS

### Monica affair is opportunity to stress values

**"O**oh-la-la, I can see your underpants." That used to be as bad as it got on America's playgrounds. But the '90s have brought us to a new low. Just about anything and everything is said within earshot of Junior America.

Steve Lopez, in his "Monica" (do you even need the last name Lewinsky?) expose for Time magazine wrote, "Kids are learning all too much, all too fast, as charges of sex and lies beam into every home." Yes sir, our fourth-graders are quickly learning just what life is all about, from infidelity to one-night-stands to oral sex. If WE'RE burning out from overexposure, what could be happening to the kids?

What's a parent to do? Never turn on the news again? Don't let your children read magazines? Keep them from the sordid details that splash across the front pages of the newspaper? Keep the car radio off from here forward? Stay away from the Internet? Blocks, locks and blinders could be in big demand, if we go down that road.

Once again, a "window of opportunity" is flashing before us. The window is open to anyone whose child is asking questions and being inquisitive about it. But here's the twist. You can inculcate your children even further by not only explaining the facts and the new vocabulary words, but also by sharing with them what your family stands for and what your belief system includes.

A friend of mine commented that her daughter has learned the definition of adultery in the context of the Ten Commandments. When the latest scandal unfolded, her daughter came up to her and asked what the president had done wrong.

**Chance to explain**  
Mom took that opportunity to talk about "cheating" and how it was the same as adultery. Because the daughter already knew the Ten Commandments, she was able to make the correlation between the allegations and what she knew to be right and wrong.

This led them to talk about the fifth-grader's idea of the office of the presidency and the expectations people have for the office. Her sense of it was, "He couldn't have possibly done that." It might be the time when the parent can bring up the whole area of rumors and gossip and how we have to be careful about our "rush to judgment" before all the facts are in.

The information era has brought us into the insta-info category. The glaring, blaring news flashes come at us at warp speed. And before we can make heads or tails from headline, the next one is on its heels. Without time to reflect and cogitate on the latest sound bite, we quickly make a value judgment and then go about our day.

Prime example: Mom, dad and child are sitting watching "Entertainment Tonight" on television. The host just announces that Ms. Movie Star just had a baby with her boyfriend, Mr. Movie Star. How do you feel about that? Is that something that your family agrees with or not? If indeed you feel strongly that people should not have babies out of wedlock, it needs to be conveyed to your child right then.

More typically what happens is that the kids are left to process the story on their own. Parents of 4-year-olds only have to say, "Mommy and daddy think people should be married before they have babies." Parents of elementary children might make a simple statement like, "It's too bad that the couple didn't do it the right way and get married first." Then your child understands that in *this* family, there is a right and wrong way to do things.

**Grab the opportunity**  
If particular values are important to your family, you must grab the opportunity to talk about the informa-

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## The anger within ...



TAMMIE GRAVES/STAFF ARTIST

### Women drivers come to grips with road rage

■ These days, speeders, inconsiderate drivers, even slow drivers can easily find themselves on the receiving end of abuse from their fellow motorists and more and more, the abusers are women.

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO  
STAFF WRITER

Carla Liberato, a self-proclaimed "female road rager," has been called "crazy" on more than a few occasions.

The first time was on a rain-soaked night in the 1980s when she was so enraged at a male driver that she spewed racial slurs as she slapped a lug wrench in her hand.

"He was being cautious and driving slow, but that wasn't what got to me," the 38-year-old Livonia resident said. "I put on my flasher to go around him and he didn't like that. So when I got in front of him, he was tailgating me. I hit the brake and he didn't like that at all. Finally, he swung out from behind me, zoomed past me and slammed on the brakes."

After harassing each other for about a mile, Liberato and the man pulled over. Seeing the lug wrench on the floor, she whipped it out and carried it with her as she confronted the driver.

"I was so enraged. He could have sat on me and made mincemeat out of me. He just stood there, shook his head and said, 'You're crazy, lady.'"

The second time was two years ago when a fellow driver infuriated her after he refused to let her in his lane. It made her miss the turn into her apartment complex.

"I was so ticked off that I pushed him out of his lane and into the left-turn lane," she said.

Meeting up a few miles ahead, he got out of his car and began kicking her truck. By then Liberato had studied Tae Kwon Do for six years, but the discipline it taught her "had gone out the window."

"I was hanging onto just a thread of Tae Kwon Do," she said. "He was kicking in the side of my door and I just sat there flipping him off."

A woman who had witnessed the event stopped in front of him and Liberato and flagged down a police car. That's when Liberato - and the male driver - began their "recovery" from road rage.

Once the man realized that charges could be filed against him, he apologized for becoming violent.

"He said he had his 7-year-old son in the car. He said, 'I have a really bad temper and I can see it in my son. Now this is going to stay in his memory forever.'"

"I felt really bad for this guy; it was just as much my fault as it was his," she said. "I was feeling more than embarrassed. It was humiliation. You can't turn that off. That feeling lasted all the way into the evening."

#### Female road rage

Liberato is part of an increasing group of women who suffer from "road

rage." According to the Insurance Information Institute of New York, the number of fatal traffic accidents involving women drivers has risen 18 percent in the last 20 years. Women are involved in a higher rate of non-fatal accidents than men, the institute said.

The increased aggressiveness of women drivers may reflect changes in society, said Loretta Worters, the institute's director of public relations.

"Just as we have an increased number of women in the workforce since the 1960s, more women have also gotten behind the wheel - and taken out their daily stress on the other drivers on the road," she said.

In 1963, about 43 percent of drivers, or 40 million motorists, were women. Now the 88 million female drivers make up about 50 percent of motorists in the United States.

These changes have also been reflected in the premium women pay for insurance. The cost of auto insurance has slowly increased for women, grad-

ually erasing a disparity that once existed for insurance costs between the genders.

Keeping a level head and avoiding highway confrontations may not only save your life, but it may also help keep your insurance premiums down by encouraging safe driving practices, according to Worters.

"If another driver cuts you off or tries to provoke you, don't play their game," she said. "You may not only save your life, you may save money on your insurance by establishing a safe driving record."

Sometimes, that's not so easy, according to a Canton woman who wished to remain anonymous.

"I don't instigate, but if I feel it was something done to me, I have the compulsion that comes over me to retaliate," she said.

If she feels she was wronged she will flash obscene gestures at the driver. Male drivers usually aren't thrilled with that.

"I've never had a problem with another female; I've never even had an altercation that's gotten as far as a gesture with a female driver," she said. "It's always been males. They will always retaliate - tailgating me, following me for miles and miles and miles. I have to make a last-minute maneuver like getting off at an exit to get them off my tail because I don't want them following me home."

#### 'Drive like me'

Vanessa Davinich, a 19-year-old Ypsilanti resident, explained that her rage stems from her need to get to work on time. The 1996 Plymouth Salem High School graduate works as a nanny in Canton.

"I usually leave about 7:05. I can get there by 7:30 a.m. unless there's someone in front of me who's going slow," she said. "On Geddes (Road), there's so much traffic going toward Ann Arbor that it's impossible to pass."

"I want to get places and when the people are going slow in front of me, it's aggravating. They do it all the time. I wish everybody could drive like me."

Dave and Janet Steimel have been victims of female road rage in their Livonia neighborhood. Dave Steimel noticed a minivan speeding through a local side street and honked his horn at the driver after it nearly "came off the road where there is a slight rise."

"In my rear view mirror I watched as the driver made a very aggressive U-turn and sped after us," he said. "I decided to pass by my home not knowing what type of person was rapidly approaching. We ended up at a traffic light on Middlebelt and Seven Mile. The minivan screeched to a stop behind me and a woman - I couldn't call her a lady - jumped out, leaving a small child in the passenger seat."

"With a heavy accent, she used extremely foul language at both my wife and I told her, in so many words, that she was nuts."

The driver and Janet Steimel had a few words. As the light turned green, the driver sped up, passed their vehicle, and hit her brakes several times before turning.

"How thoughtful of her to provide us with her license plate number before she tore off," Dave said.

The Steimels went to the police station with the information. The officer said they would trace the plate and give her a call. Later, the officer told them he couldn't call her because her number was unlisted.

Liberato, a John Glenn High School graduate, said she hopes she can help other women road ragers by sharing her story. She stressed that the side of her that retaliates against fellow drivers is "not the kind of person I want to be."

To keep herself in check, she keeps a glow-in-the-dark cross in her truck that says "He lives."

"I just look at the cross and say 'It's not worth it. It's not worth that horrible, horrible feeling that I had that night.'"

## Life after transplants is good for teen

**Couch potato:** More than 2 years after undergoing a second lung transplant, Greg Unger is savoring such teenage pursuits as driving a car. He's getting up early for school and finding the energy to exercise, something he couldn't do because of the cystic fibrosis that was slowly taking his life.



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRESLER

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO  
STAFF WRITER

In fall 1996, Greg Unger's biggest concern was recovering from his second double-lung transplant.

Now the Canton resident grapples with getting up at 5:30 a.m. for school and mustering the energy to exercise.

"He's a little bit of a couch potato," said his sister, Jamie, with a laugh.

But you won't hear any complaints from the Unger family. They're happy to see the 17-year-old alive and well.

Greg Unger was six months old when he was diagnosed with cystic fibrosis, a genetic disease that causes an abnormal accumulation of mucus in the lungs and other organs. It literally suffocates and starves its victims.

He had his first double-lung transplant in August 1995 at St. Louis Children's Hospital. He was doing fine until April 1996 when malignant nodules appeared on his lungs because the donor tested positive for Epstein-Barre, a herpes-like virus which is thought to cause infectious mononucleosis.

His physicians treated it by decreasing his immunosuppressant medication which in turn caused his body to reject the lungs.

"From there everything escalated; it was one thing after another," said his mother, Barb Unger. "His lungs were so

badly damaged that there was nothing they could do short of retransplanting. We went out for dinner and he was so sick that he couldn't walk into the restaurant. We had to carry him in."

Although Epstein-Barre can be life-threatening to transplant patients, doctors will still transplant the organs even if they test positive for it. Barb said that's because it doesn't affect some patients.

#### Family ordeal

Greg's condition deteriorated so quickly that there wasn't time to find a deceased donor. One of the few choices the Ungers had was to donate a lobe of their lungs.

Initially, his 29-year-old brother Kris, an avid runner, was approached, but he was apprehensive to go through with the surgery because of the decreased lung capacity he would have afterward.

Twelve hours before the surgery, Jamie, 24, and their father, Bill, of Mount Clemens found out they would be the donors for the Sept. 4, 1996, surgery, also at St. Louis Children's Hospital.

"Jamie was just concerned about helping her brother," said Barb as Jamie rolled her eyes. "She didn't care about the cost to herself. It was really sweet on her part."

"Kris would have done it if the other two didn't qualify."

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Jamie explained that she "wanted to do it just so I wouldn't have to sit in the waiting room again. That was the hardest part."

And Barb was upset that the doctors wouldn't accept her as a potential donor because of her bout with illness.

"They wouldn't test me because of the fact that I had breast cancer. I was really upset but the day of the surgery, I came down with a terrible cold," she said. "When I get a cold, it's there for three or four weeks. I took some cold pills and it

knocked me out. The next day all the cold symptoms were gone.

"I think that's the Lord's way of telling me not to be upset about not being a donor because I couldn't have done it anyway. I just didn't want the kids involved."

Jamie recalled her brother telling her, while he was still breathing with the help of a respirator, that he already felt better.

"I feel confident; I feel like this one will be the last one. I'm running out of lungs in this family," Greg Unger recently said with a laugh.

### In the hospital

His sister and father, however, spent five days in the hospital recovering from their surgery.

"They wanted to ship us out earlier but we were saying 'no, no,'" Jamie said. "I think we went through a lot more pain than he did. You get this horrible pain in your chest that's ungodly. But after about a month, I didn't even notice it anymore."

The portions of the lungs that were taken do not grow back, but the lungs expand to close to their original size. Jamie lost only 9 percent of her lung function.

"It doesn't bother me. It probably would if I was a triathlete or a marathon runner," she said.

After taking two semesters off from Eastern Michigan University, she has returned to school and participates in aerobics.

Her father, she said, feels like he's not totally recovered.

"My dad will say he's at 98 percent; he's milking it for all it's worth," Jamie said.

She laughed and giggled as she recalled the events surrounding the surgery while Greg quietly sat twisting the fringe on a Detroit Red Wing quilt. Their mother remained introspective.

"I feel we were very fortunate," she said. "It was quite an ordeal. The first time was hard enough. The second time, with two more people in the operating



**Together:** Described as a couch potato by his sister Jamie (left), Greg Unger shares some TV time with her and his mother Barb (center) in their Canton home.

STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRESLER

room, it was hard."

Since his surgery, Unger has only had one bout of mild rejection, and he had to have his gallbladder removed.

"He's had a lot of stomach problems. I think that's just from the CF. He also hasn't been able to gain much weight, but he's not much of an eater," Barb said.

### Moving on

Greg Unger is a senior at John Glenn High School in Westland, but must take classes for another year to complete his studies there.

"We had a meeting with the school superintendent to see if he could at least walk across the stage, but he said it was only for people who earned the right to

do so," Barb said.

Although Greg is disappointed that he won't move on to college this year, his mother and her family understand.

"The school district has been really good with Greg and the whole situation; they've been just fabulous."

Greg admitted he hasn't thought too much about it anyway. He said he's thinking of going to Michigan State University, but his mother suggests he start out at Henry Ford Community or Schoolcraft colleges.

As his teenage years wind down, Greg is making the most of it. He recently received his driver's license and has his own red Ford Escort.

"It took awhile for Greg to get his driver's license with all the complications. He should have gotten it a year sooner, but he couldn't take the driver's test," Barb said.

Greg has also Rollerbladed and visited his brother in California.

"He did a lot of walking around. That's something he's never been able to do," Jamie explained.

"It was a treat to watch you do that," his mother said to Greg.

Although Greg doesn't think that's a big deal, he admitted that things have definitely gotten easier for him.

"I can do pretty much anything I want," he said. He gets up at 5:30 a.m. for school and takes a nap as soon as he gets home. "I try and motivate myself to do exercises."

But unlike their father, Jamie said, Greg doesn't take advantage of the situation.

"He doesn't need to (milk it for all it's worth). Mom and dad spoil him. He's like Little Lord Fauntleroy."

## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BOARD PROCEEDINGS

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, February 10, 1998 at 1150 South Canton Center Road. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**ROLL CALL**  
Members Present: Bennett, Burdziak, Kirchgatter, McLaughlin, Shefferly, Yack

Members Absent: LaJoy  
Staff Present: Durack, Minghine, Santomauro, Casari, Rorabacher, Voyles, Zevalkink

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**  
A closed session to the agenda for the purpose of discussion of employee negotiations.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to adopt the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**  
Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of January 27, 1998. Motion carried.

**PAYMENT OF THE BILLS**  
Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by Shefferly, to pay the bills as presented. Motion carried.

Expenditure Recap		
General Fund	101	\$343,706.01
Fire Fund	206	30,553.41
Police Fund	207	84,688.49
Community Center	208	24,991.33
Golf Course Fund	211	4,543.66
Street Lighting Fund	219	16,432.53
Cable TV Fund	230	2,661.16
E-911 Emergency	261	4,255.27
Special Investigative	267	22.00
Federal Grants Fund	274	699.05
State Projects Fund	289	390.67
Retiree Benefits	296	6,807.00
CapProj. Road Paving	403	37.80
Water & Sewer Fund	592	618,559.33
Trust & Agency Fund	701	13,985.70
<b>Total-All Funds</b>		<b>\$1,152,313.41</b>

**PRESENTATION**  
Supervisor Yack introduced and presented Sergeant Badges to Jack Raker, David Bukis and Rick Paulun.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**  
Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak, to reappoint Catherine Johnson to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a three (3) year term expiring on December 31, 2000. Motion carried.

**GENERAL CALENDAR**  
Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to adopt the resolution granting approval of the Cherry Hill East Village Planned Development District, based upon the recommendations made by staff and the Planning Commission as described in the analysis and recommendation attached hereto and made a part hereof. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to adopt the resolution to rezone certain property identified by property tax EDP #026-99-0020-000 from RR, Rural Residential to RE, Rural Estate District. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to transfer \$846.12 from purchase order 8149, \$541.42 from purchase order 8145, and \$1,800.00 from purchase order 8157 to purchase order 8144 for Wade Trim/Associates to pay for additional services involved with the development of new design standards. Further, to authorize the following budget adjustment increase:

101-447-818-0000	Contracted Services	\$3,000
101-000-699-0000	Appropriate from Fund balance	\$3,000

Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve the purchase of four (4) vehicles for Building & Inspection Services Division at a cost of \$19,809.00 per vehicle, for a total of \$79,236.00. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly, to authorize one (1) planner to attend the National APA Planning Conference in Boston on April 4 through April 8, 1998. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to award the contract for provision and installation of a 28 feet by 52 feet wood picnic shelter at Canterbury Mews Cooperatives, 784 Canterbury Circle to Jennings in the amount of \$26,250. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve the signing of a contractual agreement with Dean's Wild Animal Control, 33728 Yuma, Westland, MI 48185, for the removing of nuisance animals which are in violation of the ordinances of the Township and/or pose a threat to the health, safety, or welfare of Township residents, for a flat monthly fee of \$1,382.19. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to award the Township Towing Contract to Mayflower Auto Transport for a period of three years, with the option of an additional one (1) year extension by recommendation of the Department of Public Safety. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve the filling of the vacant lieutenant's position and payment to Career Directions, Ann Arbor, Michigan for the Promotional Assessment Exams not to exceed \$14,000. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly, to approve the purchase of six Ford Crown Victoria patrol units through the State of Michigan Purchasing Program, the vehicles not to exceed \$119,826.00. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to waive the bidding process due to the fact that West Shore Services, Inc., is the sole vendor of Federal Signal in Michigan and to approve the reconditioning of four warning sirens by West Shore Services Inc., Allendale, Michigan for a cost of \$12,048.00 and \$1,000 held in contingency. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly, to introduce new Ordinance No. 142, Alarm Systems. Motion carried.

Motion by McLaughlin, supported by Kirchgatter, to table Ordinance No. 142, Alarm Systems. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to introduce the First Reading of the Repeal of Alarm User Ordinance No. 111(A). Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to table the First Reading of the Repeal of Alarm User Ordinance No. 111(A). Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak, to approve the farm lease agreement with Ernest and Rose Costantino for 43 acres of Township-owned property on Sheldon and Michigan Avenue, and to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to sign the Lease Agreement on behalf of the Township. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to increase purchase order number 9980, Hanford Road Improvements by \$89,625.00 from \$440,691.60 to \$530,316.60. Further to approve the following budget amendment in the Capital projects Road Paving Fund:

Increase Revenues:		
Appropriation from Fund Balance	#403-000-699-0000	\$ 89,625
Increase Appropriations:		
Construction	#403-506-969-0000	\$ 89,625

This budget amendment increases the 1998 Capital Projects Road Paving Fund from \$1,097,750.00 to \$1,187,375.00.

Motion carried.

**OTHER**  
Ken Voyles stated that the Board Room renovations should be completed by the end of February. Supervisor Yack reminded the Board that a study session is scheduled for February 17, 1997 and the topics will include Neighborhood Improvement and Griffin Properties.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to move to a closed session at 8:30 P.M. to discuss employee negotiations. Motion carried.

**ROLL CALL - CLOSED SESSION**  
Members Present: Bennett, Burdziak, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Shefferly, Yack

Members Absent: None  
Staff Present: Durack

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to return to an open session and to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 P.M. Motion carried.

The above is a synopsis of actions taken at the Regular Board meeting held on February 10, 1998. The full text of the approved minutes will be available following the next regular meeting of the Board on February 24, 1998.

THOMAS J. YACK, Supervisor  
TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

Published: February 18, 1998

## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids up to 10:00 a.m., March 5, 1998 for the following:

### RENTAL OF LIBERTY FEST TENTS, TABLES AND CHAIRS

Specifications are available in the Finance and Budget Dept. The 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

Published: February 19, 1998

## 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:

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

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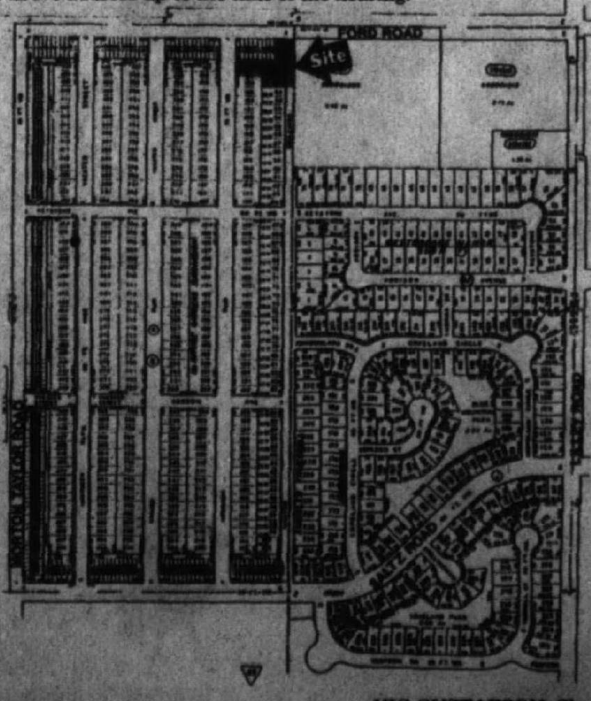
## CANTON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, March 2, 1998 in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

ALSAGER REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NOS. 054 01 0045 300, 054 01 0048 300, AND 054 01 0165 002 FROM R-5, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL, TO O-1, OFFICE. Property is located on the south side of Ford Road between Morrison and Lilley Roads.

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission will be received at the above address up to the time of the hearing.



VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

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tion in a way that will let your kids know that you condemn or condone what you are seeing or hearing.

Through the news and print media, we have chances every single day to talk about clarify our values with our family. I've listened to clients who were waiting in the lobby to see me, talk among themselves about something they read in the mag-

azine sitting on the table next to them. Good opportunity ... I applaud them.

If you have a question or comment for Jacque Martin-Downs, a special projects coordinator for the Wayne-Westland Community Schools and private therapist, write her at the Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.

## WIND sponsors Washington trip

Women in National Defense is sponsoring an April 2-7 bus trip to Washington, D.C., to tour the Women in Military Service Association Memorial and other points of interest.

The reservations deadline is Monday, March 2. For more information, call Kelly at (800) 331-2974.

## 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) 961-0000.  
Unit 4078 - Mockeridge - 2 spoils of coaxial cable, approx. 10 misc. boxes.  
Unit 3021 - Harrold - 3 living room chairs, dining table with chairs, 2 TV's, entertainment center, desk, 8 misc. boxes.  
Unit 3026 - Hendrick - 2 pairs of skis, golf clubs, 30 misc. boxes.

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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 WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY AND DIGITAL ORTHOPHOTOGRAPHY

The Charter Township of Canton is soliciting proposals for professional services to obtain accurate digital orthophotos for all of Canton Township. The digital orthos will be used for project planning, precision mapping applications and a variety of map image requirements. The project will include the following key components:

Aerial Photography, Ground Control, Analytic Triangulation, Digital Orthophotography and Optional 2' Contours. Aerial Photography must be completed by May 1, 1998. Interested firms may request a complete information packet, detailing all project requirements from Judy Bocklage, Senior Planner, Planning Services, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 397-5391. The deadline for submission is 5:00 p.m., Monday, March 9, 1998. Canton Township reserves the right to reject any or all proposals. 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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## Dufon-Roc

Marion and Fountain announce the marriage of their daughter, Marie, to Kirk Walled Lake, and Connie Roc.

The bride-to-be of GM Management Services, employed as an Energy and Environment Systems Analyst.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Plymouth Community College and a 1993 graduate of Engineering Institute. He is an engineering student at Rochester Hills.

A May wedding at St. John Viaticum.

## Miller-Jo

James and Sudbury, Michigan, announce the engagement of Catherine A., the son of Lincoln.

The bride-to-be of Lincoln-Sudbury High School and Community College as an accounting student at Silver/Friedman Corp.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Redford Union High School. He is employed as a control supervisor at Screw.

A June wedding at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart.

## Bernhar

Carl and Patricia of Canton announce the marriage of their daughter, Marie, to Greg of Plymouth, Michigan, and Patricia.

The bride-to-be is an elementary school teacher at Eastern Michigan University employed by Hospital.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University where he studied for his Bachelor's degree. He is a graduate of St. John's.

A May wedding at Old St. Patrick's.

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### Krajewski

Dennis and Patricia of Sterling Heights announce the marriage of their daughter, Paul Edward, to Peter and Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of the University of Michigan with a Bachelor's degree in biology and a Master's degree in genetics. She is employed at a genetic counseling center.

Her fiancé is a graduate of the University of Michigan with a Bachelor's degree in research and development at a motor vehicle company.

A February wedding at St. Paul's Church in Livonia.

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Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to return to an open session at 8:30 P.M. to discuss employee negotiations. Motion carried.

**ROLL CALL - CLOSED SESSION**

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

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Durack

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to return to an open session and to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 P.M. Motion carried.

The above is a synopsis of actions taken at the Regular Board meeting held on February 10, 1998. The full text of the approved minutes will be available following the next regular meeting of the Board on February 24, 1998.

THOMAS J. YACK, Supervisor  
TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

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WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

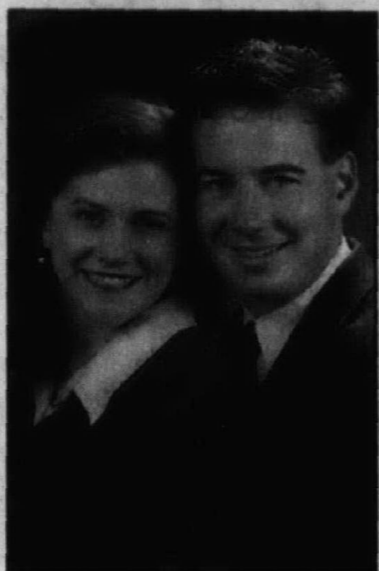
**Dufon-Roessler**

Marion and Karen Dufon of Fountain announce the engagement of their daughter, Kathryn Marie, to Kirk Robert Roessler of Walled Lake, the son of Robert and Connie Roessler of Canton.

The bride-to-be is a 1996 graduate of GMI Engineering & Management Institute. She is employed as an engineer at Delphi Energy and Engine Management Systems in Flint.

Her fiancé is a 1988 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School and a 1993 graduate of GMI Engineering and Management Institute. He is employed as an engineering supervisor at Dura Automotive Systems in Rochester Hills.

A May wedding is planned at St. John Vianney Catholic Church in Flint.



Church in Flint.

**Miller-Jones**

James and Bridgette Miller of Sudbury, Mass., announce the engagement of their daughter, Catherine A., to Brian R. Jones, the son of Linda Jones of Dearborn.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School and Oakland Community College. She is employed as an account manager by Finsilver/Friedman Management Corp.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Redford Union High School and Oakland Community College. He is employed as a quality control supervisor by United Bolt & Screw.

A June wedding is planned at Our Lady of Fatima Church in Sudbury.



