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**Calories:** Lori McGuire (above) at Joe's Italian Bakery on Ann Arbor Road, displays boxes of paczkis ready for Fat Tuesday. Meanwhile, also at Joe's, Alan Wegela places a fresh tray of paczkis on a rack, ready for boxing. His partner, Steve McGuire, will dust the treats with powdered sugar. There's no one calorie value for paczkis. It depends on how they are made and with what ingredients.

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## Paczkis

### How many did you eat this week?

BY VALERIE OLANDER  
STAFF WRITER

Exactly how many calories were in the paczki you ate on Fat Tuesday?

Apparently, it depends on where you ate that special jelly preserve-filled doughnut, which has been called the "Cadillac of all doughnuts."

According to Laura Mertz, manager of Dunkin' Donuts on Ford Road in Canton, it had 1,300 calories.

Matthew Dunnigan, co-owner of Joe's Italian Bakery & Deli in Plymouth, claimed his paczkis had "at least 450 calories." "Have you picked up a box? That should tell you. They weigh a ton," he added.

Kathy Szelazek, a Polish immi-

grant who lives in Canton Township, had a different caloric estimate. She made her own batch of 60 "original paczkis" Sunday night in preparation of the American Fat Tuesday tradition. The original paczki has plum marmalade filling, not pudding, jelly and custard.

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## OLGC heads west

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

Plans are moving ahead for a spring groundbreaking for Our Lady of Good Counsel's new church in Plymouth Township.

The township planning commission has given tentative site plan approval for the first phase of the project on the northwest corner of North Territorial and Beck roads.

Phase one includes a sanctuary with 1,499 seats, fellowship hall, administrative offices, meeting rooms and parking for 500 cars. The total cost for phase one is expected to be approximately \$10 million.

"We hope to have final approval in April, and groundbreaking sometime in

May," said Rev. John Sullivan.

OLGC has taken care of one problem, and is looking to remedy another, before groundbreaking.

"We used a giant tree spade to move magnolia, pine and spruce trees," said Sullivan. "The pine and spruce were each 50-feet high and too beautiful to destroy. Besides, it would take new trees 50 years to grow like those. This type of move has a 98 percent success rate."

By moving the three trees, the new church will sit in the middle of the wooded portion of the property.

"We want the church to enhance the area," said Sullivan. "The architects have been careful not to get rid of the

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## Firefighters get pay hike

BY KEVIN BROWN  
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Community Fire Department firefighters will have their pay increased by 9.5 percent over three years, by terms of a contract approved by township trustees.

As negotiations opened last year, the union representing 23 firefighters sought Advanced Life Support training for interested members. But both sides soon agreed not to tie up talks on this contract over ALS, and dropped the

matter for a later date.

"At the time that we were negotiating we decided it was another large issue," said Donald Hahn, president of the fire union.

"We tried to bring it up to see if they wanted to talk about it, but it's such a major deal we agreed to put it on the side," he said. An Advanced Life Support system offers to the public emergency workers who are more highly-trained and equipped to deal with med-

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## Senate, House: The race begins

■ The filing deadline isn't for a couple months, but area politicians are already on the campaign trail.



BY KEVIN BROWN  
STAFF WRITER

The Republican primary election race could be a hot one this year, as candidates are already pitching hats into the ring.

Both state Rep. Deborah Whyman, R-Canton, and Wayne County Commissioner Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, are running for the 9th District state Senate seat being vacated by Sen. Robert Geake, R-Northville. Also seeking the seat is James R. Ryan of Redford, a former state representative from the 16th House District.

And Plymouth Township trustee and local Realtor K.C. Mueller has announced her intention to run for the 20th District state House seat now held by Rep. Gerald Law, R-Plymouth.

The filing deadline for party-affiliated candidates is 4 p.m. May 12. Others can file by July 16. The Wayne County bureau of elections said Tuesday that no candidates for either office have filed petitions.

### Winning support

Mueller has been able to win support from several local Republican leaders, among them Plymouth Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy, Clerk Marilyn Massengill, Treasurer Ron Edwards and trustee Kay Arnold. Plymouth City Commissioner Stella Greene is also supporting her.

"K.C. has a fair-minded sincere approach in her analysis and pursuit of all sides of an issue," said Massengill. "She is an independent thinker that always puts the community first."

Mueller said she'll run on a platform of helping families to build a better future.

"We live in the area of western Wayne County that has a tremendous number of young families, all concerned about their future," Mueller said. "They are concerned about the future of their children."

"Equally important are the large number of senior citizens who share their concerns with me about the world their grandchildren will grow up

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STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRESLER

Thwart: Mary Millington and Joan Showalter foiled a shoplifter at Little Professor on the Park last week.

## Booksellers foil thief

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI  
STAFF WRITER

A shoplifter likely rues the day he encountered booksellers Mary Millington and Joan Showalter.

At about 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 19, the employees of Little Professor on the Park bookstore, 380 S. Main, stopped a shoplifter in his

tracks as he tried to make off with \$250 in merchandise.

"He was seen concealing the merchandise by a man who delivers our magazines," Millington said, adding the delivery man saw the man roll up street atlases and put them into his pants and close his jacket

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# White particles in the water aren't harmful

BY KEVIN BROWN  
STAFF WRITER

Problems with pipe scale in the water supply reported in Canton last week aren't being repeated here.

Plymouth city and township officials who oversee water service say no such problems have been reported.

According to the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department, pipe scale is not harmful. It is white particles from the carbonate layer found on the inside of most household plumbing.

In Michigan, surface water contains dissolved minerals which over time form a coating on the inside of household plumbing.

"We haven't had any reports here," said Paul Sincoc, city

municipal services director. "It's in limited areas. We can't explain why... Canton is one of them," said Steve Gorden, executive director of Detroit Water and Sewerage.

"We've not seen it in Detroit, possibly because there's low flow in the communities outside of Detroit."

Cloudy water is not uncommon this time of year, Sincoc said, adding the cloudiness results from excessive air in the line. If water is allowed to stand for a time the air passes out of the water.

The city tests water twice a year; the last test in November showed no problems, Sincoc said.

Tom Hollis, Plymouth Township manager of public works, said he knows of no problem

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Steve Gorden

—Detroit Water and Sewerage executive director

with pipe scale in the township's water.

Hollis added he knew of no past problems in Plymouth Township with the substance.

Water tests in Plymouth Township are performed every month by the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department.

"They take samples from a number of locations around the township," Hollis said.

The last test showed no prob-

lems with the water, he added.

One report to the Observer came from the new Sunflower subdivision between Canton Center and Beck, north of Warren. Gorden said he didn't believe the problems are confined to Canton's newer subdivisions where water and sewer hook ups are also new.

Most water service lines are lead and copper, although new piping used by developers is

made of polyethylene, Gorden said.

"We're looking into a process to see what we can do. We're working with the consultants that designed the system. It could be more of a balance of chemicals, but it also could be a function of temperature," he said.

The phosphorous is a breakdown of chemicals put into the water treatment process in Detroit prior to the filtration for drinking water, Gorden said. The chemicals are mandated by federal and state regulations to minimize the amount of lead and copper in the drinking water.

Homeowners who find the white particles in their drinking water should flush their faucets for several minutes to prevent clogging.



Cloudy: Water such as in this glass may have white particles, which are not harmful.

## WSDP auction planned

The 1998 WSDP Radio Auction is less than three months away and the station is working hard to get ready for the big event.

Volunteers are beginning to contact local businesses for items to be auctioned.

Last month, WSDP announced that First Step is the beneficiary of this year's auction.

First Step is a nonprofit organization which works to reduce domestic violence and sexual assault.

First Step emphasizes the formation of community partner-

ships to enhance the success of its programs.

First Step recognizes that domestic violence and sexual assault are community problems that require a community effort to provide solutions. WSDP has decided to partner with First Step by providing funds from this year's auction.

First Step's services include: a 24All of these programs, with the exception of the program for people who batter, are provided without cost to the survivor. Most of the programs involve trained volunteers in addition to

the professional staff.

If WSDP raises \$5,000 at the auction, then \$500 will be donated to First Step. If the auction raises \$8,000 the station will donate \$1,000.

If you have any questions, wish to make a donation, or want to help with the auction contact Bill Keith, station manager at (734) 416-7732.

## Fire from page A1

ical crises to which they respond. "It's a major decision for the community cost-wise," said Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy. Estimates have placed the resulting increased costs to be more than \$600,000 in the first three years.

"We are using Huron Valley Ambulance so our citizens do have access to it (ALS)," McCarthy said.

"We decided it was a bigger issue than just a contract issue

**'We are using Huron Valley Ambulance so our citizens do have access to it (ALS).'**

Kathleen Keen McCarthy

—Township supervisor

so we agreed that it come off the negotiating table," she added.

McCarthy and Hahn said no timetable has been set for revisiting the ALS issue.

McCarthy said one concern with adding ALS concerns the number of emergency vehicles available for local runs. "You take an ambulance out of service when they're transporting to the hospital," she said.

McCarthy said Advanced Life Support will likely be discussed by a recently organized Plymouth city-township Intergov-

ernmental Committee. The committee's general charge is to examine ways both governments can merge services to save money while maintaining or increasing efficiency.

With no timetable established for ALS discussions between firefighters and Plymouth Township officials, is it possible the issue won't be seriously raised until talks begin on the next contract? "We hope it happens before then so we can provide a better service to the community. It's something they have to want too," Hahn said.

The three-year fire contract is retroactive to March 31, 1997; it expires in 2000.

Among other contract provisions, Hahn said union members injured off duty will now be able to be called back to work and receive pay for performing less intensive duties including clerical work.

## Paczkis from page A1

"I'd say about 500 calories, but who cares?"

In fact, in Poland there's no such thing as Paczki Day or Fat Tuesday. "There's paczkis everywhere not only that Tuesday (before Ash Wednesday.) It's part of the carnival season."

And just how long does the carnival season last in Poland?

"From Christmas on, usually on Saturdays and Sundays," said Szelazek. It ends on "Ostatki" or the Saturday - not Tuesday - before Ash Wednesday. It would have been on Feb. 21 this year. For those counting, that's 58 days of paczkis! (Or 17 days if you're just celebrating on week-ends.)

"We never celebrated anything like this until my kids started school," she said. "But I've customized to the tradition here."

Szelazek said she used to send her homemade paczkis to school with her two boys, now adults. "They brought so many friends home," she added with a laugh.

She didn't know if the American paczki or the original had more calories, but she said the original recipe is definitely better. She makes a special trip to Hamtramck to pick up a jar of plum butter or Povidel.

"The paczkis here I call doughnuts. My paczkis are light and fluffy. When I make them everything is natural, there's no preservatives," she added.

Her recipe calls for "a kilo of flour, 15 egg yolks and a half pound of butter."

However, Laura Mertz of the Canton Dunkin' Donuts said there's a big difference between a regular jelly doughnut and a paczki.

"We use a different recipe than the regular jelly doughnut. It has a lot more calories. It's a heavy doughnut," she said. "With three times the amount of jelly."

Cooks worked 36 hours straight from 5 a.m. Monday to 2 p.m. Tuesday making 1,200 pounds of paczkis or 975 dozen.

Joe's Italian Bakery on Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth made 800 dozen paczkis, many of which were special orders, said Dunnigan. One Flint business ordered 200 dozen, he said.

St. Michael's Catholic School in Livonia ordered 80 dozen paczkis from Joe's Bakery. Paczki Day has become an annual celebration in the classroom for the 781 students at St. Mike's, said secretary Karen Diamond.

"We got the raspberry jelly filled - without the powdered sugar because of the obvious mess," she said.

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# Fixer-upper

## Dodson takes reins at Fiegel

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

He declines when you ask him his age. But he will reveal that he's been teaching for 37 years.

He'll use his Oklahoma drawl to get a point across, and sounds like your grandfather when talking with kids.

Teachers and parents alike adore him, enough to name a school library after him.

And, despite being semi-retired, George Dodson has once again been called in to help the Plymouth-Canton school district weather another storm.

Dodson took over as interim principal at Fiegel Elementary School in Plymouth at the beginning of the year.

There were apparent troubles with Barbara Young at the helm. No one ... not teachers, parents, the administration, the administrators' union, even Young ... wants to discuss why. But, all admit to serious problems which called for a change.

Bring in George Dodson. He did the same thing last year at Gallimore Elementary. Trouble was brewing. A change had to be made. Call in Dodson, whose last duty as principal was 1990 at Smith Elementary.

"Last year at Gallimore was just like magic," said Dodson, who had been principal there for nine years in the 1970s. "It's like a girlfriend. You're away from her a while, then you go back and find out she's much prettier than you remembered."

### Feelings are mutual

Parents and teachers loved him so much they named the renovated school library after him.

"George is a people person, and very positive when it comes to kids," said Phil Radant, a Gallimore second-grade teacher who worked with Dodson during his first stint as Gallimore principal and his return last year. "He's always looking for the best in kids."

Dodson is the type of administrator who also likes to take care of his staff.

"He always makes sure he sees everyone in the morning, making the rounds to find out how families are doing," added Radant.

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*George Dodson*  
—Interim principal

"He always took an interest in newer teachers, talking to them about their goals and interests."

Former school board member, E.J. McClendon, had Dodson in one of the classes he taught at the University of Michigan. Later, he got to know Dodson well during his 17-year stint on the Plymouth-Canton school board.

"George is a person with high character," said McClendon. "He does good things, and for the right reasons. He is thoughtful and concerned when it comes to children, staff and parents."

"Of course, we hit it off right away since we're both from Oklahoma," McClendon said with a smile.

Dodson, who teaches adult education at Starkweather Education Center when he's not putting out fires, said he likes teaching more today than when he started in 1965.

"I think I'm a little more effective now because I've learned a few things," said Dodson. "I know how to run a school and help staff. I expect teachers to work hard for the kids, that's the bottom line."

### Good job for a man

Dodson would like to see more men teaching in the elementary schools, especially since there are so many one-parent homes without fathers these days.

"If you can believe it, we don't have any male teachers here (Fiegel)," said Dodson. "We have an excellent staff. The school community just needs to come together."

Dodson not only likes to work

with the younger children, you'll find him in the halls interacting.

"One day a boy came up to me and said 'Mr. Dodson, you sure have a big nose,'" said Dodson with a chuckle. "I asked him what grade he was in. When he told me second, I told him that's the same grade he was going to be in next year."

Assistant Superintendent Pat O'Donnell likes the idea of having someone like Dodson ready to step in.

"George pretty much knows the people in the district and how to get things done quickly," said O'Donnell. "He knows how to work with people, and that's an important strength."

That strength has left a lasting impression on Gallimore media specialist Marsha Payne, who worked with Dodson last year.

"He brought the staff together by knowing how to help people heal," said Payne. "Children are first to him. They like him so much. He's almost like a pied piper."



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Interim: George Dodson, a former principal, has taken over at Fiegel Elementary School after principal Barbara Young was moved to the Starkweather Center.

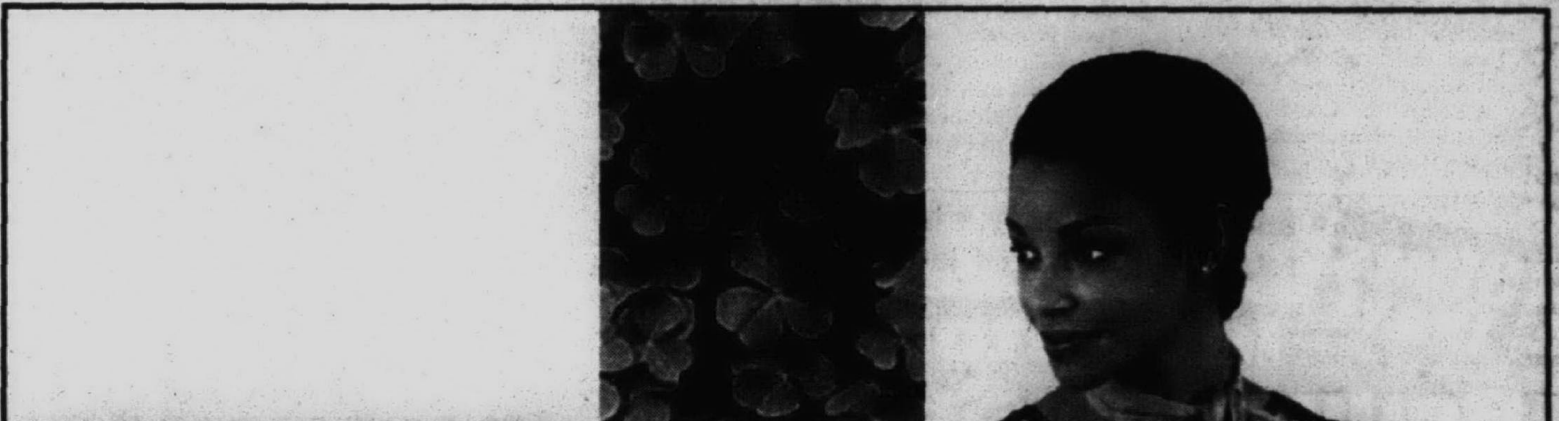
Dodson says he'll continue in the Plymouth-Canton schools as long as he can.

"As long as I'm healthy and I

feel good, I will help them because I like the challenge," said Dodson.

"My mother used to tell me I

want you to amount to something. I'm still trying, and I might make it yet."



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## Rivers to host tax reform forum

Congresswoman Lynn N. Rivers will hold a forum entitled Tax Reform: For Better or Worse? 1-4 p.m., Saturday, March 7.

The discussion will be held in the College Theater of the Literature, Arts, and Sciences building, at Washtenaw Community College, 4800 E. Huron River Drive, in Ann Arbor.

Congresswoman Rivers has invited a variety of experts to discuss proposed changes to the current tax code.

Included will be a discussion on the flat tax, the national sales tax, and the constitutional issues surrounding taxation. Guest speakers will include Professor

Gary Wolfram of Hillsdale College, Professor Kyle D. Logue of the University of Michigan Law School, Howard Mason Of Citizens for an Alternative Tax System, and Donald Lubick, Assistant Secretary of the U.S. Treasury for Tax Policy.

There will be ample time for questions and comments from the audience after the discussion.

Anyone who is interested is welcome to attend. For more information, please contact Rivers' district offices in Ann Arbor, 106 E. Washington (313) 741-4210 or Wayne, 3716 Newberry (313) 722-1411.

## Foiled from page A1

around them. "And then he walked out."

Millington and Showalter were not about to let that happen. "Shoplifting is a prevalent problem in the book business. We ran around and he saw us coming," said Millington.

She and Showalter reached the man's car parked near Fleet Street on West Ann Arbor Trail, got his license plate number, pounded on the windows and told him to get out of the car. "He tried to drive away once. But I got in front of the car," Millington said.

Finally, the man rolled down the car window and gave up the merchandise hidden in his pants. But he wouldn't stay. He fled westbound on West Ann Arbor Trail.

Millington told the man she would call the police. She filed a police report, but no one has been apprehended yet.

While Plymouth Police Chief Bob Scoggins says he's happy Millington and Showalter are safe and got the merchandise

**'He tried to drive away once. But I got in front of the car.'**

*Mary Millington*  
—Bookseller

back, he doesn't recommend that employees chase a thief.

"It's the type of things where there's always an unknown. We don't recommend that shop owners do that for their personal safety," Scoggins said.

According to the police report, the man is described as in his late 40s with glasses, bald with long brown hair on the sides. He was described as about 5 feet, 8 inches tall, and heavyset. When last seen he was wearing a cream colored shirt with blue-green vertical stripes, as well as a hip-length parka. He was also driving a green 1997 Dodge Caravan, according to the police report.

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**LUCIENNE C. MAGEE**

A memorial Mass for Lucienne C. Magee, 70, of Plymouth was held Feb. 24 at St. Thomas A' Beckett Church with the Rev. C. Richard Kelly officiating.

Mrs. Magee was born July 13, 1927, in Detroit. She died Feb. 22 in Plymouth.

Mrs. Magee lived in Plymouth and Livonia for 60 years. She formerly worked for Daisy Air Rifle and Adistra Corp. More recently, she enjoyed babysitting, especially for her great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Emile and Rose E. Bergeron. Survivors include her husband, Ellis L. Magee; three sons, Robert (Jeananne) John Magee of Marritt, Mich., David (Lori) Magee of Mancelona, Mich., Mark Magee of Plymouth; two daughters, Carol McMichael of Nashville, Tenn., Sandra (Thurman) Bitting of Windsor, Ohio; two brothers, Edgar Bergeron of Howell, Emile Bergeron of Okinawa, Japan; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

**LEE ANDERSON OWENS**

Services for Lee Anderson Owens, 73, of Plymouth were held Feb. 21 at the First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Dr. Dean A. Klump officiating. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth. Local arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

Mr. Owens was born Jan. 26, 1925, in Hickman, Ky. He died Feb. 17 in Plymouth.

Mr. Owens worked for Evans Products in Plymouth from 1942 to 1971. In 1971, he started working for Ford Motor Company in the Detroit Parts Depot in Redford as a heating service engineer. He retired in 1986. He was a former volunteer firefighter in Plymouth and worked part time at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in the 1960s and 1970s.

He was a veteran of the Korean conflict and was a member of the VFW in Northville. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth where he was active as a church usher and volunteer in the soup kitchen. He was a Little League coach in Plymouth. He was a friend to all who knew him. He loved to hunt and taught many to hunt, and he fished with the best of them.

Survivors include his wife, Marian Ida Owens of Plymouth; one daughter, Janice Ida Owens of Plymouth; three sons, John (Theresa) Owens of Anchorage, Alaska, Timothy (Roberta) Owens of Troy, Thomas Owens of Plymouth; four grandchildren, Lindsay, Andrew, Kyle, Katie; and one brother, Cecil Owens of Plymouth.

Memorials may be made to First United Methodist Church soup kitchen of Plymouth.

**MERRY C. NOWRY**

Services for Merry C. Nowry, 73, of Westland were held Feb. 23 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Jerry Yarnell officiating the service. Burial was at Livonia Center Cemetery in Livonia.

Mrs. Nowry was born Dec. 25, 1924, in Westland. She died Feb. 19 in Westland.

She worked for Kmart in Plymouth as a supervisor of the cafeteria for 16 years. She moved to Westland in 1942 from Plymouth. She attended the Church of the Nazarene in Plymouth. She was a member of CATS (The National Order of Alley Cats), an auxiliary of the Disabled American Veterans.

Survivors include three sons, Ronald of Westland, Kenneth James of Waterford, Michael (Tammy) of Bessemer, Mich.; five grandchildren, Michael, Kelly, Jeffrey, Joseph, Kimberly; and one brother, Roger (Ethyl) Spencer of Pinckney, Mich.