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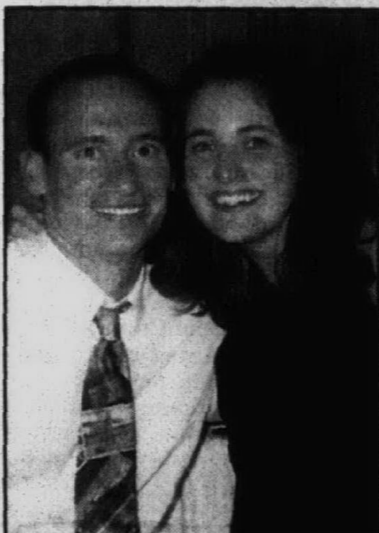
**Bernhardt-Pahl**

Carl and Patricia Bernhardt of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Donna Marie, to Gregory Patrick Pahl of Plymouth, the son of Gerald and Patricia Pahl of Canton.

The bride-to-be is studying elementary education at Eastern Michigan University. She is employed by St. Joseph Mercy Hospital.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University, where he studied public relations. He is employed at Joyce Julius and Associates Inc.

A May wedding is planned at Old St. Patrick's Church.



**Landskroener-Herron**

Jim and Sue Steinke of Brooklyn, Mich., and Jake and Denise Landskroener of Westland announce the engagement of their daughter, Nicole Tarese, to Marcus Lee Herron, the son of Robert and Linda Herron of Millington.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Jackson Community College where she studied nursing. She is employed by the Westland Convalescent Center in Westland.

Her fiancé is attending the University of Michigan-Dearborn and is employed by Michigan National Bank in Livonia.

A May wedding on Mackinac Island is being planned.



Island is being planned.

**Knight-Alland**

Judith and Joseph Tompkins of Plymouth and Douglas and Bonnie Knight of Novi announce the engagement of their daughter, Elizabeth Ann Knight, to Timothy George Alland, the son of Ken and Sheila Alland of Waterford.

The bride-to-be is employed at American Community Mutual Insurance and Unique Dreams Studio.

Her fiancé is employed at Honeywell.

A May wedding is planned at First Baptist Church of Plymouth.



**Gursky-Choi**

Robert and Lorraine Gursky of Garden City announce the engagement of their daughter, Lisa Ann, to Michael Choi, the son of Yuk Chi Choi and Chiu Lun Choi of Chicago, Ill.

The bride-to-be is a 1986 graduate of Garden City High School and a 1993 graduate of Madonna University with a bachelor of science degree in business administration. She is employed as a program support coordinator at the Ford Motor Co.

Her fiancé is a 1985 graduate of Lane Tech High School in Chicago and a 1991 graduate of the University of Illinois at Chicago with a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering. He is employed as an engineer at the Ford Motor Co.

A June wedding is planned at St. Raphael Catholic Church in Garden City.



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**Miller-Walla**

Erich John Miller and Marlene Diane Walla were married Aug. 16 at Springton Manor Farm in Glenmoore, Pa., by the Rev. Thomas Geiger Young.

The bride is the daughter of Elaine Walla of Centre Square, Pa., and the late Anton L. Walla. The groom is the son of John and Karen Miller of Plymouth.

The bride is a graduate of Wisahickon High School in Ambley, Pa., and Montgomery County Community College in Blue Bell, Pa. She is employed at Electronic Data Systems in Blue Bell.

The groom is a graduate of Plymouth Canton High School and Ferris State University. He is employed at Toyota Industrial Equipment in Columbus, Ind., as a territorial parts and service manager.

The bride asked Susan Walla to serve as her matron of honor with Karen Walla as her maid of honor and Jennifer Miller and Rachel Walla as bridesmaids. Jennette Walla, Lisa Spiller and Toni Spiller as flower girls.



Kurt Miller served as best man with Martin Mattson, Brocke Emerson and George Jamieson as groomsmen.

The couple received guests at Springton Manor Farms in Glenmoore, Pa., before leaving on a trip to Sanibel Island, Fla. They are making their home in Columbus, Ind.

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**Walkowicz-Krajewski**

Dennis and Jeanne Walkowicz of Sterling Heights announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Karen Marie, to Paul Edward Krajewski, the son of Peter and Mary Krajewski of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of the University of Michigan with a bachelor of science degree in biology and a graduate of Indiana University with a master of science degree in medical genetics. She is employed as a genetic counselor at Harper Hospital.

Her fiancé holds a bachelor of science and doctoral degrees in material science engineering from the University of Michigan. He is employed as a senior research engineer at General Motors.

A February wedding is planned at St. Blase Catholic Church in Sterling Heights.

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This year's auction will be Saturday, Feb. 28, at the high school, 29300 Eleven Mile Road, at Middlebelt Road, Farmington Hills. The event will get underway with liturgy at 4 p.m. in the Mercy Chapel. The silent theme auctions will start at 5 p.m. and will close at set intervals throughout the evening.

Master of ceremonies will be Steve Garagiola of WDIV-TV and Joseph DuMouchelle of DuMouchelle Galleries will be the live auctioneer.

In addition to the motorcycle games tickets will be leases for Corvette and Cavalier convertibles, a large screen TV, pool table, seaside condominium in Jamaica, tickets and air transportation to the "Oprah" show in Chicago, Stanley Cup memorabilia, an autographed "Seinfeld"

script and Grant Hill autographed basketball.

There also will be theme baskets, needlepoint, crystal, jewelry, weekend trips and special events as well as a day on the television set with Garagiola and with Mike Holfeld of WXYZ-TV Channel 7.

Tickets for the event cost \$75 each and include the silent and live auctions, a strolling buffet, open bar and afterglow party. The Mercyaire and Mercy Mimes will provide entertainment during the auction, and members of the Mercy Orchestra will be featured during the afterglow party, which includes desserts and coffees.

To order tickets or to donate auction items, call Marilyn Corbett in the Office of Special Events at (248) 476-8020, Ext. 253.

The auction is the largest fundraiser for the Farmington Hills high school and helps offset the difference between tuition and actual cost of providing an education.

It is dedicated to the late Sister Constance Banks who served

as teacher, registrar and computer consultant at the high school and lent her expertise to the annual auction for many years.

Co-chairs for the event are Al and Judy Brankiewicz of Southfield (daughter Carrie is in the Class of 2000) and Ed and Nancy Moeller of West Bloomfield (daughter Leah is in the Class of 1998, while daughters Kristen graduated in 1993 and Lindsey in 1996).

The Auction Steering Committee includes Gregory and Denise Even of Farmington Hills (daughter Paige is in the Class of 1998), James and Ann Miller of Bloomfield Hills (daughters Amy is in the Class of 2000 and Katie graduated in 1997) and Joe and Mary Lou Nowak of Northville (daughter Beth Ann will graduate in '98).

The Committee members include parents, staff, alumnae and friends of Mercy. They have had the job of soliciting advertising and gifts to make sure the auction reaches its goal of \$100,000 this year.



Oh, Mercy: Showing off some of the items available at the annual Mercy High School auction, "Mercy and Me," are Terri Ann Kozlowski (from left) who worked on acquisitions, and auction co-chairs Judy, Carrie and Al Brankiewicz.

## NEW VOICES

**Sam and Beth Aneed** of Garden City announce the birth of **Samantha Rae** Dec. 21 at the Birthing Center at Garden City Hospital. She joins a sister, Tara, 9, and a brother, Eric, 5. Grandparents are Al and Ann Harnos of Garden City, Rima Aneed of Westland and the late Ray Aneed.

**Todd and Kimberly Getz** of Canton announce the birth of **Blake William** Jan. 9 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann

Arbor. Grandparents are John and Sally Getz and William and Jenny Curtis, all of Canton. Great-grandparents are James and Betty Getz of Renovo, Pa., and Verlin and Beatrice Curtis of Dearborn.

**Thomas and Cynthia Getz** of Kentwood announce the birth of **Thomas Eugene Jr.** Jan. 1 at Butterworth Hospital in Grand Rapids. He joins a sister, Samantha Marie. Grandparents are John and Sally Getz of Can-

ton and Vivian McMahan of Woodhaven. Great-grandparents are James and Betty Getz of Renovo, Pa.

**Brian and Cassandra Johnson** of Garden City announce the birth of **Emily Elaine** Dec. 15 at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. Grandparents are Joe and Joyce Johnson and Gary and Jeanne Kashian, all of Garden City, and Tom Hill of Canton.

**David and Andrea Wallace**

of Canton announce the birth of **Jacob Tyler** Nov. 30 at the Birthing Center at Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Wayne and Nancy Wallace, Jill Matherly and Leonard Brown.

**Ty and Kelly Iles** of Livonia announce the birth of **Dana Ann** Nov. 28 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Pontiac. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Tom Makowski of Middletown, N.Y., Mr. and Mrs. Richard Porter of Waterford and Eileen Iles of Frankfort, Ill. Great-grandmother is Angela Ambrose of Livonia.

**Russell and Charlene Reid** of Jackson announce the birth of **Zachary Tyler** Dec. 3 at the Birthing Center at Garden City Hospital. He joins siblings, Angela, 9 1/2, Brittany, 7, Kylie, 2 1/2, and Cassidy, 1 1/2. Grandparents are Don and Linda Childers of Canton and Stan and Pat Reid of Livonia.

**John and Tara Belken** of Garden City announce the birth of **Sean Nicholas** Dec. 30 at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn.

He joins three brothers, Chad, 11, of Wyandotte, and Tyler, 9, and Ian, 17 months. Grandparents are John and Ginny Koch of Canton and Frank and Patricia Maida of Southgate. Great-grandmothers are Elsie Mariani of Dearborn and Genevieve Maida of Southgate.

**Mike and Tina Miller** of Westland announce the birth of **Anthony Nathaniel** Dec. 3 at the Birthing Center at Garden City Hospital. He joins two sisters, Shae, 4, and Kayla, 1. Grandparents are Jerry and Penny Jones and Penny and Larry Miller, all of Wayne.

**Bill and Janet Dempster** of Livonia announce the adoption of **Kayla Marie Rong**. Her parents traveled to Wuxue in the Hubei Province of China in early September to bring her to Livonia. Kayla was born Nov. 5, 1996. Her grandparents are Tom and Dolores Dubiel of Westland and Clifford and Jean Dempster of Livonia.

**Donald Hill and Krista**

Gress of Belleville announce the birth of **Alannah Marie Hill-Gress** Dec. 4 at the Birthing Center at Garden City Hospital. She joins a sister, Ariel, 28 months. Grandparents are Richard and Sandra Gress of Redford and Don and Rose Hill of Belleville.

**Stephen and Jayme Schmitt** of Livonia announce the birth of **Kessa Marie** July 15 at Botsford Hospital. She joins two sisters, Keira, 4, and Kylie, 1 1/2. Grandparents are Chris and Kathy Schmitt of Garden City and Marilyn and Bob Beisiegel of Florida. Great-grandparents are Madeleine Bennett of Westland and Johnnie and Helen Belt of Wayne.

**William Ferguson and Diana Johnson** of Garden City announce the birth of **William Rodney Ferguson** Dec. 5 at the Birthing Center at Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Letta Waltsgott, Billy Little, Ronda Miller and Larry Johnson, all of Detroit.

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# Lions' Porcher joins fight against childhood cancers

BY SUE MASON  
STAFF WRITER

Matthew Goldi wasn't sure what the fuss was about. All he knew was that the man whose lap he chose to sit in was good at banging stuffed toys together.

"This time we worked on sacking the quarterback; next time we'll work on some moves," Robert Porcher told the 2-year-old Farmington resident.

A Detroit Lions defensive lineman for six years, Porcher was at Children's Hospital on Michigan last week to visit some of the youngest victims of childhood cancer, including Matthew, who has acute lymphocytic leukemia.

Arranged by Leukemia Research Life Inc., it was the first time the Rochester Hills resident had ever visited the Detroit hospital. He focused his time on visiting children on the oncology floor, offering words of encouragement and autographed pictures.

"When I walked into the rooms, I couldn't get over how upbeat the kids are," Porcher said. "I play a game and I may be sore the next day, but it will go away. To see how strong they are puts in perspective what I do."

Porcher is the honorary chair of LRL's 17th annual Evening of Hope dinner-dance, slated for Saturday, Feb. 28, at Laurel Manor in Livonia.

The evening will begin at 6:30 p.m. with cocktails and a silent auction filled with sports

**'We're a totally volunteer organization and the single largest contributor to childhood cancer research at Children's Hospital. But what we really want to do is get the message out that cancer is the No. 1 killer disease of children.'**

Eric DeVore  
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memorabilia and travel and entertainment packages. The 8 p.m. sit-down dinner will be followed by the always-popular dessert table, raffle and dancing to the music of Vizzitor.

Joining Porcher as guests will be Rich Fisher, Denise Dador of WXYZ-TV and Lila Lazarus of WDIV-TV, who are serving as masters of ceremony, and soccer star Bryan "The Goose" Finnelly.

More than 1,000 people are expected to turn out to help raise \$80,000 for childhood cancer research. Tickets for the dinner-dance cost \$60 each and are available by calling Eileen Surma at (313) 581-5647.

### Dedicated to research

The nonprofit organization is dedicated to the elimination of childhood cancers through research at Children's Hospital, and since its inception in 1981, LRL has raised more than \$2 million.

"Ninety-seven cents of every dollar we raise goes to research," said Eric DeVore. He and wife Sharon were instrumental in starting LRL in 1981. "We're a totally volun-

teer organization and the single largest contributor to childhood cancer research at Children's Hospital.

"But what we really want to do is get the message out that cancer is the No. 1 killer disease of children."

In fact, it was Sharon who contacted the Detroit Lions organization in hopes of getting one of the team members to help with the benefit. Her letter was passed on to Porcher, who was on his way to San Diego, Calif., to see the Super Bowl and then Hawaii for the Pro Bowl.

"I found the letter in my bag and read it on my way back," Porcher said. "I said, 'Oh, man, I have to call as soon as I get back. I hope she hasn't found someone.'"

"We are blessed to have you," said Sharon. "We knew you were going to be a part of us, you just didn't know."

But such was not the case with Matthew, who was diagnosed with acute lymphocytic leukemia in June 1997. His mother, Laurie, a nurse at neighboring Harper Hospital, "just knew it wasn't good

when her son developed pinpoint spots of blood on his skin after he developed a cold.

Matthew was diagnosed with leukemia on June 3, 1997, and now receives chemotherapy daily, either intravenously, orally or through the spine, as part of his 130-week treatment.

The cancer attacks blood-forming tissue, bone marrow, lymph nodes and spleen. The disease is in remission, and Matthew has a 65 percent chance of a five-year survival rate, according to Laurie.

"We still lose 25 percent of our children to cancer," she said. "These little people don't get the attention they should. Childhood cancer doesn't get the research dollars it should."

"For you to be able to say you want to do this ... bless you. I don't have to power to use my face or body to educate people, so it's important to us to have you say this matters to you."

Porcher deflected the compliment with a "no thanks needed." The father of 3-year-old Morgan feels he is doing a lot if he can get some of the children to smile.

That was no problem. An 11-year-old Lions fan was grinning from ear to ear after Porcher whispered in his ear and even threats of tickling couldn't get him to reveal the message.

But Porcher did on the way down to the outpatient clinic.

"He told me he played football and was a running back," Porcher said. "I told him I have

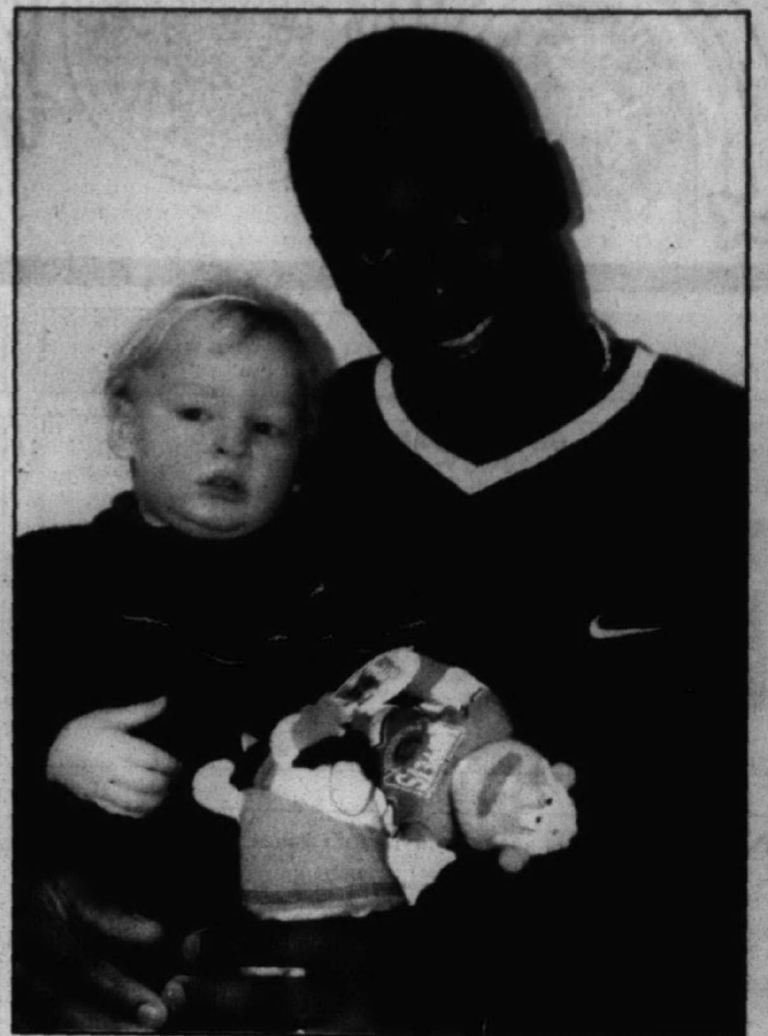


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RELIGION CALENDAR

Listings for the Religion 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.

**HARVEST TIME REVIVAL**  
Full Gospel Church 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, 291 E. Spring St., north of Main Street and east of Mill Street in Plymouth's Old Village. Boyd of Elizabeth, Ky., will preach and minister each night with special singing and worship. For more information, call (734) 453-0323.

**EXPERIENCING GOD**  
Canton Community Church begins its seven-week series "Experiencing God" with Pastor Eric Moore beginning at 9:15 a.m. and 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 21, with the topic "Kingdom Employment" at the church, 41600 Ann Arbor Trail (between Lilley and Haggerty roads), Canton. It continues with "God Speaks" March 1, "Crisis of Belief" on March 8, "God's Chiropractic Clinic" on March 15, "Kindness Outreach Sunday" on March 22 and "Experience Pays" on March 29. For more information, call the church office at (734) 455-6022.

**LAS VEGAS NIGHT**  
St. John Bosco Church will have a Vegas Night 7 p.m. to midnight Friday and Saturday, Feb. 20-21, in Sheltre Hall, 12170 Beech Daly Road, Redford. There will be games of black jack and Detroit craps, a 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.

**DISCIPLES SEMINAR**  
Memorial Church of Christ will have a Spiritual Disciples Seminar with Shawn McMullen 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21, at the church, 35475 Five Mile Road, Livonia. McMullen has had experience with churches in Indiana, Ohio and Kentucky for 20 years and

for the last six years has served as campus minister and dean of students at Cincinnati Bible College and Seminary. The seminar will cover many basic elements of spiritual growth - assimilating the Word of God, prayer, fasting, journaling, spiritual retreat and devotional literature. Lunch will be provided. For more information, call the church office at (734) 464-6722.

**TAME GAME DINNER**  
Faith Lutheran Church will have a Tame Game Dinner at 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21, in the parish hall of the church, 30000 Five Mile Road, Livonia. The cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. Participants should bring their best "domestic" (or ethnic) main dish and/or dessert. Vegetables, breads and salads will be provided. There will be cartoons for children and a variety of activities for frustrated hunters and fisherspersons. Proceeds will go to a Faith family for medical expenses and the money will be matched by AAL Branch 3177 through its "Helping Hands" program. For more information, call the church office at (734) 421-7249.

**BLOOD DRIVE**  
A Red Cross blood drive, sponsored by Aid Association for Lutherans Branch 5058, will be held 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia. Walk-ins are welcome. For more information, or to register to donate, call the church office at (734) 522-6830.

**BETHANY SUBURBAN WEST**  
Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization which provides spiritual, social and support assistance divorced and separated Christians, will meet at 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21, to hear Barb Owston speak about "You Are Your Own Best Friend" at St. Kenneth Catholic Church, 14951 Haggerty Road, south of Five Mile Road, Plymouth. There is a \$4 charge. Call Rose at (734) 464-3325 for more information.

The group meets on Sundays for breakfast and Mass - 10 a.m. at the Redford Inn, Five Mile Road west of Beech Daly Road,

Woman of Year



Top honor: Joyce Carravallah has been named "Lutheran Woman of the Year" for 1998 by Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church in Redford. Carravallah was among 56 Lutheran women from the Detroit metropolitan area churches and intercongregational organizations to be honored at a luncheon on Jan. 20 at the Royalty in Warren.

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 pinocle at 7 p.m. every other Friday - call Rose.

**'BOOK OF LIFE'**  
The Garden City Assembly of God will present a real life drama, "Is Your Name Written in the Book of Life," at 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21, at the church, 1075 Venoy Road, Garden City.

The drama will be presented by Full Gospel Temple, Gateway Assembly and Taylor Assembly. Admission will be free. For more information, call (734) 421-0476.

**MARRIAGE SEMINAR**  
Dr. Duane Cuthbertson will speak about "How to Correct Your Spouse and Get Away With It" at a marriage enrichment seminar offered at 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 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

Manual" and "Raising Your Child, Not Your Voice." He also is executive director of Growing Together Ministries. For more information, call the church at (734) 455-0022.

**GUEST PREACHER**  
Bishop Ruediger Minor of Moscow will preach at 11 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 22, at Metropolitan United Methodist Church, 8000 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Appointed in 1992 to a new Episcopal Area for Russia, Minor will share with the congregation the future of the United Methodistism in light of the vote of the Duma (Russian Parliament) last September regarding the new religious denominations whose evangelistic efforts have upset the Russian Orthodox Church. Nursery and child care will be provided. For more information, call (313) 875-7407.

**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 "How do Christian Scientists deal with financial concerns?" on Feb. 22, "How do Christian Scientists feel about recreational drugs such as marijuana, alcohol and tobacco?" on March 1, "How do you know there is a God?" on March 8, "How can a true Christian church be made up of lay members without clergy?" March 15, "How can any religion be scientific?" on March 22 or "If Christian Science heals, why aren't people flocking to it like they flock to material medicine?" on March 29.

"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.

**LENTEN SEASON**  
St. Martin Episcopal Church's Lenten season will start with a children's Mardi Gras pageant at the 10:15 a.m. worship service Sunday, Feb. 22, at the church 24699 Grand River. The church will also have its annual all-you-can-eat pancake and sausage dinner 5-7 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 24. Cost will be \$2 for adults and \$1 for children under age 12. Dinner will be followed by evening prayer at 7:30 p.m.

**PANCAKE SUPPER**  
St. Robert Bellarmine Church will serve a Shrove Tuesday All-You-Can-Eat pancake supper 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 24, in the Fr. George T. Stronake Building at the church, 27101 West Chicago, at Inkster Road, Redford. Sponsored by the St. Jude Circle, the cost is \$3.75 for adults, \$3.25 for senior citizens 60 years and older and \$2.75 for children 10 years and under.

**DINNER AND WORSHIP**  
Wednesdays during Lent, St. Paul's Lutheran Church will have a soup and salad dinner 5-7 p.m., followed by worship, at the church, 20805 Middlebelt Road, at Eight Mile Road, Farmington Hills.

On Ash Wednesday, Feb. 25, a worship service with ashes and communion will be at 7 p.m. Subsequent Lenten services will be titled "We the Jury," a retrial of Jesus. Subpoenaed as witnesses will be Paul on March 4, Mary Magdalene on March 11, Judas on March 18, Nicodemus on March 25 and Caiaphas on April 1. Subpoenaed as members of the jury will be members of St. Paul's.

A free will offering will be accepted for dinner. For more information, call the church at (248) 474-0675.

**SISTERHOOD MEETING**  
The Congregation Beit Kodesh Sisterhood will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 24, at the synagogue, 31840 W. Seven Mile Road, Livonia. Following the meeting, a video "Yiddish Karaoke" will be shown, featuring a sing-along of old Jewish songs. Guests are invited. Refreshments will be served.

**LENTEN SERIES**  
The Lenten series entitled "By My Hand? For My Sake?" will be held at 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays Feb. 25-April 1 at St. James Presbyterian Church's McCalmont Chapel, 25350 W. Six Mile Road, Redford. Each week there will be a different Biblical visitor. Call the church at (313) 534-7730.

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# Metro Detroit religious leaders oppose war with Iraq

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO  
STAFF WRITER

Members of the major faith communities in metropolitan Detroit Monday urged President Bill Clinton to work entirely within the mandate of the United Nations to resolve the conflict with Iraq.

"The Gulf War was supposed to settle everything; it didn't. It just wreaked havoc. It did a lot of bad and not much good," said the Rev. John Nolan of St. Hilary Catholic Church in Redford.

Soon after the Monday afternoon press conference at the Episcopal Diocese of Michigan in Detroit, Secretary of Defense William Cohen said he's doubling the number of ground troops ordered to Kuwait to at least 10,000.

However, Tuesday the President said Tuesday he still favors a diplomatic solution to the Iraq crisis, but stressed that any solution must include free access for U.N. weapons inspectors.

Besides religious figures, the press conference was attended by businesspersons and those involved with peace and human rights organizations.

"The interfaith statement" discussed at the press conference also stated that the group opposes Saddam Hussein of Iraq and "all other tyrants wherever in the world they may be."

"We steadfastly oppose any attempt to reach a military solution, either by ourselves or with one or more other nations, because of our belief that such action will result in massive destruction and enormous loss of life, especially the lives of inno-

cent women, men and children in a nation already suffering from the tragic consequences of seven years of sanctions," according to the statement. "We believe that our government must not support the use of food and medical supplies as weapons."

Nolan, the former director for community affairs for the diocese, has been involved in social justice issues since he was ordained in 1966.

"I suppose that goes back to

my family," he said. "I didn't go to the seminary until I was 28. I was involved in things before that. That's an essential part of the gospel is the struggle for justice."

"The basic measurement for faithfulness is the human need not only individually but the way society is organized."

The group will protest military strikes against Iraq by organizing more demonstrations and disseminating information to "as

many of the churches throughout the metropolitan area" as possible.

"There's going to be demonstrations across the country in opposition to this," Nolan said. "You may know that the official position of the great majority of churches is opposed to this kind of intervention and urging that things be negotiated instead of resorting to the violence."

At St. Hilary, Nolan is going to urge his congregation to write

and call their congressional representatives.

"My hope is that we're taking this very strong posture so that there will be reasonable concessions and then we'll back off," Nolan said. "I think President Clinton has done fairly well in not intervening militarily in Haiti and some of the other places where that's been urged. I hope he doesn't break that record now by going back into Iraq."