Memorials may be made to Karmanos Cancer Institute.

**RICHARD G. WISNIEWSKI**

Services for Richard G. Wisniewski, 79, of Plymouth were held on Feb. 21 at Divine Savior Catholic Church with the Rev. Alexander Kuras officiating. Burial was at United Memorial Gardens, Superior Township. Local arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth.

Mr. Wisniewski was born on Dec. 3, 1918, in Detroit. He died Feb. 16 in Howell.

He was the former owner of Forest Motor Sales in Plymouth.

He sold the dealership in 1962. He came to the Plymouth community in 1940. He was a member of Divine Savior Catholic Church. He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the Army.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Helen. Other survivors include his son, Richard R. (Marion) Wisniewski of Lakeland, Mich.; three grandchildren, Richard C. (Kathy) Wisniewski of Garden City, Brenda (Andrew) Bunnell of Howell, Barbara (Allan) Gaydos of Canton; and five great-grandchildren, Cassandra Bunnell, Robert Bunnell, Brian Wisniewski, Tommy Wisniewski, Matthew Wisniewski.

Memorials may be made to Myasthenia Gravis Association.

**LLOYD LAMAR BREAZEALE**

Services for Lloyd Lamar Breazeale, 82, of Prudenville, formerly of Plymouth, were held Feb. 23 at Houghton Lake Baptist Church with the Rev. Timothy Collard officiating. Burial was at Denton Township Cemetery. Local arrangements were made by Christler Funeral Home in Houghton Lake, Mich.

Mr. Breazeale was born Jan. 3, 1916, in Purvis, Miss. He died Feb. 20 in Prudenville.

Mr. Breazeale was a retired shipping clerk. He was a member of Houghton Lake Baptist Church. He was a resident of Highland before moving to Houghton Lake eight years ago. He was a veteran of World War II.

Survivors include his wife, Grace Breazeale of Prudenville; one daughter, Sharon (Gene)

Armstrong of Prudenville; and four grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Houghton Lake Baptist Church.

**MARY H. SHESTAK**

Services for Mary H. Shestak, 80, of Ann Arbor will be held Saturday, March 7, at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church with the Rev. John Sullivan officiating. Burial will be at Calvary Cemetery in Lake Station, Ind. Local arrangements were made by Vermuelen Funeral Home.

Mrs. Shestak was born July 17, 1917, in Hazelton, Pa. She died Feb. 17 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor.

She lived and worked in Gary, Ind., until her retirement from the Anderson Company in 1981. Since that time, she has lived in Ann Arbor, happy to be closer to her beloved family.

She was preceded in death by her infant daughter, Maryann, and her husband, John.

Survivors include her daughter, Arlene (John) Jensen of Plymouth; one grandson, Erik Jensen of Seattle, Wash.; one granddaughter, Julie (William) Mokanyk of Farmington Hills; and many nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

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

**VELMA L. MCMANN**

Services for Velma L. McMann, 81, of South Lyon, formerly of Plymouth, will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 27, at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Dr. James Skimins officiating. Burial will follow at Oakland Hills Memorial Gar-

dens in Novi. Visitation will be held 2-9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26, at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

Mrs. McMann was born Jan. 11, 1917, in Union City, Tenn. She died Feb. 23 in Ann Arbor.

She came to Plymouth in 1947 from Union City, Tenn. She worked for Packaging Corp. in Plymouth, now Tenneco Corp. for 30 years, retiring in 1977.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John, in 1995. Survivors include her son, Lee (Hollie) McMann of South Lyon; and one grandson, Aaron McMann of South Lyon.

**CELESTE C. VERBOS**

Services for Celeste C. Verbos, 39, of Plymouth were held Feb. 24 at the Vermeulen Funeral Home with the Rev. George Charnley officiating. Burial was at Parkview Cemetery in Livonia.

Mrs. Verbos was born May 31, 1958, in Freeport, Long Island, N.Y. She died Feb. 22 in Ann Arbor.

Mrs. Verbos was self-employed. She was a member of St. John Neumann Catholic Church.

She was preceded in death by her father, Richard J. Malone. Survivors include her mother, Christine D. Malone of Livonia; two sisters, Dorene (Joe) Sheridan of Canton, Caroline (Dennis) Jackson of Livonia; two brothers, Michael J. Malone of Burbank, Calif., John (Catherine) Malone of Plymouth; and her friend, Jerry Galdoni of Plymouth.

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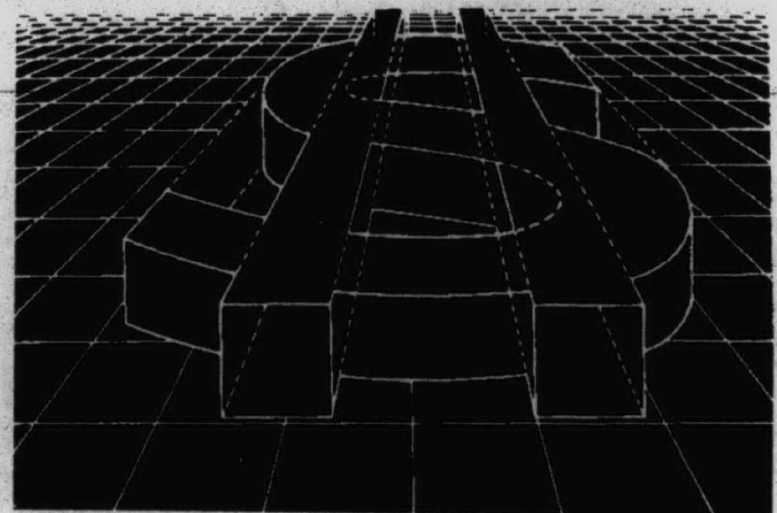
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# Taking credit

## Income tax breaks expected to quadruple for some families with college students

BY TIM RICHARD  
STAFF WRITER

One key senator is taking a very hard look at Michigan's income tax credit for college tuitions, hinting it should go.

"It looks like it's robbing Peter to pay Paul," said Sen. John J.H. Schwarz, R-Battle Creek, chair of the Appropriations subcommittee on higher education budgets.

"Maybe after the election, when we're all objective again," he said as his panel listened Feb. 20 to its first testimony from university presidents in Ann Arbor.

In tax year 1995, Michigan gave \$8 million in income tax credits to families paying tuition to 27 public and private colleges.

But by tax year 1998, tax credits will quadruple to \$35.3 million to families of students in 37 colleges.

In that time, legislators have engaged in a bidding war to win taxpayer favor. The first tax credit in 1995, sponsored by Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton, was limited to \$250 per student - 4 percent of tuition and fees - in families with a household income below \$200,000. Currently, the credit is up to \$375

per student - 8 percent of tuition and fees - to a larger group of families, those with adjusted gross income below \$200,000.

Big winners this year will be students' families at private colleges. Most will get tax credits of \$250 per student. Credits for public community college students will be around \$70 apiece; and for public universities, \$150 or less (except for the University of Michigan and Michigan State).

And this December may be the time to kill the tuition tax credit, Schwarz figures, because many families will lose it anyway. The tax credit is granted only where the student's college holds tuition hikes below 2.3 percent, the official inflation cap in the consumer price index.

"There may not be anybody qualifying with a state appropriate at 1.5 percent (increase) and upward pressure on tuition," Schwarz said.

College officials agree they'll have a tough time holding tuition hikes below 2.3 percent because Gov. John Engler is proposing an across-the-board increase of 1.5 percent in state aid: to \$1.46 billion from the current

\$1.44 billion.

Schwarz argues that \$35 million could be put to better use by boosting general fund aid to universities. "Is the tuition tax credit appropriate public policy?" he asked one witness after another.

"It wouldn't be my first choice," said a cautious Jay Wortley, economist with the Senate Fiscal Agency.

University of Michigan President Lee Bollinger said, "We'd have to raise tuition by 5.6 percent" to raise U-M's total revenues by 3.7 percent, the amount personal disposable incomes are rising statewide.

Added Dr. James Renick, chancellor of U-M Dearborn: "If state appropriation increases are at or below the rate of inflation, 1998-99 student tuition and fees are expected to increase in the range of 5 percent or higher."

Renick said the Dearborn campus' growth in master's degree enrollments, new technology and deferred maintenance are pushing costs above the CPI rate, though some is being offset by private and corporate gifts.

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## County, U.S. Customs officials open expanded international terminal

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK  
STAFF WRITER

Contrary to popular belief, Detroit Metro Airport is "alive, well and functioning."

With that introduction Tuesday afternoon, Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara - along with other county, U.S. Customs and Northwest Airlines officials - officially dedicated an expansion of Metro's Berry International Terminal.

"We are doing all we can to make the current airport as convenient as possible for our passengers," McNamara said. "The 30,000-square-foot terminal addition is estimated to increase

the processing capacity of U.S. Customs, Immigration and Agriculture from 800 and 1,200 passengers per hour."

Initiated in April 1997, the \$13 million project also increases the baggage area, allowing for quicker arrival of passengers from Europe and Asia.

McNamara credited Northwest and Metro's other airlines for the expansion.

"The expansion of this terminal is one of the many cooperative projects between Wayne County and the airlines to

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improve the facilities and ease the congestion at Detroit Metro Airport," McNamara said. "We are in the process of building a world-class airport together, and this is just one of the interim steps on the way there."

Here are some of the improvements:

■ Ticket counters and lobby areas for passengers and airport staff to meet and greet passengers were expanded.

■ A new circular baggage carousel was added which can accommodate twice as much luggage

than pre-expansion era.

■ The bus shuttle and transfer corridor has been expanded, including additional counter space for checking and transferring luggage and an additional security screening area.

■ Federal inspection areas for U.S. Customs, Immigration and Department of Agriculture have been redesigned and expanded, allowing for improved traffic flow.

■ The entrance road in front of the terminal was widened by adding a lane of traffic. County officials say it has helped ease the curbfront congestion in front

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A similar 5 percent tuition hike was predicted by U-M Flint Chancellor Charlie Nelms. For fiscal 1998 (beginning Oct. 1, 1997), tuition tax credits cost the state \$19.2 million. Here, according to state Treasury Department estimates, are the costs by college:

### Public universities

Michigan State - \$207 per student for 23,677 students for total

of \$4.9 million.

U-M Ann Arbor - \$250 per student for 13,349 students for total of \$3.3 million.

U-M Dearborn - \$169 per student for 4,635 students for total of \$783,000.

Wayne State - \$152 per student for 12,826 student for total of \$1.9 million.

Oakland U and four others - not eligible.

Total: \$13.9 million to 10 universities.

### Community colleges

Oakland CC - \$60 per student for 16,197 students, total of \$1 million.

Schoolcraft - \$68 per student for 5,367 students, total of \$363,000.

Wayne CCC - \$71 per student for 6,197 students, total of \$443,000.

Washtenaw - \$70 per student for 5,245 students, total of \$312,000.

Henry Ford, Lansing and 13 others - not eligible.

Total: \$4.3 million to 13 community colleges.

### Private colleges

Cleary - \$250 per student for

874 students, total of \$218,000.

Detroit College of Business - \$250 per student for 3,979 students, total of \$995,000.

William Tyndale - \$250 per student for 600 students, total of \$150,000.

Total: \$4.2 million to 14 private colleges.

The Senate Appropriations subcommittee on higher education will meet at 10 a.m. Monday, March 2, in Oakland University's Meadowbrook Hall, Rochester. Northern Michigan University is scheduled at 10 a.m., Wayne State at 10:30, Michigan Tech at 11 and Oakland University at 11:30.

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of the terminal.

The expansion is the latest phase in the \$1.6 billion airport expansion. In November, a new international departure facility next to the Davey Terminal was dedicated. Other improvements include a six-gate extension to Concourse C, new moving walkways, an expanded luggage system in the Davey Terminal and a new rampside shuttle service for connecting passengers.

Passenger traffic has more than tripled in the last 10 years, breaking records in 50 of the last 52 months. International passenger traffic increased by about 15 percent in 1996 and tripled in the last 10 years.

"All of this new international service is wonderful for Detroit's business community, but it was also putting a strain on existing airport facilities," said McNamara.

### Taking a tour

U.S. Customs officials gave county officials and the media a tour of the booth area. The entrance from the airplanes into Customs once was congested, but now, two new openings bring the total entrances to four into the inspection area.

"We picked up nine extra inspection booths," said Ward Freeman, port director. "Our office space also more than doubled."

Out of 1.5 million passengers last year, 1,300 were sent home, jailed or held for prosecution, Freeman said. About 13,000 immigrants came through

Metro.

The area features signs in four languages besides English - Japanese, Korean, Arabic and Chinese. Islands were added to aid with foreigners needing to fill out paperwork.

All the additional room is appreciated by customs officials. "If it's easier for us to work in, it's easier for the passengers," Freeman said.

The new baggage carousel is 100 feet long, and it can carry baggage from a filled 747 - or about 420 passengers - and then room for more, said Rod Blanchard, a U.S. Immigration official.

"We have a goal that 95 percent of passengers will exit the Customs hall within five minutes of entering," Blanchard said. That time will be checked periodically and randomly by Customs officials who do not work at the airport.

Northwest Airlines International Manager Bill Lewis likes the expansion and what it does for baggage processing. "We will do 1,200 bags twice a day," Lewis said. "Before that, it was about half of that."

### Pleased with expansion

Wayne County Commission Chairman Ricardo Solomon, D-Detroit, also attended the dedication, as did Commission Vice Chair Kay Beard, D-Westland.

Solomon believed passengers will travel internationally in a "faster, more efficient" way. "It will mean more international travel," Solomon said.

"It will make Wayne County more accessible to the rest of the world, and the rest of the world more accessible to businesses here," Beard said.

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# Camp is a 'life-changing experience' for Livonia woman and her family

BY JULIE BROWN  
STAFF WRITER

Sue Schafer of Livonia went to Camp Tamarack, for Jewish young people, for three summers as a girl. Camp must have held some appeal, because it's now a way of life for her family.

"We go to camp every year," said the third-grade teacher at Tyler Elementary in Livonia. They have gone to family camp annually since 1982, with both daughters having grown up going. The younger, 13, is a Riley Middle School student and the older, 18, is a University of Michigan freshman.

Schafer, who is married to Steve, also attended day camp as a child. The family now goes to Cedar Campus, run by Inter-varsity Christian Fellowship, in the Upper Peninsula's Cedarville, Mich.

"It's the best thing we could have done for our children," she said. It helped them to develop friendships and gave them a sense of belonging and a Christian perspective. They meet people from all denominations.

Schafer's older daughter will work at the camp this summer, probably in child care. Schafer, who was raised as a Jew and

came to know Jesus in college, now considers herself part of both faiths.

"Camp can be wonderful for both children and adults," Schafer said. "It can be a life-changing experience for children, teens and adults."

Thinking of summer camp for your kids or yourself? Information on summer camp opportunities will be found 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Sunday, March 1, at the eighth annual Super Summers for Kids: A Camp and Activities Fair at Wayne State University's Oakland Center, 33737 W. 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills.

The event is presented by The Merrill-Palmer Institute, Wayne State University, with co-sponsors the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers and metroParent magazine. A total of 94 U.S. and Canadian camps will be represented.

"It came to our attention a long time ago that parents were in great need of finding opportu-

nities for their children," said Elaine Sturman of Bloomfield Hills, development coordinator for The Merrill-Palmer Institute. Having one place allows parents "to find just that right program. We were just the right venue to put on such a fair."

There is no admission charge, and advance reservations aren't required for those attending. At the camp fair, a directory with information on each program will be provided.

The research institute, which has existed since 1920, is devoted to helping children and families. The camp fair was seen as a beneficial offering.

"We encourage them to bring their children," Sturman said. The event is designed for young people age 2 through college. Day programs from the metropolitan area will be represented.

"We have a lot of programs for teens. There's also an opportunity to find summer employment"

for older kids and adults, she said.

Some camps are designed for children with special needs. Some are focused on computer literacy, sports, drama or other areas. Some offer scholarships.

Sturman attended Camp Tamarack as a youngster, where her father served as assistant director about 10 years. "So it's in my blood. Every year of my life, and I still go to family camp. I was a camper, I was a counselor."

She has found that attending camp helps young people to become independent, make new friends and try new activities that might not be available in an urban setting.

"It's a chance to really learn new things in an independent setting," Sturman said. "It's just so special."

For more information on the Super Summers for Kids: A Camp and Activities Fair, call (313) 872-1790.



Outdoor fun: Horseback riding is offered by some camps. The Eighth Annual Super Summers for Kids: A Camp and Activities Fair will be offered 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Sunday, March 1, at Wayne State University's Oakland Center, 33737 W. 12 Mile in Farmington Hills.

## Swap meet held March 7

The 14th Annual Detroit-Area Police & Fire Collectors Swap Meet and Exhibit will be held at Madonna University in Livonia Saturday, March 7. The university is located on the northwest corner of I-96 and Levan Road.

Show opens to the public at 9 a.m. Admission is \$2. Exhibitor set-up begins at 7 a.m. with 120 8-foot tables available at \$15 each.

Refreshments are available on premises; also display

awards, a patch-drop box, and hourly door prizes. Proceeds will benefit the Lt. Richard Koch (Wayne County Sheriff Department) Memorial Scholarship fund of Madonna University.

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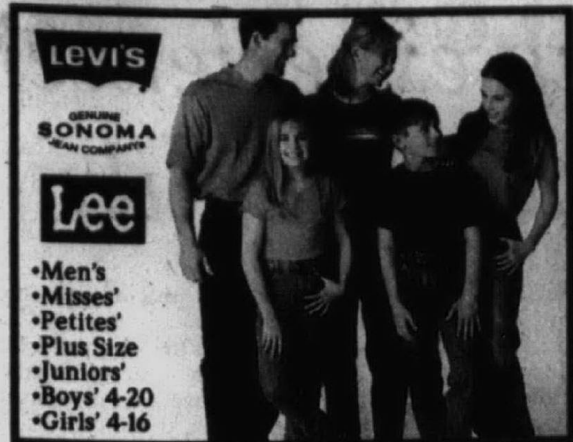
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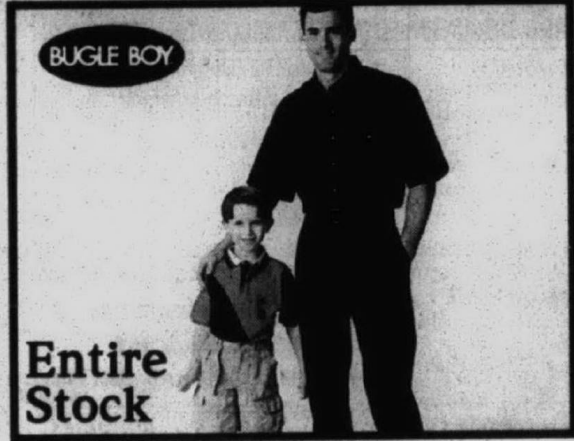
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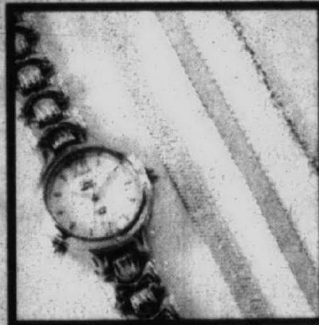
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**Learning tactics:** A recruit at the police academy at Schoolcraft College's Radcliff Center learns defensive tactics while wearing the "Redman" suit from instructor Fred Stanton, who is also a sergeant with the Dearborn Police Department.

## Recruiting talent

*Police academy changes with times*

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK  
STAFF WRITER

### RADCLIFF CENTER

Being a police officer isn't about chasing down the bad guys and slapping the cuffs on them as television and Hollywood generally depict officers these days.

At least not at the police academy at Schoolcraft College's Radcliff Center in Garden City.

Today, the 19-hour academy course features instruction on human relations, sexual harassment, civil rights and criminal law along with the physical training and militaristic disciplines, including

marching in the Radcliff hallway.

You might say the academy has changed with the times.

"I think it's evolved and come into its own," said Dan Antieau, the academy's deputy director. "Training institutions are addressing these things in a big way."

"We are dealing with more academically. A few years ago, somebody (hired as a police officer) with a degree was unheard of. The education level of the officers has

increased, and so have the sensitivity classes.

"You are dealing with a more educated person. The days of the image of an officer wrestling a suspect in an alley are passé."

Robert Pearce, associate dean of the college, said less than one half of one percent of officers' time is spent fighting crime, so the class also deals with firearms, defensive tactics, precision driving and

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## Public safety agencies featured at fair

Nearly 52 public safety and law enforcement agencies will visit Schoolcraft College's Radcliff Center in Garden City on Wednesday, March 25, to participate in the center's annual public safety career fair.

The fair will feature agencies ranging from the FBI to local fire and police departments. Equipment will be demonstrated for visitors.

An inter-active firefighting/emergency medical technician

training system will combine "hands-on" firefighting training with computers that are designed to help firefighters and EMTs learn needed equipment during the decision-making process, said Schoolcraft's Elaine Gerage.

Another piece of equipment is the Firearms Training System (FATS), which is an interactive tool used to help police academy recruits learn how to react in a critical situation.

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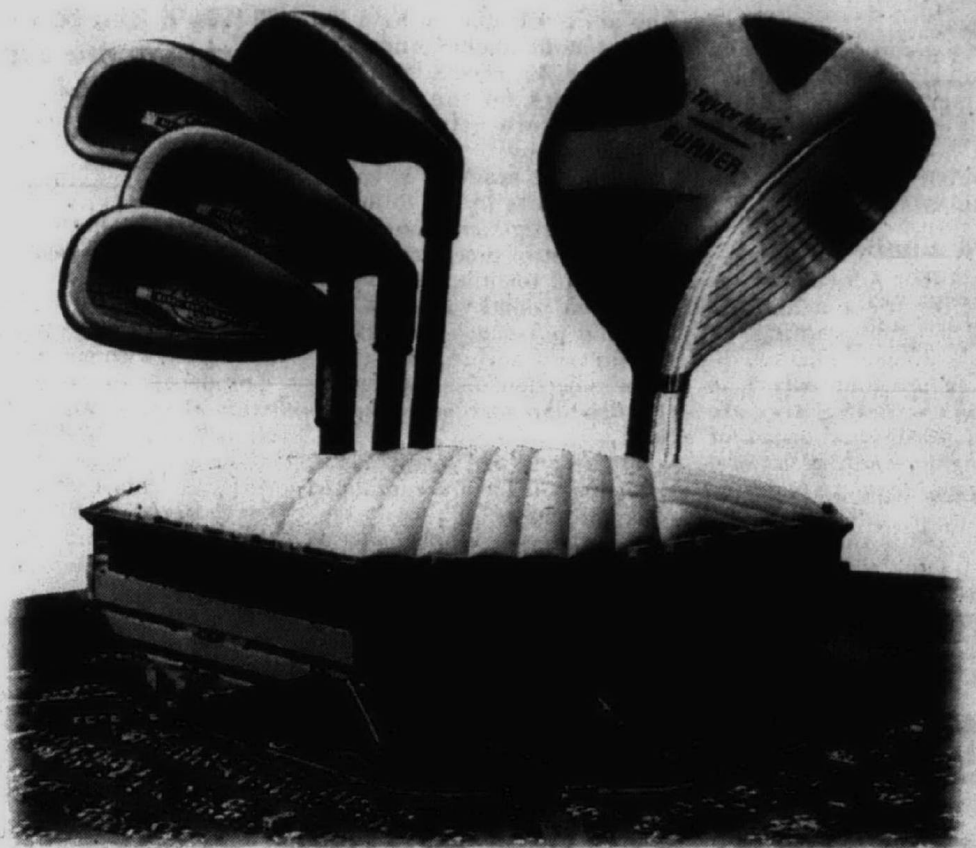
program gives the student a specific real-life situation in which there are only seconds to react," said Gerage.