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*Rev. John Nolan  
— St Hilary's Church*

## Cable show focuses on 'servants'

Eleven months ago, Sandra Timco's "Lumen Christi" debuted on one cable TV station. Now the half-hour interdenominational interview show can be seen on five different cable stations throughout the Detroit metropolitan area.

"We have interviewed servants of the Lord from Detroit, Gladwin, Ohio, Oakland and Macomb counties and even Australia," said Timco, the show's producer and host. "This is such a fantastic way for the Body of Christ to reach the Body of Christ."

The shows feature musical guests, film excerpts or presentations of books and tapes pertinent to the show's topic. To date, shows have covered such topics as bereavement support counselors, parish nursing, Guest House (an alcoholic treatment center for the religious, chaplains from the Macomb County Jail ministry and Address George speaking about Detroit's homeless.

Other topics covered include annulment, youth ministry, suicide, a delivered drug addict and converted homosexual along with Christian authors, artists and musicians.

Currently, "Lumen Christi" can be seen at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays on Media One's Channel 11, 2 p.m. Mondays on CTND Channel 23, reaching viewers from Monroe to Port Huron, 3 p.m. Thursdays on TCI Channel 53 in 11 Oakland County communities, Harron Cables' Channel 6, reaching Romeo, Washington and Bruce Township, and 12:30, 4:30 and 9:30 p.m. Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m. Thursdays and 12:30 and 6:30 p.m. Fridays on Shelby Cable's Channel 13, reaching Shelby Township and Utica.

And with the of access coordinator Shawn Hervey, "Lumen Christi" can now be seen on Media One's Channel 11, reaching residents in Birmingham, Beverly Hills, Bingham Farms and Franklin.

"This opportunity allows us to exchange vital information with the community, so that people's needs may be met, but also of paramount importance, it encourages those who have not yet found their niche in the body of Christ to move forward," she said. "We are truly showing faith in action."

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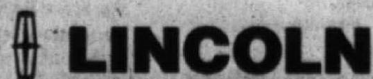


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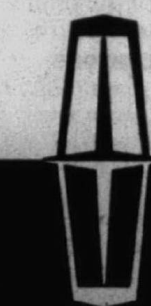
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## OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

### Whaler honored

Harold Druken, a center for the Plymouth Whalers, was named Ontario Hockey League player of the week for the Feb. 9-15 span.

Druken, 19, is the Whalers' second-leading scorer. In the first of three victories last week, he scored two goals and assisted on the game-winner in a 3-2 win over Peterborough; got an assist in a 6-0 drubbing of Toronto Saturday; and had a goal and three assists in a 7-2 triumph over Sault Ste. Marie Sunday.

For the season, Druken has 30 goals and 35 assists for 65 points in 53 games.

### Canton freshmen excel

The Plymouth Canton freshmen volleyball team got double their satisfaction Saturday. The Chiefs not only won the Madonna University Valentine Day Invitational, their third tourney triumph this season, they also defeated rival Plymouth Salem in the championship match.

Coached by Kristie Drinkhahn, the Chiefs raised their record to 27-5.

Team members are Jessica Baker, Michelle DeVos, Sarah Holmes, Stephanie Jackson, Mary Kiesel, Christina Kiessel, Kristle Kilijanzyk, Mary Kryska, Kate Maples, Meghan Meier, Betsy Radtke, Jenny Wagner and Ashley Williams.

### Canton girls 2nd

The Plymouth Canton junior varsity girls soccer team took first place in the second indoor session at the Wide-World Sports Center in Ann Arbor, competing against other high school teams in the U-19 age bracket.

The team posted a 6-1-1 record, outscoring the competition 61-14.

Team members included Sarah Anderson, Darcy Crain, Sarah Deben, Amy Dorogi, Lindsay Heimerl, Aimee Jachym, Emily Kaatz, Kristin Kopenski, Kristin Lyman, Nicole Miller, Alison Morency, Emily Neienham, Erin O'Rourke, Jessica Palis, Vicki Palis, and Theresia Radtke.

The team is coached by John Deben and Glenn Kaatz.

### College standouts

•James Head, a senior at Eastern Michigan from Plymouth Salem, continues to sparkle for the Eagles' basketball team.

The 6-foot-6 forward came off the bench Saturday against Northern Illinois to play 31 minutes, making 5-of-7 floor shots to score 10 points. He also had a team-best nine rebounds, four assists, two blocked shots and a steal.

Last Wednesday, in EMU's 89-77 upset of Mid-American Conference leader Ball State, Head totaled 14 points and 10 rebounds.

The Eagles are 15-8 overall, 11-4 in the MAC.

•Amy Sonnanstine, a freshman at Wittenberg University from Plymouth Canton, finished 15th in the 1,650-yard freestyle at the North Coast Athletic Conference swim championships. Her Wittenberg team placed fifth.

### Softball sign-up

The Canton Softball Center is planning its 14th season of operation, with registration for the spring season beginning March 16. Play starts in April.

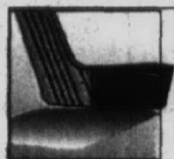
Cost for the 16-game season, which includes single games and double-headers, is \$595 per team plus umpire fees. Game balls, USSSA registration and first and second place awards for each league are included.

Register in person Monday through Friday, 3-7:30 p.m., and Saturday 11 a.m.-4 p.m. with a \$100 deposit at the Canton Softball Center, located on Michigan in Canton, or register over the phone with a credit card at (734) 483-5600, ext. 2 or 3.

Also, the Canton Softball Center will host USSSA Softball Tournaments every weekend beginning April 18 with the annual Early Bird Classic, which has a guarantee of four games for \$125. For more information about this tournament or for a complete listing of tournaments, call (734) 483-5600, ext. 2 or 3.

Anyone interested in submitting items to Sports Scene may send them to sports editor C.J. Risak, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI, 48150, or may FAX them to (313) 591-7279.

## Hockey boosters taking plan to board



BY C.J. RISAK  
SPORTS EDITOR

For all those who thought it was a dead issue, bringing hockey to both Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem high schools, well — think again.

A year ago, the Canton and Salem HS hockey boosters went to the school board in an attempt to adopt the sport in time for the 1997-98 season. Their efforts, hampered by a lack of time and a millage proposal that put everything at the schools on hold, failed.

**A lot of people in the Plymouth and Canton area would still like to bring hockey to the high schools. On March 10, they'll try to convince school board members to do just that — and it wouldn't cost the schools a thing.**

But according to Ed Arzno, a spokesperson for the PC/PS Hockey Booster Club, it meant a delay but not a cancellation of their plans. The association, now armed "with a viable pay-to-play program outlined and ready to go," according to Arzno, will present its proposal at the March 10 school board meeting.

There are no issues that have not been addressed, Arzno insisted — which is why he hopes there will be little, if any, opposition.

"We have a financial package, includ-

ing insurance, to put in front of the board," Arzno said, adding the sport would be "co-ed". All expenses have been accounted for, he added, from ice time and equipment costs and coaches fees to transportation.

He also said the plan would be for it to be a school sport — meaning that while it would be funded outside the system, it would be governed by school officials.

"We'll pay for it," Arzno said, "and they can run it."

Brian Wolcott, director of athletics at the high schools, acknowledged that "there are some plans out there (the school board is) looking at," adding that the board and school administration would "want controls, they do want an athletic director looking over

it."

The interaction between funding and team control could prove a major stumbling block, despite Arzno's insistence that the boosters' only goal is to bring hockey to the schools, not control it. Coaches will be selected by the school administration, as they are for all sports.

"They'll tell us what the coaches will be paid and we'll send them a check," he explained.

This would not be the only pay-to-play system for high school hockey. Birmingham, South Lyon and Northville all have similar set-ups.

Members of the booster club are expected to submit their plans to school board members and high school

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## Mustangs ruin Salem hopes



BY DAN O'MEARA  
STAFF WRITER

If it was cards and not wrestling, you could say Northville trumped Plymouth Salem's ace in a winner-take-all tournament Saturday.

The Mustangs didn't have to wait long to even the score with the Rocks after losing the Western Lakes Activities Association dual-meet two days earlier to Salem, 33-24.

Northville held the better cards Saturday in winning the league tournament and claiming the official WLAA championship.

The Mustangs scored 249 1/2 points to win their first WLAA title since 1992, the host Rocks 221 1/2. Walled Lake Western was third (196), defending champion Livonia Stevenson fourth (145 1/2) and Walled Lake Central fifth (99).

"If I'm Northville, I think I have to be happy as a pig in mud," Salem coach Ron Krueger said, "and Salem has to be disappointed because all year long we've beaten (state-ranked) teams like Holt, Bay City Western, Clarkston and Swartz Creek."

"Thursday's (dual) match was for pride. There were no trophies, no medals. Northville is real good. They came back and dominated the tournament more than we did."

Krueger added the Mustangs will probably finish higher in the state team tournament, too.

"Some people project Northville to get to the final, and I think they'll be there," he said, adding Salem will have to get past Temperance Bedford on its side of the bracket to do the same.

While the Rocks had more individual champions (5-4) and defeated the Mustangs in four of five head-to-head meetings for first place, Northville pushed ahead of Salem by scoring points

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**Championship work: Salem's Anwar Crutchfield (left) outscored Northville's Ryan McCracken in the 160-pound finals to capture top honors, but it was McCracken's Mustang team that eventually won the team title, with the Rocks taking second.**

## Conference championship evades SC

BY C.J. RISAK  
SPORTS EDITOR

It was all there for the taking.

And Schoolcraft College's men's basketball team could feel it. A championship was within the Ocelots' grasp.

But it slipped through their fingers. A 20-point SC lead at the half melted away under the heat of Flint Mott CC's high-intensity defense and red-hot three-point shooting, as the Bears clawed back to claim a 90-84 triumph Wednesday in Flint.

The win assures Mott of at least a share of the Michigan Community College Athletic Association's Eastern Conference championship. The Bears are 21-5 overall, 13-2 in the conference. SC slipped to 12-3 in the conference, 23-6 overall.

"This is my seventh year here," said Mott coach Steve Schmidt, "and I've never seen anything like this. Schoolcraft is a very good team. It's not like they fell apart. It's just that my guys persevered."

"I know it's discouraging for Schoolcraft, but our guys just played well in the second half. That's the best game I've seen at any level."

At halftime, Schmidt's feelings were far different. His Bears scored the game's first seven points, then

went napping. With 14 minutes left in the half, they led 14-8.

That's when SC got its game in gear. A 19-1 run pushed the Ocelot lead to 27-15 and had Mott reeling. Poor shooting (12-of-35, 34.3 percent from the field) and turnovers (11) plagued the Bears in the first half.

But not the Ocelots, who converted 21-of-38 first-half shots (55.3 percent) while committing just six turnovers to take a 51-31 advantage into the intermission.

Those numbers were reversed in the second half. For the first six minutes after the break, SC kept Mott in check; the gap was still 19 (61-42). But the tide was turning.

The Ocelots made nine turnovers before the second half was half over. And Mott, limited to four three-pointers in the first 20 minutes, found its range.

In a span of seven minutes, the Bears outscored SC 30-11 — using six three-pointers, four of them by Alex Spivey, to tie it at 72-all with 6:48 to go.

SC never again had the lead.

"They stepped up their pressure on defense and they shot the heck out of the ball in the second half," said SC coach Carlos Briggs of Mott's effort. "Our guys did a great job. They gave

their hearts to this on Sept. 2, and they played their hearts out tonight."

The Ocelots certainly never gave up. In the final two minutes, they had four chances to forge a tie, but Kevin Melson missed a jump hook from the baseline, and then they committed turnovers on three consecutive possessions.

After Melson's two free throws with 2:19 to play — which narrowed the gap to 86-84 — the Ocelots did not score again.

Melson's 25 points topped SC. Derek McKelvey added 21, Pete Males (from Garden City) netted 14 and Emeka Okonkwo had 12.

Spivey led all scorers, pouring in 35 for Mott (including eight threes). Eric Thompson had 19.

SC had 16 turnovers in the second half and 22 in the game, shooting 55 percent (32-of-58) from the floor. Mott had six turnovers in the second half and 17 for the game, and made 19-of-32 floor shots after the break (59.4 percent).

**SC 61, Mott 55 (women):** Theresa Cooper scored 18 points, and Crissy Harmon and Amber Tackett added 10 apiece for SC's women Wednesday.

The Lady Ocelots improved to 13-12 overall, 9-6 in the conference.



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

**Scoring demon: SC's Kevin Melson worked his way, inside and out, to score 25 points against Mott.**

# Salem's victory clinches title tie

Plymouth Salem was in no mood to monkey around Tuesday.

After winning eight-straight basketball games in the Western Lakes Activities Association to open up a two-game lead, the Rocks lost last Friday to Westland John Glenn — and suddenly, the title that seemed certain to be theirs was in danger of slipping away.

A stumble against either of their last two WLAA opponents could force a tie for the championship, and their opponent Tuesday, Livonia Churchill, had beaten Farmington Harrison, Farmington and North Farmington earlier this season.

But Salem was in an ornery mood, jumping in front by seven after one quarter (20-13) and 14 by halftime (38-24). That pace was maintained as the Rocks posted a 70-42 victory at Churchill.

Which brought their overall record to 13-3 and their WLAA mark to 9-1, guaranteeing them a co-championship. Churchill fell to 6-10 overall, 5-5 in the league.

"They responded well after the defeat," said Salem coach Bob Brodie. "They shot a lot better and the defense was a little more intense. A lot was contributed from the bench. It was a good

game for us."

Eleven Rocks scored in the contest, led by Andy Power's 16 points. Bhavin Patel added 10 and Tony Jancevski netted nine. Jeff McKian had seven assists and four steals.

George Kithas led Churchill with 10 points.

Salem, which outscored the Chargers 32-18 in the second game, was 7-of-10 from the free-throw line. Churchill did not have an attempt at the stripe.

**Agape 70, Life Summit 53:** Host Canton Agape Christian took command from the outset Tuesday, leading 22-9 after one quarter en route to its win over Port Huron Life Summit.

The win gave Agape a 14-4 overall record. Life Summit is 14-3.

Jason Helton paced the Wolverines with 25 points and 10 rebounds. Paul Anleitner added 21 points and eight boards. Stephen Haynes was best for Life Summit with 13 points.

Agape's advantage was trimmed to 35-26 at the half and 45-38 after three periods, but the Wolverines regained control with a 25-15 fourth-period rally.



Point man: Andy Power paced a well-rounded Salem effort with 16 points.

STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRESLER

**Oak Christian 68, PCA 64:** A massive first-quarter surge didn't hold up for Plymouth Christian Academy Tuesday.

Pontiac Oakland Christian outscored the Eagles 61-41 over the last three quarters in overcoming a 23-7 deficit at the end of one period Tuesday at Oakland Christian.

The loss left PCA at 11-6 overall, 5-4 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference. Oakland Christian is 6-8 overall, 3-6 in the MIAC.

"The bottom dropped out," said PCA coach Doug Taylor. "I don't know what it was. It was a strange thing. We got frustrated, and our attitude got down. It took a long time to get it back."

When the Eagles did get back on track, it was the fourth quarter and they trailed 48-47. Free throws eventually spelled the

difference; PCA was 9-of-14 from the line. Oakland Christian was 19-of-32.

Derric Isensee led the Eagles with 23 points. Scott Carty scored 15, with Jordan Rose getting 13 and Chris Brandon nine.

Oakland Christian was paced by Aaron Wilson's 19 points. Jimmy Mehlberg chipped in with 17.

**Belleville 78, Redford CC 72:** Senior guard John Edwards tallied 15 points and sophomore guard Kevin Harrison contributed 14 to lead the host Tigers' (6-10 overall) upset over Catholic League Central Division champion Redford Catholic Central (13-3 overall) for the second-straight year.

Chris Young, a 6-foot-9 senior center headed to Michigan, scored a game-high 30 points.

**John Glenn 49, W.L. Western 40:** A 28-18 second-half run carried Westland John Glenn (10-6, 8-2) to the WLAA win Tuesday at Walled Lake Western (8-8, 5-5).

Bill Foder and Eric Jones paced the winners with 14 and 10 points, respectively. Stephen Lawson added nine.

# Loss puts Chiefs out of contention

BY C.J. RIBAK  
SPORTS EDITOR

## BASKETBALL

Now that's a role-reversal.

A year ago, Plymouth Canton was busy preparing for a run at its fourth-straight Western Lakes Activities Association basketball tournament championship (which the Chiefs got) while North Farmington was getting ready for yet another trip to the "Final Four" — a reference to the bottom four finishers in the league, teams that would not qualify for the WLAA Tournament.

But that was then. On Tuesday, Canton hosted the Raiders, with a berth in the league tournament at stake.

The Chiefs had to win if they were to defend their WLAA Tournament title. They didn't; the Raiders put together a strong finish to the third quarter, and that carried them to a 52-41 victory.

The win pushes North's record to 10-6 overall, 6-4 in the league. Canton slips to 5-11 overall, 4-6 in the WLAA.

"I think we're in (the tournament) for sure," said North coach Brian Swinehart. "And that's the first time since I've been here."

For Swinehart, in his fourth year coaching at North, it was a night of firsts. "As a coach, I've never won in this gym," he said. "I'm excited to be in the playoffs, and I'm excited to come in here and win."

The Raiders are in the WLAA playoffs for sure. Plymouth Salem clinched at least a tie for first by beating Livonia Churchill Tuesday; the Rocks will win the WLAA title outright and earn the tournament's No. 1 seed with a victory over winless Livonia Stevenson Friday.

Farmington Harrison and Westland John Glenn are tied for second at 8-2, with North and Farmington tied for fourth at 6-4. North hosts Farmington Friday.

Walled Lake Central, Walled Lake Western and Livonia Churchill are all at 5-5, just one game ahead of Canton. But even if the Chiefs do win at Farmington Harrison Friday and tie for the final playoff berth, they'd lose the tiebreaker (head-to-head outcome) to any of the three teams above them.

Until the final 1:07 of the third period, the Canton-North outcome was up for grabs. But a single play changed all that.

The Chiefs clung to leads of 11-7 after one quarter and 19-

18 at the half, thanks mostly to junior guard Joe Cortellini's shooting (three three-pointers in the first half).

Midway through the third quarter, Canton had a 24-20 lead. That's when things started going south for the Chiefs.

A three-pointer by North's Alan Pennala and a three-point play by teammate Ray Lousia turned that around. Two baskets by Emir Medunjanin gave North a 30-24 lead with 1:46 left in the third.

A Cortellini basket narrowed the gap to four, setting up the key call of the game.

Lousia attempted an errant three-pointer from well behind the arc. Oliver Wolcott, who was defending on the play, turned around to block Lousia out after the shot and was called for a foul.

The official called it a shooting foul, awarding three free throws. When the Canton bench protested, he immediately called a technical foul.

Lousia shot all five free throws, making four, and North got possession. Adrian Bridges hit a layup, and in a 13-second span, the Raider lead went from four to 10.

"Our team can't take all that," said Canton coach Dan Young. "They can't overcome that."

North took a 38-26 lead into the final period. The Chiefs managed to pull to within seven twice in the quarter, the last on a basket by Cortellini with 3:04 left. But free throws down the stretch — mainly by Lousia; he was 5-of-6 in the last 2:11, and 15-of-18 in the game — kept the Raiders in command. For the game, North was 18-of-24 from the line; Canton was 5-of-8.

"He's been so clutch at the free throw line," said Swinehart of Lousia. "At the end of the game, our goal has been to get the ball into his hands."

Lousia's 22 points paced North. Pennala added 10 and Medunjanin got eight.

Cortellini's 19 topped Canton. Next best was Scott Samulski with eight.

"We're going to continue to look for other players to score," said Young.

The Chiefs will have to do it while playing in the "Final Four" portion of the WLAA Tournament, while North assumes Canton's customary role and searches for a title.

### WAYNE COUNTY COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Committee on Health & Human Services Committee will hold a public hearing on an ordinance to establish environmental health standards for the conduct of body arts services; to regulate the establishment and practice of body arts services; to authorize the environmental health division to enforce these standards and regulations by inspection, licensing of practitioners and permitting for body art establishments; to provide for suspension and revocation of licenses and permits; and to provide for misdemeanor and civil infraction penalties for violations and certain requirements and prohibitions of this ordinance.

At its meeting to be held:

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Wayne County Commission, Hearing Room 402  
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# Blazers aim for another championship

Livonia Ladywood is shooting for its seventh Catholic League A-B Division girls volleyball title beginning at 7 tonight when the Blazers face nemesis Birmingham Marian in the championship match at Madonna University.

Marian is the only team to beat Ladywood in a Catholic League match during that seven-year span.

## VOLLEYBALL

On Monday, the Blazers reached the finals by trimming Madison Heights Bishop Foley, 15-6, 15-11.

Jenny Lachapelle led the way with 11 kills and Jenny Young added five. Sarah Poglits and Katie Brogan were errorless on

10 serves with Poglits getting four aces.

Lachapelle was mistake-free on 15 service receptions. Poglits set up 20 balls in 48 attempts with just three errors.

### Nemesis tops Blazers

Maybe Ladywood won't have to face Temperance-Bedford in the state volleyball tournament.

The Blazers met the Kicking Mules for the second time in as many weekend tournaments and, for the second time the result was the same — a Temperance-Bedford victory.

Last weekend in the Bedford Tournament, the host team won 15-13, 15-11 in the finals.

The weekend before, in the Schoolcraft invitational, Temperance-Bedford won by a 15-3, 15-11 margin. Bedford also won during a December matchup.

Maybe a fourth meeting would be the charm for the Blazers?

Poglits had 56 kills for Ladywood in the tournament with Young at 49; Brogan served 19 aces; and Brogan excelled defensively with 94 service receptions, while Lachapelle had 68 and MaryLu Hemme 46.

Poglits did a fine job of setting with 111 assists to kills. Brogan had 29. Hemme led the team with 13 blocks.

Lachapelle made 36 digs, Brogan 32, Hemme 28 and Young and Tracey DeWitt had 15 each.

In pool play, Ladywood toppled Livonia Franklin (15-12, 15-3); Burton Atherton (15-1, 15-2); Bedford JV (15-6, 15-10) and Adrian (15-8, 15-6).

In the elimination round, Ladywood ousted Atherton (15-3, 15-6) and Battle Creek Central (15-13, 15-4).

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# Rocks rule Creston Classic — again

For the third-consecutive year, Plymouth Salem's volleyball team made its weekend trip to Grand Rapids a pleasurable one by winning the Grand Rapids Creston Classic title.

Although the competition wasn't as overpowering as the kind Salem faced in other tournaments this season, the Rocks still put together a no-nonsense approach that kept them from losing a single game in the tournament.

Indeed, in their three pool-play matches they surrendered a total of 17 points in six games. In the 12 games they played in the tournament, they gave up just 42 points.

"We really played excellent defense," said Salem co-coach Allie Suffety. "We passed the ball, we dug up everything they hit at us, we picked up all their tips."

"We just played very well." Salem earned the No. 1 seed coming out of pool play in the 14-team tournament by beating Grand Rapids Central 15-1, 15-3; Cadillac 15-0, 15-6; and Sparta 15-2, 15-5.

In the quarterfinals, the Rocks had a rematch with Sparta, with similar results: a

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15-3, 15-1 triumph. In the semifinals, they met Coopersville, the No. 4 seed in the tournament, and posted a 15-4, 15-6 victory.

That advanced them to the championship match against third seed Lake Odessa Lake-wood, ranked seventh in the state in Class B. Salem dominated the Vikings, winning 15-9, 15-2.

Amanda Abraham led Salem with 33 kills, 13 digs, seven solo blocks and seven block assists. "She had an incredible day," said Suffety. "In the last couple of weeks, she's really come on strong."

She got plenty of help. Jenny Trott had 26 kills, five service aces and 20 digs; Kelly Street and Angie Sillmon each had 19 kills, with Sillmon getting five solo blocks and five block assists; Kari Flynn collected 52 assists to kills; Laine Sterling had 25 assists to kills and 11 aces; and Amanda Suder got eight aces.

The six wins pushed Salem's overall record to 37-5-1.

## Churchill clips Canton

There were two things working against Plymouth Canton Monday when it hosted Livonia Churchill: First, the Chiefs didn't play their best; and second, the Chargers did play their best.

It added up to a 15-8, 15-9 victory for Churchill, which improved to 16-13-9 overall. Canton fell to 6-3 in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

"They're pretty good," said Canton coach Cynthia Montgomery. "They've got a good defensive team."

"They played a great game, but we didn't play up to our potential. At least we could have come closer to winning."

Stephanie Chefan's five kills was best for the Chiefs. Amy Plagens had four and Angie Germain got 10 assists to kills.

In what Churchill coach Mike Hughes called "our best all-around match of the year," Susan Hill led an outstanding defensive effort with 14 digs, while Lisa Fabirkiewicz and Beth Rutkowski each had 10 kills, and Jessica Sherman and Jenny Duncan chipped in with eight apiece.

# Win streak carries Whalers close to 1st



Make that three in a row. And one back.

The Plymouth Whalers concluded an immensely successful weekend by routing the Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds (thanks to Andrew Taylor's hat-trick), 7-2 Sunday in Sault Ste. Marie.

The win was the third-straight for the Whalers, and it accomplished just what they hoped it would: Both Plymouth and the London Knights, leaders of the Ontario Hockey League's West Division, have now played 54 games.

The victories pulled the Whalers to within a point of the leaders; London is 32-18-4 for 68 points, Plymouth is 31-18-5 for 67 points.

The Whalers also did just what coach Peter DeBoer wanted them to — win the games they're supposed to win.

After raising their level of play to beat the Peterborough Petes 3-2 (thanks to two third-period goals) Thursday at Compuware, the Whalers completely dominated Toronto St. Michaels Majors, shutting them out 6-0 Saturday at Compuware, and the Greyhounds Sunday.

Against the Majors, the Whalers put five goals on the board in the first period, by five different players. Yuri Babenko was one of them; he added a second goal in the third period, giving him 19 for the season.

Jesse Boulterice opened the scoring with a goal (his 17th) just 29 seconds into the game. He also had three assists. Steve Wasylo and Nikos Tselios contributed a goal and an assist each, Eric Gooldy got three assists, and David Legwand got a goal, his 46th.

Robert Holsinger was in goal for the shutout; he turned away 28 shots from the Majors in earning his second shutout of the season.

At Sault Ste. Marie Sunday, the Whalers spotted the Grey-

Division	W	L	T	Pts.
<b>East Division</b>				
Ottawa 67s	33	14	5	74
Bellefleur Bulls	33	20	2	68
Kingston Frontenacs	30	21	4	64
Oshawa Generals	22	28	5	49
Peterborough Petes	17	30	7	41
Toronto St. M. Majors	13	33	9	35
<b>Central Division</b>				
Guajuh Storm	35	17	5	75
Barrie Colts	32	18	4	68
Kitchener Rangers	24	23	8	56
Sudbury Wolves	22	32	5	49
Owen Sound Platers	22	29	4	48
North Bay Centennials	14	37	6	34
<b>West Division</b>				
London Knights	32	18	4	68
Plymouth Whalers	31	18	5	67
Sarnia Sting	27	18	9	63
Erie Otters	27	26	4	58
Windsor Spitfires	18	34	4	40
SSM Greyhounds	15	31	7	37

# Strong opening lifts Crusaders to triumph over Saints

The first half was all Madonna University needed to post a 77-61 triumph over Siena Heights in a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference women's basketball game Saturday at Madonna.