The fair also features the following units: canine, bicycle patrol and motorcycle, and the red-man suit, which is used to instruct defensive tactics to recruits.

The demonstrations, along with presentations by public safety organization represen-

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criminal law. "There's a greater emphasis on cultural diversity and interpersonal relations. We'd like to think that students who graduate from here are capable of dealing with everyone on the street," Pearce said.

## A record number

This semester, Antieau, who is also a police officer in Canton Township, is administering the academy's largest class - 60 recruits. Before they enter the academy, potential recruits are screened for drugs and tested for physical agility and face an oral board exam from two police chiefs.

Antieau credits the academy's placement rate, "sound" reputation and support from local police chiefs for the program's success.

"We have a 95 percent placement rate for preservice kids," Antieau said.

who are not employed by a law enforcement agency and must complete 41 credit hours of course work for the associate degree before attending the police academy.

The police academy prepares police recruits in the following areas: investigation, crime scene process, patrol procedures, operations and techniques, conflict mediation, report writing, detention and prosecution of prisoners, first aid, investigations, evidence collection, disaster control, civil disorders and tactical operations.

By the end of those classes, students will have accumulated 60 credit hours.

Candidates for employment as law enforcement officers must be certified by the Michigan Law Enforcement Officers Training Council at an approved academy training site. A student who successfully completes the police academy will be MLEOTC-certified for one year.

Schoolcraft College offers two law enforcement programs; the criminal justice associate degree and the criminal justice associate degree with police academy.

Students can complete the program through as a preservice student or an inservice recruit.

The academy accepts inservice recruits from Canton, Garden City, Livonia, Plymouth and Westland. About 34 of the 60 clients are preservice, 26 are inservice.

"In the inservice program, (the recruit) went to the city and applied, is hired to work there, and the city sends him here," Antieau said.

## 'We'd like to think that students who graduate from here are capable of dealing with everyone on the street.'

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The academy has an interactive firearms simulator, which allows a person to walk into a potential crime scene, and using a laser, protect a partner. The next move depends on the action of the so-called assailant, who could appear harmless as a quiet homeless man on a bench, reaching into his coat for a license to give to the other officer.

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the officer. It is an instantaneous decision in a mock scene, but a crucial one a recruit must be correct about, or someone gets hurt or killed.

## A new recruit

Al Cox is in the academy's inservice program through the city of Plymouth's Police Department and a Canton Township resident. He grew up in Canton and graduated in 1987 from Plymouth Christian Academy.

Cox received a bachelor's degree in political science and criminal justice from Indiana Wesleyan University in Marion, Ind. Cox also is working on a thesis for his master's in public administration from Central Michigan University.

Cox spent six years working in

the federal prison in Milan and finally has a chance to become a police officer now that Plymouth hired him in August 1997 with the stipulation he attend the police academy for his state certification.

"What impresses me is they mix the physical with the academics," Cox said. "They seem to balance it 50-50 here."

Cox expects to graduate May 15.

For Antieau, the academy is a good fit.

"I don't set out to send a message," Antieau said. "I like to train, I like to teach. I tell them, 'Look, be careful, take what you're doing seriously, but don't take the mindset that everyone is out to get you, because they're not.'"

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tatives, will be from 4-7 p.m. that day in Radcliff Center, on Radcliff, between Venoy and Wildwood, and just south of Ford, on the Garden City-Westland border.

The fair is aimed at persons

interested in pursuing a career in law enforcement, firefighting, emergency medical services or corrections. There is no charge for the fair, which is open to the public.

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# Lawmakers puzzled over CMU's refusal to give auditors academy documents

BY TIM RICHARD  
STAFF WRITER

After listening two hours to Central Michigan University's explanations, state lawmakers still were puzzled why CMU refused to give the state auditor general 34 documents concerning public school academies.

"I'm just a dumb plumber from Kalamazoo," said Rep. Ed LaForge, a Democrat on the House Education Committee, "but I'm totally baffled how a state institution (CMU) with public dollars can hire lawyers to deny the auditor general documents on how the money is spent."

"It casts a shadow over the university and the public school academy chartering process," LaForge said during a Feb. 18 hearing.

Richard McLellan, a Lansing lawyer working with CMU on chartering academies, said the documents had to do with the attorney-client privilege; that "attorney-client relations aren't financial; they're how to carry out a legal duty" — rather than a part of a performance audit.

McLellan is a close associate and friend of Gov. John Engler, who championed the idea of specialized public school academies (PSAs) chartered by universities but not the State Board of Education. CMU has chartered the majority of the 100 PSAs in existence.

House members have made CMU a particular target since last September's performance audit found a long list of faults in the way CMU Charter School Office supervised its PSAs. Among the flaws: conflicts of interest among board members, uncertified teachers, failure to check arrest records of hires, not posting public meetings, lack of special education, and so on.

"I've had the auditor general around two or three times," said Rep. Clyde LeTarte, R-Jackson, a former community college president. "Organizations would like not to have embarrassing situations made public. How do we know it isn't something else?"

At the end of the hearing, LeTarte said he was "still struggling" to understand why CMU invoked the attorney-client privilege to avoid releasing 34 unnamed documents. "How do we know it isn't covering up exactly what we sent you (the auditor general) to audit?"

Rep. James Agee, D-Muskegon, noted CMU said it couldn't release some documents without releasing all. "This is a real stretch — an enormous

**'It casts a shadow over the university and the public school academy chartering process.'**

Ed LaForge  
—state representative

stretch," said Agee, a former public school superintendent.

Center of the grilling was Jim Goenner, new director of CMU's charter school office. The House Education Committee in January publicly reviewed the audit and asked to have CMU officials explain what corrections they made — and why they were hiding 34 records under "attorney-client privilege."

Goenner said he had held the job two weeks, replacing Dr. Blanche Fraser; that CMU had acknowledged the findings, agreed to all the recommendations, and instituted the reforms; but he was unable to answer many of the specific questions.

Agee said CMU needs more tools to police PSA charter schools. "You can't withhold their state aid. Your only tool is the 'death penalty' — to pull their charter," he said.

McLellan and CMU officials declined to give copies of their response to the press until the meeting ended. That response, signed by CMU counsel Eileen Jennings and containing 12 case law citations, classified the 34 withheld documents into four groups:

"1. Three records ... a series of questions for use in an investigation of concerns about a school ... If these are disclosed to the auditor general, the chartered school may be able to obtain access ..."

"2. Three records ... an agenda and notes at meetings between the CSO staff and its attorneys. If the privilege is waived for these records, then the privilege is likely also waived for all the conversations that took place ..."

"3. Eight records ... legal advice about finalizing the contract" with an applicant for a charter.

"4. Eleven records (concerning) a chartered school with which the university has had problems ... classic 'attorney work product.'" The name of the PSA was not revealed.

"5. Nine records ... legal advice about decisions to be made by the CSO ... requests from the CSO for legal advice ... One is a draft letter to a charter school from outside counsel ... providing legal advice."

## Korean Chamber donates to county's Crime Stoppers program

The Korean Chamber of Commerce has donated \$4,400 to the Wayne County Crime Stoppers program.

Chamber spokesman David Chang said the members of the Korean business community share Sheriff Robert Ficano's vision of building a crime-free community.

"We are proud to join in this

important community program that helps to bring criminals to justice," Chang said.

Ficano founded Wayne County Crime Stoppers in 1996. The program pays rewards to anonymous tipsters when an arrest is made. The program has resulted in the arrest of over 20 criminals in its brief

history. Most recently one of Michigan's Most Wanted criminals was caught as a direct result of the program.

Crime Stoppers solicits tips about criminals and fugitives through newspapers, TV, flyers and posters at the Wayne County jail and word of mouth. A recent donation from General

Motors will be used to begin a strategic planning effort. That planning is expected to begin a major buildup of volunteer and corporate involvement in the program in the next two years.

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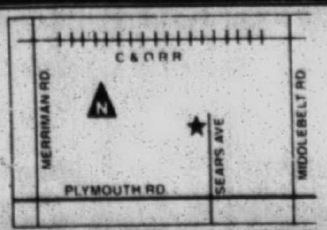
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**'We'll give it to anyone with a parish connection who will move the house and basement to another lot, and restore the land for us to build on.'**

*Rev. John Sullivan  
—Our Lady of Good Counsel*

trees on the property." One thing the church does want to get rid of is a house which currently sits on a portion of the 36 acres. "It's a custom home built in the 1940s by Paul Wiedman, who owned one of the first Ford dealerships in Plymouth," said Sullivan. "We'll give it to anyone with a parish connection who will move the house and base-

ment to another lot, and restore the land for us to build on." Sullivan says he would hate to demolish the three-bedroom ranch with 2 1/2 baths, which also has a new furnace, plumbing, plaster and roof. Not only because he'd be demolishing a solid structure, but also because it will cost the church nearly \$40,000 to tear it down. Sullivan is hoping to hold ser-

vices in the new church by mid-1999, if construction plans continue on time. Phase two of the OLGC project will include recreational facilities with an indoor gymnasium, a soccer/football field, two ball fields and a concession building. The third phase will consist of a 100,000-square-foot school for kindergarten through eighth grade. Church officials estimate it will take 10-20 years to complete the entire project.



**Take it:** This is the house that the Rev. John Sullivan is offering to someone who wants to move it and restore the land.

STAFF PHOTOS BY BILL BRISLER



**How do you grow?** The photo above shows how large 50-foot trees were moved to make way for the new OLGC at North Territorial and Beck roads. At left is a photograph of a tree that has already been moved and preserved. Architects have taken care to preserve the large trees on the property.

**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.

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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.

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in," she said.

In her campaign announcement Monday, Mueller cited support for small business, creative sentencing to deal with prison overcrowding and costs, and quality schools "so that our children can continue their education and preparedness for the working world."

## Experience stressed

Law said that while he had the opportunity to run for the open state Senate seat, "I promised I would finish my six-year (maximum) term," through 2000.

Law stresses experience, adding if re-elected, his seniority puts him in line for a chairmanship of one of the more powerful House committees.

"I'm known in Lansing as someone who gets a lot of legislation passed," he said. Of current legislation, Law said a bill he sponsored on pain management which has passed the House is now before the Senate.

"I expect to be endorsed by the governor and other fellow Republicans who I've worked with," Law said, adding he plans a more public announcement of his candidacy in March.

## Range of service

McCotter now serves greater Plymouth as its representative on the Wayne County Commission. McCotter said he's seeking the state Senate seat "because I believe I have the range of public service and the character to represent people in the district."

"This is a natural extension of my work for the county, to take my message of lower taxes and more personal freedom to state government," he said.

If elected, McCotter said he'd continue to seek to cut taxes and regulations on business to make Michigan more competitive. He'll also seek changes in the state road funding formula to reflect Western Wayne's regional growth. "Our growth beneficially impacts the state, we should receive more funds to support that growth," McCotter said.

"At Schoolcraft College (he was a former trustee) and as county commissioner I've had daily intimate contact with the issues that affect this district," he said. Among accomplishments, he cites the sale and potential cleanup of the former Wayne County facility northeast of Five Mile and Sheldon roads, cutting county commission spending and giving municipalities the opportunity to opt out of regional bus service.

"You have to work with people to get something done. I'm not a showboater or grandstander, I'm less concerned with credit than accomplishments," McCotter said.

## A conservative voice

Whyman said she's running because people "want a strong, consistent conservative voice in the Michigan Senate."

"I'm going to focus on my record, the fact I'm a proven, effective leader. I'm going to talk about banning same-sex marriage in Michigan, I led the effort to abolish Detroit Recorders Court," Whyman said. She also cited work to reform the single business tax and to oppose race-based preferential university admissions.

In announcing his state Senate candidacy in December, Ryan said, "policies set in Lansing must bolster our current economic climate and position us for the next century."

"My public and private sector experience, coupled with a knowledge of the political process, have prepared me well for the responsibilities of serving the people of the 9th District," he said.

# Volunteers are sought

Growth Works is recruiting and training volunteers as mentors for the Plymouth Canton Youth Assistance Program.

The Youth Assistance Program is a community program which functions as an alternative to the formal juvenile justice system. Mentor training is open to all people 21 and older. Mentors should be good listeners, objective problem solvers and positive role models. The weekly time commitment is approximately two hours per week. For more information contact Lynne Ponder at 397-3181.

# Smart pets

## Event promotes Humane Society

BY KEVIN BROWN  
STAFF WRITER

Is your pet Mensa material? The second annual "Smartest Pet in Detroit" contest raises money for the tri-county Michigan Humane Society. It also offers a \$500 first prize and other prizes.

Contest promoter Joe Fucini said the contest helps promote the Humane Society PETelethon from noon-5 p.m. Sunday, March 15 on Channel 50.

While the pet telethon idea isn't new, Fucini said the Detroit area holds the record nationwide for money raised as \$302,000 was raised last year in this area's first PETelethon.

"The closest was Houston last year with \$200,000," Fucini said.

To enter the Smartest Pet contest, make a 2 minute or less VHS tape that demonstrates your animal's smarts. The tapes can be dropped off at any Pet Supplies Plus store - including one on Ford Road in Can-

**'If a dog didn't get house broken, wouldn't stop barking, chews the couch, these are all correctable behaviors.'**

Joe Fucini  
—Contest promoter

ton - by 5 p.m. Sunday, March 8.

Second place prize is \$200, third place \$100, and there are prizes of a year's supply of Nature's Recipe dog food or Nine Lives cat food.

Last year's winner was a border collie named Cody, from Grosse Pointe Woods.

"He'd be sitting on a couch. His owner would say, 'Do you want to go for ride?' and he'd run across couch to the kitchen, open a cabinet and take out the car keys and go to the

front door," Fucini said. When told to put his toys away, Cody would drop several toys one by one into a toy chest.

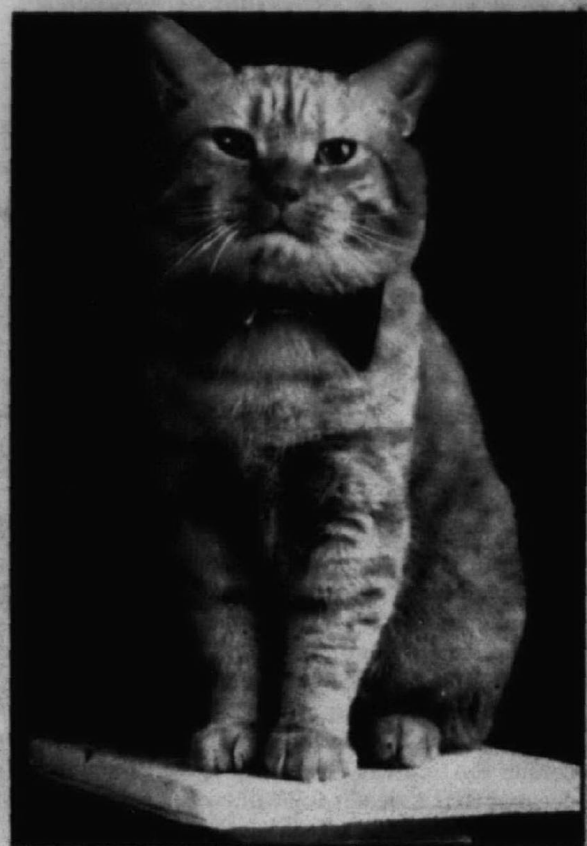
Another winner was a cat named Hydrox, who on command would roll over, shake hands and do other dog-like tricks.

The contest is sponsored by the tri-county Michigan Humane Society, Heinz Pet Products and Pet Supplies Plus.

Money raised in the telethon helps the Humane Society pay for veterinary services and costs to shelter 53,000 animals brought to their shelters each year. The nearest shelter is in Westland.

Fucini said classes for pet owners in dog training are also provided.

"Most people turn them in because of behavioral problems," Fucini said. "If a dog didn't get house broken, wouldn't stop barking, chews the couch, these are all correctable behaviors," he said.



Appearance: The famous Morris the Cat will make appearances at local Pet Supplies Plus stores for the PETelethon.

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# Plymouth Observer

## OPINION

794 SOUTH MAIN, PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN 48170

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1998

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### Recreation

## Specify what voters will get

No doubt about it. Government is slow. And no better example of this is the plodding process the city and township are involved in to determine the best course for a joint recreation program.

It took forever to determine that recreation should be offered jointly.

But at long last, Plymouth Township members of the joint city-township committee have decided that indeed they will seek a half-mill for recreation. City officials have not yet determined whether to follow suit or continue funding recreation from the general fund.

The fly in the ointment will be who should run the joint recreation program — the city or the YMCA.

We urge city and township officials to make this determination before voters are asked to go to the polls, likely in August.

No voter likes to go blindly into the polls and be asked to support something that isn't planned and organized.

A joint recreation program will receive greater support if voters know in advance what their dollars will buy.

That's why it's so important that a decision on whether the city or YMCA will lead the program is made as soon as possible.

It is equally important that voters are given a detailed plan of what will be offered to them in a joint recreation program. This must include what programs will be offered — for all age groups — as well as how facilities will be used.

To make this a truly community recreation program, it's time school officials were brought into the equation, particularly for the use of school district facilities, as well as Tom

**It is equally important that voters are given a detailed plan of what will be offered to them in a joint recreation program.**

Willette, city recreation director, and leaders of organized sports programs, all of whom certainly can add some insight into programming.

Already, leaders of organized sports programs, such as soccer, are questioning the YMCA's ability to operate a joint program.

Logically, it makes sense for the local governments to run the program through an advisory board. In addition to the fact that the city already has operated a recreation program, let's not forget that tax dollars will be used to finance a joint program. City and township officials should consider whether voters will support handing the program over to an outside agency that will use their tax money.

The creation of subcommittees to study some issues, such as programming, budgeting and development of an overseeing board and is a good idea. The groups are charged with assignments and asked to return by May 1 with some answers.

With any luck, this might help move the process along so voters have time to offer comments and get involved in the final product.

The sooner the city and township can come to some resolution of who will run the program, as well as what programs to offer, and how the program will be structured, the better for the success of the program and for voter support.

## Cameras necessary in court

Honorable judges in courts throughout the land, please take note. This is just a reminder, as gentle as we can make it:

Courts are public property and the public needs to know, has every right to know, the details of the cases decided therein.

Therefore, court proceedings should not be closed to the public or the press, which "acts as a segment of the public in guaranteeing the openness and integrity" of the judicial system.

The words are those of Blair Moody Jr., State Supreme Court justice, who in 1980 wrote the high court's opinion that a judge may close criminal proceedings to the public only under extraordinary circumstances when no other alternatives exist to protect the rights of the accused.

"It is important that citizens be free to observe court proceedings to insure a sense of confidence in the judicial process," Moody's opinion continued.

And just how do the majority of citizens observe? Through words and pictures provided by the media, print and electronic, of course. We are the eyes and ears of the public.

In the late 1980s, the Michigan Supreme Court modified its long-standing rule against cameras in court. Justice James H. Brickley was a promoter of the change.

We reiterate the high court's opinions — and stress the visual aspect — at this time in light of a decision Feb. 13 by James P. Sheehy, veteran judge of the 52-3 District Court in Rochester Hills.

Sheehy said "no way" to cameras and tape recorders at the preliminary examination of a



Rochester Hills teen charged with first-degree murder in the shotgun slaying of his younger sister.

The high-profile case had attracted the expected crowd of media-types from the Detroit-area newspapers and radio and TV stations. The judge's decision didn't raise many eyebrows; he seldom allows cameras in his courtroom.

Sheehy said his decisions about cameras have been based on a need to keep decorum in the courtroom and a lack of space.

Granted, most local courtrooms are small. How about pool setup — one still and one TV camera. It's better than nothing.

And let's make sure that, when cameras are allowed, the rules are followed so that decorum is maintained.

The Supreme Court has spoken on open courts and cameras. It's important for the courts and the press to work together to implement the finding.

### Aw, gee, officer



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRESLER

**Needing a place:** While school is out for the week, kids were skateboarding downtown Monday afternoon and were stopped by Plymouth police officers Ron Kaminski and Jamie Grabowski. The officers told them that skateboarding and in-line skating are prohibited downtown. But where else do kids have to go? We urge the Plymouth City Commission to move forward with a proposal to build an area for kids to skateboard and in-line skate safely.

### LETTERS

#### Peaceful dialogue

As members of the Detroit Archdiocesan Catholic Campus Ministers' Association, we are called by our mission to be "educators for justice" on our campuses, and it is to that end that we speak.

We are extremely concerned about the willingness and apparent eagerness of the U.S. government to abandon multifaceted diplomatic options in favor of a massive violent attack on the people of Iraq. Such an attack can also increase the suffering of the civilians who have already suffered so much due to the embargo, while most likely increasing the stature of Saddam Hussein — its intended target. We believe that the most serious consequences will be felt by a populace living outside his palaces, people who never selected him as a leader. Such an attack will lead directly and inevitably to a staggering loss of life and to increased degradation of the global environment. While threatening to ignite an even broader global conflict, a military attack on Iraq cannot even promise to achieve its stated aim of reducing the threat of Iraq's biological and nuclear weapons.

We want to be a voice for peace and dialogue at a time when massive violence appears to be our only option. Conscious of the large number of our students who have family and friends in harm's way in Iraq, we urge our leaders to also see "bombing targets" as brothers, sisters, grandmothers and uncles. We are a global community, and it seems ironic that at a time when our leaders urge us to recognize economic ties around the world, we are quick to opt for severing the more important human ties that are destroyed in any act of violence. Instead of creating more problems through bombing, we must all work to find a solution through peaceful dialogue.