The Lady Crusaders improved their WHAC record to 6-5; they are 16-12 overall. Siena Heights fell to 12-17 overall, 3-7 in the WHAC.

While the Saints shot decently from the field in the first half, converting 12-of-28 shots (42.9 percent), Madonna was hot, making 17-of-33 (51.5 percent) — including 8-of-15 three-pointers (53.3 percent). That enabled

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the Crusaders to open up a 45-27 lead by the intermission.

Angie Negri scored all 12 of her points in the first half, with two triples (in five attempts). Chris Dietrich got 11 of her 15 points in the opening half, and Dawn Pelc — who led all scorers with 16 points — had eight in the first half.

Michelle Miela added 12 points in the game. Dietrich, Negri and Katie Cushman each dished out six assists, with Negri

and Cushman getting four steals apiece.

Bevin Malley and Dana Falke each scored 12 points to lead Siena Heights.

Madonna also forced 22 turnovers while committing just 10.

**SIENA HEIGHTS 115, MADONNA 83 (men):** The second meeting with the WHAC's top team wasn't much better for Madonna University.

Losers by 44 points in their first meeting at Madonna Jan. 21, the Fighting Crusaders narrowed the gap (to 32) — but they still got walloped Saturday at Siena Heights.

Six players reached double-figures in

scoring for the Saints, who improved to 23-6 overall and to 8-2 in the WHAC: Steve Bennett (25), Rob Camperlino (16), Byron Johnson (14), Justin Bascom (13), Plymouth Salem grad Dan McKian (12) and Anthony Staffney (10). Two others, Sam Lofton and Chadvis Carroll, had nine apiece.

Also, Bascom got 14 rebounds and Staffney had six assists and five steals.

Madonna, which slipped to 4-22 overall, 3-8 in the WHAC, was paced by Mark Hayes, with 21 points; John-Mark Branch, with 17 (and 10 rebounds); Narvin Russaw, with 16; and Nick Hurley (from Plymouth Canton), with 11. Siena Heights led 61-46 at halftime.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

**BOYS BASKETBALL**  
Friday, Feb. 20  
Northville at Franklin, 7 p.m.  
Salem at Stevenson, 7 p.m.  
Canton at Harrison, 7 p.m.  
Farmington at N. Farm., 7 p.m.  
Churchill at W.L. Western, 7:30 p.m.  
Baptist Pk. at Ply. Christian, 7:30 p.m.  
Sunday, Feb. 22  
(CHSL Central-AA Tourney at U-D Mercy's Callahan Hall)  
DePorres vs. Notre Dame, noon.

Aquinas vs. Brother Rice, 1:45 p.m.  
Redford CC vs. Divine Child, 3:30 p.m.  
Borgess vs. O.L. St. Mary's, 5 p.m.  
**MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL**  
Saturday, Feb. 21  
Macomb at Schoolcraft, 3 p.m.  
Oakland at Flint Mott, 3 p.m.  
Madonna at Aquinas, 3 p.m.  
**WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL**  
Saturday, Feb. 21  
Macomb at Schoolcraft, 1 p.m.  
Aquinas at Madonna, 3 p.m.

**ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE**  
Thursday, Feb. 19  
Whalers at Windsor, 7:30 p.m.  
Saturday, Feb. 21  
Whalers vs. S.S. Marie at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m.  
Sunday, Feb. 22  
Whalers vs. Oshawa at Compuware Arena, 6:30 p.m.  
**GIRLS VOLLEYBALL**  
Thursday, Feb. 19

Huron Valley vs. Bethesda at Livonia St. Paul's, 6 p.m.  
Luth. North at Clarenceville, 6 p.m.  
Inter-City at Ply. Christian, 7 p.m.  
W.L. Western at Churchill, 7 p.m.  
CHSL C-D final at Madonna, 5:30 p.m.  
(CHSL A-B Division Championship)  
Ladywood vs. Marian, at Madonna University, 7 p.m.  
Friday, Feb. 20  
Huron Valley at Agape, 5:45 p.m.

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# Opportunities are aplenty for steelhead fishing



Winter wonder: Plymouth's Bill Simeon admires a beautiful winter steelhead he recently caught on the St. Joseph River.



**BILL PARKER**

**OUTDOOR INSIGHTS**

My ice fishing bucket - complete with daddling rods, tip-ups, ice ladle and tear drops - is still resting comfortably in the corner of the basement.

I passed up a chance to get out on the ice earlier this year, when there actually was some safe ice, and now I might as well put my gear away for the season. With poor ice cover at best on all southern Michigan lakes, and more unseasonably warm weather on the way, the prospect of getting another safe cover of ice this winter is pretty unlikely.

But that doesn't mean you have to spend your weekends cooped up inside the house watching reruns of Shirley Temple movies. Consider hooking up with a powerful, feisty steelhead and battling it through a surging river current.

While the rivers of northern Michigan get a ton of attention

from winter steelhead anglers the southern half of the state also provides ample opportunities. Close to home, the Huron and the Clinton rivers serve up decent winter steelhead action. In the southwestern corner of the state the St. Joseph River provides a tremendous winter steelhead fishery.

The Michigan Outdoor Writers Association met recently in Stevensville and I had the opportunity to chase steelhead up and down the St. Joe with veteran charter captain Mike Stowe of Snap-Line Charters.

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources annually stocks the St. Joe and its tributaries with steelhead, which produces a outstanding fishery throughout the year. The final 25 miles of the river - from the Berrien Springs Dam to the mouth of the river at Lake Michigan - should certainly be considered when contemplating a trip for winter steelhead. Steelies average between five and eight pounds on the St. Joe, but 10- to 12-pounders are not uncommon.

Joining fellow outdoor writers Bill Simeon of Plymouth, Bob Holzhei of St. Johns and Jim Bedford of Lansing, we headed out from the public boat launch at Shamrock Park in Berrien Springs and into the slow-rolling water just above Farmer's Creek. Our rigs consisted of 4-inch leaders below a 1/2-ounce sinker on 8-pound monofilament.

We concentrated our efforts on fishing fresh spawn, but spinners and body baits also produce at this time of year.

The trick, according to Stowe, is to keep your bait on bottom and to cover a lot of water. The technique we employed was to anchor above a likely hole and bounce our offerings along the bottom, allowing the current to take the bait back into the hole.

"One mistake a lot of people make at this time of year is that they catch one fish right away and they stay on that spot for two or three hours," explained Stowe. "Either the fish are going to bite or they're not. You've got to cover a lot of water to get to the active fish."

If you've never battled with a river steelhead you're missing out on a bout of title fight proportions. Even in the winter, with the cold water slowing their activity, steelhead are fighting machines.

We boated two fish in a half-day on the river, a magnificent 10-pounder - that had Holzhei on the ropes a couple of times before succumbing to the nylon mesh of Stowe's net - and a beautiful, brightly colored 5-pounder. We had a couple others on that we didn't land.

For the most part the fish seem to hit better on cloudy days, according to Stowe, who also makes custom steelhead rods. "It's best early in the morning and late in the afternoon, but

on cloudy days they'll bite all day," he explained. "When the sun comes out the fish seem to get skittish."

Walleye and brown trout are also caught throughout the year on the St. Joe, but the predominant winter catch is steelhead.

"When the spawn starts in the spring the fishing gets tougher because the fish are more concentrated on the gravel and sand flats and there are fewer areas to fish for them," said Stowe. "The weather is warmer by then, and everyone and his brother is out fishing so sometimes it gets pretty crowded."

When the steelhead start spawning the best course of action is to get out early before the crowds arrive.

"The best thing to do in the spring is get there early and stay on your spot all day," said Stowe. "If you get out late you might as well stay home because the good spots will already be taken. It gets pretty crowded sometimes."

It's about a three-hour trip from metro-Detroit to the St. Joe. Simply get on I-94 and head west. If you've got steelhead on your mind the journey passes quickly.

*(Anglers and hunters are urged to report your success. Questions and comments are also encouraged. Send information to: Outdoors, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. Fax information to (248) 644-1314 or call Bill Parker evenings at (248) 901-2573.)*

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## OUTDOOR CALENDAR

### ACTIVITIES

**SPRING WALK**  
 Bill Graig will lead a spring walk beginning at noon on Saturday March 21, at the William P. Holliday Nature Preserve in Westland. Participants should meet at the parking lot at Newburg Road, north of Warren. Call (313) 522-8547 for information.

### ARCHERY

**JUNIOR OLYMPICS**  
 The Oakland County Sportsman Club in Clarkston offers a Junior Olympic Archery Development Program beginning at 1 p.m. on Sundays. Call (810) 623-0444 for more information.

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

### CLUBS

**SOLAR**  
 The School for Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation, a non-profit organization interested in promoting the appreciation of outdoor activities, meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Colony Hall in Southfield. Call (248) 988-6658 for more information.

**METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS**  
 Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the cafeteria at Garden City High School. Call Dominic Liparoto at (248) 476-5027 for more information.

**MICHIGAN FLY FISHING**  
 The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Junior High School. Call (810) 478-1494 for more information.

**FOUR SEASONS**  
 The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Senior Citizen's Center in the Livonia Civic Center. Call Jim Kudej at (313) 591-0843 for more information.

**FISHING BUDDYS**  
 Fishing Buddys Fishing Club meets monthly in Rochester Hills. The meetings are open to all anglers. Call (248) 656-0556 for more information.

**CLINTON VALLEY BASS ANGLERS**  
 Clinton Valley Bass Anglers is seeking new members (boaters and non-boaters are welcome.) The club meets monthly at Gander Mountain in Waterford. Call Mike Daly at (248) 666-8910 for more information.

**BASS ASSOCIATION**  
 The Downriver Bass Association, a non-tournament bass club, meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Gander Mountain in Taylor. Pro bass angler Marty

Wielhaus will be the guest speaker at the Feb. 24 meeting. Call (734) 676-2863 for more information.

### DINNERS

**SAFARI CLUB**  
 The 21st Annual Detroit Chapter Safari Club International Wild Game Dinner and Fund Raiser begins at 5 p.m. Saturday, March 7, at Penna's of Sterling Heights. Tickets are \$60 for individuals and \$500 for a table of 10.

**STEELHEADERS**  
 Huron Valley Steelheaders will hold its Spring Show on Sunday, March 29, at the Southgate Civic Center. Redford's Bob Mitchel will be a guest speaker and will give a presentation on salmon trolling and Great Lakes fishing beginning at 9:30 p.m.

### MEETINGS

**NRC**  
 The monthly meeting of the state Natural Resource Commission will be Wednesday and Thursday, March 10-11, at the Kellogg Center in East Lansing.

**MICHIGAN BIG GAME HUNTERS**  
 The Michigan Big Game Hunters Association presents Mark Ennett, a conservation officer with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, who will speak on the tree stand issues at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 19, at Gander Mountain in Taylor. Call (313) 287-7420 for more information.

### SEASON/DATES

**FOX**  
 Fox hunting season ends March 1.

**RABBIT**  
 Rabbit season runs through March 31 statewide.

**PIKE**  
 Pike season ends March 15 on inland lakes statewide. Spawning season ends Feb. 28.

**SMELT**  
 Smelt netting season runs March 1- May 31 south of M-72 and April 1-May 31 north of M-72.

### SHOOTING RANGES

**BALD MOUNTAIN**  
 Bald Mountain Recreation Area in Lake Orion has shotgun (skeet & trap, sporting clays, 5-stand), rifle, pistol, and archery shooting facilities. Range hours are 10 a.m. to dusk on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays. Bald Mountain is located at 1330 Greenshield Rd. (three miles north of the Palace of Auburn Hills). Call (810) 814-9193 for more information.

**PONTIAC LAKE**  
 Pontiac Lake Recreation Area in Waterford has rifle, pistol, shotgun, and archery ranges. Range hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesdays through Sundays. Pontiac Lake Recreation Area is

located at 7800 Gale Rd. Call (810) 666-1020 for more information.

**ORTONVILLE RECREATION**  
 Ortonville Recreation Area in Ortonville has rifle, pistol and shotgun shooting facilities. Range hours through Dec. 22 are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. The Ortonville Recreation Area is located at 5779 Hadley Rd. Call (810) 693-6767 for more information.

### SHOWS

**BOAT, SPORT & FISHING**  
 The 15th annual Boat, Sport and Fishing Show runs through Sunday at the Pontiac Silverdome. Show hours are 3 p.m.-9:30 p.m. today, 11 a.m.-9:30 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m.-9:30 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday.

**OUTDOORAMA**  
 Outdoorama '98 Sport and Travel show will take place Feb. 20-March 1 at the Novi Expo Center. Show hours are 4-9:30 p.m. Feb. 20, 23, 24, 26 and 27; 11 a.m.-9:30 p.m. Feb. 21 and 28; 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Feb. 22; noon-9:30 p.m. Feb. 25; and 11 a.m.-6 p.m. March 1. Admission is \$6.50 adult, \$3 for children 12 and under, and children ages five and under will be admitted free. A two-day adult pass is available for \$10 and a two-day children's pass is \$5.

**SPORTFISHING EXPO**  
 The 10th annual Greater Detroit Sportfishing and Travel Expo will be held March 5-8 at the Palace of Auburn Hills. Show hours are 4-9:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday, March 5-6; 10 a.m.-9:30 p.m. Saturday, March 7; and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday, March 8. Admission is \$7.50 adult and \$3.50 for children age 6-12. Children age five and under will be admitted free. Coupons for \$1 off the price of admission are available at all Dunham's stores.

### METROPARKS

**METROPARK REQUIREMENTS**  
 Most Metropark programs are free while some require a nominal fee. Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all programs. Call the respective parks, toll free: Stony Creek, 1-800-477-7756; Indian Springs, 1-800-477-3192; Kensington, 1-800-477-3178.

**1998 PERMITS**  
 The 1998 Huron-Clinton Metroparks annual vehicle entry permits and boat launching permits are on sale at all Metropark offices. Vehicle entry permits are \$15 (\$8 for senior citizens). The annual boat launching permits are \$16 (\$9 for senior citizens). Call 1-800-47-PARKS for more information.

**STAR GAZERS**  
 Ages 8-12 will paint winter constellations in t-shirts and observe the night sky during this program, which begins at 7 p.m. Friday at Indian Springs.

### WEEK

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# CALENDAR

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN AND AROUND PLYMOUTH

## WEEKEND

Madonna University will hold a faculty music recital at 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 22, in Kresge Hall on the campus, Schoolcraft and Levan in Livonia. 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.

## COFFEE HOUR

U.S. Rep. Lynn Rivers has scheduled a coffee hour 8:30-10 a.m. Friday Feb. 20, at Silverman's Restaurant, 36480 Plymouth Road, Livonia. 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, call Rivers' district offices in Ann Arbor at (313) 741-4210 or Wayne at (313) 722-1411.

## COMEDY SHOW

The VFW No. 6695 Ladies Auxiliary will host the "Totally Unrehearsed Comedy Show" at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21, at the VFW No. 6695 Hall, 1426 S. Mill St., Plymouth. Cost is \$12.50 per person, including refreshments. For more information, call Tillie at 416-0518 or Ann at 459-2394.

## MARDI GRAS

A Mardi Gras has been planned for 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21, as a benefit for the Plymouth Community Arts Council. Revelers will enjoy dinner, an auction and live music during the gala evening at Fox Hills Country Club. A choice of New Orleans-style entrees will be served with all the traditional Bourbon Street trimmings. The feast will follow an auction of distinctive art contributed by local artists and exciting items donated by local businesses. The auction will be conducted with flair and expertise by Joe DuMouchelle. The evening musical entertainment will be provided by the New Reformation Dixieland Band. Tickets for the Mardi Gras are \$50 per person and can be obtained by calling the PCAC at 416-4278.

## AROUND TOWN

### 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.

### SKATIN' STATION

Skatin' Station II will hold open skating for mid-winter break 1-4 p.m. Feb. 23-27. \$4.25 for admission and \$2 skate rental.

### BLUE SPRUCE TREES

Ten free Colorado blue spruce trees will be given to each person who joins the National Arbor Day Foundation during February. The free trees are part of the nonprofit Foundation's Trees for America campaign. The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting March 1-May 31 with enclosed planting instructions. The 6- to 12-inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge. To become a member of the foundation and receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to the National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, Neb. 68410, by Feb. 28.

### GARDEN WALK

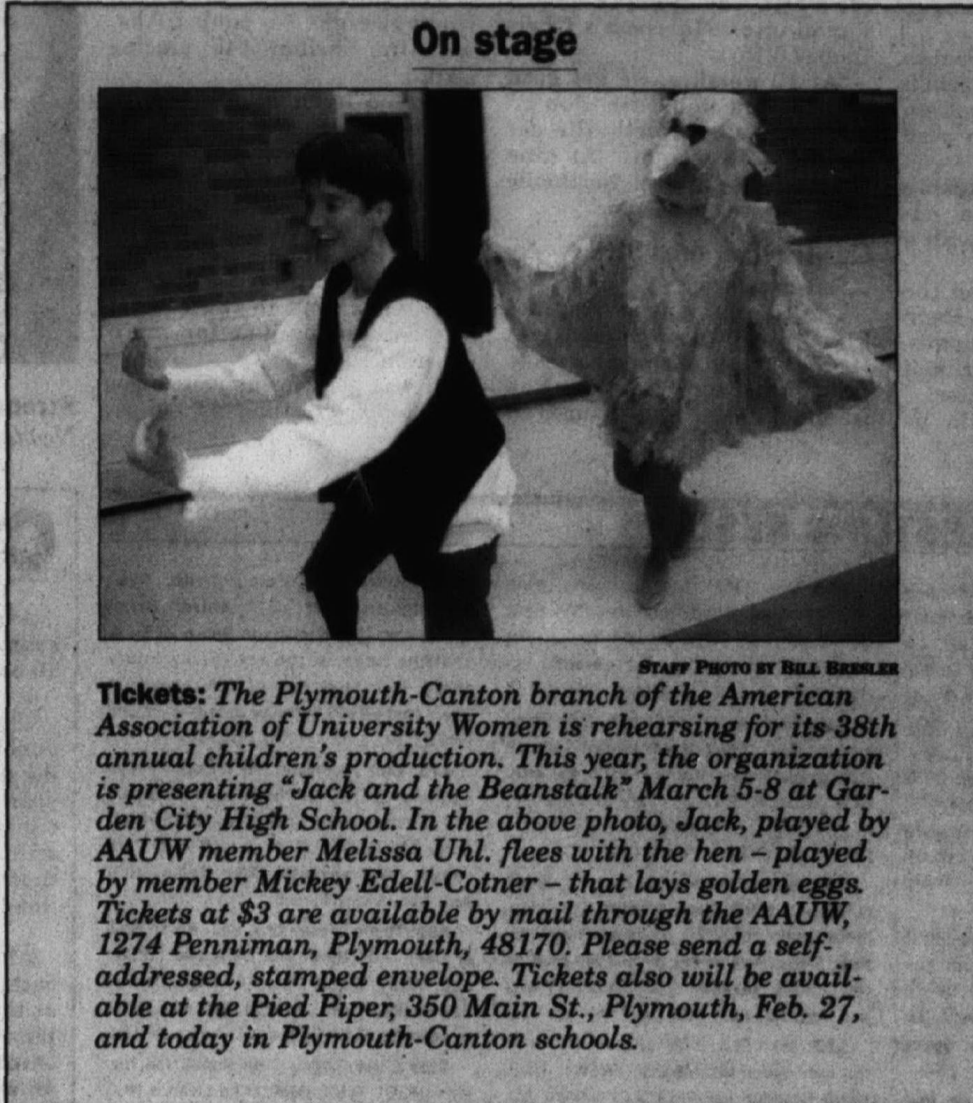
The Canton Garden Club wants to host its first garden walk this summer. Do you enjoy gardening with a passion and have created a "masterpiece" in your yard or have you done wonders in a specialty garden with herbs, roses, water features or shade? This is not a contest, but a way of finding those wonderful 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.

### CAMP FAIR

Come and meet directors of summer camps in Michigan to find the perfect camp for your children. Camps include resident, day, and sports camps and other summer programs. The annual Camp Fair will be held 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28, at Ypsilanti High School, 2095 Packard Road, Ypsilanti. Sponsored by Washtenaw Camp Placement Association. Free. For more information, call (734) 971-4537.

### BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Blood pressure screenings are held at 1 p.m. every third Monday of the month at the Summit in Canton. No appointments are necessary, just check in at the Senior Desk in the Parkview Room. This free service is provided by the Senior Advantage Program



On stage

STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BEESLER

**Tickets:** The Plymouth-Canton branch of the American Association of University Women is rehearsing for its 38th annual children's production. This year, the organization is presenting "Jack and the Beanstalk" March 5-8 at Garden City High School. In the above photo, Jack, played by AAUW member Melissa Uhl, flees with the hen - played by member Mickey Edell-Cotner - that lays golden eggs. Tickets at \$3 are available by mail through the AAUW, 1274 Penniman, Plymouth, 48170. Please send a self-addressed, stamped envelope. Tickets also will be available at the Pied Piper, 350 Main St., Plymouth, Feb. 27, and today in Plymouth-Canton schools.

of Beyer Hospital.

### PHARMACY PRESCRIPTIONS

Free prescription drugs to middle-income seniors if you qualify will be available by appointment only at the Plymouth Township Clerk's Office, 1-4 p.m. For more information, call 455-7526.

### 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

St. Mary Hospital in Livonia will offer an Infant and Child Immunization Program from 5:30-8 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 23, in West Addition Conference Room B near the south entrance off Levan Road. Cost is \$5 per child no matter how many immunizations are given. For more

information, call (313) 655-2922 or toll-free at 1-800-494-1650.

St. Mary Hospital offers free weekly blood pressure screenings. Next screening will be noon to 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 23, at the Northville Senior Center, 215 W. Cady St., Northville. No registration is required. For more information or questions, call the Community Outreach Department at (734) 655-2922 or toll-free at 1-800-494-1650.

The Marian Women's Center at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia offers a child-birth preparation class based on the Lamaze method that increases expectant parents' knowledge of the birth experience. A six-week session will be held from 7-9 p.m., every Tuesday through March 17, in West Addition Conference Room A. Cost of the class is \$55. Preregistration is required for this class. For more information, call (734) 655-1100 or toll-free at 1-800-494-1615.

A breastfeeding class is scheduled from 7-9 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 26, at St.

Mary Hospital in Livonia, in the West Addition Conference Room A near the south entrance off Levan Road. This class is designed for expectant mothers between the seventh and eighth month of pregnancy. The class will focus on the benefits of breastfeeding for infant, mother and family. Instructors will demonstrate the many techniques of breastfeeding. Topics will include breastfeeding and the working mother, questions and concerns about breastfeeding, and review of breastfeeding pumps, helpful books and supplies. Cost of the class is \$15. Preregistration is requested, but mothers can register at the class. For more information or to register, call the Marian Women's Center at (734) 655-1100 or toll-free at 1-800-494-1615.

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.

### 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.

### EXPO 98

Single Place Ministries presents Expo 98, "Meeting on Earth: Beyond the Mars/Venice Syndrome," by Susan Baranoff 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28, at First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Main, Northville. Lunch and continental breakfast is included. Cost is \$17.50 in advance or \$20 at the door. For more information, call (248) 349-0911.

### WINTER DANCE

Ford Ballroom Dance Club presents a "Winter Dance" at the Mayflower Meeting House, 499 Main, Plymouth, with a free Latin workshop-spot turns Friday, Feb. 27. Music by ballroom dance DJ Gary Green. Lesson is at 8 p.m., with Gary Green; and dancing is 9 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. There will be light refreshments. Cost is \$10 per person for nonmembers; and \$5 per person for Ford Ballroom Dance Club members. Attire is dressy casual. For more information, call (248) 349-8782.

### STUDENT OUTREACH CONCERT

The Ann Arbor Cantata Singers announce their Third Annual Student Outreach Concert at 4 p.m. Sunday, March 8, at Detroit First Church of the Nazarene, Haggerty north of Eight Mile. Cost is \$4 for adults, \$2 for students, and \$10 for family at the door. Performers include, Ann Arbor Cantata Singers, Plymouth-Canton Educational Park and Huron High School. This exciting concert provides students with the opportunity to sing alongside accomplished singers. For more information, call Jutta Gerber at 975-9151.

### 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.

### SCHOOL OPENINGS

Livonia Little People's Co-op Preschool has openings for the 1997-98 school year in the 3- and 4-year-old classes. The preschool is located at 8820 Wayne Road, just north of Joy. For more information, call (313) 454-4964. Suburban Children's Co-op Nursery has openings now in all classes 18 months through 5 years old. Located in Livonia, bordering Canton, Plymouth and Westland. Quality education offered with parental involvement. Low tuition. For more information, contact Michelle at (313) 421-6196. New Morning School has new student openings. Openings exist for fall 1998 students in full and half-day kindergarten through the fifth grade at New Morning School. Mid-year openings are available for upper elementary students. New Morning School is a state-certified and licensed nonprofit school. For further information, call (313) 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.

### SALVATION ARMY

Senior citizens of all ages, get your exercise and have a good time, too, in the Senior Volleyball Program. The program meets 10 a.m. to noon Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. There is an annual fee of \$10. For more information, call the Salvation Army (313) 453-5464 and ask for Marthas. 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.

**CALENDAR FORM**

The Plymouth Observer welcomes Calendar items. Items should be from non-profit community groups or individuals announcing a community program or event. Please type or print the information below and mail your item to The Calendar, Plymouth Observer, 794 South Main Street, Plymouth, MI, 48170, or by fax to 734-459-4224. Deadline for Calendar items is noon Friday for the following Thursday's paper. Call 459-2700 if you have any questions.

**Event:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date and Time:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Location:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Additional Info.:** \_\_\_\_\_

*Use additional sheet if necessary*

## CAMPUS NOTES

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Grand Valley State University announces students on the dean's list for the fall semester: Brandi N. Bernard, Stephanie E. Layng, Christina M. Mokienko, Alexis S. Moore, Laura E. Weir of Canton; Melissa R. Bacynski, Rebecca A. Baigrie, Heather L. Chwalek, Alyssa L. Hafemeister, and Joshua W. Stickney of Plymouth.

**MADONNA UNIVERSITY**  
Canton residents Susan R. Alonzo, Andrea N. Barbee, Lindsay J. Barra, Laura K. Belisle, Sheryl A. Bennett, Carla D. Boyer, Natalie E. Dugas, Mark C. Garrett, Cynthia K. Griffiths, Maha N. Hawatmeh, Valerie A. Hedrick, Jill S. Jones, Jaelyn K. Kemp, Jodie L. Kingsbury, Stuart L. Kruger, Rebecca B. Baskin, Lucia A. Lansu, Patty L. Leapley, Tracy M. Long, Marnie I. McDonell, Rachel B. Oliver, Kelly R. Paul, Leslie A. Phillips, Jennifer J. Presley, Amy M. Ransford, Terri A. Rock, Brandon S. Slone, Michael J. Slone, Michelle A. Swiderek, Linda S. Weinrauch, Ellen L. Wiland, Neil G. Wildfong, and Angela J. Young;

and Plymouth residents Ryan R. Bayer, Stacey E. Bell, Lisa L. Birou, Stephen M. Bruce, Amy M. Chapman, Shawn E. Clark, Elizabeth N. Cosenza, Kathleen M. Cramer, Rose Marie Deehan, Terrence L. Donohue, Leah T. Greenwald, Marybeth Kocsis, Janell Leschinger, Angela M. Litwin, Timothy M. MacArthur, Joseph R. Marquis, Kimberly G. McKnight, Joseph Niemienski, Nicole C. Orlewicz, Stacey A. Piontkowski, Julie Ramsay, Elaine M. Ranus, Kelly A. Shaw, Stephanie A. Skeppstrom, Rachelle D. Smokovitz, Bonnie J. Southerland and Alison Storm all made the dean's list at Madonna University.

**DEGREES GRANTED**  
John S. Spencer and Lynn J. Walterscheid of Canton received their master's degree from Madonna University; and Plymouth residents Elisabeth A. Conley, Kathleen M. Cramer, Kathleen E. Gerigk, Kim M. Haddad, Daniel B. Pydyn, Elizabeth A. Stuart, Cheryl A. Sznizniewski, and Susan E. Walters received their bachelor's degrees from Madonna University. Joseph R. Marquis of Plymouth received his associate degree from Madonna University.

# WLAA wrestling from page C1

in more weight classes. The Mustangs scored in all but one of the 14 divisions, the Rocks 12. Northville also had eight wrestlers in the championship matches, Salem seven. In addition, the Mustangs had three third-place finishers, one fourth and a fifth; the Rocks had two thirds and one each of fourth, sixth and seventh. "We had guys step up," Northville coach Garnet Potter said. "Guys who did lose didn't get pinned; guys who should have won did. I can't think of a match we lost that we should have won, and that's the key to winning a tournament." There were five repeat champions — Stevenson's Katsuhiko Sueda (112), Northville's Rick Torrence (119), Westland John Glenn's John Fedulichak (152) and Salem's Anwar Crutchfield (160) and Teono Wilson (189). Wilson is the only one of the five to win again at the same

weight. The others competed one weight lower in 1997 except for Fedulichak, who was at 140 last year. Northville's other champions are Ted Bowersox (275), Anant Saran (125) and Reggie Torrence (130). Both Torrences won by pin in the finals. "Those are extra points, too," Potter said, adding the Mustangs locked up the team title when 135-pound Chad Neumann finished in third place. In a bout between unbeaten wrestlers, Saran won by technical fall over Walled Lake Central's Scott Aubry, 23-6, to push his record to 32-0. Bowersox, who lost to Salem's Charlie Hamblin in the dual, 11-4, reversed that decision with a 2-1 victory in overtime. With his team behind in the dual, Bowersox had to pin Hamblin. He was forced to be aggressive from the start and attempt all throws, according to Potter. "He couldn't just wrestle; he

sold out for the team," he said. The rematch boiled down to a coin flip, Krueger said, adding Bowersox won the toss, chose the down position in overtime and was able to get an escape. Salem's other winners were John Mervyn (103), Dan Hamblin (140) and James Greene (145). Also winning championships were Stevenson's Dan Seder (135), Walled Lake Western's Dan Thompson (171) and Farmington Harrison's Chris Gadjev (215). "At 10 weights, we get good points and four we don't," Krueger said. "Northville get points at 13 weights. At nine weights, we can beat Northville when we wrestle head up." **Canton finishes 9th** So what's new? The tournament starts, and Plymouth Canton suffers yet another injury — and it comes to the Chiefs' top wrestler, Rob Demisick, who had 25 match

wins entering the tournament. Demisick joined Kevin Stone (broken ankle) and Brent Buttermore (fractured rib) on the disabled list when he dislocated his elbow in his first WLAA match. Still, Canton had six wrestlers place in the top six, with John-Peter Demisick's third at 171 the team's best. Four others — Jon Pocock (130), Brian Musser (140), Jared Chapman (215) and A.J. Maloni (heavyweight) — took fifths, with Jim Shelton (145) placing sixth. "We've been plagued with injuries enough this year that we really had individual goals for our Western Lakes Conference," said assistant coach John Demisick. "We wanted each wrestler just to wrestle for themselves, for seeding purposes for districts next week, and in the case of our freshmen, just for more experience. It was good for us just to get some tough wrestling in."



Strong effort: Canton's Jared Chapman (right) lost to Northville's Mike Livanos, and eventually placed fifth.

## WLAA WRESTLING RESULTS

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**Team scores:** 1. Northville, 249.5; 2. Plymouth Salem, 221.5; 3. Walled Lake Western, 196; 4. Livonia Stevenson, 145.5; 5. Walled Lake Central, 99; 6. Farmington, 93; 7. Westland John Glenn, 83.5; 8. Livonia Churchill, 83; 9. Plymouth Canton, 75; 10. Farmington Harrison, 65; 11. Livonia Franklin, 61; 12. North Farmington, 25. **275 pounds:** Ted Bowersox (NV) decisioned Charlie Hamblin (PS), 2-1 in overtime; **third:** Nick Wilson (WLW) pinned Paul Lindsey (WLC), 4:37; **fifth:** A.J. Maloni (PC), uncontested. **103:** John Mervyn (PS) dec. Matt Tarnew (NV), 6-4; **third:** Joe Moreau (LS) dec. Brian Schweizer (WLW), 3-0; **fifth:** Dale Zarnick (WLC) pinned Lee Warren (LF), 3:21; **seventh:** Kyle Pitt (PC) dec. Matt Krueger (F), 7-0.

**112:** Katsuhiko Sueda (LS) by injury default over Rob Ash (PS); **third:** Kevin Arbutle (NV) dec. Jesse Purdon (JG), 12-4; **fifth:** Justin Shafer (FH) by injury default over Justin Hyttel (WLC); **seventh:** A.J. Lee (WLW) pinned Jason Farnsworth (PC), 2:53. **119:** Rick Torrence (NV) pinned Chris Goins (LS), 0:59; **third:** Dan Morgan (PS) dec. Jon Taylor (FH), 15-1; **fifth:** Jeff Albrecht (JG) pinned Joe Marttila (WLC), 2:25; **seventh:** Nick Jasko (WLW) pinned Joe Seymour (F), 2:59. **125:** Anant Saran (NV) by technical fall over Scott Aubry (WLC), 23-6; **third:** Josh Henderson (PS) dec. Trevor Clarke (NF), 8-2; **fifth:** Derick Smith (WLW) dec. Eric McMichael (JG), 8-0; **seventh:** Steve Vasiloff (LC) dec. Chris Audette (F), 10-2. **130:** Reggie Torrence (NV) pinned Josh Bagalay (WLW), 3:52; **third:** John O'Brien (WLC) dec. Derek Azzopardi (LF), 4-2; **fifth:** Jon Pocock (PC) pinned Tony Lema (F), 4:30; **seventh:** Greg Petrovitch (PS) dec. Justin Bass (JG), 11-7.

**135:** Dan Seder (LS) dec. Jerry Lema (F), 8-7; **third:** Chad Neumann (NV) dec. Sam Boyd (PS), 4-1; **fifth:** Jake Taylor (FH) dec. Geoff Zilan (WLW), 9-2; **seventh:** Ian Huff (WLC) dec. Chris Wolfgang (JG), 8-1. **140:** Dan Hamblin (PS) dec. Dan Scapaticci (NV), 15-4; **third:** Imad Kharbush (LS) pinned Travis Moore (FH), 1:48; **fifth:** Brian Musser (PC) by injury default over Martin Spinks (F); **seventh:** Nick Lincoln (WLW) pinned Ryan Cannon (LC), 0:40. **145:** James Greene (PS) dec. Jeff Brach (LS), 5-2; **third:** Ryan Shiplett (LF) dec. Mike Carter (LC), 2-1 in double overtime; **fifth:** Sevan Sahiner (F) pinned Jim Shelton (PC), 3:23; **seventh:** Justin Aldea (WLW) dec. Fritz Schultes (NF), 11-7. **152:** John Fedulichak (JG) by technical fall over Norm Wroblewski (WLW), 18-3; **third:** Brandon LaPointe (LC) pinned J.D. Ziarkowski (WLC), 4:54; **fifth:** Jason Dowdell (NV) dec. Eric Greene (PS), 12-2; **seventh:** Mark Ostach (F) dec. Sean Matuszak (NF), 12-10.

**160:** Anwar Crutchfield (PS) dec. Ryan McCracken (NV), 7-0; **third:** Brian Panczynski (LC) dec. Brian Barker (LS), 4-1; **fifth:** Dean Gozowsky (F) by injury default over Mark Funni (WLW); **seventh:** Brian Zaid (WLC) by injury default over Eric Toska (LF). **171:** Dan Thompson (WLW) dec. Winnie Ascione (LC), 7-2; **third:** John Demisick (PC) pinned Ryan Gile's (NV), 0:33; **fifth:** Steve Myslinski (LF) by default over Pete Langer (JG); **seventh:** Mike Radley (LS) dec. Ben Lukas (F), 6-5. **189:** Teono Wilson (PS) dec. Bryan Gridler (NV), 7-1; **third:** Tim Dziuzynski (WLW) dec. Andy Wood (F), 4-3; **fifth:** James Fowler (WLC) dec. Waleed Haddad (LS), 9-6; **seventh:** Mike Gaffke (LC), uncontested. **215:** Chris Gadjev (FH) pinned Joe Higgins (WLC), 0:52; **third:** Mike Livanos (NV) dec. Tony Morano (WLW), 14-6; **fifth:** Jared Chapman (PC) pinned George Tsoukalas (LS), 4:03; **seventh:** Kyle Domalagowski (F) pinned Mike Stein (NF), 4:14.

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administrators for their examination prior to the March 10 board meeting.

There seems to be little doubt the public favors bringing hockey to the schools. Last year, in the limited amount of time they had, the boosters still managed to collect more than 1,500 signatures in a petition drive.

At present, the plan is for both teams to play and practice at the Plymouth Cultural Center. As Arzno explained, for one thing it's on school property; for another, the Plymouth-Canton Hockey Association "is making ice time available for either high school," including both morning and afternoon

practice times and Friday nights for games.

The March 10 date was not arbitrarily selected. Due to their enrollment, it seems certain Salem and Canton would both have to field teams by Michigan High School Athletic Association standards.

If the teams are to play in the Suburban High School Hockey League, an important part of the plan (all other local teams, including the three Livonia schools, Northville and both Walled Lake schools, are part of the league), the league must be notified with a letter of intent by mid-March.

"If this doesn't go through, it won't be from lack of preparation," vowed Arzno.

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# Shamrocks prove they're best in Catholic League

Even in a year when its dual meet record doesn't reflect it, the Redford Catholic Central wrestling team is still the class of the Catholic League.

The Shamrocks, who have a 7-13 record against one of the toughest schedules in the state, had four champions and finished with 169 points.

Host Birmingham Brother Rice was second (146.50), followed by Orchard Lake St. Mary's (143.50), Madison Heights Bishop Foley (110), Harper Woods Notre Dame (80) and Dearborn Divine Child (55).

Junior heavyweight Casey Rogowski remained undefeated in 38 matches and was named Most Valuable Wrestler

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after beating St. Mary's Andrew Tippins, 9-2, in the finals.

CC coach Mike Rodriguez said Rogowski's chances of advancing far in the state tournament get better each week.

"Casey's going to beat a lot of people," Rodriguez said. "He has a heart of a champion, is a terrific athlete. You don't quit easy on yourself when you're an outstanding athlete."

Rogowski's sparring partner in practice, junior Brocc Naysmith, won at 189

pounds. Naysmith, 32-2 overall, beat St. Mary's Andy McDonald, 13-2 in the finals.

"Brocc and Casey beat each other up every day," Rodriguez said. "Neither one is that much bigger than the other. They come out even, split right down the road."

Rodriguez said 130-pounder Ron Sarada provided the difference, winning his division with a pin over Phil Abejean in 1:28. The win was a pleasant surprise for the Shamrocks because Sarada had to beat Jeff Wheeler in practice two out of three matches just to get in the lineup.

"He sealed it for us," Rodriguez said.

"Jeff Wheeler's been beating Sarada until the last week. He hasn't been a regular."

"It makes a big difference when you pin the first-round through," Rodriguez said.

The Shamrocks' other individual champion was sophomore Mitch Hancock, who beat Rice's Jeremy Barrios, 12-7, to win at 135.

Hancock pinned three of the four opponents he faced.

Rodriguez was also pleased by the performance of captain Matt Petersen, who reached the finals at 170 pounds before losing to Rice's Kevin Herrington, 11-6.

It was only Petersen's fifth outing of the year as a shoulder injury has hampered his progress.

"He's a slick young man, a real true captain," Rodriguez said. "He made it all the way to the finals but couldn't get it out anymore."

The Shamrocks are favored to win today at Southfield Lathrup in the Division I team district.

They open with Southfield with the winner taking on Lathrup.

Rodriguez is encouraged by his team's progress, which includes a 50-45 loss last Thursday to one of the top teams in the state - Clarkston.

## BEST BOYS SWIM TIMES

Following is a list of Observers boys best swimming times and diving scores. Coaches can report updates to Dan O'Meara by calling (313) 953-2141 or faxing the information to (313) 591-7279.

### 200-YARD MEDLEY RELAY

Livonia Stevenson 1:40.62  
Plymouth Salem 1:43.04  
Redford Catholic Central 1:43.94  
Plymouth Canton 1:44.82  
North Farmington 1:46.23

### 200 FREESTYLE

Keith Falk (Stevenson) 1:44.54  
Nick Corden (Salem) 1:44.60  
Ryan Meekins (Redford CC) 1:48.97  
Tim Buchanan (Salem) 1:49.11  
Pete Bosler (Farmington) 1:50.20  
Steve Domin (Stevenson) 1:51.86  
Matt Baran (Redford CC) 1:52.31  
Jason Musson (Canton) 1:53.35  
Brent Mellis (Salem) 1:53.37  
Justin Barringer (Harrison) 1:54.18

### 200 INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY

Keith Falk (Stevenson) 2:00.73  
Tim Buchanan (Salem) 2:01.41  
Nick Sosnowski (Redford CC) 2:01.67  
Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 2:05.26  
Steve Domin (Stevenson) 2:05.49  
Brent Mellis (Salem) 2:05.73  
Dan Gabriel (N. Farmington) 2:07.36  
James McPartlin (John Glenn) 2:07.44

### 50 FREESTYLE

Steve Domin (Stevenson) 21.81  
Nick Corden (Salem) 22.14  
Andrew Locke (Salem) 22.44  
Tim Buchanan (Salem) 22.95  
Dan Kelly (Salem) 23.10  
Jacob Varty (Stevenson) 23.21  
Matt Baran (Redford CC) 23.24  
Matt Zaid (N. Farmington) 23.29  
Kurtis Hornick (Canton) 23.36

### 100 FREESTYLE

Nick Corden (Salem) 48.39  
Keith Falk (Stevenson) 48.67  
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Andrew Locke (Salem) 51.14  
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### 500 FREESTYLE

Keith Falk (Stevenson) 4:48.79  
Nick Sosnowski (Redford CC) 4:49.30  
Chris Totten (Garden City) 4:57.05  
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### 200 FREESTYLE RELAY

Plymouth Salem 1:29.46  
Livonia Stevenson 1:30.46  
North Farmington 1:33.46  
Plymouth Canton 1:34.63

### 100 BACKSTROKE

Dan Gabriel (N. Farmington) 55.23  
Nick Sosnowski (Redford CC) 56.03  
Mark Sgriccia (Stevenson) 56.16  
Nick Corden (Salem) 56.17  
Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 56.81  
Devin Hopper (Farmington) 57.30  
Brent Mellis (Salem) 57.44  
Aaron Reeder (Canton) 58.74  
Josh Duffy (Harrison) 58.83  
Jim Gabriel (N. Farmington) 59.18

### 100 BREASTSTROKE

Matt Walker (Harrison) 1:02.85  
Keith Falk (Stevenson) 1:03.94  
Ryan Zounbaris (John Glenn) 1:04.05  
Paul Conolly (Redford CC) 1:04.07  
Jody Gomez (Franklin) 1:04.87  
Matt Heiss (Canton) 1:05.11  
Andrew Locke (Salem) 1:05.66  
Adam Farber (N. Farmington) 1:06.45  
Kevin VanTiem (Stevenson) 1:07.10  
Mike Nemer (Stevenson) 1:07.26

### 400 FREESTYLE RELAY

Plymouth Salem 3:20.38  
Livonia Stevenson 3:20.72  
Redford Catholic Central 3:24.69  
North Farmington 3:30.82  
Plymouth Canton 3:31.99

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## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids up to 10:00 a.m., March 5, 1998 for the following:

### PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF ONE (1) PICNIC SHELTER IN HERITAGE PARK

Bid specifications will be available on Thursday, February 19, 1998 at Pollack Design Associates, 220 S Main Street, Ann Arbor, MI 48104, Phone (313) 663-9522. 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

Publish: February 19, 1998



## 1998 CITY OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE OF HEARINGS ASSESSMENT BOARD OF REVIEW

The Board of Review for the City of Plymouth will convene in the City commission chambers, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170, for an Organizational Meeting on Tuesday, March 3, 1998 at 12:00 Noon. The Regular Board of Review session will begin:

TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 1998 12:15 TO 6:00 P.M.  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 1998 3:00 P.M. TO 9:00 P.M.

Other hearing dates and times may be schedules as needed.

Hearings are by appointment only. COMPLETED 1998 BOARD OF REVIEW PETITIONS ARE NECESSARY and must be submitted to the Front Office, located on the First Floor of City Hall before an appointment can be made. The "DEADLINE" for submitting petitions for all persons wishing to appeal in person before the Board of Review is Wednesday, March 4, 1998 by 9:00 P.M.

A resident or non-resident taxpayer may file a petition with the Board of Review without the requirement of a personal appearance by the taxpayer or a representative, an agent must have written authority to represent owner, by Monday, March 16, 1997.

Copies of the notice stating the dates and times of the meetings will be posted on the official public bulletin boards of the City and also in the local newspapers.

All Board of Review meetings are open meetings in compliance with the "Open Meetings Act".

If you have any questions regarding the March Board of Review, you may call (313) 453-1234 x 223.

MARK R. CHRISTIANSEN  
City Assessor  
City of Plymouth

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## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON INVITATION TO BID

The Charter Township of Canton will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk, first floor, Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188, until 10:00 a.m., March 5, 1998 for the following:

Enclosed walkway to parking lot, Canton Place seniors apartments, 44505 Ford Road, Canton, Michigan

Project specifications are available in Financial Services Department, third floor, 1150 S. Canton Center Road. There is a non-refundable ten dollar fee for project specifications and plans. This project is funded by Community Development Block Grant and is subject to federal Davis-Bacon and Equal Opportunity Clause requirements as specified in the bid document. Questions about the federal requirements may be directed to the Resource Development Division, (313) 397-5392. Late bids will not be accepted. Canton Township reserves the right to reject any and all bids. 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 BENNETT, Clerk

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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.

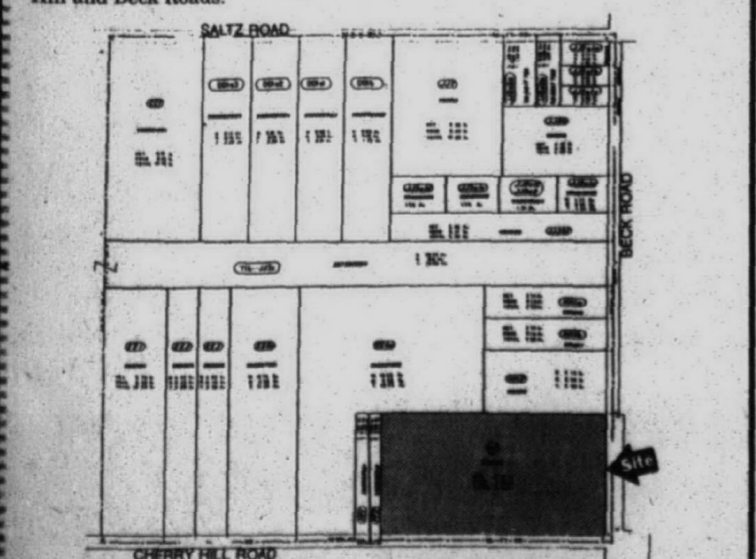
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## CANTON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, March 16, 1998 in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

WILES/PLYMOUTH CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NO. 068 99 0009 000 FROM RR. RURAL RESIDENTIAL, TO R-2, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL. Property is located on the northwest corner of Cherry Hill and Beck Roads.



Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission will be received at the above address up to the time of the hearing.

VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

Publish: February 19 and March 5, 1998

## CANTON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT (98-1)

(1) Consider request from Danny Veri, 4952 Dewitt, Canton, Michigan 48084 to amend:

Article 11, R-1 through R-5, Single Family Residential Districts, Section 11.02B, Permitted Uses and Structures - Special Land Uses, by creating subparagraph 15 to allow adding Single Family Attached Residential Units in R-4 and R-5, subject to the provisions in Section 6.03 - Site Development Standards for Residential Districts;

Article 6, Site Development Standards Applicable to Specific Uses, Section 6.03, Site Development Standards for Residential Uses, by creating Subsection A1, defining the criteria for Single Family Attached Residential Requirements in R-4 and R-5;

(2) Township-initiated proposal to amend:

Article 5, Landscaping, Screening and Walls, Subsection 5.02, General Landscaping Requirements; Subsection 5.03, Specific Landscaping Requirements for Zoning Districts; and 5.04, Standards for Landscape Materials;

Article 18, C-4, Interchange Service District, Subsection 18.02.B, Permitted Uses and Structures - Special Land Uses, by creating subparagraph 4 to allow adding Essential Services, subject to the provisions in Section 2.16, sub-section A.

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VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

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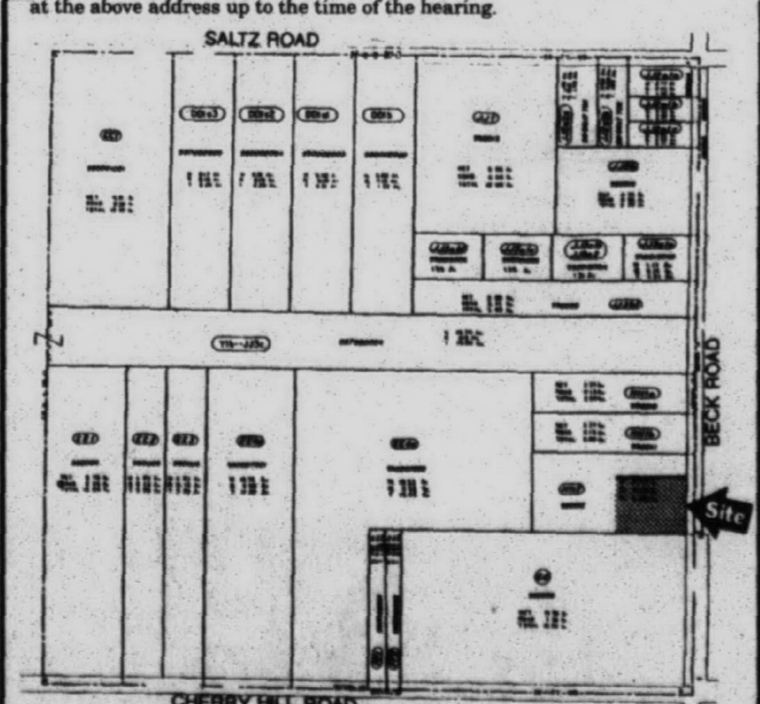
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RAY REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PART OF PARCEL NO. 068 99 0012 000 FROM RR. RURAL RESIDENTIAL, TO R-2, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL. Property is located on the west side of Beck Road between Cherry Hill and Saltz Roads.

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission will be received at the above address up to the time of the hearing.



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VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

Publish: February 5 and 19, 1998

## COUNTY OF WAYNE PURCHASING DIVISION INVITATION FOR BIDS

### I-275/FORD ROAD INTERCHANGE LANDSCAPING

Sealed bids for the construction of the I-275/Ford Road Interchange Landscaping, will be received by the Wayne County Purchasing Division, 600 Randolph Street - Room 148, Detroit, Michigan 48226, until 2:00 p.m. Local Time, on Thursday, March 3, 1998, at which time bids will be publicly opened and read. No FAXed or unsealed bids will be accepted.

Work includes removal of existing vegetation and installation of landscaping, restoration, and miscellaneous improvements described and detailed herein and the contract drawings. Work required for this project will be initiated no later than ten days after receiving notice of award of contract or on or before the date designated as the starting date in the Detailed Progress Schedule, whichever is later. Work required by these contract documents shall be completed not later than 153 calendar days from Notice To Proceed. Project shall be completed no later than August 31, 1998.

Plans and specifications may be secured by prospective bidders on or after 8:00 a.m. Local Time, February 9, 1998. Bid documents can be obtained at the Wayne County Purchasing Division, 600 Randolph Street - Room 148, Detroit, Michigan 48226. A fee of Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) plus 6% Michigan Sales Tax or a total of Fifteen Dollars and Ninety Cents (\$15.90) will be charged for each set of plans and specifications furnished to the bidders. This fee shall be in the form of a check payable to the County of Wayne. No cash will be accepted. This fee will not be refunded. An additional fee of Five Dollars (\$5.00) per set will be charged for mailing of plans and specifications.

Each bidder shall file a statement signed by, or on behalf of the person, firm, association, or corporation submitting the bid, certifying that such person, firm, association, or corporation has not, either directly or indirectly entered into any agreement, participated in any collusion, or otherwise taken any action, in restraint of free competitive bidding in connection with the submitted bid.

Each sealed bid shall be accompanied by a Bid security in the form of a certified check, cashier's check or bid bond in the amount of TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000) payable to the County of Wayne, Michigan. The Bid Bond, shall be underwritten by a surety licensed to do business in the State of Michigan.

Bids will not be accepted after the time designated for the opening of the bids. The bidders shall assume full responsibility for delivery of bids prior to the appointed hours for opening same, and shall assume the risk of late delivery or non-delivery regardless of the manner employed for the transmission thereof.

Plans and specifications will also be on file at the Construction Association of Michigan, 1625 South Woodward - P.O. Box 3204, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48302; the F.W. Dodge Division, McGraw-Hill Information Systems, 10 Oak Hollow - Suite 330, Southfield, Michigan 48034; the Daily Construction Reports Plan Room, 25229 Dequindre, Madison Heights, Michigan 48071, and the Detroit Urban League, 208 Mack Ave., Detroit, Michigan 48201, and Booker T. Washington Association, 2885 E. Grand Blvd., Detroit, Michigan 48202.

Wayne County reserves the right to accept or reject any bid and waive irregularities in bids. The County of Wayne reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities in bids. Bids submitted by Contractors who have been debarred, suspended or made ineligible by any Federal or State Agency will be rejected.