The Detroit ACCMA

#### Don't undermine rights

The League of Women Voters is deeply concerned that some members of Congress are attempting to pass new legislation that would undermine, and in some cases, effectively kill, the National Voter Registration Act, known as the "Motor Voter" law. It will be a sad day if that happens.

Motor Voter has been a tremendous success. The law provides for convenient voter registration opportunities at government agencies, including the Secretary of State offices and through the mail. Today, more citizens are registered to vote than ever before.

Nonetheless, opponents of Motor Voter are pushing ahead. Four voter registration bills are being considered that would abolish Voting Rights Act protections against discrimination. Three bills would overturn critical Privacy Act protections to allow states to require Social Security numbers on voter registration applications, even though voter registration applications are public documents. Three bills would require Americans to document their citizenship, despite the fact that few of us carry our birth certificates and that, despite allegations, there has been no evidence of significant fraud problems under the Motor Voter law.

We call on our representatives in Congress to oppose the proposals that would kill or significantly weaken the federal Motor Voter law. The major voting problem in this country is the lack of participation by so many citizens. Congressional efforts that would undermine critical voting rights protections by raising the false specter of vote fraud deserve to be soundly defeated.

Paula E. Bowman, President League of Women Voters  
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### COMMUNITY VOICE

#### QUESTION:

Would you have given President Clinton a high approval rating as the recent poll claimed?

We asked this question at the Plymouth District Library.



"No. But I didn't like him in the first place."

Sarah Wolodkiewicz  
Northville



"I think he still does. I wouldn't have given a high rating."

William Upton  
Plymouth



"I wouldn't have voted that way."

Irene Duffey  
Livonia



"No. I wouldn't have."

Beverly Schmidt  
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One of the reasons I'm happy to live in Michigan is that our state Legislature, six years ago, declared the month of March "Parenting Awareness Month."

The purpose of this month is to celebrate people who are raising children, to show the importance of good parenting to a child's well-being and to promote parenting education.

With March only a few days away, I ask parents, and others who play a caregiving role in a child's life, to help celebrate Parenting Awareness Month by following three simple guides:

**Adopt "Every day a little play"**

**- remember, you're supposed to be having fun.**

Focus on spending fun time with your child to develop a sense of warmth and sharing between the two of you. Hold your baby toward you and sing a lullaby. Share in your young child's favorite board game. Ask your teen what he or she would enjoy doing together. Whatever you do together should be your child's choice.

**Create balance between your children and yourself - remember, you need time too.**

Find time to take care of yourself and you'll take better care of your children. Think about what re-energizes you. Decide on one activity that makes you feel better and do it. Balance is also found by simplifying your life. Can you, your children and your spouse give up one extracurricular

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OUIDA G. CASH

activity to find more balance as individuals and as a family?

**Practice on-the-job training - children don't come with a manual.**

Like any challenging job, parenting requires training. Parenting skills are sharpened and improved over a lifetime, and what works today may not

work tomorrow. It's important to expand your ideas and increase your options. Read parenting books or magazines. Find a parenting mentor - someone whose children you admire - and ask him or her to share techniques. Network with friends whose children are the same age as yours. Lastly, as you educate yourself, think about what will work for you and your family and follow your instincts.

As we celebrate Michigan's Parenting Awareness Month, please take some time to bring these basic ideas to the forefront of your life, and hopefully, you'll carry them with you well into the future.

Note: Professionals from Youth Living Centers will be focusing on a different parenting topic each week in the Observer Community Life section throughout March. We hope you'll enjoy reading these articles to gain

new insights as you explore your role as a parent. If the topics don't apply to your family, please pass the articles on to a friend.

To kick off this special month, you might want to sign up for a Parenting Awareness Month activity. Here's a sampling:

- Bridging the Gap Family Day, March 14, (248) 644-2245;
- Dad's Night Out, March 14, (734) 728-3400;
- Parenting Matters Expo and Conference, March 21, (313) 345-3922.

Ouida G. Cash, Ed.D., has committed the past 28 years to improving the lives of children and families in Michigan. She is chief executive officer of Youth Living Centers, a private, nonprofit organization that specializes in serving children, youths and families from southeastern Michigan.

# Ameritech owes some of its customers \$76.1 million

That kind of headline, in inch-high letters, should have been on the notice telephone customers received with their February bills.

Instead, Ameritech printed the notice in teeny-weensy type, designed to produce eyestrain. It disguised the news with a tiny headline with a headline that tells you next to nothing: "Notice of pendency of class action proposed settlement and hearing."

I surveyed eight colleagues. Only one had noticed it.

One sentence contained 170 words, guaranteed to be incomprehensible. The lawyers who crafted this notice ignored the lessons they've been getting about how to write plain English. A court forced Ameritech to send out the notice, and company lawyers vowed they would roast in the netherworld before they would write clearly.

I shall endeavor to translate.

The notice goes to customers of Michigan Bell, Ohio Bell, Indiana

Bell, Wisconsin Bell who had "Line Backer" service between Jan. 1, 1987 and Nov. 7, 1997.

On page 2, under a wooden heading called "description of the lawsuit," we get to the guts of the matter.

A plaintiff named Deborah Todt and others filed a class-action suit in Madison County, Ill., saying Ameritech "misled its customers into paying for an optional service called 'inside wire maintenance service' (IWMS).

"Ameritech markets this service under various trade names, all with the term Line Backer," said the notice. The customers said Ameritech misled them "in violation of applicable state consumer fraud laws."

The parties negotiated a settlement. Ameritech agreed to pay approximately \$76.1 million to all members of the class. In addition, Ameritech will pay the plaintiffs' attorneys fee of \$1.9 million.

If you were one of the misled cus-



TIM RICHARD

tomers, you have three options:

■ Ask to be excluded so you can file your own suit. Write to the plaintiffs' attorneys by March 9 and ask to be excluded in the case of Todt v. Ameritech No. 97-L-1020. The attorneys are Stephen M. Tillery and Richard P. Paletta, 10 Executive Woods Court, Swansea, Ill. 62226. Give them your name, address and phone number.

■ Object to terms of the settlement (pages 2 and 3 of your fine-print

notice; consult an attorney for further translation). By March 9, send your written objections to the Court Clerk, Madison County Courthouse, Civil Division, Edwardsville, Ill. 62025.

Judge Randall Bono has scheduled a hearing for 9:30 a.m. April 6 to determine if the settlement is "fair, reasonable and adequate." Edwardsville is a bit northeast of St. Louis and just west of I-55, about three-fourths of the way across Illinois.

■ Accept the settlement. To accept, you must file a "proof of claim" form. It's on the back page of your teeny-weensy legal notice. They need your name, address, phone number, signature and a copy of your Ameritech phone bill showing you paid for Line Backer for a home or business with 19 or fewer lines. Send it to: Ameritech/State Bell Companies IWMS Settlement; PO Box 9454; Garden City, NY 11530-9454. Deadline is July 15.

If you threw away your legal notice (as Ameritech hopes you will do), don't call me. Tell Bob Cooper, president of Ameritech Michigan, general offices at 444 Michigan Ave., Detroit (no ZIP code is given in the telephone directory). Office phone is 800-257-0902.

Despite the potential \$78 million cost, the company is defiant: "Ameritech denies that it has violated any laws, and denies that any of its marketing or sales of IWMS has been misleading in any way." Yeah, sure.

Ameritech's leaders are the kind who, if they were caught up to their necks in offal, would swear it was rose petals.

The only question is whether Ameritech will cover the \$78 million by a) cutting its dividend, b) axing another 1,560 workers or c) cutting the executive payroll and bonuses. I vote for c.

Tim Richard's Touch-Tone voice mail number is (734) 953-2045, Ext. 1881.

## 'Cure' doubtful

Remember the old line about the cure being worse than the disease? Here's a real-life example.

The Michigan Senate passed earlier this month a package of bills that would consolidate school board elections on the November general election ballot instead of being held at various times during the year.

The disease, everybody agrees, is poor turnout at school elections.

"I was a township clerk. We have too many elections," said Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton, sponsor of one of the bills. "We have turnouts of 30,000 for presidential elections and 1,500 for school board elections."

Worse, there's good evidence that school people - board members, principals, teachers' unions, PTOs, whoever - often conspire to schedule elections at times when low turnout makes it possible for a dedicated minority of supporters to pass bond issues. "I nearly fell off my chair," said Sen. Joanne Emmons, R-Big Rapids, "when a school board member, who shall be unnamed, said in our hearing, 'We don't want all those people voting in our election!'"

A quick look at recent Michigan school election statistics confirms the fear.

Michigan has 555 K-12 school districts and 57 intermediate (countywide) districts. They produce a lot of elections. According to the Senate Fiscal Agency, there were 1,074 school elections in 1994 and 641 in 1995.

This can produce low turnouts, especially in millage elections. In 1994, for example, Birmingham voters by 3-1 approved 24.61 mills in February 1996. That's fine, but only 5,455 people voted out of 60,000 eligible voters, a 9.09 percent turnout.

So what's the cure?

The Michigan Senate, 31-5, thinks it's holding school elections only at specified times: Tuesdays following the first Mondays in April, August and at the November general elections. Schools could hold elections at other times, but they would have to pay 105 percent of the cost - a big disincentive.

Maybe so, but consider what really happens when you add school elections to the bedsheet ballot we see in November. When folks are trying to figure out voting for president, governor, U.S. senators, U.S. representatives, state senators, state representatives, county officials and judges, it's easy for school issues to get lost.

This concerns opponents of the Senate bill. Sen. Alma Smith, D-Salem, a former South Lyon school board member, said, "In June, the newspapers can focus on the school board. In November, they are focused on the president and governor. Where do you think we're going



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to get coverage of the same quality and quantity?"

Sen. Gary Peters, D-Bloomfield Township, agreed: "I have problems mixing the school board with the general election. It gets lost on the ballot, and school boards don't get the same kind of attention."

They're right. Responsible hometown newspapers such as this one spend a lot of time covering all kinds of races and interviewing candidates. But time is not endless, and space in the newspaper is scarce. Adding school elections to the November ballot can only worsen the crunch of providing solid coverage for important issues.

The Senate bill package is a perfect example of the cure being worse than the disease.

Fortunately, there is a good alternative available to the Michigan House as it starts to consider the matter. That is to lump together all education races into one single education election. Voters would select members of the State Board of Education, regents of the University of Michigan, trustees of Michigan State University, governors of Wayne State University, community college boards, and members of local school boards.

Confronted with an entire election dealing with matters educational, the news media would be obliged actually to cover the races, to question candidates, to evaluate qualifications and question positions. Candidates would be required to explain their positions. "Name" candidates would be discouraged. Voters could think about total education policy.

Interestingly, this is exactly what we did in Michigan prior to adoption of the 1963 Constitution. Education races were clustered into one election held in odd-numbered years. When the new Constitution was approved, it undid a sensible system of education elections.

Members of the House have a terrific opportunity to solve this problem that has been festering for 35 years. Let's hope they can see that the cure proposed by the Senate is far worse than the disease of low turnout.

Phil Power is chairman of HomeTown Communications Network Inc., the company that owns this newspaper. He welcomes your comments, either by voice mail at (734) 953-2047, Ext. 1880, or by e-mail at ppower@oeonline.com

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# President of NEA to speak March 5

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

The president of the 2.3 million-member National Education Association will make a stop next month at Plymouth Salem High School.

Robert Chase will give a 3 p.m. speech on Thursday, March 5, followed by a question-and-answer period and reception.

Chase has focused his efforts on recreating the NEA. He describes his efforts as "a new unionism," in which the traditional union roles between labor and management are broadened to include a more aggressive agenda of excellence for the nation's schools.

"The new unionism speaks to educators taking an active role

**'The new unionism speaks to educators taking an active role in policing their own organization ... in peer mediation, review and helping when you know someone isn't performing the way they should.'**

**Charles Portelli**  
—PCEA president

in policing their own organization ... in peer mediation, review and helping when you know someone isn't performing the way they should," said Charles Portelli, president of the Ply-

mouth-Canton Education Association. "It speaks to taking the initiative to change, making education a better profession and better for kids."

Superintendent Dr. Charles Little said Chase is a recognized player in U.S. labor relations.

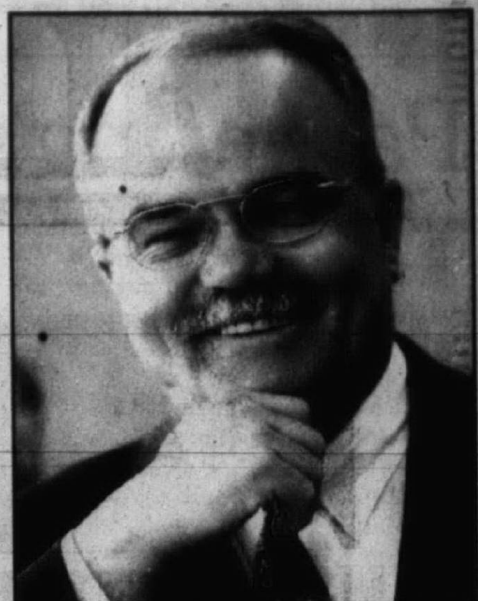
"I had an opportunity to read two of his speeches," said Little. "To me, they represent the kind of understanding, dialogue and vitality it will take employees and management to agree upon to reassert public education as the number one source of learning in this country."

Portelli believes it's something that can work in the Plymouth-Canton school district.

"We're taking baby steps, but we're getting there," said Portelli. "The labor-management team is making some changes. I think Chuck (Little) has taken an active role. He's helped push it ... and if this works, like I think it can, he deserves a lot of credit."

Little will allow students to be released an hour early so district personnel can attend the speech by Chase, which is also open to the public.

**To speak: Robert Chase, the president of the National Education Association will speak at 3 p.m. Thursday, March 5, at Plymouth Salem High School. He says his effort is to recreate the NEA and provide a more aggressive agenda of excellence for schools.**



## 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 12, 1998 for the following:

### PURCHASE OF COLD WATER METERS

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

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### TO PROVIDE SUMMER/WINTER TAX MAILER FORMS FOR CANTON TOWNSHIP TREASURER

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## CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN MEETING NOTICE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

A regular meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals will be held on Thursday, March 5, 1998 at 7:00 P.M. in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI, to consider the following items:

**Z-98-03** 310 Park Ave. Non-Use Variance Requested  
Front Yard Setback  
Zoned: R-1, Single Family Residential  
Applicant: Charlie Post

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  
201 S. Main Street  
Plymouth, MI 48170, (313) 453-1234, Ext. 206

All interested persons are invited to attend.

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## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BOARD PROCEEDINGS

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, February 17, 1998 at 1150 South Canton Center Road. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:06 P.M.

### ROLL CALL

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

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Durack, Minghine, Gouin, Dates, Weyer, Abbott, Zevalkink

Also Present: Neighborhood Improvement Committee Members: Jim Cisek, Michelle Hall, Bob Dettling, Sue Glebe, Paul Gackenback  
Griffin Property Representatives: Scott Griffin, Bob Turner, Connie Griffin

### ITEM 1 NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT STUDY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

After self introductions, the Neighborhood Improvement Committee reviewed their recommendations to the Board. Mr. Cisek said that the charge of the committee was to see what could be done to keep the community up scale and housing values up. He said that you accomplished this by keeping you neighborhoods up. The committee's recommendations included the following:

- Roads** - Develop a data base containing the condition of every neighborhood street
- Sidewalks** - Create an ordinance that addresses the condition of neighborhood sidewalks
- Home Maintenance** - Create an ordinance that establishes a "time of sale" home inspection
- Street Cleaning** - Implement a program of street cleaning
- Street Signs** - Implement a street sign maintenance and replacement program
- Subdivision Entry Signs** - Implement a street sign maintenance and replacement program
- Incentive Programs** - Initiate a neighborhood clean-up day
- Fencing** - Implement a replacement program

Trustee McLaughlin noted that the Board may give some recommendations to the specific Home Owner's Associations. She pointed out that the service levels vary greatly from city to city and from city to township. Ms. McLaughlin initiated a discussion on self determination by subdivisions versus involving taxpayer dollars and local mandates. She said that a Community Information Expo was being planned for Saturday, May 2, 1998 that could help get some of these messages and ideas to residents. Supervisor Yack said that the Board would consider the recommendations and keep the Neighborhood Improvement Committee informed of any actions or happenings.

### ITEM 2 GRIFFIN PROPERTIES

Tony Minghine, Director of Finance and Budget gave a summary of the proposal for the sale of 19.48-acres of property to Griffin Properties for \$2,140,000.00. The property is located on Haggerty Road near I-275. Mr. Minghine said that the agreement required two (2) sheets of ice be incorporated and that Canton residents get first rights to usage of the facility. Economically, benefits to the community are that the private owner will assume the existing SAD for the paving of Haggerty Road and the property will revert to the tax rolls. He said that in his opinion, a public and private participation for the sports complex was the best scenario for an otherwise cost-prohibitive project.

Scott Griffin, President Griffin Properties, said that the project was three-phased. Proposed are two regulation-sized ice rinks, indoor and outdoor soccer fields, indoor and outdoor basketball courts, two sand volleyball pits, a two-tiered indoor golf range designed with turf to double as soccer and Lacrosse fields, an in-line roller hockey area, and a mountain climbing area. Mr. Griffin said that the mountain climbing wall would be hydraulically operated so the surface can change elevation. The climbing wall may include an ice component for ice climbing. Sport theme restaurants are also being proposed.

Mr. Griffin said that phase two would expand to add a pro shop, and possibly a Sony IMAX theater. He added that the indoor and outdoor recreational entertainment complex would be on approximate 5 to 6 acres with room for expansions. Mr. Griffin said that they were still working out many details, including phase three, and administrative operations. He stated that a common management would handle maintenance of parking lots, landscaping and other shared elements. Due to on going negotiations, Mr. Griffin declined to reveal partners or facility operators. He anticipated more than two (2) million visits per year. Mr. Griffin said that he expected that the operator's prices to be comparable to other facilities at \$110 to \$180 an hour for ice time.

Supervisor Yack said that expected the agreement to come before the Board of Trustees in the future. Mr. Griffin anticipated things going well and closing the deal within the next three or four months.

In response to the seemingly overwhelming positive reaction from Plymouth Canton Hockey Association members present, Supervisor Yack advised the community to be "cautiously optimistic."

Supervisor Yack adjourned the meeting at 9:20 P.M.

The above is a synopsis of actions taken at the Regular Board meeting held on February 17, 1998. The full text of the approved minutes will be available following the next regular meeting of the Board on March 10, 1998.

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

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## At Smith Furniture

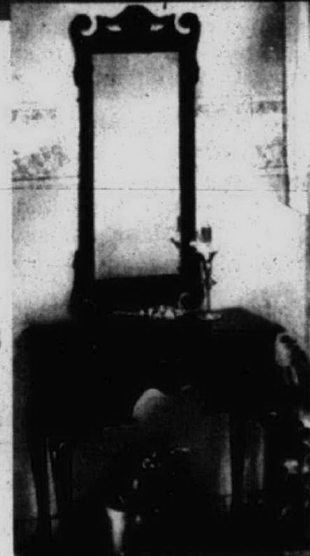
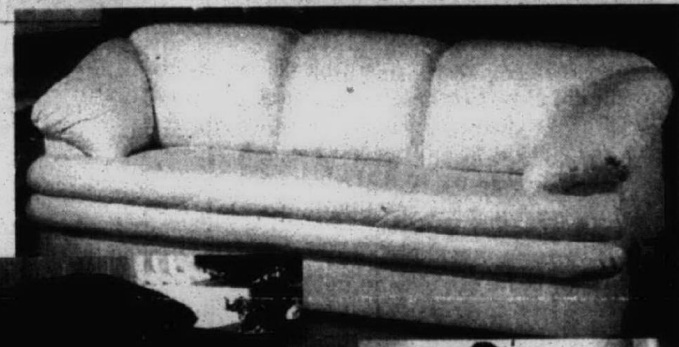
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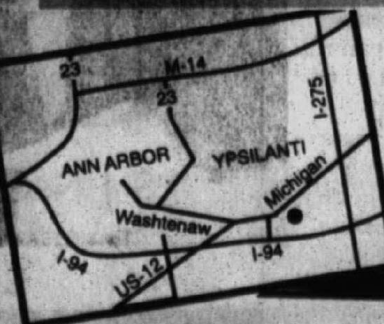
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JACK GLADDEN

## And Wookie makes 5 ...

**W**e're not taking the dog! Not on a driving trip to Florida!

"He'll be fine. He sleeps most of the day anyway."

"He's a nut case. He'll be all over everything. And that's a small car."

"He's a small dog. There's plenty of room. He'll ride in the back seat with your daughter."

"I say we put him in the trunk."

"No, we won't!"

"Sure. Those seat backs fold down. We fold one down and stick him in the trunk. We can keep an eye on him."

"He's riding in the back seat."

"Oh, all right. But what about the cats? And the goldfish? And the hamsters? Are they coming, too?"

"Don't be silly. Can you imagine taking the cats on a trip to Florida? They'd yowl all the way."

"Yeah, and shed. Scooter's fur would be flying like porcupine quills."

"Well, it doesn't matter. Amy's coming over to feed them. And the fish. And the hamsters."

"So why can't she feed the dog, too?"

"We're not leaving him alone for a week. He'd think we deserted him."

"What about the cats?"

"They don't care. As long as they're fed, they'll be perfectly happy."

"I suppose so. Who was that on the phone?"

### A slight problem

"Uh, we have a problem. Amy's going out of town. She won't be able to feed the animals."

"Oh, great. What about your sister?"

"She can come over on weekends but not during the week. She's working two jobs."

"So now what?"

"I'll go to the pet supply store tomorrow and check out those self-feeders and self-waterers. Maybe they'll work."

"Yeah, right. The water will be OK. And the feeder will be fine for Wookie. But can you picture Scooter in front of a perpetual feeding machine? He'll just keep eating and eating and ..."

"That's all we can do. I'm sure they'll be fine. Did you check out that pet travel cage my mother left here? Can Jasper stand up in it? He'll just need it to sleep in the two nights we're at a motel."

"He won't fit."

"You mean he can't stand up?"

"No, he won't fit. He's too big. I tried to get him inside and he wouldn't even fit through the door. He acted like I was trying to stuff him into a torture chamber."

### And another one

"Guess I'll have to pick up another one of them, too."

"This is starting to sound expensive. Why don't we just get him his own motel room? Or hire a live-in nanny for a week?"

"Stop complaining. I'll take care of it."

"So, how much did all this stuff cost?"

"Not that much. The travel cage was on sale. But you'd better see if it will fit in your car."

"It fits. Just barely, but it fits. Takes up half the space in the trunk."