A pre-construction conference between the Contractor and Wayne County must be completed prior to the start of project construction to insure that the Contractor meets all federal, state and local regulations.

Construction shall be in accordance with MDOT 1996 Standard Specifications unless specified otherwise.

The Federal Highway Transportation program will partially fund this project. As a result, contractors and subcontractors are required to comply with Federal Labor Standard Provisions, Equal Opportunity Requirements and Davis-Bacon Wage Requirements. The prime contractor shall meet the requirements of MDOT prequalification classification 27H or I. Work by subcontractors shall not exceed 60% of the total contract.

WAYNE COUNTY PURCHASING DIVISION

Walter C. Beard, Director of Purchasing

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**SPORTS ROUNDUP**

**Soccer sign-up**

The Canton Soccer Club will have a special registration for the spring season from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday at on the bottom floor of Canton's Township Hall, located at 1150 S. Canton Center.

The sign-up will be for girls teams, under-10, under-11 and under-12.

For more information, call (734) 455-9946.

**Hockey champs**

The Livonia Pee Wee AA Knights, coached by Jim Boloven, earned its second straight berth in the state tournament in as many years with a 3-1 win Monday over the Lakeland Hawks at Edgar Arena.

Led by tournament MVP Tony Perrino, the Knights also defeated the Hawks (2-1), Livingston Lightning (6-1) and Plymouth Spawn (3-0).

Other members of the Knights include: Adam Bierly, Tommy Boloven, Justin Dunn, J.T. Katikos, Adam Miller, Roger Moody, Steve Nelson, Jacob Norwood, Jason Price, Chris Ryan, Scott Sparks, Kyle Susewitz, Ryan Vandette and Brett Yeasey.

Assistant coaches include Jim Kroetsch, Ted Katikos, Curt Downs, Dave Susewitz and Emil Sparks. The team manager is Craig Dunn.

**AAU boys hoops**

Boys AAU basketball tryouts for ages 13-and-under will be from 4-6 p.m. Tuesday, March 3, and Thursday, March 5, at East Middle School in Plymouth.

Participants must be born on or after Sept. 1, 1984. Players who are seventh-graders and born on or after Sept. 1, 1983, are also eligible.

For more information, call Bob

de Bear at (313) 459-0543.

**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.

**Soccer referees**

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

A fast-pitch softball hitting clinic for girls in grades 4-8 will be conducted from noon-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 Mon-

day. Call Ladywood HS at (734) 591-2323 for further information.

**Football tryouts**

The Wayne County Twisters football organization will have a pro-style combine for all those interested in playing football at the semi-pro level. Candidates must be at least 18 years old and in excellent physical condition.

Cost is \$20, payable at the time of the tryout. There will be two tryouts: 2 p.m. Feb. 28 and 2

p.m. March 7, both at the Wayne-Westland YMCA, located at 827 S. Wayne in Westland.

To pre-register, call any of the following numbers: (734) 981-7141; (313) 359-3457; (313) 513-8204.

**Senior swimming**

A swimming stroke clinic for adults 50-years and over will be held from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. every Saturday through March 21 at the Oakland Community College Orchard Ridge Campus pool (off

Orchard Lake south of I-696).

Cost is \$2 per session. A review of stroke mechanics and basic technique of all four strokes will be presented, with in-water demonstrations and video presentations.

For more information, contact Carrie Montcalm at (248) 608-0265 or Skip Thompson at (248) 683-2191.

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.

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.

**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) 452-1234, ext. 206

All interested persons are invited to attend.

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**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 2 p.m. - 5 p.m.	Organization Meeting Hearings by Appointment
Monday, March 9	2 p.m. - 5 p.m. 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Hearings by Appointment Hearings by Appointment
Tuesday, March 10	9 a.m. - Noon 2 p.m. - 5 p.m.	Hearings by Appointment 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 assessment 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 045-99-001-000 (A1a), 045-99-002-000 (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 048-99-0009-000 (Q1a1a, BB1a), 048-99-0010-000 (Q1a1b, BB1b), 048-99-0011-000 (Q1a2, BB2), 048-99-0012-000 (Q1b), 048-99-0014-000 (S1a), 048-99-0015-000 (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 T1S, R8E., 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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# Entertainment

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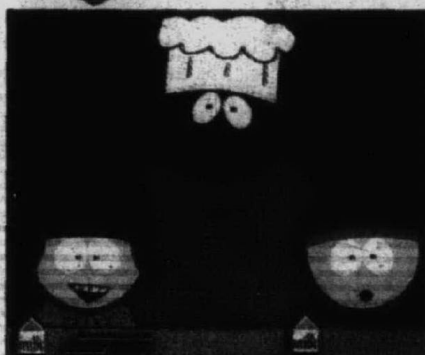
## THE WEEKEND

### FRIDAY



Get a double dose of jazz artistry when legendary jazz pianist Chick Corea and vibes master Gary Burton team up for a concert 8 p.m. in the Michigan Theater, 603 E. Liberty St., Ann Arbor. Tickets \$30 to \$20, (734) 764-2538 or (800) 221-1229.

### SATURDAY

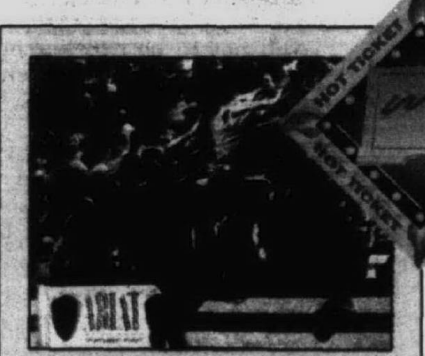


A special "South Park" video will be shown during Comedy Central's "Stand-Up For Sanity" which also features comedians Jon Stewart and Reggie McFadden, 7 p.m. at the Majestic, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets \$8 in advance for the all-ages show. Call (313) 833-9700 or <http://www.99music.com>

### SUNDAY



Dance Theatre of Harlem performs 3 p.m. at Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit. Range from \$31.50 to \$41.50, call (313) 963-2366, or (248) 645-6666.



Hot Tix: The Longhorn World Championship Rodeo comes to The Palace of Auburn Hills Friday, Feb. 20 through Sunday, Feb. 22. Tickets \$18, \$14 and \$12, call (248) 645-6666. Tommie Fagan of Livonia is among the cowboys competing in the steer wrestling competition.



## LIFE MIRRORS 'UNBEATABLE' STORY LINE

STORY BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN • STAFF WRITER

Gordon Michaels is a lot like the lead character he plays in the film "Unbeatable Harold"—determined against all odds to bring the story to the big screen.

Michaels sat in the Caribou Coffee Shop in Royal Oak undaunted by the lack of funds necessary to produce his film. Michaels was here visiting his mother, Elvira Karmineke, in Westland before leaving for Reno, Nev., to shoot the film.

"I like comedy," said Michaels, who's also directing and producing the film. "There's so many action and shoot-em-up movies out there so why not focus on a love story and throw in a dance number and some slapstick."

A graduate of John Glenn High School in Westland, Michaels wrote the screenplay for "Unbeatable Harold" after a one-act play by Randy Noojin. Michaels originated the role of the Elvis wannabe Off-Broadway. Bringing the play to film marks a nine year commitment for Michaels, who's also acted the part on Los Angeles and Miami stages.

"Unbeatable Harold" is about a dreamer and hopeless romantic, living 20 years behind the times in 1970s clothes and platform shoes, who's fallen in love with Wanda (Christine Cavanaugh, the voice of "Babe" the pig), said Michaels. "It's your boy meets girl, boy loses girl, boy finds girl and lives happily every after."

Filming is complete except for a few scenes postponed until March because Dylan McDermott's shooting schedule for the popular ABC-TV show "The Practice" conflicted with filming "Unbeatable Harold." McDermott plays Wanda's ex-boyfriend. Michaels has appeared in several episodes of "The Practice" with McDermott and is currently in negotiations to extend his part in the show.

"Dylan's a friend, it's a favor for him to do the film," explained Michaels. "His salary would equal half our budget."

Although this is Michaels first attempt at directing, he's no stranger to the screen, having acted in films such as "Air Force One" with Harrison Ford, "Jurassic Park: The Lost World" directed by Steven Spielberg, "Leaving Las Vegas," "Destiny Turns on the Radio" and "Hacks" with Tom Arnold and John Ritter.

"I have such a vested interest, I couldn't let someone else direct," said Michaels. "Maybe if it were

another play, but not this one."

Elvira Karmineke had no hint her son would eventually choose a career in film and theater. He wanted to be a chiropractor. So it was only natural she worried when Gordon told her about applying to the Neighborhood Playhouse until learning of the school's prestigious reputation. When she saw him perform on the stage of the New York playhouse, Karmineke realized the talent which lay buried all those years.

"He was very funny when he was a child, but I never had any idea even though he played in the band and he could sing," said Karmineke. "When I saw him in the play, I couldn't believe this was my son. It was beautiful."

Michaels never let on to his mother, but by the time he was playing varsity basketball at John Glenn High School, and even before injuring a knee, the bright lights were his future. After graduating from the Westland high school, Michaels moved to Arizona in 1981 where he attended acting school in Phoenix before moving to New York.

"It really hit me when I was a junior," said Michaels. "I always sang in choir at school and was in rock bands in high school (Flash Experience)."

Even though the theater in New York holds special memories for Michaels, that's where he acted in his first production, "Pippin," he eventually left in search of golden opportunities in California's film industry. For the last eight years he's lived in Venice on the Beach.

"I wanted to get involved with film so I had to move to LA," said Michaels. "To make some money you have to go into film. I didn't want to be a struggling actor in theater."

Michaels is planning to premiere "Unbeatable Harold" in early summer at either the Royal Oak or Birmingham theaters. Although far from home now, Michaels visits Michigan often and has no plans to write the state out of his life. In fact, he plans someday to produce in Detroit a one-act play written in New York.

"Because I'm from Detroit, I thought it would be nice to bring the premiere of 'Unbeatable Harold' here," said Michaels. "Even though I don't miss the Michigan winters and scraping two inches of ice off the windshields, I do miss the Michigan summers and my family."



STAFF PHOTO BY JIM JAGIELLO

Unbeatable love story: Gordon Michaels writes, directs, produces, and acts in a film about an Elvis wannabe and the girl of his dreams.

## Local talent line up for place to 'Rent'

BY JULIE YOLLES  
SPECIAL WRITER

They came from Miami, Cincinnati, Windsor, Ann Arbor, Grand Rapids, Detroit and the suburbs. They wore black leather, black spandex, black cords, black velvet, black polyester, black jeans, black fishnets, black chelle, Kenneth Cole belts and chunky silver ball necklaces. They were sporting Doc Martens and Spice Girl platforms from beneath their used Levi 571 bell bottoms. They had pierced ears, navels and tongues. They wore Hard Candy Superman blue metallic nail polish, MAC Alumina lipstick and glitter eye makeup. It was East Village retro all around.



Natalie Ross

What seemed more like a precursor to a fashion shoot for the Salvation Army on the streets of Royal Oak, was really 700 hopefuls looking for a new lease on life. Or just looking to "Rent."

When the rock opera "Rent" comes to the Fisher Theatre April 8 to May 31, perhaps one or more of these 700 aspiring actors will be a part of the ensemble. That's what the production team of "Rent" was hoping for when they scheduled a one-day open casting call at the Detroit Opera House Thursday, Jan. 22.

"We're seeking authentic kick-ass singers in Detroit because we heard it's the most rockin', hip-hoppin', stompin', soul-searchin' city in the country," stated the casting notice, which was blanketed throughout the state and outlying areas.

And rockin', hip-hoppin', stompin' and soul-searchin' is what they got — starting at 7:15 a.m., on that 18-degree morning, when the line started forming on Detroit's Madison Avenue outside the theater. Auditions started at 10 a.m. and didn't wrap until 12-1/2 hours later — long after Cathy Rigby and her "Peter Pan" cast, who were performing that night at the Detroit Opera House, had gone off to never-never land.

Natalie Ross, a senior at Churchill High School in Livonia, skipped school to audition. She signed in at 9 a.m. and finally got to sing at 12:30 p.m. for Heidi Marshall, casting director of New York's Bernard Telsey Casting. Ross made the first cut, learned a song from the show with a piano accompanist and sang four hours later for Marshall at the callbacks.

"I always wear black pants to auditions — they're universal, sexy and flattering," said Ross, who saw "Rent" on Broadway and heard about the casting call from her friend at Western Michigan University. "I wore the orange shirt to be seen."

The desires were intense. The competition fierce. Nothing was going to deter the hordes of twenty-somethings from auditioning. Practically the entire University of Michigan Musical

Please see RENT, E2

## COLLEGE THEATER

Stratford director: Antoni Cimolino of the Stratford Festival is the guest director for the Hilberry's production of "A Woman of No Importance."

## Director gives heart to 'A Woman of No Importance'

"Children begin by loving their parents. After a time they judge them. Rarely, if ever, do they forgive them."

— Oscar Wilde  
"A Woman of No Importance"

BY HUGH GALLAGHER  
STAFF WRITER

Irish playwright Oscar Wilde was the master of the epigram, the bon mot, the pithy, sardonic phrase.

Many of these epigrams have become a part of the language, noted for their rueful truths or their outrageousness. But to produce an Oscar Wilde play, you have to make the epigrams seem natural even though Wilde himself admitted he never let a story get in the way of a good epigram.

### A Woman of No Importance

What: Oscar Wilde comedy-drama.  
Where: Hilberry Theatre on the campus of Wayne State University, Detroit.  
When: in repertory through Thursday, April 23.  
Tickets: Range in price from \$10 to \$17. Call the box office, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday at (313) 577-2972

Wayne State University's Hilberry Theatre has recruited Ontario director Antoni Cimolino, associate producer of the Stratford Festival, to bring life to one of Wilde's more difficult works, a play that begins as a comedy of manners and develops into

a soul-wrenching melodrama.

Cimolino, 36, wants to emphasize Wilde's big heart.

"He said his talent went into his writing, but his genius went into his life," Cimolino said. "I'm interested in what's underneath. He's very humane and caring about people. He was a socialist, but I think that was just lip service. He was really a humanist. His interest wasn't in economics but in the soul."

"A Woman of No Importance," is set in the late 1800s among the aristocrats of England. A promising young man has been offered the position of secretary to the pleasure-loving, snobbish Lord Illingworth.

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Divided family: Standing, Wendy Gough as Mrs. Arbuthnot and Bret Tuomi as Lord Illingworth are the parents of the devastated Gerald played by Matt Troyer, kneeling.



## Rent from page E1

Theatre Department came out for the auditions - many having pulled an all-nighter at Kinko's, copying sheet music and prepping "Rent" songs - in case they made it to callbacks.

Heather Bell and Jamie Richards, who perform at St. Dunstan's Guild of Cranbrook and Nancy Gurwin community theaters, among others, came prepared for a long day of waiting. In the massive gymnasium-like registration room, they were bulking on carbs with Pepperidge Farm chocolate chunk cookies, Ritz Bits and Nutter Butters. Others imbibed on Gatorade, Diet Coke or water. Or munched on pretzels, apples, Einstein Bagels, potato chips, oranges and Schlitzky's Deli food from around the corner. Natalie Ross never goes anywhere without Kleenex and Ricola lemon mint lozenges.

When Hilary Hernandez

arrived at 7:30 a.m., she was 21st in line. The senior at Lake Orion High School also skipped class to be there. "But it's OK, because I've got really good attendance," she quickly chimed in.

With her Mariah Carey audition song firmly ensconced, Hernandez had been meticulously planning her outfit for the big day for over a week: "Something that would make me look somewhat older and like a role in the show."

The result? Hip-hugger faded jeans, black zip-up sweatshirt, cherry red crop top sporting the nonsensical words "Jet Curl" in lemon yellow type and her everyday silver hoop earrings peeking through her long, straight ash blonde hair. And a 1990 penny for good luck.

After all, it was lucky for Anthony Dixon of Lake Orion who gave Hernandez the penny

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after he survived the first cut. And when she made callbacks, Hernandez gave her just-met friend a 1989 penny, in keeping with their newfound tradition.

With his guitar in hand, Dixon belted out "Ziggy Stardust" by David Bowie.

"Do you know 'Amazing Grace'?" Heidi Marshall asked the baritone from behind her rectangular table in the third floor rehearsal room. "If not, just make up the words. Or, you could just sing 'Happy Birthday.' But sing full out. I want to hear your range ... The thing that's important is to hit that high 'C.'"

Dixon did just that, in his olive green Detroit Technology T-shirt, jeans and tennis shoes - and with more than his lucky penny. For starters, there was his

African necklace with the gold beads and black leather strips that a fellow actor passed on to him years ago when they were shooting a local film together. On his left wrist, he wore a weathered leather bracelet with seven white seashells that he got in seventh grade.

"It reminds me of my sister who gave it to me," said the 22-year-old Oakland University Shakespeare Sonnet Competition runner-up. "And if she hadn't loaned me her car, I wouldn't be here today."

While actors were doing group vocal warm-ups with Royal Oak musician Luis Resto at the piano in the main room, others were singing solo in the stairwells and bathroom stalls. They sang a

cappella. They sang with their "Rent" tapes and Walkmans. Sopranos, mezzos and more than three tenors.

Meanwhile, back in the third floor rehearsal room, beneath the ornate crystal chandelier, Marshall was taking copious notes: "Not sexy for (the character) Roger ... not quirky for (the role of) Mark ... too squeamish ... too young ... too conservative ... too legit ... not of the 'Rent' world ..."

"Kill the vibrato. It should come from an easy, relaxed place in your gut," she directed one nervous actor in a reverse baseball hat. "It's all about the text."

The text earned "Rent" composer and playwright Jonathan Larson a Pulitzer Prize, just 20 days before "Rent" opened on Broadway April 29, 1996.

Though Karen Newman of Franklin - the "Red Wings Own National Anthem Singer" - was

nursing a bad cold, she wasn't about to miss this audition.

"It's an opportunity that you can't just ever turn your nose up at," said Newman, who just released her first solo debut album, "Moment in the Wind," locally in Detroit. "I don't have any kids, and I'm at a point in my career where I can pick up and go where the work takes me."

If cast, they were all ready to pick up and go. All 700 of them. By the next morning, before barely making her 1:15 p.m. flight, Marshall had called back and worked with 40 potentials.

On Feb. 5, she came back with the show's director to further audition the final 15.

Of the 15, two will be making a trip to New York for final auditions. As of press time on Monday, the two people chosen were not yet notified.

Life as a "Rent"er could be a very good thing.

## Woman from page E1

It turns out that his lordship is actually the young man's father who abandoned his mother before the young man was born. She now calls herself Mrs. Arbuthnot and begs with her son not to accept the position. Meanwhile, the young man is in love with an American woman who represents all the puritanism, naivety and idealism of America.

Cimolino is working with a young graduate school company who must master the problems of playing older, playing English and balancing comedy with melodrama.

"This is an educational institution. I have a dual responsibility to the audience and equally to the actors," Cimolino said. "We make sure along the way we are all learning something. Also, we

have to look at what will pay off for the audience."

For Matt Troyer, who plays the son, Gerald, Wilde's language is the biggest challenge.

"Wilde uses wonderfully elevated English text," Troyer said. "He's well known for his epigrams, several of them from this show. But it's not unlike Shakespeare, you've got to bring out the language."

Unlike other company members, Troyer will not be playing beyond his years.

"When we're trying to act 40 or 45, we have to project what that's like. But when I'm playing a 20-year-old, I say, 'Hey, I've been there,'" he said.

Troyer came away with a new respect for Wilde, a controversial figure who was sentenced to two

years of hard labor on sodomy charges.

"It's eerie how this play predicts the suffering he would go through. I have a better appreciation for the man. He's not just witty, but he has this darker side," Troyer said.

Sara Wolf of Rochester Hills plays the young American woman, Hester, whom she says moves from Old Testament to New Testament in her judgments of people.

"The way I see her she's very young," Wolf said. "I was just her age a couple years ago. I remember how idealistic I was, my ideas would change the world."

Wolf said her character has an opinion about everything, an empathy for the middle and lower classes and stands for both

the best and worst that Wilde saw in America.

Wolf doesn't have to master an English accent, but she does have to adapt a different voice.

"I'm trying to use standard American dialect and trying to weed out my Michiganisms. I'm trying to make the words beautiful without making them melodramatic," she said.

Cimolino said the play can be directed in many ways. The witty epigrams and high style of Lord Illingworth and his set can seem quite attractive opposed to the moralistic ideas of the other characters.

"You have to choose where you're going and where you're going to put the weight," Cimolino said. "You could make this really evil. ... You could make all

the good people dislikable and make the bad people interesting."

He said that oddly it is Lord Illingworth who represents Wilde, himself, in the play.

"The point of the play is that in the end, he's made to hurt," he said. "It's very weird that he teaches himself this lesson."

Cimolino said he has been working with the cast since December to get the tone just right.

This summer he will be taking on a very different kind of writer when he directs Tennessee Williams' "Night of the Iguana" at Stratford.

"Both were homosexual, or bisexual in Wilde's case. But one wrote in the 1940s and the other

in the 1890s and that 50 years literally meant the difference between life and death," Cimolino said. "But both had an affinity for women, they wrote wonderful woman characters and both really liked women."

Cimolino is the son of Italian immigrants who grew up in Sudbury, Ontario, and graduated from the University of Windsor. He has performed as an actor at Stratford but over the last few years has moved into administrative work and directing. As associate producer he handles rehearsal and performance schedules and special projects.

His wife, Brigit Wilson, is an actress and they have two children, a son, Gabriel, 4, and daughter, Sophia, 2.

## Hilberry finds a 'level of importance' in Wilde's classic of betrayal

"A Woman of No Importance" by Oscar Wilde continues at the Hilberry Theatre, through April 23. The Hilberry is on the Wayne State University campus on Cass

between Hancock and Forest. Call (313) 577-2972 for show times and ticket information. BY SUE SUCHYTA SPECIAL WRITER

Oscar Wilde's play, "A Woman of No Importance" is the story of an Englishwoman in the late 1800s who, betrayed by her lover and rejected by society, raises an

out-of-wedlock child on her own. As the story begins, the child, now a young man, has been offered an important position by an influential man. Neither know that they are father and son.

■ The Stratford Festival's award-winning director Antoni Cimolino has assembled a talented cast. With ease and skill, the cast breathes life into the self-centered and self-sacrificing characters

When the mother learns of the arrangement, she is torn. Should she let her son rise in the world under the tutelage of the man who so cruelly betrayed her, or should she tell her son the truth?

The Stratford Festival's award-winning director Antoni Cimolino has assembled a talented cast. With ease and skill, the cast breathes life into the self-centered and self-sacrificing characters.

The play begins at a garden party on an English estate, where the conversation is snide and irreverent.

The shallow uppercrust of British gentry care about little and take nothing seriously. Besides being supercilious, they play a cat and mouse game of

risqué flirtation.

Among the aristocrats is Lord Illingworth, the long-ago betrayer. He's smart enough to get what he wants without moral inhibitions to keep him in line.

Bret Tuomi plays the smug, self-centered bachelor with polished sophistication and a lazy, lecherous edge.

His son, Gerald Arbuthnot, is his father's opposite: bright-eyed, loyal, and brimming with youthful ambition. Matthew Troyer brings thoughtfulness and sincerity to the role, and uses his soulful eyes to full advantage.

Wendy Gough as Mrs. Arbuthnot, his mother, shines as the


anguished mother who sacrificed her own life for her son's future.

Gough's talent and intensity are mesmerizing. She captured the audience's heart with her impassioned speeches and silent anguish.

Sara Wolf as Hester Worsley, the object of Gerald's romantic intentions, makes the most of a role that at times is quite limiting.

And not to be overlooked is Peggy Johns' delightful performance as Mrs. Allonby, the shameless flirt.

Gina Patterson's lighting design greatly enhanced the mood, as did Brian Boyer's sound effects. The stereophonic bird songs set the stage for the garden party.




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# Meadow Brook's risqué farce spotlights crackerjack cast

"What the Butler Saw," by Joe Orton at Meadow Brook Theatre, Wilson Hall on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester Hills continues through March 8. Tickets range from \$22 to \$32, call (248) 377-3300.  
**BY FRANK PROVENZANO**  
**STAFF WRITER**

The word got out before the curtain rose. Meadow Brook Theatre's "What the Butler Saw" would be risqué and challenging to whomever clutches to conservative aesthetics.

Even prior to opening night, some of the more traditional theatergoers registered their vehement disapproval. Artistic Director Geoffrey Sherman received a handful of hate letters for simply selecting the play.

Ah, yes. Theater can provide a foil to prod the masses from their slumber.

Apparently, the mere thought of salty dialogue and nudity was too much for those who expect a university theater to perform the classics, and occasionally offer a wink to contemporary realities.

Well, in a step toward reinventing Meadow Brook as a place of vital and vigorous contemporary theater, "What the Butler Saw" is a promising start.

Joe Orton's play about a lecherous psychiatrist, a suspicious wife, mistaken identities and

embarrassing disclosures has the high-pace plotting and frenetic pace of farcical drama in the British tradition.

Throw in a irreverent references to religion, psychiatry and Winston Churchill's private parts, and there's plenty of disrespect to go around.

The high-energy play showcases the comedic timing of a crackerjack cast.

In the genre of farce, pacing is crucial. The audience can't be given too much time to realize the absurdity and irrational predicaments before them.

Any weak link in the cast will inevitably have a domino effect in slowing down the play. In "What the Butler Saw," there are no weak links.

Bruce Burkhartsmeier, Carey Crim, Raul E. Esparza, Mark Rademacher and John Seibert ring every nuance from a script filled with irreverence, absurdities and biting humor.

Perhaps Esparza, the morally maligned bell-hop and cross-dresser, pulls off the combination of comedic timing, and physical comedy in the finest spotlight.

"What the Butler Saw" premiered in 1969. It's considered Orton's best play. In a chilling footnote to Orton's promising talent, the playwright was murdered shortly before the play opened nearly 30 years ago.

Orton's penchant for witticisms have drawn comparisons to Oscar Wilde.

For instance, he observes the reason a person would pursue a career in psychiatry: "Having failed to achieve madness for himself, he took to teaching it to others."

And, in noting the advice to a guilty man wondering what to say: "You're guilty, you don't say anything. Only the innocent have something to explain."

Fans of "Seinfeld" will not be disappointed. Nor will viewers of slapstick, or the farcical episodes of "I Love Lucy," "Three's Company," or other flippancy sit-coms.

But clearly, "What the Butler Saw" isn't Lucy, Desi, Ethel and Fred. Nor is it Jerry, George, Elaine and Kramer.

In "What the Butler Saw," the wants of the characters are bulging along with their hormones. The acid barbs would never be heard in prime time.

Yet Meadow Brook's production is a reminder of how long audiences will keep attentive for a play about sex and the promise of nudity - however brief, very brief.

No need for further rationalizing. If this play is offensive, then you've never watched FOX.

Sometimes a laugh is just a laugh.



Comedy: Diana Van Fossen and Raul E. Esparza are featured in Meadow Brook Theatre's production of Joe Orton's outrageous comedy "What the Butler Saw."