"Oh, it's not that big."

"Seems like it. And how's this automatic feeder supposed to work, anyway?"

"You just fill it with food, put the base on and turn it upside down. It works on gravity. See."

"I can see Scooter lying on his back with his mouth under the spout. He won't even have to eat. Just let it flow in. So what about the fish?"

"The man at the pet supply store said the fish would be fine for a week. Just feed him before we leave. And we can put an extra dish of food in the hamster's cage. Everything's taken care of."

"So are we ready to go?"

"I think so. The dog's cage is in the trunk. We have a bottle of water, bag of dog food and his food and water dishes. Blankets and leash in the back seat. The other animals have

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STAFF PHOTOS BY ELIZABETH CARNEGIE

Let's dance: Brendan Wu (center) enthusiastically joins with his classmates at the Plymouth-Canton Montessori School in dancing to the music of "Ball and the Jack."

## Montessori way

Philosophy is to 'teach the child, not the subject'

It was Italy's first woman doctor, Maria Montessori, who came up with the educational philosophy of teaching the child, not the subject, that's being celebrated during National Montessori Education Week this week.

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO  
STAFF WRITER

Japanese-inspired artwork lines the hallways. French is spoken in a classroom down the way.

Showing the utmost respect for adults, the students patiently wait for their teachers to finish speaking before asking a question.

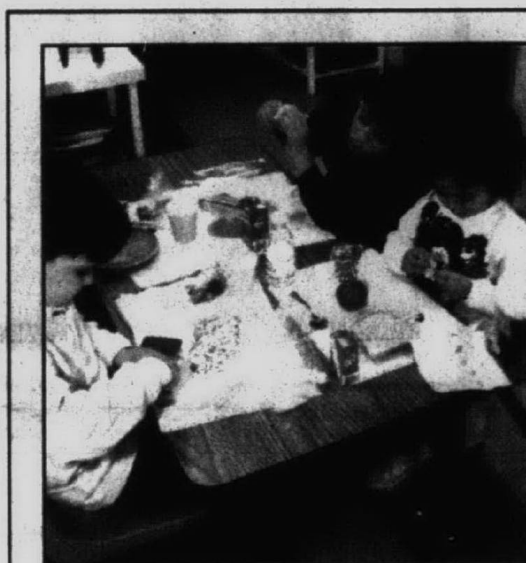
These polite students who speak French and create impressive art are all between the ages of 2 1/2 and 6.

The Livonia Montessori Center and Plymouth-Canton Montessori School are molding the youngsters into Renaissance children.

"I try to do a lot of art and music lessons and culture the students. I think it's important for them to round out their world view," said Annie Dopkins, a "head directress," the traditional Montessori term for a teacher, at the Livonia school. "Today I talked with them about Georgia O'Keeffe and for music, George Gershwin is the man of the hour."

The atmosphere at the schools is a quiet one. Students remove their shoes as they enter the building and replace them with slippers.

"It keeps the noise level down, plus it keeps their clothing clean. The children do a lot of floor work," said Barbara Nader, the assistant administrator



What's for lunch?: A curious Michael Lentz (center) checks out what classmates Katrina Stevanovich and Evan Melvan are eating at the Plymouth-Canton Montessori School.

of the Livonia school.

Upon sitting, the children place their own rug on the ground.

"We employ social graces as well as their own personal space," Nader said. "We want the children to feel good about themselves. That's the main objective."

This week, Montessori schools around the United States are celebrating National Montessori Education Week. To honor the event, the Livonia school held a "Dad's Night" on Monday and Tuesday, and planted bulbs on Wednesday. Today, the students begin

## Finding a Montessori school

All of the Montessori schools in the area have long waiting lists, so school administrators suggest that parents look into the schools before their child is born.

Livonia Montessori Center is in St. Maurice School, 32765 Lyndon, between Merriman and Farmington roads, Livonia. For half-day classes, the cost is \$3,075 per school year. Full-day tuition, which includes Montessori class and unlimited day care, is \$5,490. The school is having an open house from 1-4 p.m. Sunday, March 15. Call (734) 427-8255 for more information.

Plymouth-Canton Montessori School, 45245 Joy Road, between Canton Center and Sheldon roads, Canton, can be reached at (734) 459-1550. Half-day tuition is \$2,925 and the full-day tuition is \$5,240.

Northville Montessori Center, 15709 Haggerty Road, Northville Township, offers full-day classes for \$4,600, and half-day classes for \$2,300. Unlike the other area schools, children up to age 11 are accepted. Call (734) 420-0924 for more information.

Montessori Center of Our Lady is at 36800 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia. Half-day sessions cost \$1,500 and full-day sessions are \$3,100 for the school year. For more information, call (734) 591-1599.

For a free brochure about Montessori schools, write to Department A, American Montessori Society, 281 Park Ave. South, New York, N.Y. 10010, or call 888-872-9574. Information also is available on its Web site, <http://www.amshq.com>.

spring break.

### Certain philosophy

The philosophy of Montessori was developed by Dr. Maria Montessori, the first female doctor in Italy, through her work with disadvantaged children, said Kay Neff, owner of the Livonia and Plymouth schools. She also owns the Dearborn Heights Montessori Center, which is open to elementary and middle school students.

Montessori believed that children have sensitive periods in which they are particularly able and interested in

acquiring a certain knowledge or skill, Neff explained.

She also felt that children absorb knowledge by interacting with their environment and responding to it, and they are motivated from within. Adults must "teach the child, not the subject" which offers opportunities for experimentation and growth that are consistent with the needs each child demonstrates.

"Our teaching should foster the development of the whole child - social, emotional, intellectual, physical and

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## Attorney finds time for civil rights work

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO  
STAFF WRITER

Ameritech attorney Al Calille has a full docket. Named in January to the Michigan Civil Rights Commission by Gov. John Engler, the Plymouth resident fills his schedule with appointments as a hearing panel member for the State of Michigan Attorney Disciplinary Board and as a mediator for the Wayne County Circuit Court and to do pro bono work for the Plymouth Community YMCA.

Despite all that, Calille's family - wife Stephanie, daughter Kate, and son Dave - comes first. For example, he makes time to coach his son's Plymouth-Canton recreation league basketball team.

"The team's doing OK; they're 3-5, but my son has a 14-point average," he said of Dave, a student at Smith Elementary School in Plymouth.

Calille also is actively involved in Dave's Cub Scout troop.

"I attend meetings with him," he said. "I do most of the activities with him. I never was a Boy Scout, but I'm living vicariously through him."

Glancing at Calille's resume, it seems appropriate that he was appointed to the Civil Rights Commission. A 19-year Plymouth resident, Calille grew up in Lansing and earned his undergraduate degree from Michigan State University's James Madison College with a concentration on social and political issues. He graduated magna cum laude from the University of Michigan with a degree in law.

"Ever since college, I've dealt with issues about how society manages itself," he said, adding that he's not sure what spurred his interest in those issues.

An attorney with Ameritech since 1979, Calille



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recently served as vice chairman of the Michigan Employment Security Commission which oversees the unemployment compensation agency. A year ago, the commission was abolished as a result of an executive order.

As a member of the Michigan Civil Rights Commission,

Calille has two primary roles - to investigate alleged discrimination against any person because of religion, race, color, national origin, sex, age, marital status, height, weight, arrest record and physical and

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New duties: Al Calille may have plenty to do with his family, his job at Ameritech and Plymouth-Canton Family YMCA, but still has time to serve on the Michigan Civil Rights Commission.



# Montessori from page B1

spiritual. These aspects of the child are inseparable and of equal importance," Neff wrote in a recent newsletter.

The doctor, who was born in 1870 and died in 1952, also believed that children are self-teachers. Adults are models for the children and adults' behavior should exemplify the attitudes that the kids should imitate.

Michael Eanes, national director of the New York-based American Montessori Society, summed it up as "a method of education using your child's natural curiosity and love of learning about the world around him."

"We want children to be able to think for themselves, problem solve, be independent, and not rely on a lot of direction," Nader said. "They don't realize that they're doing work. We're a learning school and we make work fun for the children."

AMS schools are attended by children from six weeks to 18 years old, but most take children from about 2 1/2 to 6.

The Livonia and Plymouth-Canton centers, both of which are nonprofit corporations, offer a complete Montessori program with full equipment in all areas

practical life (washing, polishing, sorting, personal care, food preparation), sensorial (texture, weight, size, color-shape-sound), mathematics (proportion, counting, decimal beads and computation), language (verbal development, prewriting and writing, prereading and reading), geography (large puzzle maps and related materials) and botany.

Montessori Center of Our Lady in Livonia takes a slightly different approach to the philosophy.

"We teach a Christian aspect in our school. We teach Christianity, morality and other related topics," said Sister Paulita, director of the 22-year-old school. "The children learn many, many different things. We expose them to geography, history, science, math, reading and phonics."

Directresses lead classrooms which house students of various ages, another basic principal of Montessori philosophy, in essence providing 25 little teachers.

"It's always nice to find a peer. The anticipation of seeing what the big kids can do is a real sparkler. It motivates them to do the things they need to do. For

the older children, it's a confidence builder for the younger kids to seek their help," said Heidi Gauger, a teacher at that Livonia school.

At Montessori schools, children are allowed to learn at their own pace.

"They don't all do the same art project. We show them the work when they're ready to see it," Dopkins explained. "They like to learn because it's at their discretion. We follow the child. Inevitably, they'll go to what they need. They know what they need to do. For example, children who are ready to read will come to me and say, 'Help me read.'"

Montessori teachers go through a two-semester training period after earning a bachelor's degree and do a one-year internship. Locally, they study at a school in Rochester Hills. Dopkins, a Boston native now living in Ann Arbor, began her career teaching fourth-grade special education students. When her job was eliminated, she pursued a career in Montessori.

"As a teacher, you have to be a Renaissance person. Even if you're not good at it, you can teach it," Dopkins said.



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**Just ducky:** Emily Benson, 3, works on the concept of size with the big, bigger and biggest group of ducks at the Livonia Montessori Center.

Gauger began teaching 10 1/2 years ago after her children attended Montessori school in Ohio.

"They have a feeling of respect for their own work," she said of

her children who are now in high school. "They were also really excited about the next thing they were going to do. They also expect to be respected by adults and they respect adults in

return." A former engineer, Gauger is extremely satisfied with her job choice. "I feel very lucky. I get to play for six hours."

## ANNIVERSARIES

### Spitza

The Rev. and Mrs. Jack Spitza celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with friends and family. In honor of their anniversary, the couple also plans to take their youngest grandson, Zackery, to Disney World in Florida for two weeks.

This was a special celebration for the Spitzas. Two years ago, the Rev. Spitza was diagnosed with congestive heart failure and was not expected to live. His doctors put him on the heart transplant list even though he was considered past the age limit for the surgery. Five months later, he received his new heart.

The couple married Oct. 22, 1947, in South Bend, Ind. She is the former Betty Williams.

They have two children - Jack Jr. of Burlington, Ontario, and Teri Chippis of Westland. The



Spitzas also have three grandchildren - Jack III, Shawn and Zackery.

He is the founder of New Hope Baptist Church and has been its pastor for 37 years.

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mental disabilities and to secure the equal protection of such civil rights without such discrimination.

"There's a lot of significant issues in the civil rights arena these days; I'm looking forward to the opportunity to be involved in the development and debate of those issues," said Calille, a past trustee of the State of Michigan Worker's Compensation Funds.

At the forefront is the "defini-

tion and scope of affirmative action," Calille explained. "We decide to what extent should affirmative action programs to and how they should be tailored."

The commission not only deals with employment issues, but civil rights issues as well. For example, it ordered that the Northwest Theater Company discontinue its admission policy of not allowing children younger than

age 6 into its theaters - the Ford-Tel Theater in Dearborn Heights and the Mercury and Norwest Theaters in Detroit - when accompanied by an adult. A circuit court overturned that decision.

"The circuit court said that theater owners could do so to protect the enjoyment of remaining patrons," he explained.

Created by the state constitution in 1963, the Michigan Civil Rights Commission is an eight-member board appointed to four-year terms with not more than two expiring the same year.

Engler said that Calille was appointed to the commission because he "is a dedicated industry leader with a sincere desire to tackle complex civil rights issues."

"He's uniquely qualified in that he has been responsible for litigation at Ameritech in the private sector, and also has

experience litigating civil rights matters on behalf of Ameritech," the governor said. "He is a very unique individual in that sense. He is active in his community and an all-around good leader."

Calille joins chairwoman Dr. Evelyn L. Crane of Detroit, vice chairman Francisco J. Villarruel of Livonia, treasurer the Rev. Edgar L. Vann Jr. of Detroit, secretary Richard J. Garcia of East Lansing, Tim A. Attalla of Dearborn, Valerie Simmons of Grand Rapids and Gary Torgow of Oak Park.

More information about the commission is available through the Michigan Department of Civil Rights at its Web site - <http://www.mdcrc.com>.

Adding the commission to his ever-expanding resume, Calille said, makes his life "fun."

"It gives you a variety of things to do; it's not simply focused on one area," he said.

## Gladden from page B1

been fed. We're all set."

"Did you pack a lunch for the humans?"

"We'll stop and pick up some bagels before we get on the road."

"I hate bagels. Say, remember that Chevy Chase movie? 'National Lampoon's Vacation.' The one where that flaky family is driving to California to go to

Wally World? That's what this reminds me of. We're just like the Griswolds."

"No we're not. We're not at all like them."

"Oh yeah? How do you figure?"

"They didn't have a dog."

Oh, but they did ...

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

# 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

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- Second Place—Rochester Eccentric, Jay Grossman
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### Best Coverage of Local Business & Economic News

- Third Place—Birmingham-Bloomfield Eccentric

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- 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

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WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

**Gagnon-Bommarito**

Claude and Patricia Gagnon of Redford Township announce the engagement of their daughter, Lise Nicole, to Michael James Bommarito, the son of Joseph and Carol Bommarito, also of Redford Township.

The bride-to-be is a 1995 graduate of Redford Union High School. She is employed at Redford Credit Union in Redford.

Her fiancé is a 1992 graduate of Fairlane Christian High School and a 1997 graduate of Wayne State University's College of Nursing. He is employed as a registered nurse at Botsford General Hospital in Farmington Hills.

A May wedding is planned.



**Rice-Pickett**

Ruth Ann and Richard J. Wanserski of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristin Mary Rice, to Todd John Pickett, the son of David R. and Linda K. Pickett of Allen Park.

The bride-to-be is a 1987 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School. She also is a graduate of Western Michigan University. She is employed by CSV Sales Inc., a local food brokerage.

Her fiancé is a graduate of the University of Michigan with a degree in accounting. He is employed as a certified public accountant for BDO Seidman LLP in Troy.

An October wedding is planned at St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Canton.



**Whalen-Morgan**

Angela Michelle Morgan and William Henry Whalen were married Aug. 16 at the historical chapel at Greenmead Historical Park in Livonia. The Rev. Donald DeVine officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Donald and Elaine Morgan of Livonia. The groom is the son of William and Patricia Whalen of Pittsburgh, Pa.

The bride is a graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and Michigan State University with a degree in material logistics management. She is employed as manager of business development at Ryder Integrated Logistics.

The groom is a graduate of North Allegheny High School in Pittsburgh, Duquesne University with a bachelor's degree in accounting and the University of Virginia with a master of business administration degree. He is employed as a controller by Magna Interior Systems Inc.

The bride asked Jennifer Radloff to serve as matron of honor with bridesmaids Sandra Baldwin, Heidi Riggs and Kristin Weinbeck and flower girl



Karen Unger. The groom asked Robert Whalen to serve as best man with groomsmen Bradford Morgan, Joseph Unger Sr. and Ronald Carden and junior groomsmen Joseph Unger Jr.

The couple received guests at Burton Manor in Livonia before leaving on a honeymoon trip to Negril, Jamaica. They are making their home in South Lyon.

**Knight-Allard**

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 Allard, the son of Ken and Sheila Allard 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.



**Williams-Strayer**

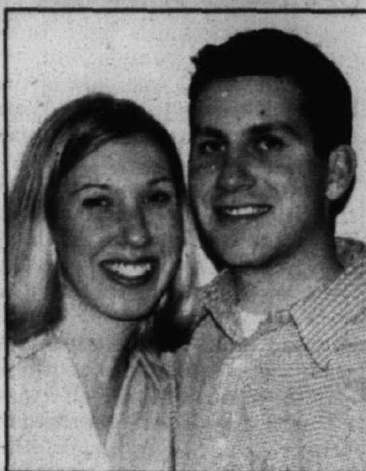
Greg and Joan Williams of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Kelly Joan, to Eric Richard Strayer, the son of Lynn and Carol Strayer of Novi.

The couple are 1997 graduates of Michigan State University.

The bride-to-be, a 1993 graduate of Ladywood High School, is employed as an accountant at Ernst and Young LLP.

Her fiancé, a graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School, is employed as an engineer at Nissan R&D.

A May wedding is planned at Greenfield Village's Martha-



Mary Chapel.

**Reynolds-McCorquodale**

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stover of Garden City announce the engagement of their daughter, Melissa Dawn Reynolds, to Donald C. McCorquodale, the son of Colin McCorquodale and Phyllis McCorquodale, both of Dearborn Heights.

The bride-to-be, a 1992 graduate of Garden City High School, is employed as a sales coordinator.

Her fiancé, a 1990 graduate of Crestwood High School, is employed as a product designer.

An August wedding is planned at Mount Hope Congregational Church in Livonia.



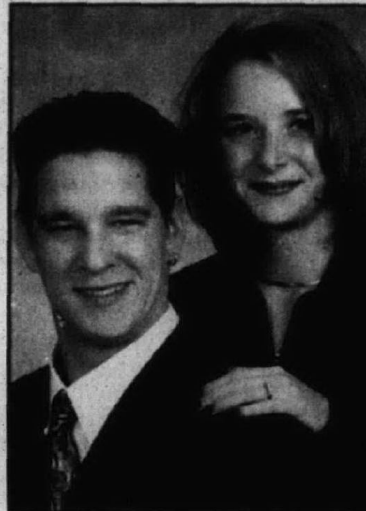
**Wilmot-Blankenship**


Michael and Suzanne Wilmot of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristen M. to Raymond R. Blankenship, the son of William E. and Ida Blankenship of Westland.

The bride-to-be hopes to graduate from Eastern Michigan University later this year. She is employed by A.S.K. Services Inc.

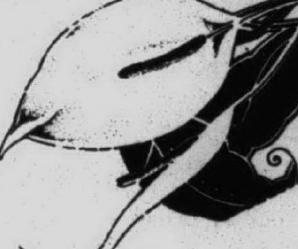
Her fiancé is employed by Promold Tool and Engineering.

A May wedding is planned at St. Aidan's Catholic Church in Livonia.





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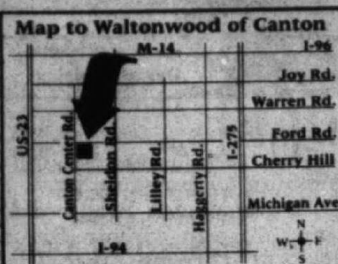
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## Show benefits BPW scholarships

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM  
STAFF WRITER

To get a taste of the glamorous world of fashion shows, you don't need to go any farther than Laurel Manor in Livonia.

The Garden City Business and Professional Women's Club is already planning its fifth annual "Parade of Fashion" for noon March 15 in Laurel Manor in Livonia.

Take Time Fashions will once again be presenting fashions from the stores of Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi. The models strutting the runways won't include Christy Turlington, Naomi Campbell or Cindy Crawford—but members of the BPW, Garden City High School student Sara Niemiec and even "grandmother" types who will show off the latest fashions, said Beth Csicsila, BPW vice president.

"It's the best," she said of the show. "Each show gets a little better than the one the year before."

Proceeds from the show go for the club's annual scholarships. The Rose Schilawski Scholarship raffle is earmarked to ease the transition of women into the work force, Csicsila said. It will go to an adult female education graduate who wants to continue her education.

Prizes include a trip for two to Atlantic City, courtesy of the Travel Desk, an estate planning package, courtesy of attorney Sandra Larsen, a stay for two at the Parish House Inn and a \$100 gift certificate from Orin Jewelers.

The second raffle is designated for a Garden City High School graduate. Last year's winners were Lawrence Henkel and Nicile Carpenter. The raffle prizes include a painting by artist Todd Marsee, a painting by Kara Janick, a lacquered Russian box and the Sweetheart basket from Longaberger.

There also will be a multitude of door prizes, ranging from stays at local inns and hotels, gift certificates for massages, haircuts and styling and restaurants, loaf of bread a week for a year from a local bakery, autographed books, Detroit Red Wings tickets, watches, jewelry, colorful throws and gift baskets filled with foods and beauty products.

Five years ago, the club decid-



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Just a few: Garden City, BPW president Anne Schemer (left) and first vice president Beth Csicsila (right) show off several door prizes—throw blankets and gift baskets of beauty products—for the annual fashion show.

ed a fashion show fundraiser would attract crowds, and judging from the success of the past four shows, club members were right.

"We chose the fashion show fundraiser because it seemed to us that it was the best way to raise a lot of money," Csicsila said.

Admission is \$30 per person, with all seating available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Reserved tables of 10 receive a 10 percent discount. For ticket reservations or information, call Csicsila at (734) 458-4331 or (313) 277-7742.

Garden City BPW chapter was founded 45 years ago. Its members live and work throughout western Wayne County and gather the third Thursday of the month for a dinner meeting with a speaker or activity.

The BPW is the oldest and

largest organization for working women in the world. It is dedicated to achieving full participation in the work force, equity and economic self-sufficiency for working women.

Locally, the club is supporting the renovation of the Garden City Public Library, the Garden City High School Sea Camp Project and First Step, western Wayne County's domestic violence and sexual abuse project.

## Open house to showcase child development center

The University of Michigan-Dearborn Child Development Center is having an open house for its kindergarten, preschool and toddler programs 4-6 p.m. Wednesday, March 4.

The open house will be in the administrative office of the center, Room 1031, of the CASL

Annex on the UM-D campus, Evergreen Road between Ford Road and Michigan Avenue.

Early childhood program teachers and staff members will be available to answer questions regarding educational programs, enrollment, tuition and scholarships.

Enrollment for the fall 1998 kindergarten program is open to all children who will be age 5 by Dec. 1. Toddler and preschool programs are available for children ages 1 (who are walking) to age 5.

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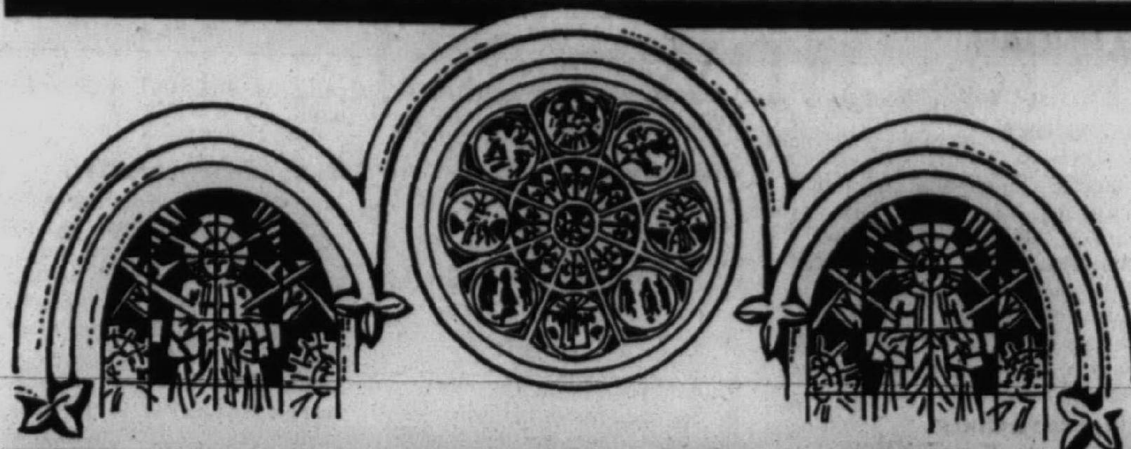
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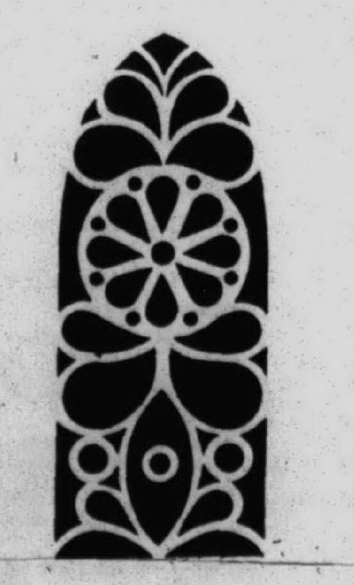
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Sunday School 11:30 A.M.  
Bible Class - Wednesdays 7:30 P.M.  
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11:00 Traditional Service  
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17000 Farmington Road  
Livonia 423-1150  
Dr. James N. McGuire, Pastor

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Sunday School 9 A.M.  
Office Hrs. 9-5

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From the Supper To The Cross  
EMPHASIS: The Last Supper  
Scripture Focus: Luke 22: 7-23  
Rev. Bob, preaching  
11:00 a.m. Children-Youth-Adults

**NEWBURG UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
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422-0149

Worship Services & Sunday School  
9:15 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

March 1st  
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**CRAFTS CALENDAR**

Listings for the Crafts Calendar should be submitted in writing no later than noon Friday for the next Thursday's issue. They can be mailed to Sue Mason at 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, or by fax at (734) 591-7279. For more information, call (734) 953-2131.

**ST. MEL'S**  
St. Mel's Catholic Church will have its spring arts and crafts show 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 7 at the church, 7508 Inkster Road, Dearborn Heights. In addition to crafts, food and beverages will be available. There also will be a special crafters raffle. Table and a 5- by 10-foot space costs \$30 and a 5- by 10-foot space only is \$25. For more information, call Debbie at (313) 261-6881.

**SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE**  
Schoolcraft College will have its

spring arts and crafts show 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. March 7 in the Physical Education Building on campus at 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia. There will be more than 150 crafters and hourly raffle prizes and refreshments will be available. Admission will be \$1.50 for adults and children 12 years and older, 50 cents for children ages 5-11 and free for children under age 5. For more information, call (734) 462-4417.

**MEMORIAL PTA**  
The Memorial Elementary School PTA will have its 11th annual craft fair 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 7 at the school, 30001 Marquette, between Middle Belt and Henry Ruff roads, Garden City. Table space is available. For more information, call Darlene at (734) 425-4221.

**ST. SABINA**  
St. Sabina School's Parents

Activities Club will have a spring craft show 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 14 at the school, Ann Arbor Trail, east of Inkster Road. An 8-foot table or space costs \$27.50, the 6-foot table or space is \$25. For more information, call Jane Palmer at (313) 953-5914.

**LIVONIA CHURCHILL**  
Crafters are wanted for the Livonia Churchill High School PTSA juried spring arts and crafts show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 21 at the school, 8900 Newburg Road, Livonia. Admission will be \$1; strollers and wheelchairs welcomed. For more information, call Diane at (734) 422-4507 or

Garrett at (734) 464-7425.

**ST. DAMIAN'S**  
St. Damian's Church will have a collector's sale 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 21, at the church, 29891 Joy Road, Westland. Admission will be \$1, children under age 12 free. Table space, costing \$25, is available. Proceeds will benefit Christian Service. For more information, call (734) 421-6130.

**LIVONIA FRANKLIN**  
The Livonia Franklin High School Patriots Club will have a craft show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 21 at the school, 31000 Joy Road, Livonia. More than

175 crafters will be featured. Admission will be \$1 for those older than 5 years of age. No strollers will be permitted, however, people in wheelchairs will be admitted at 9:30 a.m.

**LIVONIA STEVENSON**  
Crafters are needed for the Livonia Stevenson High School Booster Club's Spring Spectacular craft show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 28 at the school, 33500 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia. Spaces - 10 feet by 10 feet or 5 feet by 16 feet - cost \$50. Limited electricity is available at no additional cost, and chairs (no tables) are available upon request. For more information,

call (734) 464-1041 or (248) 478-2395.

**MADONNA UNIVERSITY**  
Madonna University is accepting applications from crafters for its 13th annual spring arts and crafts showcase 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. March 28 in the Activities Center on campus, Schoolcraft and Levan, Livonia. Booth space measuring 9 feet by 6 feet with two chairs and one 6-by-8-foot table costs \$50. Booths with electricity are limited and are an additional \$5. Exhibitors can purchase up to three spaces. For more information, call the university at (734) 432-5603.

**ACTION! sponsors community meetings**

A newly formed grassroots coalition, ACTION!, has scheduled four community meetings in Wayne and Oakland counties during March to encourage nursing support for proposed nursing home staffing legislation.

ACTION! (A Coalition for the Improvement of Nursing Homes) is pressing for passage of House Bill 4176 which would increase the number of hours of nursing care provided to each patient in a nursing home each day.

The bill would replace present nursing home staffing law which was passed in 1957.

The meetings have been set up to explain the legislative process. There also will be a letter writing workshop to rally support of lawmakers to pass the bill quickly.

The first meeting will be 2 p.m. Sunday, March 1, at the William P. Faust Library, 6123 Central City Parkway, Westland. The guest speaker will be State Rep. Eileen DeHart.

Meetings also have been set up for:

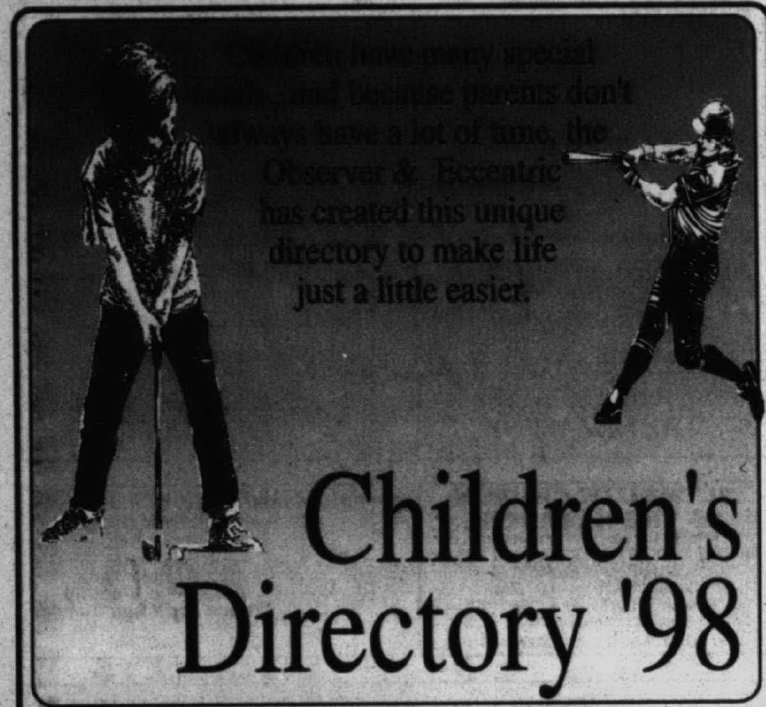
■ 2 p.m. Sunday, March 15, at the Farmington Community Library, 23500 Liberty, Farmington. State Rep. Andrew Raczowski will be the guest speaker.

■ 6:30 p.m. Monday, March 16 at the Novi Public Library, 45245 Ten Mile Road, Novi. State Rep. Nancy Cassis and Sen. Bill Bullard Jr. will be

the guest speakers. ■ 6:30 p.m. Monday, March 23, at the Royal Oak Library,

222 E. 11 Mile Road, Royal Oak. State Rep. John Freeman will be the guest speaker.

For more information about the meetings, call ACTION! at (248) 988-7139.



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**EXPERIENCING GOD**

Canton Community Church continues its seven-week series "Experiencing God" with Pastor Eric Moore beginning at 9:15 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday, March 1, with the topic "God Speaks" at the church, 41600 Ann Arbor Trail, Canton. It continues with "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.

**SPECIAL PERFORMANCE**

The 40-member Black Methodist for Church Renewal Mass Choir, under the direction of the Rev. Phillip A. Burks, will perform at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, March 1, as part of a Lenten program of worship and song at Farmington First United Methodist Church, 33112 Grand River Ave. Potluck and fellowship will follow. For more information, call (248) 474-6573.

**BETHANY SUBURBAN WEST**

Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization which provides spiritual, social and support assistance divorced and separated Christians, is hosting a "Crazy Hats Dance" at 8:30 p.m. Saturday, March 7, at St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church, West Chicago at Inkster Road, Redford. The \$8 charge includes refreshments. For information about the dance, call Rose at (734) 464-3325.

It also meets regularly on Sundays for breakfast and Mass - 10 a.m. at the Redford Inn, Five Mile Road west of Beech Daly Road, Redford, and at 11:15 a.m. at St. Aidan's Church, 17500 Farmington Road (north of Six Mile Road), Livonia - call Val at (734) 729-1974 - for coffee and conversation at 7 p.m. Tuesdays at Archie's Family Restaurant, 30471 Plymouth Road, Livonia, and for pinocle at 7 p.m. every other Friday - call Rose.

**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 Chris-

tian Scientists feel about recreational drugs such as marijuana, alcohol and tobacco?" on March 1.

"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.

**'BRING-A-FRIEND'**

The Lola Valley United Methodist Church will have a "Bring-a-Friend" Sunday at 11 a.m. Sunday, March 1, at the church, 16175 Delaware, Redford. All friends and neighbors are welcome to attend the worship service and catered dinner. For more information, call (313) 255-6330.

**LENTEEN SERIES**

The Lenten series entitled "By My Hand? For My Sake!" will be held at 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays through April 1 at St. James Presbyterian Church's McCal-

mont Chapel, 25350 W. Six Mile Road, Redford. Each week there will be a different Biblical visitor. For more information, call the church at (313) 534-7730.

**EXERCISE FUN**

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**PANEL ON 'DEATH'**

Church of St. Edith is hosting a panel discussion called "A Parish Response to Life and Death Issues" at 7 p.m. Monday, March 2, in the parish hall, 15089 Newburgh Road, south of Five Mile Road, Livonia. Assisted suicide and post-abortion stress syndrome will be dis-

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God's word



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**Hooked on the Lord:** Clifford Hooker's hobby is hooked rugs and over the past several years, the Livonia resident has been hooking wall hangings for Memorial Church of Christ. His latest creation, the 23rd Psalm, took 10 months to hook and contains 136,160 pieces of yarn. His first project was an original design of the cross, that contained 75,525 pieces of yarn. The second was the Lord's Prayer that contained 61,166 pieces.

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### LOSS SEMINAR

The First Baptist Church of Wayne will sponsor a Responding to Loss seminar 7-9 p.m. Thursdays, March 5, 12, 19 and 26, at the church 36125 Glenwood, Wayne.

The seminar is for people who are dealing with the loss of loved ones. Topics include how grief impacts us, what can be done ahead of time to lessen the impact and what can be learned from scripture to help us travel the road to grief recovery.

Ruth Sisson, a registered nurse and the author of two books, "Instantly a Widow" and "Moving Beyond Grief," will present the seminar. To register or for more information, call the church office at (734) 721-7410.

### NEW BEGINNINGS

New Beginnings, a grief support group held year-round at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile Road, east of Merriman Road, Livonia, continues with its monthly speaker series at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 5, with "Help for the Family in Grief/Depression and Grief," presented by the Rev. Kurt Stutz. The program is for people suffering as the result of the death of a loved one. There are no fees. Anyone may attend any or all sessions as they feel the need. For more information, call the church office at (734) 422-6038, Marilyn Wilkinson at (248) 380-7903, or Rosemary Kline at (734) 462-3770.

### MILLENNIUM PRESENTATION

St. Raphael Parish, 31530 Beechwood, Garden City, is hosting two millennium presenta-

tions. Rev. Dave West will discuss "What it Means to Church People" at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 5, while Sister Betty Flaherty will talk about "What the Millennium Means to the Church" at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 24. Both talks will be held at the church. For more information, call (734) 427-1533.

### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Lola Valley United Methodist Church in Redford is celebrating "World Day of Prayer" with a program entitled "Who is My Neighbor?" at 12:45 p.m. Friday, March 6, at the church, 16175 Delaware, east of Inkster Road and north of Five Mile Road. Babysitting is available by reservation only. Call Dorothy Saksa at (313) 535-3247 by March 2 to reserve a spot. Those attending the program should bring hygiene products. For more

information about the program, call (313) 255-6330.

### PRAYER SEMINAR

The Rev. Anthony M. Coniaris, noted theologian, author and publisher, will speak during a Lenten seminar on prayer and its role in helping us answer the following questions: "Why am I here?" "What is my purpose in life?" and "Where am I going?" from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, March 14, Sts. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church, 36375 Joy Road, West-

land. The cost is \$15 and includes the seminar, materials and lunch. The registration deadline is Saturday, March 7. An orientation will be held from 8-9:30 a.m. Friday, March 13. For more information, call (734) 525-6789.


### OPEN HOUSES

St. Damian Catholic School will have an open house and registration noon to 2 p.m. Sunday, March 8, at the school, 29891 Joy Road, Westland. The school offers kindergarten through

eighth grade education. For more information, call (734) 427-1680.

The open house for Little Lambs Christian Preschool will be from 4-7 p.m. Thursday, March 12, at First Baptist Church of Plymouth, 45000 N. Territorial, west of Sheldon Road. Enrollment information for the 1998-1999 school year will be available. Open registration will take place 1-6 p.m. March 16. For more information, call Shari at (734) 414-7792.

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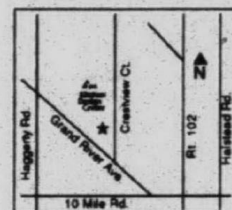
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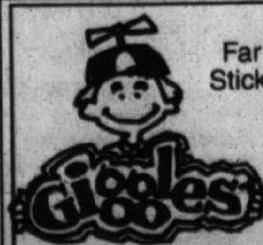
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## OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

### All-conference choice

Henry Ford CC's women's basketball team finished tied for first in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association's Eastern Conference, and one good reason why was the play of freshman forward Kristi Fiorenzi.

Fiorenzi, a 5-foot-11 forward from Plymouth Canton, was named to the all-Eastern Conference second team. Her Hawks' team finished the regular season at 15-10 overall, 12-4 in league play, tied with Macomb CC and St. Clair CCC for first.

Schoolcraft College, which was 9-7 in the conference, did not have a player on the first two teams.

Other Hawks honored were Kathy Panganis, a first-team selection; and honorable mention choices Becky Vachow (from Plymouth Canton) and Stacey Walczak.

SC's Chrissy Harmon, Amber Tackett and Theresa Cooper were also honorable mention picks.

### Applauded

Schoolcraft College's men's basketball team completed its best regular season ever last Saturday with a victory over Macomb CC. That allowed the Ocelots to finish 24-6 overall and in second place in the MCCA's Eastern Conference at 13-3, one game behind champion Mott CC.

SC will take its plaudits to the NJCAA Division I Regional hosted by Cincinnati State. Vincennes (Ind.) plays Lansing CC at 6 p.m. Tuesday, with SC going against host Cincinnati State afterward. The championship game will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday.

The Ocelots were rewarded for their season by being recognized in the NJCAA's final regular-season coaches' poll, in which they received honorable mention. It was the first time ever an SC men's basketball team was so honored.

Also, leading scorer Kevin Melson finished second in the NJCAA in scoring, averaging 28.9 points per game — one-tenth of a point behind the NJCAA leader.

### Hornets sting

The Canton Hornets, an under-15 First Division Little Caesars boys soccer team, won the under-16 championship in the first-ever 11-on-11 indoor season at Wixom Total Soccer.

The Hornets finished first in the regular season, then won two playoff games to collect the championship. Eight of the team's 10 games finished in shutouts.

Team members are Patrick Calandro, Derek Gismond, Jeff Haar, Mike Harkins, Andrew Holmes, Chris Lamasse, Matthew Magers, Tommaso Mainella, Evan Malone, John McGlone, Mike Reoch, Keith Schenkel, James Steinert, Eric Sullivan, Nick Tochman and Michael Zemanski. The Hornets are coached by Mark Zemanski, Roscoe Nash and Rick Schenkel.

### Hoop shoot-out

The Milford Police Athletic League will sponsor its seventh-annual 3-on-3 Junior Shootout, open to boys and girls in grades 4-12, on March 20-22.

Entry fee is \$60 per team. There will also be a special "shootout" in each division to win a pair of \$100 Converse basketball shoes.

For more information, call Rick Sharpe at (248) 684-1322.

### 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 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.

## Whalers staying close to top spot



As the season winds down, the importance of each game mounts. Last Sunday's against Owen Sound was no different. And although the Whalers got five of six available points last weekend, the one that got away will be remembered.

BY SCOTT DANIEL  
STAFF WRITER

If the Plymouth Whalers fail to win the West Division of the Ontario Hockey League, Sunday's 5-5 tie with the Owen Sound Platers may be viewed as a major reason.

Plymouth surrendered a three-goal lead in the third period, then hung on for dear life in overtime to forge a tie.

Whalers' coach Peter DeBoer was disappointed his team couldn't put Owen Sound away.

"It was a game we had in hand and should've won," he commented. "We let a point slip away."

The tie left Plymouth two points behind London for the West Division lead, with London having played one more game. The Whalers, now 33-18-6 on the season, play three road games in

three days this weekend, starting at Oshawa Friday and continuing at Erie on Saturday and Sunday.

"If we want to continue to hunt for first place," said DeBoer, "we have to get three out of four points."

Two points looked like a certainty for the Whalers in Sunday's game. Despite playing for the third time in four days, they were sharp in the opening minutes. Yuri Babenko scored an unassisted goal just 59 seconds into the game off a scramble in front of the Owen Sound net.

Less than a minute later, Andrew Taylor got his 29th goal of the year. It came on the Whalers' first rush up the

ice after Babenko's tally. Owen Sound goalkeeper Curtis Sanford was screened on the shot, which sailed past his left shoulder and into corner of the net.

Plymouth kept on charging. Babenko spearheaded the attack with a pair of spectacular rushes down the ice. Then, after several more good scoring chances, the Whalers' David Legwand notched his 49th goal with Harold Druken assisting.

Plymouth had opportunities to add to its lead, but couldn't. Sanford shook off his poor start in the Platers' net to make numerous good saves. The

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## Stunner: Salem sidelined

BY C.J. RISAK  
SPORTS EDITOR

There are no second chances in the state tournament.

It's a hard lesson. But one bad day, and your team can bid the post-season adios.

If any member of Plymouth Salem's wrestling team wasn't aware of that simple fact before Wednesday's Class A state team regional tournament at Walled Lake Western, they're certainly acquainted with it now.

The Rocks went up against a determined Adrian squad in the regional semifinal and simply were not in tune, losing 30-23. The Maples went on to face Howell, a 53-24 victor over host Western in the other regional semifinal, for the region championship. Salem finishes 19-2 in dual meets.

"It just didn't happen for us," was about all Salem coach Ron Krueger would say after the meet. "It was a bad day."

Certainly some of the Rocks who have excelled all season came up short against Adrian. Others, conversely, sparkled.

Salem's problems started with the first match and never relented. For one, there were only two pins in the entire meet, and only one came from a Rock.

At 103 pounds, Salem's Rob Ash was beaten by Mike Starinski 11-7, and after teammate John Mervyn got a 6-2 victory over Eric Jones at 112, Adrian's Omer Rivera upset Dan Morgan 3-1 at 119.

The Rocks were in immediate trouble.

They got decisions in two of the next three matches, Josh Henderson edging James Cousino 9-7 at 125 and Dan Hamblin getting a 16-4 major decision over Nate Ruesink at 135. But in between, the Maples' Scott Westfall stuck Justin Bruner in 1:52.

The next four divisions spelled doom for Salem. Adrian got a technical fall when Ray Adams beat Greg Smith 15-0 at 140; Matt Barrett upset the Rocks' James Greene 6-4 at 145; Eric Greene was beaten 7-3 by the Maples' Matt Duncan at 152; and



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRESLER

Reversal — big time: Salem's Kevin VonHolten (on top) went into his match at 189 pounds knowing he needed a win, and he got it. Trailing 13-6 with 30 seconds left, he first got a reversal against Adrian's Nick Vanover, then he pinned his adversary.

Mike Popeney lost 8-0 to Chris Ardric at 160.

Anwar Crutchfield reversed the tide by beating Adrian's Keith Gauardo 9-0 at 171, then Kevin VonHolten gave the Rocks a major boost by pinning Nick Vanover in 5:41 at 189. VonHolten was losing 13-6 with less than 30 seconds left in the match when he reversed Vanover and pinned him.

Teono Wilson's 11-4 triumph over Aaron Rubley at 215 kept Salem's hopes alive, but at heavyweight, Charlie Hamblin needed a major decision (a win by eight or more points) for the Rocks to win, and that didn't happen. Adrian's Will McLaughlin played it cautiously and ended up

edging the gambling Hamblin 4-3 with a reversal in the final seconds.

### 4 champs for Rocks

Plymouth Salem had four weight division champions at Saturday's individual state district tournament at Adrian and will send seven to the individual regional, to be this Saturday at Temperance Bedford.