# Plymouth Theatre Guild's 'Sweet Charity' wows the house

The Plymouth Theatre Guild presents "Sweet Charity," 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, Feb. 20-21, Feb. 27-28 and 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 22 at the Water Tower Theatre, 41001 W. Seven Mile Road (west of I-275 between Haggerty and Northville roads), on the grounds of the Northville Psychiatric Hospital, Northville. Tickets are \$11 in advance, \$12 at door. Call (248) 349-7110 or check out their Web site at <http://www.causeway.com/ptg/>  
**BY SUE SUCHITTA**  
**SPECIAL WRITER**

"Sweet Charity," the story of a dance hall hostess who wows her

heart on her sleeve and a tattoo, comes to life with optimism and a heavy dose of Bob Fosse style and attitude.

Charity Hope Valentine is part incurable romantic, part codependent. An optimist despite her life's hard knocks, she still believes she'll find true love. She usually finds it in the wrong men, and makes the most of relationships that are doomed from the start.

After being dumped into a river and robbed by her almost-fiancee (still a married man), Charity has an almost fling with a film star before connecting with a neurotic accountant she

was trapped with in an elevator. Oscar dubs her Sweet Charity, and sets her dreaming of a life away from the Fan-Dango Ball room.

Emily Raymond of Farmington is the quintessential Charity - sweet, optimistic, kooky, and a blind optimist. She maintains an upbeat spirit throughout the play, and her energy never lags. She captures the audience with her smile and wins them over with, "If My Friends Could See Me Now."

Director Jamie Richards and producer Ed Cox have taken a 1960s theme and have a lot of

fun with it. Discotheque lighting, the fashions, and flower power are woven in the show, reinforcing Charity's personal turmoil with the moral chaos of the decade.

The scene from the "Rhythm of Life Church" is like a scene out of "Tommy," complete with a con-artist preacher, Daddy Brubeck, played with a delicious wickedness by Tony Lawry of Garden City.

The choreography is stunning, and pays tribute to the attitude and style of Bob Fosse, the show's original Broadway chore-

ographer. The moves are sexy and provocative without being overt. Paired with the striking lighting design, the show deftly captures the strong moods and raw sensuality of the show.

Charity's hard-edged dance hall friends Nickie and Helene, played by Heather Bell of Royal Oak and Tani Ann Mough of Walled Lake, were strong vocal assets to the show, and wowed the house with the duet, "Baby, Dream Your Dream." Julie Newcomb of Farmington Hills, as Ursula, epitomizes the blonde bombshell with her stunning presence.

Jim Meade plays all three of Charity's romantic interests, skillfully changing from a silent thug, to a Italian-accented movie star, to a boy-next-door type. Meade excelled in all three roles with his captivating charm and smile, winning Charity's heart and the audience's applause. Having one actor play all three of Charity's love interests is an interesting twist, since all are alike in that they leave her high and dry without the love she so desperately craves. Though different personalities, they all trample her heart, and leave her alone to bravely start her search once more.

# JET provokes audiences to take a side in morality play

Jewish Ensemble Theatre presents "Taking Sides," through Sunday, March 8, Aaron DeRoy Theatre, 6600 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield. Performances 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Thursdays and Sundays, 8 p.m. Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays and Wednesday, March 4. Tickets \$13-\$23 with discounts for seniors, students and groups, call (248) 788-2900  
**BY BARBARA MICHALS**  
**SPECIAL WRITER**

To the victors belong the spoils, such as the privilege of deciding who did right and who did wrong, who is good and who is evil.

In "Taking Sides," the Ronald Harwood drama about a post-war military investigation of Nazi collaborators, the Jewish Ensemble Theatre production does a superb job of examining some difficult questions.

It's 1946 in the American Zone of Occupied Berlin. Major Steve Arnold (John Michael Manfredi) has been assigned to investigate world-famous German conductor Wilhelm Furtwangler (Robert

Grossman). Having just visited the liberated Bergen-Belsen concentration camp, Arnold is convinced there is no such thing as an innocent German. A culturally bereft former insurance investigator, he never grasps the concept of art transcending politics let alone believes it.

Though there is massive evidence of Furtwangler helping countless Jewish musicians flee the country in the early days of the war, the conductor's arrogance only strengthens Arnold's obsession to prove him a Nazi.

Unfortunately, the play program never mentions that "Taking Sides" is based on a real incident, and the drama's closing scene only hints at the slander campaign that ended Furtwangler's career.

If he was really strongly against the Nazi regime as he claims, "Why didn't you flee the country yourself when you had the chance?" Arnold asks a surprised Furtwangler, who sputters, "but it's my country, my peo-

ple..." This is the most disturbing issue Harwood raises with all sorts of more modern applications. During the Vietnam War, for instance, a great many were vaguely against U.S. involvement in the conflict, but lacked the courage of their convictions to do much about it.

"After all, it's my country," many reasoned, "they must know what they're doing."

"Taking Sides" abounds in ironies. Arnold tries to pin the conductor's guilt on some documented anti-Semitic remarks.

But early in the drama the major makes his own anti-Semitic remark, presumably his prejudices are so deeply ingrained he is unaware of them.

Tamara Sachs (Joanna Hastings Woodcock), a half-crazed widow who seeks to testify on Furtwangler's behalf, warns Arnold that misusing the power of the victors to persecute the innocent will make him no better than the last regime.

Furtwangler is also strongly backed by Emmi Straub, Arnold's German secretary whose father was one of the gen-

erals in the plot to assassinate Hitler, and most ironically, by Lieutenant Wills, (David Wolber), Arnold's young Jewish assistant.

Though his own parents died in the Holocaust, Wills is a music lover who has no problem separating art from politics.

In Arnold's obsession to bring the big prey to trial, he befriends Helmut Rode (Charles McGraw), the one member of Furtwangler's Berlin Philharmonic proven to be a Nazi party member.

Under the excellent direction

of Evelyn Orbach, the entire cast delivers flawless, deeply affecting performances.

Manfredi and Grossman are especially well-cast as head-on antagonists.

Christopher Carothers' set and Edith Leavis Bookstein's costumes add to the production's polish. Rita Girardi's fine lighting needs only more impact at the end of each act.

Overall, "Taking Sides" is one of the most thought-provoking plays in contemporary theatre, JET's outstanding production should not be missed

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With Jimmy Lee Trio, 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 27-28, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley, Ann Arbor. \$5. 21 and older. (734) 662-8310

**MATT MICHAELS TRIO**  
With guest saxophone player Paul Vorhagen, 8-11:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 19, and with guest trumpeter Louis Smith, 8-11:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26, 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

**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

**URSULA WALKER AND BUDDY BUDSON**  
With Dan Kolton, 9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Thursday-Friday, Feb. 19-20 at Forte, 201 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 594-7300

**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

**WORLD MUSIC**  
**CAPLETON**  
With Anthony B., 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 27, Majestic, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$12.50 in advance. 18 and older. (reggae) (313) 833-9700 or http://www.99music.com

**IMMUNITY**  
9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 20-21, Woody's Diner, 208 Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older; 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 27, Checker's, 36759 Mound Road, Sterling Heights. Cover charge. 21 and older. (reggae) (248) 543-6911/(810) 264-9500

**"MOOSE PRESERVE POLAR BEACH BASH"**  
With performances by the Sun Messengers 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 26, and La Trinity, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 27-28, along with grass skirts, beach balls, rafts, streamers, tattoo hut, hair braiding, limbo contests, and a Tiki Bar with Jamaican Red Stripe beer, rum runners, pina colodas, premium margaritas, and a tequila bar. Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 26-28, at Moose Preserve Bar and Grill, 2395 Woodward Avenue (north of Square Lake Road), Bloomfield Hills. Free. 21 and older. (reggae) (248) 85-TR0UT

**SOLAS**  
Featuring Seamus Egan, Winifred Horan, John Williams, John Doyle and Karan Casey, 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$15. All ages. (Irish) (734) 761-1451 or http://www.daddy.com/ark

**FOLK/BLUEGRASS**  
**HIRD TIME OUT**  
Third in a series of bluegrass concerts, 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 27, in the Lila Jones Johnson Theatre, Oakland Community College, 739 S. Washington, Royal Oak. \$12. (248) 544-4903

**LIFE ACCORDING TO FOUR BITCHIN' BABES**  
Featuring Sally Fingerett, Megan McDonough, Debi Smith and Camille West, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$15. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or http://www.daddy.com/ark

**ELLIS PAUL**  
8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 24, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$10. \$9 members, students, seniors. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or http://www.daddy.com/ark

**RFD LOYS**  
8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 20, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$9. \$8 members, students, seniors. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or http://www.daddy.com/ark

**MATT WATROBA**  
Celebrates release of CD "Live at the Ark," with a performance, 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 27, Borders Books and Music, 45290 Utica Park Blvd., Utica. Free. All ages. (810) 726-8555

**POETRY/SPOKEN WORD**  
**JIM CARROLL**  
Rock singer-turned poet, and 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 or http://www.99music.com

**CRISPIN HELLION GLOVER'S BIG SLIDE SHOW**  
Actor who starred in "Back to the Future" and "The People vs. Larry Flynt" brings his slide show, spoken-word performance, copies of his book and the independent film "What is It?" 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 27, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. \$16 in advance, 18 and older. (248) 335-8100 or http://www.961melt.com

**"STORYTELLING FESTIVAL"**  
With Jay O'Callahan, Sheila Kay Adams and Mustard's Retreat, 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 27 (\$12.50); Storytelling and creativity workshop with storyteller Jay O'Callahan, 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 28 (\$30); Bill Harley, Michael Cooney and Patricia Vereen-Dixon, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28 (\$12.50); and children's storytelling concerts, 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Sunday, March 1 (\$6), all at The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. All ages. (734) 761-1451/(734) 761-1800 or http://www.daddy.com/ark

**DANCE**  
**COBBLESTONE FARM DANCERS**  
Open jam for string band musicians, 4-6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21, followed by the Third Saturday Contra Dance, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21, Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Road (1/2 mile south of I-94), Ann Arbor. Free open jam. \$6 for dance. Dancers of all levels welcome. (734) 662-3371 (jam)/(734) 665-8863 or (734) 426-0241 (dance)

**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

**ROCKY ROAD ADVANCE CONTRA-ENGLISH DANCE**  
With callers Charles Roth, Eric Arnold and Peter Baker, and music by David West and Donna Baird, 7-9:45 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 24, Chapel Hill Condominium Clubhouse, 3350 Green Road (north of Plymouth Road), Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 662-5158

**WSSS COUNTRY WESTERN DANCE**  
7:30 p.m. to midnight Friday, Feb. 27 at the Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe, Wayne. \$7 at the door. (734) 459-5836

**COMEDY**  
**THE ARK**  
Dos Fallopa, lesbian comedy duo featuring Lisa Koch and Peggy Platt, 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 19, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$13.50. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or http://www.daddy.com/ark

**BIG RED'S COMEDY CLUB**  
Heywood Banks, Friday-Sunday, Feb. 20-22, call for reservations and showtimes, at Mr. B's Roadhouse, 595 North Lapeer Road (M-24), Oxford. (248) 628-6500

**ANDREW DICE CLAY**  
8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 27, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets at Ticketmaster. All ages. (313) 961-5451 or http://www.961melt.com

**JOE'S COMEDY CLUB**  
Open mic night with MaryAnn DeMoss, and special musical guest Ernie Douglas, "The Acoustic Terminator," 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the club, 31 N. Walnut St., Mount Clemens. Cover charge. 18 and older. (810) 469-0889

**JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB**  
Paul D'Angelo, Michael Jr., and Joey Bielaska, Thursday, Feb. 19 (free), Friday-Saturday, Feb. 20-21 (\$12); Tommy Chunn, Steve Bills and Joey Bielaska, Thursday, Feb. 26 (free), Friday-Saturday, Feb. 27-28 (\$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**  
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); Emmy Award-winner Kevin meany, 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 27-28 (\$15, \$27.95 dinner show package), at the club, 5070 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

**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, and regular run beginning Thursday, Feb. 26, at the club, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$10 Sundays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, \$17.50 Fridays and \$19.50 Saturdays. (313) 965-2222

**JON STEWART**  
With Reggie McFadden, and a special "South Park" video as part of Comedy Central's "Stand-Up For Sanity" concert, 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21, Majestic, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$8 in advance. All ages. (313) 833-9700 or http://www.99music.com

**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

**CRANBROOK INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE**  
Birds of Prey: Mid-Winter Break Family Days, Hunters of the Sky exhibit, Monday, Feb. 16 to Friday, Feb. 20, 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 16 and Friday, live bird education programs featuring a bald eagle of turkey vulture presented by Joe Rogers of Wildlife Recovery Association, live birds of prey shows 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 16 and Friday, Feb. 20, Hunters of the Sky exhibit focusing on the predatory bird world continues through May 3, at the institute, hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Thursday, until 10 p.m. (admission \$3 after 6 p.m.) Friday-Saturday, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, 1221 North Woodward Avenue, between Lone Pine and Long Lake roads, Bloomfield Hills. \$7. \$4 children ages 3-17 and seniors age 60 and older. (248) 645-3200

**CHILDREN'S MUSEUM**  
"Rituals and Celebrations of the African Experience," a two-hour family event that includes percussion and dance, noon and 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21. \$3 child, \$5 family; Winter break activities Wednesday-Friday, Feb. 25-27, feature 1 p.m. planetarium demonstrations, 1-4 p.m. exhibits, treasure hunt, and activities. Learn how to play the recorder for children ages 7 and older, noon and 2 p.m. \$8. Register by Saturday, Feb. 21; Planetarium demonstrations, "Winter Skies," 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Saturdays at the museum, 67 E. Kirby, Detroit. (313) 873-8100

**DETROIT HISTORICAL SOCIETY/MUSEUM**  
"Remembering Downtown Hudson's" exhibit, a nostalgic look at what made the Hudson's downtown Detroit store an icon of the city's prosperous era, runs through December; "Doorway to Freedom," exhibit on Detroit and the Underground Railroad; Black Historic Sites Tours, full and half day tours available for groups of 25 or more; "Detroit Storyliving," including the Michigan Underground Railroad; "African-American Family Day" with music, theater, food court, African-American marketplace, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21, award winning Jazz in the Streets series returns to the Streets of Old Detroit with fustat Alexander Zonjic, 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26 (\$15 includes food, advance sales of five tickets for \$65 includes valet parking, 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

**DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER**  
IMAX movies showing indefinitely include: "Super Speedway," 10 a.m. and 11:10 a.m. Mondays-Fridays; and "Special Effects," 12:20 p.m. and 1:20 p.m. Mondays-Fridays; at the museum, 5020 John R. (at Warren Road), Detroit. \$6.75 for adults, \$4.75 for youths 3-17, and seniors 60 and older, includes one screening of an IMAX film, a visit to the Exhibit Floor, a live science demonstration in the Discovery Theatre and a short laser presentation. \$2.50 for each additional IMAX movie. Discounts available to groups to 10 or more. Hours are: 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays-Fridays, and 12:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. (313) 577-8400 or http://www.sciencedetroit.org

**HENRY FORD MUSEUM AND GREENFIELD VILLAGE**  
"Echoes Across the Prairies: The Vanishing Black West," film by writer and producer Ann Eskridge, shown weekends during February, Black History Month, at the museum, 20900 Oakwood Blvd. (west of the Southfield Freeway, and south of Michigan Avenue), Dearborn. Museum and village hours, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. \$12.50 adults, \$11.50 seniors age 62 and older, \$6.25 for kids ages 5-12, free for children ages 5 and younger and members. Group rates available. (313) 271-1620

**MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY**  
"A Communion of the Spirits: African-American Quilters, Preservers and Their Stories" exhibits featuring 175 photographs of varying sizes, a selection of the surveyed quilts, interpretive panels, and a limited amount of other artwork related to the quilters, through Sunday, June 7. The exhibit features area quilters and celebrity quilters such as Maya Angelou, Rosa Parks, Bernice Johnson Reagon, Faith Ringgold, Sonia Sanchez and Alice Walker; "The Life and Times of Paul Robeson" exhibition featuring records, photographs and paintings on loan from private citizens and from the collection of the MAAH, runs through Tuesday, June 30; "Walk to Freedom: Detroit Shares the 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. 21, 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

**UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN-DEARBORN**  
Tree Tapping, 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28, Natural Areas staff will tap sugar maple trees, conditions will be muddy and potentially cold, so dress accordingly, also looking for individuals, families and organized groups to volunteer to help collect sap during the maple sugaring season, groups limited to 20 people, children must be at least age six to participate, programs begin at the Pony Barn at 4901 Evergreen road, Dearborn. Free. (313) 593-5338

**POPULAR MUSIC**  
**THE AUTUMNS**  
9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 27, Motor Lounge, 3515 Caniff, Hamtramck. Cover charge. 21 and older. (alternative rock) (313) 369-0900 or motor3515@aol.com

**BALL HOG**  
With 10-Pound Train, D.O.C., Fuel 357 and Beneath Life, 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 20, JD's Macomb Theatre, 31 N. Walnut St., Mount Clemens. Cover charge. 18 and older. (rock) (810) 465-5154

**JOHNNY BASSETT AND THE BLUES INSURGENTS**  
9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 27, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty St., Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older. (organ-driven blues) (734) 451-1213

**BUGS BEDDOW BAND**  
9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 20-21, Bachelor's, 1967 Cass Lake Road, Keego Harbor. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 682-2295

**BIZER BROTHERS**  
9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 21-22, Pages, 23621 Farmington Road, Farmington. Free. 21 and older; 8 p.m. to midnight Friday-Saturday, Feb. 27-28, The Rattlesnake Club, 300 River Place, Detroit. Free. All ages. (pop) (248) 477-0099/(313) 567-4400

**BLUE SUIT WITH ALBERTA ADAMS**  
9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 27-28, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 644-4800

**BONNE TEMP ROLLES**  
9 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 25, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 644-4800

**BOW WOW WOW**  
8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 24, Industry, 15 S. Saginaw, Pontiac. \$10 in advance. 18 and older. (retro) (248) 334-1999 or http://www.961melt.com

**BRIDGE**  
9 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 19-21, and Thursday, Feb. 26, Bullfrog Bar and Grill, 15414 Telegraph Road (one block north of Five Mile Road), Redford. \$3. 21 and older. (rock) (313) 533-4477

**BROKEN TOYS**  
With Merge, 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 27, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$6. 18 and older. (rock) (248) 544-3030 or http://www.themagicbag.com

**CASH MONEY**  
With Bantam Rooster, 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 20, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$5. 18 and older. (rock) (313) 833-POOL

**CLOWN POWNERS**  
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

**COME**  
8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$7 in advance. All ages. (alternative rock) (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com

**TOMMY D BAND**  
9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 20-21, Hennessey's, 49110 Grand River Ave., Wixom. Cover charge. 21 and older; 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 27-28, Bachelor's One, 1967 Cass Lake Road, Keego Harbor. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues/rock) (248) 348-4404/(248) 682-2295

**"THE DELTA BLUES IN DETROIT"**  
With Eddie "Guitar" Burns and Uncle Jessie White, 2-4:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21, Scarab Club, 217 Farnsworth, Detroit. Free. All ages. (delta blues) (248) 262-2690

**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

**D.O.C.**  
Celebrates release of CD with party and performance, with special guests Power Face, NISH and 7 Days Dead, 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 27, JD's Macomb Theatre, 31 N. Walnut St., Mount Clemens. Cover charge. 18 and older. (heavy rock) (810) 465-5154

**GLEN EDDY BAND**  
9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21, Carriage House's Blues Alley, 24200 Grand River Ave., Detroit. Free. 21 and older; 9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (313) 535-3440/(248) 644-4800

**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

**EM IM EM**  
With Da Ruckus, Internal Affairs, DJ Head and DJ Ti, 9 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 25, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$8 in advance. 18 and older. (hip-hop/jungle) (313) 833-POOL

**ENTOMBED**  
With Bloodlet, 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 25, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$10 in

advance. All ages. (metal) (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com

**FUEL 357**  
With The Fringe, 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21, Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 334-9292

**SUE GARNER**  
Formerly of Run-On, 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 27, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$6 in advance. 18 and older. (singer/songwriter) (313) 833-POOL

**GETAWAY CRUISER**  
With Godzuki and Supra Argo, 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 20, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$5. All ages. (alternapop) (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com

**GILLESPIE, RASMUSSEN AND RAFFOUL**  
Featuring Robert Gillespie, guitarist for Mitch Ryder, Gary Rasmussen, and Canadian singer Jody Raffoul, 9:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 22, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (acoustic rock) (248) 543-0917

**GOVERNMENT HONEY**  
9 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 22, and 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 27-28, Bullfrog Bar and Grill, 15414 Telegraph Road (one block north of Five Mile Road), Redford. \$3. 21 and older. (rock) (313) 533-4477

**PATY GRIFFIN**  
7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 25, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$15. All ages. (pop) (734) 761-1451 or http://www.daddy.com/ark

**GRIN**  
10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 18 and older. (rock) (734) 485-5050

**HEPCAT**  
With The Gadgets and The Slackers, 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 27, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$8 in advance. All ages. (ska) (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com

**AL HILL AND THE LOVE BUTLERS**  
9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 20, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty St., Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older. (New Orleans-style boogie-woogie/cajun soul/swing) (734) 451-1213

**HUFFAMOOSE**  
8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 20, Mill Street Entry below Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. \$10. 18 and older; 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$5. 18 and older. (alternapop) (248) 333-2362 or http://www.961melt.com / (248) 544-3030 or http://www.themagicbag.com

**HUM**  
With Promise Ring, 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$8 in advance. All ages. (alternative rock) (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com

**JOE JACKSON**  
8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 19, and 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 20, Royal Oak Music Theatre, 318 W. Fourth St., Royal Oak. \$27.50 in advance. 21 and older. (pop) (248) 546-7610

**GRACE JONES**  
9 p.m. doors, midnight concert Friday, Feb. 20, Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. \$23 in advance at Ticketmaster, and Chosen Books, 120 W. Fourth St., Royal Oak. 21 and older. (248) 333-2362/(248) 543-5758

**KNEE DEEP SHAG**  
With Mr. Freedom X, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$4. 19 and older. (funk) (734) 996-8555

**CHANTAL KREVIJAZUK**  
With David Rice, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 27, Royal Oak Music Theatre, 318 W. Fourth St., Royal Oak. \$17.50 in advance. 21 and older. (pop) (248) 546-7610

**JOHN D. LAMB**  
9:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Feb. 19-20, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River, Novi. Free. 21 and older; 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21, Library Pub, 35230 Central City Parkway, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (pop) (248) 349-9110/(734) 421-2250

**LIFE OF AGONY**  
Featuring new lead singer Whitfield Crane, formerly of Ugly Kid Joe, with special guest Far, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 24, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$10.01 in advance. All ages. (hard rock) (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com

**LITTLE RED AND BIG BLUE**  
9 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 24, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 644-4800

**MASTER OF NONE**  
10 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 18 and older. (rock) (734) 485-5050

**MEDICINE HAT**  
10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 25, Bullfrog Bar and Grill, 15414 Telegraph Road (one block north of Five Mile Road), Redford. Free. 21 and older. (rock) (313) 533-4477

**MUDDUPPY**  
9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21, Moby Dick's, 5452 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. Cover charge. 21 and older; 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 24, as part of a Mardi Gras party at Music Menu, 511 Monroe St., Detroit's Greektown area. Cover charge. 21 and older; 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 25, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (313) 581-3650/(313) 964-6368/(248) 543-0917

**STEVE NARDELLA**  
9 p.m. Friday-Saturday,

MOVIES

# 'The Borrowers' is a tiny family film treasure



JOHN MONAGHAN

Somehow "The Borrowers" passed me by. The series of books, about a family of little people who reside under the floor boards, has been a children's favorite since first published in 1952.

If they're half as good as the new movie version, I can understand the reason for all the fuss. Exciting, touching, and imaginatively designed, this British import is one of those rare movies that will please adults as much as the children who drag them to it.

Peagreen and Arietty (Tom Felton and Flora Newbigin) are the mouse-sized brother and sis-

ter who live in a cozy English house. The opening shows them in the act of "borrowing" from the larger humans they cohabit with. When Arietty gets locked in the freezer during a search for ice cream, it's up to her agile father Pod (Jim Broadbent) to get her out of it.

Mother Homily (Celia Imire), meanwhile, minds the home front, fashioning household necessities out of things like thimbles, fabric scraps and board game pieces.

"The Borrowers" is a delight on several levels. As a children's movie it delivers a strong message about family and community unity. It also offers a hissable villain played by John Goodman, a scheming lawyer who steals the deed to the Borrowers' home.

From here the movie becomes an elaborate chase through English city streets and into such unusual locations as an antiquated milk bottling plant. This is where the movie gets interesting for adults, since the product placement is decidedly modern but the settings all recall the 1950s.

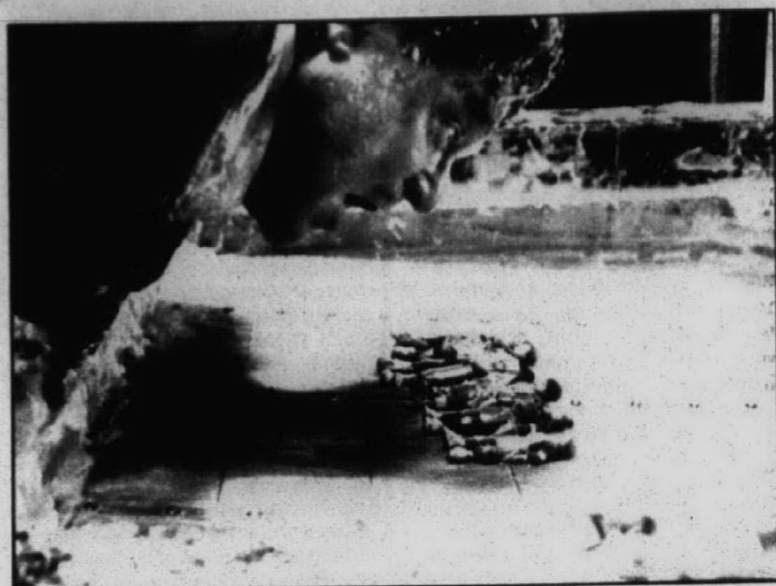
Director Peter Hewitt and his talented production crew have staged a number of marvelous set pieces that will have the hearts of all ages racing. At one point Goodman's lawyer takes a hammer to the walls as the children skitter along the beams, plaster exploding just centimeters behind them.

For his part, John Goodman (seen in no less than four movies this month) has the proper larger-than-life quality to take on this new breed of Lilliputian. He even gets strung up Gulliver-style. His slapstick scenes are offset by clever bits with a police offi-

cer (Hugh Laurie's Officer Steady) whose attempts to be polite and helpful inadvertently spoil the lawyer's odious plans. In another bit of inspired casting, Mark Williams plays an exterminator who looks like a cross between the Orkin and Good Humor Men. Though commissioned to destroy the meddlers, he has a healthy respect for the legendary creatures he has never seen - until now.

Despite the seamless quality of the special effects, "The Borrowers" has the feel of a tiny treasure. Disney could learn a trick or two from the Brits when it comes to making a movie that charms as much as it dazzles.