Perhaps the most interesting match, as far as the Rocks were concerned, came at 103 pounds. Salem's John Mervyn won, beating teammate Rob Ash in the final on a pin in 5:49. Both advance to the regional.

Charlie Hamblin also won at heavyweight, beating Northville's Ted Bow-

ersox in the final 3-1. Bowersox had edged Hamblin 2-1 in overtime in the heavyweight final at the Western Lakes Activities Association meet.

Other Salem champs were James Greene at 145, beating Adrian's Matt Barrett 18-4 in the final, and Anwar Crutchfield at 160, with a 12-9 victory over Ann Arbor Pioneer's Chris Kirby in the final.

The Rocks had two other qualifiers: Dan Morgan placed third at 119, losing 11-10 in the semifinals then beating Adrian's Omer Rivera 4-2 for third place; and Teono Wilson at 189, who pinned Pinckney's Tom Sheehan in 4:31 of the consolation final to place third.

## Rocks' win worth a conference title

BY C.J. RISAK  
SPORTS EDITOR

For the first time in this Western Lakes Activities Association volleyball season, Plymouth Salem lost Monday.

Fortunately for the Rocks, it was only a game. And they proved their mettle by bouncing back after losing the first in a best-of-three-sets match to win the final two and the match, 9-15, 15-7, 15-12 at Salem.

"It took us three games, but we won it," said Rocks' co-coach Allie Suffety. "(Central) came out fired up and ready to play us."

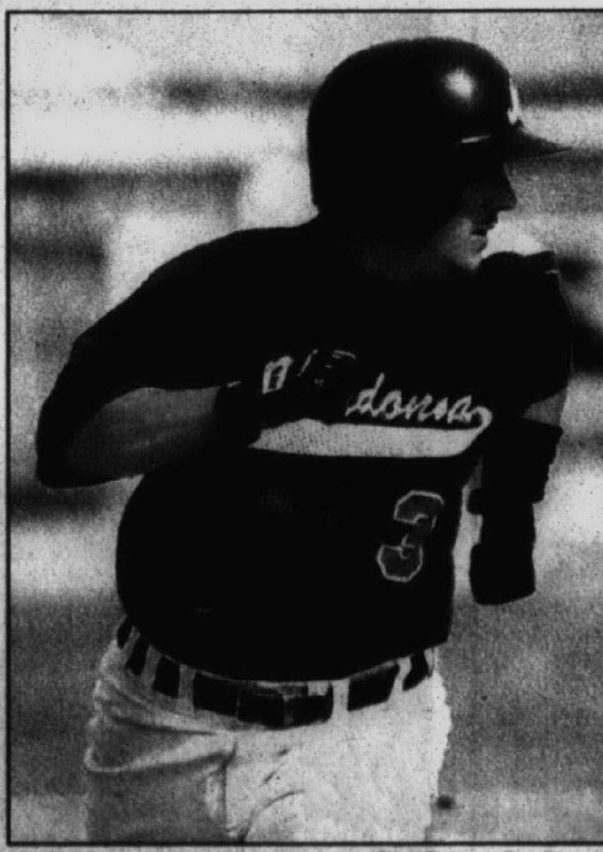
"We were just hesitant in the first game, that's the only way to describe it. The kids showed great heart. I was a bit discouraged when we got way down in the first game, but when they came back I knew we'd win."

The Rocks went 11-0 in the WLAA; they are 39-5-1 overall.

The Vikings, who finished tied for second in the WLAA with Livonia Stevenson at 9-2, jumped out to an 11-3 lead in the opening set. But the Rocks battled back, narrowing the gap to three before succumbing.

The second game was Salem's turn, and it was

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STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRESLER

Strong lineup: Brandon Jaskolski is one of two starting candidates at second base for Madonna.

## Crusaders: Strong hitting, new pitching

BY C.J. RISAK  
SPORTS EDITOR

Let's be honest: To start with, it could be pretty ugly.

Madonna University's baseball team has talent, however, and after all — it's how the season ends that really counts, right?

So now you know how Greg Haeger is approaching his second season as the Fighting Crusaders' coach, and the team's first season as a member of the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference.

There are questions, created mainly by the loss of three starting pitchers: Craig Benedict (from Plymouth Canton), Dan Pydyn and Eric Butler. Between them, they combined for 31 starts, 200 innings and 10 victories.

Pydyn, who went 7-4 with a 2.99 earned run average and was an all-region and honorable mention NAIA All-American selection, will be the toughest to replace on a team that posted a 25-30-1 record and reached the NAIA Regional semifinals in '97.

But one thing Haeger, a life-long Livonia resident and Redford Catholic Central graduate, does have in his pitching staff is choices.

"We're going to miss those three," he admitted. "They were good. But in judging this staff, it should be as good as last year's, and by year's end the poten-

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COLLEGE SPORTS

Lady Raiders eliminate Schoolcraft

Oakland Community College rallied in the second half Monday to defeat visiting Schoolcraft College in the first round of the Michigan Community College Athletic Association women's basketball tournament, 71-65.

The Lady Raiders trailed 40-28 at halftime but outscored the Ocelots in the second half, 43-25.

OCC's Jessica Regentin scored 15 of her game-high 27 points in the second half. Jonakieta Sledge finished with 11 points; Mya Badger and Carrie May (North Farmington) added 10 apiece.

Sledge also had 15 rebounds and Regentin nine, but the Lady Raiders were outrebounded, 57-52, as Theresa Cooper pulled down 19 boards for Schoolcraft.

Cooper also paced the Ocelots with 15 points while Kim Washnock (Farmington) and Amber Tackett tossed in 10 each.

Schoolcraft's other starters, Jenni Talbot and Crissy Harmon, added nine points apiece. Talbot had eight rebounds and Stacy Cavin seven.

The Lady Raiders shot 38 percent (26-of-

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68) from the floor and the Ocelots 30 percent (25-of-83). Schoolcraft's shooting cooled off in the second half (from 15-of-37, almost 41 percent, to 10-of-46, 21.7 percent) while OCC's improved slightly from (37 percent on 13-of-35 shooting).

OCC made just 2-of-18 three-point attempts; Schoolcraft was 5-of-19. OCC also sank 17 of 26 free throws (65 percent) — 16 of 24 in the second half — and Schoolcraft 10 of 14 (71 percent).

The Lady Raiders have won four straight games and 10 of their last 13 to improve to 15-12 overall. The Ocelots are 13-14.

Madonna 80, Aquinas 62 (women): The Lady Crusaders warmed up for the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference playoffs — their first-round game is against Aquinas at 7 p.m. tonight at Madonna — by routing the visiting Saints Saturday.

Madonna got it going early, building a 10-

point lead by the time the game was six minutes old and expanding that to 17 by the final minute of the opening half.

The Crusaders carried a 43-26 advantage into the final 20 minutes and kept it, never allowing Aquinas closer than 13 in the second half.

Madonna will take a 17-12 overall record, 7-5 in the WHAC, into the playoffs. Aquinas is 16-11, 7-5.

Five players scored in double-figures for the Crusaders: Mary Murray with 16, Lori Enfield with 15 (and six rebounds), Dawn Pelc with 13 (and seven boards), Katie Cushman with 11 (and six assists) and Chris Dietrich with 10 (with six rebounds and five assists). Angie Negri added seven points and seven steals.

Aquinas was led by Jenifer Forkner's 14 points and Lisa TerHaar's 12.

The winner of Thursday's game plays at No. 1 seed Spring Arbor Saturday in the WHAC semifinals. The tournament championship will be hosted by the highest remaining seed on Tuesday.

Madonna can't keep pace with Aquinas

Aquinas College wore Madonna University's men's basketball team down and then wore it out.

The host Saints held only a 33-27 lead at halftime Saturday but posted a 44-25 second half margin to wind up with a 77-52 victory.

Mark Hayes led the Crusaders (4-25) with 11 points but was the only member of his team to reach double figures. Nick Hurley had eight while Mark Mitchell, Jason Maschke and Cameron Newbauer scored six apiece.

Narvin Russaw pulled down a game-best nine rebounds and

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Hayes had six. Andres Lopez had a team-best three assists as a substitute.

The loss left Madonna with a 3-9 record in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference while Aquinas (19-10) improved to 7-5.

Joe Crittendon scored 20 and Brandon Lowe 19 to lead the Saints.

Aquinas scored 30 points off turnovers to just 14 for Madon-

na. Rebounds were even at 38 apiece.

The Saints shot 47 percent while holding the Crusaders to 36 percent. They also won the three-point shooting facet, 45-33.

Schoolcraft 84, Macomb CC 60: Kevin Melson's 30 points paced the Eastern Conference runnersup to the easy win in their final tuneup prior to the post-season national tournament.

Schoolcraft plays at 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 3, at Cincinnati State in the second half of the opening doubleheader of Region

12 play. The winner will meet the winner of the first game between Vincennes (Ind.) and Lansing CC at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 4.

Beating Macomb CC left Schoolcraft 24-6 overall and 13-3 in the Eastern Conference, a game out of first place.

Derek McKelvey backed Melson, who sank 8-of-10 free throws, with 17 points and Emeka Okonkwo had 14.

Reno Thompson had 16, while Arnoldo Sherrell and Terry Patterson each added 15 for Macomb (5-11, 10-16).

THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL

Thursday, Feb. 26

Wayne at Belleville, 7 p.m.

Garden City at Southgate, 7 p.m.

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John Glenn at W.L. Western, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 27

Clarenceville at Luth. W'sld, 7 p.m.

Andover at Garden City, 7 p.m.

Crestwood at Redford Union, 7 p.m.

Thurston at Ann Arbor, 7 p.m.

Franklin at Northville, 7 p.m.

Stevenson at Canton, 7:30 p.m.

Huron Valley at Light & Life, 7:30 p.m.

Cardinal Mooney at PCA, 7:30 p.m.

(Western Lakes Playoffs-1st Round)

W.L. Central at Harrison, 7 p.m.

Farmington at N. Farmington, 7 p.m.

Salem at Churchill, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 1

(CHSL finals at U-D's Calihan Hall)

C-D Division championship, noon.

East-West championship, 2 p.m.

AA-Central championship, 4 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Thursday, Feb. 26

(WHAC Playoffs-1st Round)

(A) Aquinas at (B) Madonna, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 28

A-B winner at Spring Arbor, TBA.

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE

Friday, Feb. 27

Whalers at Oshawa, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 28

Whalers at Erie Otters, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 1

Whalers at Erie Otters, 7:30 p.m.

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STATE DISTRICT TOURNAMENT

CLASS A

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Friday, Feb. 27: Livonia Churchill vs. University of Detroit-Jesuit, 3:30 p.m.; Livonia Stevenson vs. Livonia Franklin, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, March 4: Championship final, 7:30 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional final Saturday, March 7 vs. Trenton district champion at Trenton's Kennedy Arena.)

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Friday, Feb. 27: (A) Birmingham Brother Rice vs. (B) Redford Catholic Central, 6 p.m.

Monday, March 2: Southfield Unified vs. Redford Union, 5:30 p.m.; Royal Oak Unified vs. A-B winner, 8 p.m.

Wednesday, March 4: Championship final, 6 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional final Saturday, March 7 at Compuware Arena vs. Grosse Pointe South district champion.)

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Saturday, Feb. 28

UM-Dearborn Tournament, 8:30 p.m.

Metro Tourney at Luth. North, 9 a.m.

Western Lakes Tournament at Harrison, Farmington, 9 a.m.

TBA — time, site to be announced.

BOYS SWIMMING

Thursday, Feb. 26

Western Lakes meet prelims at Plymouth Salem, 1 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 27

Western Lakes diving prelims at Plymouth Salem, 2:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 28

WLAAs finals at Salem, noon.

TBA — times to be announced.

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BEST BOYS SWIM TIMES

Following is a list of Observerland 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.

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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 1:45.49

200 FREESTYLE

Keith Falk (Stevenson) 1:44.54

Nick Corden (Salem) 1:44.60

Steve Domin (Stevenson) 1:48.51

Ryan Meekins (Redford CC) 1:48.97

Tim Buchanan (Salem) 1:49.11

Pete Bosler (Farmington) 1:50.20

Matt Baran (Redford CC) 1:52.31

Justin Barringer (Harrison) 1:53.33

Jason Musson (Canton) 1:53.35

Brent Mellis (Salem) 1:53.37

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

Nick Corden (Salem) 2:07.49

Mike Malik (Stevenson) 2:07.73

50 FREESTYLE

Steve Domin (Stevenson) 21.81

Nick Corden (Salem) 22.14

Andrew Locke (Salem) 22.44

Tim Buchanan (Salem) 22.95

Keith Falk (Stevenson) 23.05

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

DIVING

John Lowry (Farmington) 269.85

Joe Lebovic (N. Farmington) 255.45

Chris Totten (Garden City) 250.55

Jeff Phillips (John Glenn) 242.95

J.T. Svoke (Harrison) 242.30

Mike Belvitch (Salem) 231.90

Chris Cameron (Salem) 223.00

Greg Brazunas (Redford CC) 205.05

Dave Sutton (Redford Union) 198.95

Chris McFarland (John Glenn) 193.55

100 BUTTERFLY

Steve Domin (Stevenson) 53.16

Mark Sgriccia (Stevenson) 53.79

Tim Buchanan (Salem) 54.73

Keith Falk (Stevenson) 55.36

Nick Sosnowski (Redford CC) 55.66

James McPartlin (John Glenn) 55.75

Paul Perez (Salem) 56.34

Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 58.10

Matt Tobkin (Redford CC) 58.19

Brent Mellis (Salem) 58.38

100 FREESTYLE

Nick Corden (Salem) 48.39

Keith Falk (Stevenson) 48.67

Steve Domin (Stevenson) 48.88

Ryan Meekins (Redford CC) 49.25

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Matt Zaid (N. Farmington) 50.58

Andrew Locke (Salem) 51.14

Matt Baran (Redford CC) 51.40

500 FREESTYLE

Keith Falk (Stevenson) 4:48.79

Nick Sosnowski (Redford CC) 4:49.30

Steve Domin (Stevenson) 4:57.05

Brian Mertens (Salem) 5:01.37

Tim Buchanan (Salem) 5:03.41

Brent Mellis (Salem) 5:03.43

Justin Barringer (Harrison) 5:03.64

Matt Baran (Redford CC) 5:05.58

Mike Malik (Stevenson) 5:05.84

Kurtis Hornick (Canton) 5:09.05

200 FREESTYLE RELAY

Plymouth Salem 1:29.46

Livonia Stevenson 1:30.46

North Farmington 1:33.46

Plymouth Canton 1:34.63

Redford Catholic Central 1:36.74

100 BACKSTROKE

Dan Gabriel (N. Farmington) 54.12

Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 55.52

Nick Sosnowski (Redford CC) 56.03

Mark Sgriccia (Stevenson) 56.16

Nick Corden (Salem) 56.17

Devin Hopper (Farmington) 57.30

Brent Mellis (Salem) 57.44

Josh Duffy (Harrison) 58.30

Aaron Reeder (Canton) 58.74

Jim Gabriel (N. Farmington) 59.18

100 BREASTSTROKE

Matt Walker (Harrison) 1:02.85

Keith Falk (Stevenson) 1:03.94

Ryan Zoubaris (John Glenn) 1:04.05

Paul Connolly (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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senior middle hitter Amanda Abraham who led the charge. Abraham totaled 28 kills in the match; 12 of them came in the second game.

The Rocks built a 10-3 lead and were never in serious danger in the second game.

The third game, however, was a different story. Salem did get the early lead, going up 9-5. The Vikings kept rallying, narrowing the gap to a single point three times. But they never did tie it.

Abraham also had nine digs, five solo blocks, four block

assists and two service aces in the match. Angie Sillmon contributed nine kills, 17 digs, two solo blocks and six block assists; Kelly Street totaled nine kills; Jenny Trott had six kills and 21 digs; and Ellen Stem



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Whalers peppered him with 17 shots in the period.

After a five-hour bus ride to Plymouth's Compuware Arena, DeBoer knew his team could jump on the Platers early.

"We knew they'd be flat at the beginning," he added, "and they were. But we let them get their legs underneath them and get back in the game."

The turnaround started late in the second period. Randy Fitzgerald gave Plymouth a 4-0 lead with 6:12 gone in the period. It started going downhill for the Whalers after that, however.

Owen Sound broke through against goalie Robert Esche at 9:54 of the second. The Platers took advantage of a two-on-one situation as Sean Avery beat Esche high on the left side.

The teams traded goals before the period ended. Nik Tselios got his ninth of the season for Plymouth and Mike Lankshear hit the back of the net for Owen Sound.

The period ended with Plymouth up 5-2. But the momentum had definitely switched to the Platers.

"Instead of sticking with our game plan," DeBoer said, "we were trying to run up the score."

Owen Sound dominated the third period. After a brief bit of energy from the Whalers early, the Platers took command. Lankshear got his second of the game at 6:52 to make it 5-3. It was a soft, high shot that sailed and dipped like a baseball pitcher's knuckleball.

"Everyone lost sight of the

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE STANDINGS (Through Feb. 22)				
East Division	W	L	T	Pts.
Ottawa 67s	35	14	9	79
Belleville Bulls	36	20	3	75
Kingston Frontenacs	31	22	4	66
Oshawa Generals	22	29	6	50
Peterborough Petes	17	31	8	42
Toronto St. M. Majors	13	36	9	35
Central Division	W	L	T	Pts.
Guelph Storm	37	18	5	79
Barrie Colts	35	18	4	74
Kitchener Rangers	25	25	8	58
Owen Sound Platers	23	30	5	51
Sudbury Wolves	22	33	6	50
North Bay Centennials	14	40	6	34
West Division	W	L	T	Pts.
London Knights	35	19	4	74
Plymouth Whalers	33	18	6	72
Sarnia Sting	28	19	10	66
Erie Otters	30	26	4	64
Windsor Spitfires	18	37	4	40
SSM Greyhounds	15	34	7	37

puck," DeBoer said. "Owen Sound got a few breaks."

Two more goals tied the game. Avery got his second goal at the 13:50 mark off a rebound, then Ryan Rivard tied the contest at 16:14.

When overtime began, Owen Sound had a power play for 1:07 as Druken served part of his double-minor penalty called near the end of regulation. The Platers got one good chance during the man-advantage, but Randy Davidson shot wide right of the Whalers' net.

Despite the tie, DeBoer said

his team has played excellent hockey of late.

"We've made up 11 points on London in three weeks," he commented. "We've put ourselves in a position to win the division."

Druken powered Plymouth with three assists Sunday.

**Whalers 8, Sault Ste. Marie 0:** Plymouth played at home Saturday as well and took an easy victory over the Greyhounds.

Taylor paced the offensive attack with a pair of goals. Legwand, Sergei Fedotov, Paul Mara, Babenko, Tselios and Kris Purdy also scored.

The Whalers netted five goals in the second period to blow the game open. It was their fourth shutout of the month.

"We jumped on them early," DeBoer said, "and then did the right thing and not let them back in the game."

**Whalers 6, Windsor 3:** Plymouth again got out of the gate quickly Thursday at Windsor, building a 3-0 lead by the end of the opening period with Druken getting one goal and assisting on another.

The Whalers eventually built their advantage to 6-1, with second-period goals from Babenko, Tselios and Brian Passmore. Tselios totaled a goal and two assists, and Eric Gooldy had two assists.

Esche played the first two periods in the net, giving up two goals, with Robert Holsinger playing the final period.

# Madonna baseball from page C1

tial is there for it to be better." Haeger admits experience is lacking. "Our pitchers will have the most difficult job, there's so much inexperience. They'll pretty much have to learn on the fly."

Two things this staff has that last year's didn't: depth and left-handers. "We only had eight pitchers last year, and Butler went down early and was out most of the year," said Haeger.

He also had only two left-handers. This staff numbers 12 pitchers, five of which are southpaws.

The top returnees are junior righthander Bob Mason (3-5, 4.28 ERA, nine starts), sophomore lefthander Mitch Jabczynski (3-1, 3.96 ERA, three starts, one save), senior lefthander Mark Serra (1-1, 10.52 ERA, three starts) and senior righthanded closer Jason Carter (3-2, 3.71 ERA, five saves).

Mason, at present, is No. 1 on the staff, but that could change. With the influx of new players, so could a lot of things.

Four freshmen and a transfer are "all going to get a chance" to show what they can do, Haeger vowed. Leading the freshmen at present is righthander Kevin Bilbia, an Orchard Lake St. Mary's graduate from Plymouth. "He will be in our rotation somewhere," said Haeger.

Others to watch: freshmen Paul Barkai, a righthander, and Nick Newman and James O'Connor (from CC), both lefthanders, and junior Matt Snyder, a righthander who transferred in from Aquinas College.

Haeger has switched two other

players, senior Jeff Gutt (CC) and junior E.J. Roman, to full-time pitchers. Both saw limited action on the mound last year; Gutt started 36 games at first base and designated hitter, slugging eight home runs and driving in 28 runs.

Many factors could be a factor in the staff's development, from the weather to injuries. Currently, Carter is just recovering from a stress fracture to his right forearm, suffered while weight lifting. He was expected to pitch on the spring trip to Florida.

While the pitching staff may need time to jell, the position players shouldn't. Only one starter from last year is gone: all-sectional third baseman Dan Taylor. His position is expected to be filled by junior Daryl Rocho, a catcher last season (.379, 10 doubles, two homers, 26 RBI in 28 games).

There's plenty of experience everywhere else, even at first base, vacated by Gutt's move to the mound. He'll be replaced by J.R. Taylor, a senior transfer who has been a bit of a journeyman, attending four other colleges.

Taylor, who last played at Siena Heights, has proven ability, however. Together with junior outfielder Aaron Shrewsbury (.455, 20 doubles, 13 homers, 54 RBI, 51 runs scored), Haeger figures to have a very potent one-two power punch.

Shrewsbury, like Pydyn an all-sectional player who earned honorable mention All-American status, was one of six Crusaders to earn post-season honors. Pydyn and Dan Taylor don't return; the other four do.

Rocho's move to third base opens the catching position up for junior Delano Voletti (Westland), one of those all-sectional picks (.333, four homers, 28 RBI). Brandon Jaskolski (.264, nine RBI, nine errors) and Mike LaPointe (.333, two RBI, two errors, all-sectional), both seniors, are currently sharing the second base position.

Eric Marcotte (from Plymouth Canton), another senior, returns at shortstop (.364, 22 RBI, 15 errors in 53 games).

Todd Miller, a sophomore transfer from Oakland University; Neil Wildfong, a freshman from Plymouth Canton; and Jeff Warholik, a junior (.239, five homers, 19 RBI), figure to provide infield depth.