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Family feature: John Goodman as the evil lawyer, Ocious P. Potter, says his final words to the Clock family in "The Borrowers."

SCREEN SCENE



Drama: Robert Duvall as "The Apostle E.F." in a scene from "The Apostle," written and directed by Duvall.

A sampling of what's playing at alternative movie theaters across metro Detroit as reviewed by John Monaghan.

Royal Oak. Films play through at least Thursday, unless noted otherwise. Call (248) 542-0180 for information. (\$6.50; \$4 students, seniors and matinee; \$3 twilight)

**"Live Flesh"** (Spain-1997). The latest from Pedro Almodovar ("Women in the Verge of a Nervous Breakdown") as a well-drawn but surprisingly ordinary tale of murder, obsession, and unrequited love.

**"The Apostle"** (USA-1998). Robert Duvall wrote, directed, and starred in this story of a preacher who finds his personal rode to salvation, helped in part by his wife (played by Farrah Fawcett).

**"Oscar and Lucinda"** (USA-1997). Ralph Fiennes plays a controversial wagering priest who finds his soulmate in heiress Cate Blanchett. Directed by Gillian Armstrong.

**Redford Theatre** 17360 Lahser (at Grand River), Detroit. Call (313) 537-2560 for information. (\$2.50)

**"Boogie Nights"** (USA-1997). 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 19. One of last year's most challenging and kinetic film experiences was this look at the pornographic movie industry just before the rise of video. Mark Wahlberg stars, but it's Julianne Moore and Burt Reynolds who copped the Oscar nominations in amazing supporting roles.

**"Deconstructing Harry"** (USA-1997). 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 25. Woody Allen's latest has evoked a love-hate relationship among viewers. Here he plays a surprisingly profane version of his neurotic New Yorker, whose fictional creations merge cleverly with his real life.

**Main Art Theatre** 118 N. Main Street (at 11 Mile Road),

pair of westerns starring African-American matinee idol and Detroit native Herbert Jeffries. Both are musicals and feature an all-black cast.

**Star Southfield** 12 Mile Road (west of Telegraph), Southfield. Call (248) 372-2222. (\$6.50; \$4.50 before 6 p.m.)

**"Four Days in September"** (Brazil-1997). This story of the 1969 kidnapping of an American ambassador to Brazil (Alan Arkin) has been nominated for Best Foreign Film Oscar.

**"Zero Effect"** (USA-1998). From Jake Kasdan, son of writer/director/former Detroit Lawrence Kasdan comes this quirky thriller about a Holmes-like detective (Bill Pullman) and his assistant (Ben Stiller) in search of a rich man's lost keys.

**"Wag the Dog"** (USA-1997). Robert DeNiro plays a Washington spin doctor extraordinaire who gets the President out of hot water by staging a fake war with Albania. Dustin Hoffman stars as the Hollywood producer who helps stage the ruse.

**Windsor Film Theatre** 2135 Wyandotte Street West, Windsor, Canada. Call (519) 254-FILM for specific film information. (\$5.25 Canadian; \$4 U.S.)

**"The Myth of Fingerprints"** (USA-1997). 7 p.m. Friday-Sunday, Feb. 20-22. A New England family reunion is the setting for this low-budget comedy.

**"Sick: The Life and Death of Bob Flanagan, Supermasochist"** (USA-1996). 9:15 p.m. Friday-Sunday, Feb. 20-22. Comedian and performance artist Flanagan found that sado-masochism helped in his bout with cystic fibrosis. The rest of us get to share his pleasure/pain in this Sundance favorite documentary.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Scheduled to open Friday, Feb. 20

**"PALMETTO"**  
Thriller about a bitter and disillusioned ex-con who returns home and is offered a chance to make some easy money just by writing a note and making a threatening phone call. Of course there is no easy money. Stars Woody Harrelson, Elisabeth Shue.

**"SENSELESS"**  
Comedy with a heart follows a series of desperately outrageous attempts by a penniless young college student as he tries to keep his family afloat. Stars Marion Wayans.

Scheduled to open Friday, Feb. 27

**"AFTERGLOW"**  
Exclusively at the Main Art Theatre. A tale of two couples one in their 20s the other in their 40s whose troubled marriages become entwined. Stars Nick Nolte, Julie Christie.

**"DANGEROUS BEAUTY"**  
In a world where women have few rights and are treated like property, the most captivating woman of her day dares to confront convention to become a powerful force for change.

**"DARK CITY"**  
Futuristic thriller about a man who awakens in a hotel room, only to discover he is wanted for a series of murders

he cannot remember.

**"KRIPPENDORF'S TRIBE"**  
Family comedy about a widowed anthropology professor who uses grant money to raise his family, disguising his children as an "undiscovered" tribe from New Guinea. Stars Richard Dreyfuss, Lily Tomlin, Jenna Eiman.

**"KISSING A FOOL"**  
Comedy about a nervous groom-to-be who asks his best friend to court his fiancée in an attempt to test her loyalty. Stars David Scher, Bonnie Hunt.

**"CAUGHT UP"**  
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STREET SCENE

After 20 years, Sun Messengers finally cut an album

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO  
STAFF WRITER

During the last 20 years, The Sun Messengers have provided a soundtrack to nightclubs, bars, the Detroit Music Awards, weddings, parties and Detroit Pistons games.

Now the R&B band wants its music to echo throughout the homes of its fans. After two decades in the business, The Sun Messengers have released its debut CD "Late Night Cruise."

"People don't know us as a recording act. We've been primarily known as a live act. Our place in Detroit music history has been established, but we're hoping to lengthen our legacy," said Rick Steiger, the band's leader who plays the baritone and alto saxophones.

The Sun Messengers' material has appeared on compilations, two singles, a cassette and a four-song 12-inch EP. The band never put out a full-length recording simply because it didn't have time.

"Actually four of the tracks were recorded in February of 1996. Then there were two factors - after about May we get really busy plus we believe in road-testing the material. We don't just put it together and record it. We have to develop and



Serenading The Palace: The Sun Messengers - from left, Tippi Hayes, William Elijah, Terry Thunder, Russ Miller, Dan Mayer, John "T-Bone" Paxton, Arthur "Speck" Colden and Rick Steiger.

play the material for awhile."

"Late Night Cruise" features a mix of original and cover tunes including the Count Basie-inspired "Splanky," and a reworked version of Teddy Pendergrass's "I Can't Leave Your Love Alone." The eight-piece band honors Motown with "Imaginary Heaven," a medley of The Temptations' "Just My Imagination," written by Southfield resident Barrett Strong and his partner Norman Whitfield, and "Heaven" by the group Solo. The title track, penned by keyboardist

Arthur "Speck" Colden and Valerie McCullers, infuses funk and jazz.

The Sun Messengers is one of the few bands in the area who isn't struggling to get its music heard. From high atop The Palace of Auburn Hills, The Sun Messengers serenade Pistons fans with original and cover songs.

"Playing in front of 20,000 people a night adds to the name recognition. It really helps. It's the final piece in a puzzle," Steiger said.

"It's part of a great thing. This is the prime time for basketball but a slow time for the band business."

As a tribute to the 1996-97 Detroit Pistons, band member William Elijah, trumpeter/vocalist, wrote "Who's Got Da Skillz?" a bonus track on the 14-song CD, available at The Palace Locker Room store at the arena.

"William Elijah knocked it right out. He said, 'OK, you do this. You do that' and boom, he wrote the words right at the game. Now that they're (The Pistons) playing better again it'll give us more inspiration to write songs. There's been a lot of frustrating losses," Steiger said.

This is the third season that The Sun Messengers has served as "the official band of the Detroit Pistons." The Harper Woods-based band was hired after Palace Sports and Entertainment executives saw The Sun Messengers' performances.

"Over the years we had seen them playing at various spots in the metropolitan Detroit area and always thought that they displayed a fun style and atmosphere. (But it's) not only that. They're a quality group of musicians. They were just what we were looking for," said Peter Skorich, vice president of broadcast-

ing and multi-media for Palace Sports and Entertainment.

The organization wasn't looking for a "house band" but created the position for The Sun Messengers. Having the band play at Pistons home games, hearkens back to the days when stadiums and arenas provided live music during sporting events.

"It's a live sporting event, a lot of the live entertainment has been extracted from the game. Everybody used to have an organ player, now it's all canned music. There's nothing wrong with canned music but after you play 40-50 games in a season and your fans are only identifying with the same 15 songs all year, then that's when you add a live element like The Sun Messengers and make it more a diverse entertainment event," Skorich explained.

The eight-member group - which also includes Terry Thunder (drums and vocals), Tippi Hayes (bass), Russ Miller (sax), John "T-bone" Paxton (trombone and vocals) and Dan Mayer (guitar) - plays throughout the game.

"We play a half hour before the game, and then we play a lead-in to time-outs, and then we play in and out of time outs and some-

times through the whole time-outs, and then one song at the end of the game," he said.

For Steiger it's a dream come true.

"I'm a big basketball fan. I've seen a lot of good basketball."

Although it has taken 20 years for The Sun Messengers to put out its first CD, it's going to take a lot less than that for the next CD to come out. A follow-up will be in stores this year as a way of celebrating The Sun Messengers 20th anniversary.

"We took the month of January off from rehearsing. We're back into rehearsals and now we're sort of deciding and choosing the songs. You can imagine a band that's been around as long as us, we have quite a few songs," he said.

"I'm dead set on creating a presence for the band as a recording act. Even if it's just locally."

The Sun Messengers performs at home Detroit Pistons games at The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr. (I-75 and Lapeer Road), Auburn Hills. Tickets are \$15-\$28. For more information, call (248) 377-0100 or visit <http://www.palacenet.com> or <http://www.rust.net/~steiger/sunmess.htm>

American Mars aim is to make the world go away



CHRISTINA FUOCO

The dingy atmosphere of rock clubs can be a distraction to fans going to see fledgling bands. Damp carpeting sucks in shoes, mirrors advertise beer company logos and the day's headlines brightly run across ticker-tape screens.

At its shows, the goal of the Dearborn-based ethereal pop band American Mars is to make it all go away.

"We want to make all of those

kinds of things disappear when people come to see us," said singer/guitarist Thomas Trimble, formerly of the minimalist duo Breech with Missy Gibson.

To accomplish that, American Mars surrounds its audience with its landscape of cinematic tales, Bauhaus-like dark guitars and Trimble's lush vocals.

"We're a little bit more visual than a typical rock band. We're not super loud. We're not a 'big scissor-kick rock group.' We're like (the British trip-hop act) Portishead. Their songs sound like soundtrack stuff. We want our music to play like a soundtrack," Trimble said.

American Mars released its

"soundtrack," its debut album "American Mars," in October 1997. Recorded at the Tempermill in Ferndale with Dave Feeny on Feb. 14, 1997, the CD was not an easy task.

"We did it by ourselves. There was some excitement balanced with a healthy amount of dread. We had never done it before. It really was a learning experience," Trimble said.

The band - which included Trimble, bassist/vocalist/guitarist Karla K. Richardson, guitarist Brad Richards and drummer Dave Lentz at the time - told Feeny how much money it could spend and took it from there. Although American Mars

had to work within financial constraints, the band "did everything the way we wanted to do it."

Trimble's lyrics are miniature movies in their own right. The musically haunting "Hourglass" describes the anxiety prior to the end of a relationship ("You ask your lover to tell you that you're through/You wait around for something you can lose"). "Crush," a raucous duet between Trimble and Richardson, shares the excitement of infatuation: "Is she illusion? - or sheer perfection/ light of day - or dark confection/ the honey sweeter - the stinger neater."

A late-starting musician, Trim-

ble has only written songs since 1987 when he was in his late teens.

"I tried to teach myself the guitar three or four times, but I just gave up. It seemed like a pretty cool stance to take - 'rock guy,'" said Trimble who has since learned to play the instrument.

In some circles the description "pop music" is considered an insult. But American Mars - which now includes guitarist Gary Watts, formerly of Scott Fab and Crossed Wire, drummer Lentz and Trimble - considers it a compliment.

"It's pop with a twist. Pop's a lot more interesting than rock," Trimble said.

Lentz added, "It's a lot more inventive lately." Trimble said "at the end of the day" there's no need to worry about labels.

"I don't think we behold to any idea like indie authenticity. We're not concerned about people questioning our credibility."

The band will soon embark on its second tour of the Midwest and the south this spring, and its first visit to Europe in the fall. Watts, who joined American

Mars last fall, explained that the highlights of the first tour for him were when the band was able to connect with the audience.

"When you can overcome complete strangers and make them forget about everything else in the room (that's satisfying). I love that connection."

American Mars plays following Jim Carroll's spoken-word performance at 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21, at the Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets are \$12.50 in advance for the 18 and older show. For more information, call (313) 833-POOL or (248) 645-6666. "American Mars" is available in independent record and Harmony House stores, through the band's website - <http://www.americanmars.com>

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BACKSTAGE PASS



ANN DELISI

Speed is funny. Take something totally serious in real time and speed it up - suddenly you have Alvin and the Chipmunks. Take Shakespeare (please!). Brevity is supposedly the soul of wit, so tonight on Backstage Pass on Detroit

Public Television, we're going to bring you a bunch of plays by the Bard himself.

How to fit an entire Shakespeare play into a half hour? Enter "The Compleat Works of Wilm Shkspr (abridged)" by the Reduced Shakespeare Company. The show's a fund-raiser for the Hilberry Theatre, so I called Wayne State's Blair Anderson for the scoop. "They did this play

last year, and I completely adored it. They do everything! The second act is 'Hamlet,' first in double time, then in triple time, and then they do it backwards." Does Shakespeare lend itself to comedy? "All three actors play various roles. Classically you had men playing women's roles, and in camp you have the same thing..."

Blair made special note of the actors involved. "There's something special that all three of these grad students - Karl Kippola, David Engelman and Bret Tuomi - know the classics very well. So the material speaks to theater-goers but is also funny for neophytes. They play it on many levels. They're the creme de la creme of the department. And they did this in their free time for the love of it, for the joy de theater if you will."

Next we take a look at a six-

week happening in Ann Arbor that explores surrealism, the Exquisite Corpse. I asked Backstage Pass producer Katherine Weider to explain. "The exquisite corpse was a name invented by the surrealists around the turn of the century. They played it in cafes and parlors, and it can be a literary game, of a visual game.

"Visually what you do is get a piece of paper. One person does the head and you cover most of it up, leaving a little bit showing at the bottom, so there's some kind of connection. The next person does the torso, and you cover it up in the same way. The last person does the legs, then you uncover it all and see what you've got. And these terms are loose, so you wind up with odd things - a banana for a head, a

rooster's body, webbed feet, whatever. The media can also vary, so you have part collage, part drawing and so on."

So what can people expect in Ann Arbor? "Sharon Curry organized 60 or 70 artists to participate in this exquisite corpse exhibition. They either had to find collaborators or be assigned them, and they had about six months to get together to do these games on a large scale. The exhibit at the Ann Arbor Art Center is the result of these games, and it is really the heart of the festival.

Also on the big show, singer-songwriter Edwin McCain. That's all on Backstage Pass tonight on Detroit Public Television at midnight, repeated Friday at 7:30 p.m.

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## DINING

## Zagat Survey serves up diners' views of best restaurants

BY ELEANOR HEALD  
SPECIAL WRITER

Tired of a critic downgrading a restaurant you like? Or conversely, heaping praise on one you dislike? Would the best rating come from surveying "real diners," folks like you, who love to eat out?

In the late 1970s, that's what Nina and Tim Zagat (rhymes with their cat) and a group of their New York City friends thought. By 1979, the Zagats created a new standard for the restaurant and travel guide business with introduction of their first Zagat Restaurant Survey.

The first survey polled 100 friends, colleagues and business clients. It was a photocopied list of 75 New York City restaurants with brief comments about each, on a single legal-size sheet of paper.

Between 1979 and 1983, the first formal publishing year for the Zagat Survey, the surveyor base mounted to 600, rating 300 New York restaurants. Their food passion and restaurant critics hobby was costing the Zagats every spare moment of time and nearly \$12,000 annually. It was time for now 55-year-old Nina

and her 57-year-old husband Tim, both Yale Law School graduates, to give up law practices and become publishing entrepreneurs!

TIME magazine praised the Zagat Survey as "gastronomical democracy in action." And it is just that.

Today, a literal army of foodies, who volunteer to review restaurants in 40 cities, have created the restaurant guides known as Zagat Surveys. The 1998 edition billed as "America's Top Restaurants" \$12.95 can be found in all major area bookstores and at Williams-Sonoma locations in Troy, Ann Arbor, Livonia and Novi.

Under the chapter titled Detroit, 23 restaurants were rated by 1,200 volunteer surveyors. Not all are Detroit. Both the Rowe Inn and Tapawingo in Ellsworth are deservedly included. Besting the area top 10 list are The Lark and The Golden Mushroom.

Zagat surveyors rate each restaurant on food, decor and service using a 0-30 scale. Scores of 20-25 are considered very good to excellent with 26-30 viewed as extraordinary to per-

fection. Cost reflects the estimated price of one dinner with one drink and tip. Lunch at the same eatery is usually 25 percent less. Cost ratings are Inexpensive, \$15 and under; Moderate \$16 to \$30; Expensive \$31 to \$50; and Very Expensive \$51 or more.

Surveyors comments are summarized by a paid local editor in each of the 40 cities. Literal comments are shown in quotation marks. Symbols indicate whether responses were mixed or uniform.

Zagat Surveys do not indicate whether alcohol, beer and/or wine are served. Gail Zarr, Zagat's managing editor said, "We believe most of the restaurants do have a license."

When I explained that's not the case for smaller, well-run, highly recommendable, usually ethnic restaurants in the metro-Detroit area, she responded, "We should probably look into including this."

A stand alone salute to fine dining is Zagat Survey 1997 Update Michigan Restaurants, Focusing on Detroit and Environs. This \$9.95 pocket-size

book gives a more complete look at Michigan. While it sports last year, it is current, except for restaurants that opened in 1997. A Michigan Update is not on the drawing board until late 1998 or early 1999, so the 1997 edition is still the best for a broad overview.

But, that's where the Observer & Eccentric Entertainment section comes in. Each Thursday, Dining brings you news of what's new in the restaurant scene. If you need to see back Dining coverage and you have Internet access, contact the newspapers at www.oeonline.com for a cap-sulized review.

Zagat invites you to be a reviewer in their city Restaurant Surveys or in their nationwide Hotel Survey. To get contacted for the next Survey, send a business-size self-addressed stamped envelope to ZAGAT SURVEY, 4 Columbus Circle, New York, NY 10019 indicating the Survey in which you would like to participate, e.g. Detroit or Hotel. Each participant surveyor will receive a free copy of the resulting Survey when it's published.



Dining guide: Zagat Survey of America's Top Restaurants includes 23 "tops" in Michigan.

## WHAT'S COOKING

To share news about "What's Cooking" at your restaurant, send or fax information to Keely Wygonik, Entertainment Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150 or fax (734) 591-7279.

We're looking for information about places to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. Send us your entertainment and menu information as soon as possible.

## MAC &amp; RAY'S

Michigan Culinary Food & Wine Extravaganza 6:30-10 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 24. To raise money for the Michigan Culinary Team and Scholarship Fund, 24 of the area's top chefs and restaurants present magnificent wine and food pairings under the theme "Celebrating Mardi Gras." Live entertainment provided by Skyline and the Back Street Horns band. General admission tickets \$75 per person or Gold Salon \$125 per person available by phoning Mac & Ray's (810) 463-9660 ext 427. The restaurant is at 30675 North River Rd, Harrison Township (less than three miles east of I-94, next to Selfridge Air National Guard Base).

## MARVIN'S BISTRO

Chefs Remy Berdy and Mark Benenati are offering two Fat Tuesday Specials for \$8.95 each on Tuesday, Feb. 24 - Homemade Pierogi stuffed with potato, spinach and chicken topped off with a golden boulet sauce, or Homemade traditional cheese pierogi accompanied with sauteed cabbage and onions topped off with a sour cream dill sauce. Entrees include soup or salad, fresh vegetable medley.

Friday Lenten Specials - Homemade Manhattan Chowder or New England Chowder, two or more seafood specials Fridays during Lent such as marinated salmon, Maryland Crab Cakes, Lemon Sole Rebecca, Broiled Whitefish, Grilled Tuna with

Citrus Sauce served with soup or salad, potato and vegetable medley. Cost will range from \$10.95 to \$13.95 for Lenten seafood specials.

Marvin's Bistro is at 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. Pianists Jimmy Knight and Carl Larson perform 7:30 p.m. to midnight Wednesdays and Saturdays.

Look for feature story about Marvin's Bistro on next week's Dining page in Entertainment.

## STELLINE

Jimmy Schmidt closed his Stelline restaurant in the Somerset Collection on Jan. 15. His newest venture, Smitty's Grill in downtown Rochester, has been very successful since its opening in December. He believes the Rochester venue appeals to the same dining audience as did a Troy location.

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.

## CHARLEY'S CRAB

Kenwood Winemaker's Dinner, 6 p.m. Monday, March 2. Cost \$75 per person, includes all taxes and gratuities. Try six of Sonoma County's Kenwood Vineyards wines at a six-course dinner. Does red wine go with fish? Try Kenwood Jack London Zinfandel with New Orleans Pecan Catfish with creole meuniere sauce as the first of two entrees and decide! Reservations required. The restaurant is at 5498 Crooks Road, Troy, call (248) 879-2060

## NEW NAME

Saint Louis Bread with locations in West Bloomfield and Lathrup Village is unveiling its new name with a special ceremony and donation to local charities.

The neighborhood bakery-cafes will be known as Panera Bread. The new exterior signage was unveiled Tuesday, Feb. 17 by West Bloomfield Township Supervisor Jedy Hood and Lathrup Village Mayor Frank Brock. Panera Bread is seeking suggestions from its customers for local charities which deserve recognition.

In return, Panera Bread will donate 1,000 loaves of fresh-baked bread to these groups over the next month. Panera Bread also will donate 25 cents from the sale of each loaf of bread at each of the three Detroit-area bakery-cafes through Feb. 21 to Forgotten Harvest.

The West Bloomfield Panera Bread bakery cafe is at 6399 Orchard Lake Road, (248) 855-9209.

The Lathrup Village Panera Bread bakery cafe is at 27651 Southfield Road, (248) 443-0282.

The Novi location, 25875 Novi Road, (248) 374-1701 opened Nov. 19 as Panera Bread.

## WINTERFEST BEER TASTING

Schoolcraft College Gourmet Club and Merchant's Fine Wine

- Dearborn, Royal Oak and Milford is hosting the Third Annual Winterfest Beer Tasting, 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, February 25 at Schoolcraft College in the Waterman Center, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia (one block west of I-275 between Six and Seven Mile Roads). The cost is \$30 per person, call (734) 462-4422 to order tickets.

The event will feature fine cuisine, 80 to 100 beers to select from, tastings limited to 50, door prizes and complimentary tasting glass.

The food menu features assorted charcuterie and seafood terrine platters, mixed grilled sausages, beer breads, relishes, and cheeses and crackers.

A Texas food station will feature beer chili, corn pizza bread, and rattlesnake spoon; A wide variety of quesadillas, dips and a salsa bar will be at the Mexican Station; and a dessert bar will offer black and tan cheesecake with cherry beer sauce.

Tickets can be purchased at the Student Activities Office, lower Waterman Center, or Merchant's Fine Wine locations. You must be 21 years old, or older to attend this event.

## UNIQUE RESTAURANT CORPORATION

The Southwest Feast, Feb. 19 at Relish, 34555 W. 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills, (248) 489-8852; Feb. 21 at Sebastian's Grill, inside Somerset Collection South, Troy, (248) 649-6625.

Each feast begins at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$34.95 per person, not including tax or gratuity. A wine package will be offered at an additional cost. Call the restaurant of your choice for reservations/information.

Menu features Soup Course - Confit of Duck & Posole Soup, Ancho Chiles & Tortilla Confit; First Course - Lobster & Crab

meat Chile Relleno, Goat Cheese & Shellfish Ranchero Sauce; Principle Course - Lime-Marinated Block Island Swordfish, Tomatillo Beurre-Blanc & Spanish Rice Pilaf; Grand Finale - Espresso Flan and Kahlua Caramel Sauce.

German Feast at Morels, 30100 Telegraph, Bingham Farms 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26 features guest speaker Johann Selbach. Cost \$75 per person, including tax and gratuity. Call (248) 642-1094 for reservations. The event will feature seven wines and a special menu featuring Maine Lobster & Gulf Shrimp Tostada, Apricot Glazed Grouper, Roasted Certified USDA Prime Strip Sirloin, and warm "Apple Jack" Tart.

## FIVE LAKES GRILL

Wine Tasting Event presented with Merchant's Fine Wines, 5-8 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 22, 424 N. Main St. downtown Milford. Cost \$30 per person, proceeds to benefit Milford Rotary Club, call (248) 684-7455 or (248) 685-7191.

Menu includes imported cheeses & fruits, Smoked Salmon with red onion relish, Sauteed escargot with garlic, chateaufort and filberts, Grilled Portabella Mushrooms with roasted peppers, Redskin potato with spicy pork, Potato Gnocchi with spinach, bacon & Parmesan cheese, Tandoori Chicken Skewers, Fetta with grilled vegetables, various pates & terrines, Mediterranean Cous Cous Salad.

## Golden Mushroom

Russian/Vodka Feast Tuesday, Feb. 24, cost \$85 per person. Menu features Smoked Roasted Sturgeon with Dark Rye, Sour Cream and Caviar Sauce, Roast Saddle of Lamb with Pomegranate Sauce, Cauliflower Gratin and Potato Pancakes. Golden Mushroom is at 18100 W.

10 Mile Road, at Southfield, call (248) 559-4230 for reservations and information.

## THE LARK

Stone Crab Dinner 7 p.m. Monday or Tuesday, Feb. 23 or 24, Cost \$80 per person not including other beverages, tax or gratuity. Menu features fried oysters with Remoulade Sauce, Grilled Shrimp with Hickory Smoked Bacon & Lemon Barbecue Sauce, Buttermilk Biscuits with honey butter, Mixed Fresh Greens with Hearts of Palm, Almonds & Mustard-Hazelnut Vinaigrette, Champagne & Passionfruit Granite, Stone Crab Claws with mustard sauce or drawn butter, Lyonnaise Potatoes, Asparagus, Key Lime Tart with Pecan Crust & Coconut Meringue, Coffee, Bonbons. The restaurant is at 6430 Farmington Road (north of Maple Road) West Bloomfield. Call (248) 661-4466 for reservations/information.

## EAST SIDE MARIO'S

"Two Hearts East as One" offer continues through the end of February. Four-course meal for two features vegetable soup or garden salad, garlic bread, Rotisserie Chicken Cacciatore served family style with Tiramisu for dessert. The cost \$21.99 per couple.

Serving lunch and dinner seven days a week, East Side Mario's metro Detroit locations are at 29267 Southfield Road, (between 12 and 13 Mile Roads) in the Southfield Commons Shopping Center, Southfield, (248) 569-9454; 31630 Plymouth Road (just west of Merriman) in Livonia (734) 513-8803.

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