Shrewsbury will be joined in the outfield by seniors Kevin Foley (.317, three homers, 26 RBI, 40 runs scored, 16 stolen bases, all-sectional) and Redford Thurston grad Pete Quinn (.362, four homers, 24 RBI, 17 steals), and sophomore Bob Hamp (.267, five homers, 13 RBI). Quinn is expected to miss a week with a hamstring injury.

"My (everyday) lineup is great," said Haeger. "Position player-wise, we're set. It's nice to have that experience coming back. They've been through the wars before, and they've been through it with me."

This year, they'll have start the season with an unproven pitching staff, it's true — which could lead to some barbaric football-like scores. But by season's end, should that staff mature, this could be a big first season in the WHAC for Madonna.



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# Borgess, CC in semis

BY STEVE KOWALSKI  
STAFF WRITER

The next meeting with Detroit St. Martin DePorres can wait. That much is certain after four games were played in the Catholic League Central-AA boys basketball playoffs Sunday afternoon at University of Detroit-Mercy's Calihan Hall.

Redford Bishop Borgess advanced with a 75-55 win over Orchard Lake St. Mary's, earning a berth in Thursday's semifinal against Harper Woods Notre Dame. Redford Catholic Central also advanced with a 76-57 victory over Dearborn Divine Child.

Notre Dame reached the semifinals with a 67-64 upset victory over DePorres, which figures to be Borgess' biggest obstacle in repeating as Class C state champion.

Borgess coach Roosevelt Barnes doesn't know if it's good or bad that the next opponent isn't DePorres, which beat the Spartans earlier this season and is expected to show up again in the Class C regionals.

He's just glad to advance, thanks to the continued strong play of senior center Sam Hoskin and senior guard Aaron Jessup, who had 23 and 20 points, respectively. Also finishing in double figures was sophomore guard Donald Didlake with 11 points and senior guard Kevin Jordan with nine.

The Spartans, who lost their

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first four games of the season, are 8-8 overall.

Tipoff for Thursday's semifinal at Schoolcraft College in Livonia is 7:30 p.m. ND, 11-6 overall, will be led by Whitney Robinson, who scored 32 in the Irish's quarterfinal victory.

"We'll be all right, hopefully," Barnes said. "That's part of what we believe in - playing a tough schedule early, taking our lumps, learn from it and go forward. We're playing better defense and making that extra pass. If you don't show up, you get tapped."

Hoskin usually scores his points on put-backs and post moves without putting the ball on the floor. He produced some highlight film material, however, when he took a pass in the paint and scored after doing a 360 spin while dribbling in the first half.

He looked a little like Barnes did back when he starred at Bowling Green State University about 50 years ago.

"Hoskin is able to make them moves, but sometimes they call him for walking," Barnes said. "He's a very good player, he's just got to get more looks."

The teams were tied 15-15 after one quarter before the Spartans outscored the Eaglets 17-4 in the second quarter for a 32-19 halftime lead.

St. Mary's fell to 8-10 overall.

**Redford CC 76, Divine Child 57:** Detroit Catholic Central finished strong Sunday, outscoring Dearborn Divine Child 19-3 in the last 4:30 to turn a close game into what looked like a rout on the scoreboard.

The Shamrocks led only 57-54 with 4:30 left and DC had the ball in the hands of the player it wanted: Nick Sobczak, who had buried seven shots from three-point land in the first half.

But Sobczak's three-point attempt, which would have tied the score, was off the mark.

The Shamrocks rebounded the miss and finished their possession with a fast-break basket by Don Slankster at the other end for a 59-54 lead.

A three-point shot by Nick Moore and a three-point play by Slankster in the ensuing couple minutes put the Shamrocks ahead comfortably 65-54.

Sobczak led DC with 26 points. Andy Kisabeth added 12.

The Shamrocks advanced to meet Southgate Aquinas, a 59-52 winner over Birmingham Brother Rice, in a semifinal (held last night at Schoolcraft).

Aquinas is 12-5 overall.

Junior guard Nick Moore led the Shamrocks with 27 points and senior center Chris Young added 21.

Slankster didn't reach double figures but he figured, for sure, in the victory - again. A first-team All-Observer choice as a tight end in football, Slankster is pleasantly surprised he can be as much of a factor in basketball.

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## Shamrocks earn regular-season title

Redford Catholic Central ended the regular season Saturday at Redford Ice Arena with a 2-0, shutout victory over rival Birmingham Brother Rice and an outright championship in the Michigan Metro Hockey League.

The Shamrocks haven't seen the last of the Warriors. They open the Class A district tournament with a first-round game at 6:30 p.m. Friday at Compuware Arena in Plymouth.

"It's tough to play the same team twice in a week," CC coach Gordie St. John said. "We went all out. They were tough; we

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worked hard and just barely hung on."

Greg Berger and Jason Tardif scored goals for CC, which takes a 15-3-3 overall record into the postseason. The Shamrocks earned the Metro title with a 12-1-3 record.

Senior goaltender Rickey Marnon earned his third shutout of the season, stopping 20 shots. The Shamrocks had 32 shots on the Rice netminder.

Marnon seems to be playing some of his best hockey at the right time for the Shamrocks.

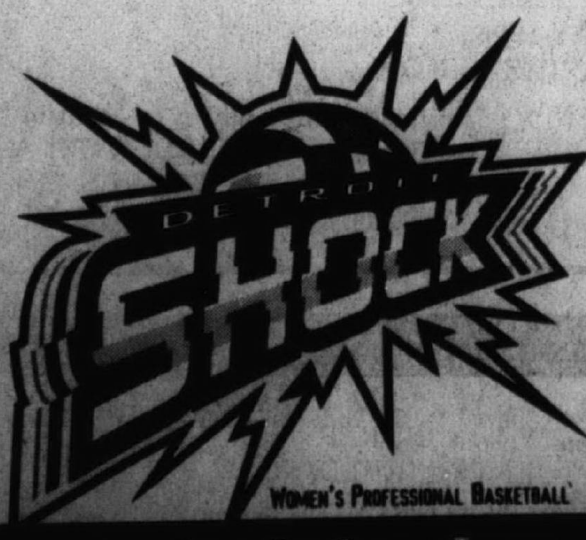
"He had the mid-season blues kind of thing," St. John said. "He's playing well now."

CC led 1-0 after Berger scored, assisted by Tardif and Tony Keshishian, at 10:48 of the first period.

The score stayed 1-0 until Tardif scored a short-handed goal at 11:27 of the third period with an assist by Dave Turner. Tardif's goal came on a break-away.

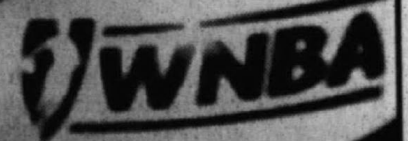
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## WEEKEND

### 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 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28, at Ypsilanti High School, 2095 Packard Road, corner of Packard and Hewitt, Ypsilanti. Sponsored by Washtenaw Camp Placement Association. Free. For more information, call (734) 971-4537.

### MADONNA UNIVERSITY

■ Madonna University in Livonia will hold a Lenten retreat, "Finding God Wherever You Are," 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28, at the campus Residence Hall and Chapel. The cost for participating is \$12 and includes lunch and refreshments. For more information, call (734) 432-5419.

### EXPO 98

■ Single Place Ministries presents Expo 98, "Meeting on Earth: Beyond the Mars/Venus 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 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 S. 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 non-members and \$5 per person for Ford Ballroom Dance Club Members. Attire is dressy casual. For more information, call (248) 349-8782.

### EATING DISORDERS

■ A free, confidential, walk-in information and screening program, will be offered by the Center for Eating Disorders through the National Eating Disorders Screening Program 4-6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 27, at the Center for Eating Disorders, 552 Main, Ann Arbor. For more information, call (313) 668-8585.

## AROUND TOWN

### MUSEUM

■ The Canton Historical Museum will open for the 1998 season on Tuesday, March 3. Hours for the museum are 1-3 p.m. Tuesday and 1-4 p.m. Saturday. The museum is on South Canton Center Road at Proctor Road in the former Canton Center School.

For more information, call 397-0088. Parking is available at the rear of the building.

### PANCAKE BREAKFAST

■ The VFW No. 6695 Ladies Auxiliary will hold a pancake breakfast 9 a.m. to noon Sunday, March 1, at the VFW No. 6695 Hall, 1426 S. Mill St., Plymouth. The price is \$3.50 for all-you-can-eat pancakes. Public is welcome. For more information, call Ann Smith, 453-1529.

### PARENTING WORKSHOP

■ Carousel Co-op Preschool & Discovery Toys will be hosting "Raising A Reader" Parenting Workshop at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26, at Carousel Co-op Preschool, 11900 Belleville Road. For more information, call (734) 697-3821 or 941-1249.

### CONCERT

■ The Boychoir of Ann Arbor presents a concert sponsored by the Worship Committee at 4 p.m. Sunday, March 8, at First Presbyterian Church, 701 Church St., Plymouth. Adults \$5 and youth in grade 12 and under free. Seating is limited. Tickets may be purchased in the church office 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday or 10-11 a.m. Sunday. For more information, call (734) 453-6464.

### ST. PATRICK'S DINNER/DANCE

■ The Sixth Annual St. Patrick's Dinner Dance & Auction to benefit Community Hospice & Home Care Services will be at 6 p.m. Saturday, March 7, at St. Mary's Cultural Center, 18100 Merriman, Livonia. Live Irish entertainment, live and silent auction, dinner, dancing, and open bar. Three ticket levels: Benefactor, \$125 each; Sponsor, \$75 each; Supporter, \$50 each. Corporate sponsor tables are available at \$1,000 for 10 tickets, bottle of champagne for table, full-page advertisement in evening's program. All proceeds are designed for the CHHCS Hospice Home. Tickets are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. For tickets, call CHHCS at (734) 522-4244.

### 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. 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 more information, contact the Recreation Department at (734) 455-6620.

### SKATIN' STATION

■ Skatin' Station II will hold open skating for mid-winter break from 1-4 p.m. through Feb. 27. \$4.25 for admission and \$2 skate rental.

## Entertain the kids



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL REEBLES

Get your tickets: The Plymouth-Canton branch of the American Association of University Women will present its 38th annual children's production of "Jack and the Beanstalk" March 5-8 at Garden City High School. In the above photo, Jack, played by Melissa Uhl talks with Becky Coperhaver, who plays the Giant's wife. Tickets are \$3 and 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, Friday, Feb. 27.

### 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 between March 1 and 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 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. 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. For more information, call (313) 455-8446.

### 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 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 Hall Clerk's Office 1-4 p.m. For more information, call 455-7526.

### ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW

■ The city of Plymouth Parks & 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.

■ Madonna University is accepting applications from crafters for its 13th Annual Spring Arts & Crafts Showcase, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, March 28, in the Activities Center on campus. Exhibitors may purchase up to three spaces. For an application or information, call (734) 432-5603.

### ST. MARY HOSPITAL

■ The Marian Women's Center at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia offers a childbirth preparation class based on the Lamaze method that increases expectant parents' knowledge of the birth experience. A six-week session will be 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.

■ The Marian Women's Center at St. Mary's Hospital in Livonia will offer a six-week Pre-Postnatal Exercise Class from 6-7:30 p.m., through March 25. The six-week class meets for 90 minutes one day a week and is designed to promote fitness and a healthy lifestyle prior to and following delivery. The class will meet in Pavilion Conference Room A. Cost of the class is \$35 per person. Registration is required by calling 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.

### BLUE LAKE FINE ARTS

■ Auditions for music, art, and theater students to earn a scholarship to attend Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp next summer will be held in public schools in Ann Arbor and the Detroit area during February and March. Scholarship auditions will be in Detroit March 3-4. Application forms and other information on Blue Lake Scholarship auditions may be obtained by calling the Blue Lake Scholarship Office at 1-800-221-3796 or (616) 894-1966.

### 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. 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 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.

■ The Plymouth Community Family YMCA is sponsoring the YMCA Parent/Child Guide Programs. 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.

### SALVATION ARMY

■ Senior citizens of all ages, get your exercise and have a good time, too, in the Senior Volleyball Program. The program meets 10 a.m. to noon Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. There is an annual fee of \$10. For more information, call the Salvation Army (313) 453-5464 and ask for Martha.

■ The Salvation Army offers open gym time 1-4 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. There is a \$1 per person fee. For more information, call (313) 453-5464.

## 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

To submit your academic honor or graduation announcement to Campus Notes, send the material printed or typewritten to: Campus Notes, Plymouth-Canton Observer, 794 S. Main, Plymouth, Mich. 48170.

### SPORTS MEDICINE PROGRAM

Andrew McDonald of Plymouth has been accepted into the sports medicine program at Central Michigan University. The program prepares students to become certified athletic trainers.

CMU was one of the first schools in the nation to offer a bachelor's degree in sports medicine recog-

nized by the National Athletic Trainers Association.

McDonald, a junior at CMU, is a staff trainer for the women's basketball team. He is a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and is the son of Jay and Patty McDonald.

### LONG ISLAND UNIVERSITY

Karen Springsteen, daughter of Roger and Julane Springsteen of Plymouth, has received the Dean's Award while studying fall term at the National Honors semester held at Long Island University in New York.

This honor is achieved by earning a grade point average of 3.7 or higher. She is a 1996 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School.

### HONORS

Plymouth residents Lydia Pandza Beaudrie, Phillip Andrew Bec, John Andrew Bell, Tracie J. Bock, Leanne Michelle Boughner, Jason D. Brooks, Daniel Finlan Burt, Sara Elizabeth Casillas, Patrick Y. Chun, Julie M. Coyle, David Darren Dismondy, Rachel Elizabeth Dory, Joseph Franklin Foster, Shannon Lynn Green, Kevin R. Guse, Erin Leigh Hindman, Erin Amanda Hunt, Lindsey Anne Janz, Jonathon R. Kandes, Freder-

ick Lundry Locke, Melissa Marie Mangan, Debra L. Marulis, Amy M. Matusz, Kirk Michael Mayer, Patrick Michael McCauley, Steve Matthew McCauley, Suzanne Marie Ratkewicz were on the honors list at Michigan State University.

Also on the list were Jill Eileen Repasky, Jennifer Lynn Sabina, Carla Ann Sendelbach, Jason Michael Sims, Kathryn Anne Socie, Melinda J. Sofen, Jason Paul Stolaruk, Steven Louis Urli, Sarah Anne Wallace, Jennifer Lynn Walter, Seth Robert Watts, Erin M. Williams, Nicholas Thomas Wright, Donald F. Zaksek and John D. Zarow.



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CELEBRATE LIFE

Catholic SWF, 43, 5'9", friendly, enjoys Bible study, working out, NASCAR, sports and the outdoors, looking for a Catholic SWM, 37-47, with a zest for life. Ad# 3579

LOVE ANGEL

Catholic SWF, 48, 5'2", 118lbs., green-eyed blond, caring, N/S, enjoys barbecues, going to church, seeking spiritual, tall, active, down-to-earth SM, N/S. Ad# 6258

STILL LOOKING

Attractive SF, 70, enjoys trying new and different things, dancing, music, long walks, sunsets, outdoors, flowers, seeking SWM, 65-70, who is honest, romantic, funny, loving, outgoing, would like to have a good relationship, and much more. Ad# 6255

EARTH ANGEL

Professional, attractive SB mom, 43, 5'3", full-figured, enjoys singing in the choir, church activities, family time and more, seeks a God-fearing, humble, strong SBCM, 38-49. Ad# 3621

DYNAMITE CHARACTER!

Catholic SWF, 38, 5', enjoys the youth ministry, walking, swimming, biking and fun times, looking for SWM, 32-42 with the same beliefs and no kids at home. Ad# 8211

ONE OF THE FINEST

SBCF, 24, 5'5", friendly, employed, enjoys movies, reading, theatre, seeks tall, romantic, sensitive, compassionate, SCM, 28-40. Ad# 9273

BEAUTIFUL BLUE EYES

Outgoing WWWW, 61, 5'6", reddish-blond hair, blue eyes, loves children, seeking an honest, humorous SWM, 55-65, for possible long-term relationship. Ad# 1911

DEEP BELIEFS

Attractive DWCF, 46, 5'5", 115lbs., blonde hair, blue eyes, seeking a professional, emotionally secure, athletic, honest, and optimistic SWCM, over 44, to share good times. Ad# 4646

FOREVER TRUE

SWF, 41, 5'4", shy, reserved, no children at home, enjoys movies, dining out and music, seeking sensitive, honest SWM, 37-46, N/S. Ad# 1650

FROM THE HEART

Protestant DWCF, 42, 5', 100lbs., auburn hair, hazel eyes, self-employed, likes outdoor activities, traveling, the arts, music, seeks nice, honest, easygoing D/WWWW, 42-49. Ad# 1278

LOVES THE LORD

DW mom, 45, 5', friendly, easygoing, N/S, non-drinker, old-fashioned morals, enjoys working out, country-western music, dining out, seeks honest, sincere, SWM, 40-50, for friendship. Ad# 1216

HOPELESS ROMANTIC

Attractive DWCF, 40, 5'4", full-figured, outgoing, friendly, enjoys music, the arts, museums, movies, seeks caring SWCM, 40-51, for possible relationship. Ad# 6788

THE GREAT OUTDOORS

WWWCF, 51, 5'3", smoker, enjoys reading, gardening, theater, staying home, seeks SWCM, under 60, with similar interests. Ad# 1982

SAME INTERESTS?

Catholic SWF, 52, 5'7", N/S, social drinker, professional, enjoys concerts, movies, dining out, traveling, good conversation, seeking Catholic SWM, 50-65, without children at home. Ad# 4277

BEST THERE IS

Professional SWF, 61, 5'3", athletic, outgoing, intelligent, world traveler, seeks an energetic SWM, N/S, 55-65, who is a good conversationalist. Ad# 3134

GET TO KNOW ME

Catholic SWF, 25, 5'7", N/S, non-drinker, enjoys bowling, reading, seeking Catholic SWM, under 40, without children at home. Ad# 2345

A MATCH MADE IN HEAVEN

Bi-racial SCF, 30, 5'3", dark brown hair, enjoys concerts, movies, loves to browse in markets and interesting shops, in search of Born-Again SCM, under 42, for friendship first. Ad# 3722

ENTIRELY YOURS

SBF, 47, 5'6", employed, friendly, enjoys bowling, fishing, crafts, seeks laid-back, SBM, over 47, to share fun times with. Ad# 8935

ONE OF A KIND

DWF, 38, 5'5", blonde hair, blue eyes, professional, outgoing, physically fit, enjoys cooking arts, seeks SWM, 34-49. Ad# 1954

END MY SEARCH

DWF, 35, 5'6", enjoys N/S, educated, outgoing, enjoys films, theatre, classical music, comedy clubs, seeks N/S, SWM, 35-45, to share same interests. Ad# 6171

A BRIGHTER SIDE

Easygoing SW mom, 23, 5'2", Catholic, enjoys meeting new people, dining out, quiet times with someone special, seeks SM, age unimportant. Ad# 1739

WHAT MORE DO YOU NEED?

SWF, 47, 5'4", shy, college educated, enjoys concerts, plays, dining out, sailing, seeks educated, SWM, 45-53, Ad# 1964

WISHING UPON A STAR

SWF, 32, 5'8", outgoing, enjoys traveling, long walks, music, line dancing, movies, quiet nights at home, seeks SWCM, 28-35, to share same interests. Ad# 2732

WANT TO KNOW MORE? CALL!

Catholic SW mom, 33, 5'1", interests are animals, horseback riding, music, movies, reading books, TV, games, seeks family-oriented SWCM, 28-42, N/S, for a serious relationship. Ad# 5564

VERSATILE

SW mom, 24, 5'9", enjoys dancing, reading, movies, photography, seeking a SWM, 24-32, with high morals. Ad# 3237

LOVES THE LORD

Active, carefree, professional SWCF, 38, 5'11", 140lbs., blonde hair, blue eyes, seeks tall, enthusiastic SWCM, friend, to enjoy all that life has to offer. Ad# 6755

SOUTHERN BELLE

Educated SWF, 54, 5'7", 125lbs., platinum blonde, green eyes, lives in Oak Park, enjoys cooking, antiques, movies, art, seeking a SJWM, 50+. Ad# 2020

LOOK MY WAY

Catholic DWF, 45, 5'2", no children at home, from Oakwood County, hobbies are dancing, long walks, candlelit dinners, the beach, concerts, hoping to meet a DWCM, 41-49. Ad# 2233

MARRIAGE-MINDED

Catholic SWF, 28, 5'5", outgoing, friendly, from the Oak Park area, employed, enjoys traveling, shopping, the casino, concerts, seeks SWCM, 26-35, for serious relationship. Ad# 9811

SOUND INTERESTING?

Protestant SWF, 23, 5'7", blonde hair, brown eyes, friendly, enjoys sports, movies, fishing, computers, seeking congenial SWM, 21-30. Ad# 1273

INSPIRED?

Catholic WWWW, 47, 5'5", full-figured; gregarious, from Detroit, loves Bingo, current events, singing in the choir, attending church, seeks Catholic WWWW, Ad# 3190

ROMANTIC & SPIRITUAL

DWCF, 48, 5'5", full-figured, dark hair, green eyes, bright, pretty, down-to-earth, professional, seeks sincere, sociable, fun-loving SWCM, 42-52, for possible long-term relationship. Ad# 7455

SHE'S THE ONE

Friendly DWCF, 47, 5'6", long blonde hair, blue eyes, enjoys singing, seeks SM, 35+, for friendship first. Ad# 2285

FOCUS HERE

Catholic SWF, 34, 5'6", reserved, enjoys traveling, movies, classic car shows, dining out, seeking SWM, 29-36, for possible relationship. Ad# 5656

ONE OF THE FINEST

Catholic SWF, 47, 5'9", sort of shy, educated, employed, looking for Catholic SWM, under 49, who is optimistic and understanding. Ad# 2250

FAITH & HOPE

DWCF, 48, 5'4", 112lbs., reddish-blond hair, brown eyes, sociable, self-employed, lives in Rochester Hill, likes dining out, jazz, concerts, plays, seeks well-balanced, spiritual SWCM, 45-52. Ad# 7777

EXTRA NICE

Scrubie DW mom, 26, 5'3", resides in Garden City area, participates in Bible study, seeking SWM, 27-38, for possible relationship. Ad# 2429

FUN-LOVING GAL

Protestant SWF, 37, athletic, lives in Rochester, employed, loves dogs, enjoys animals, enjoys travel, seeks happy, Protestant SWM, 30+, who has a positive attitude. Ad# 1514

PATIENT & LOVING

Born-Again DW mom, 44, 5'2", resides in Troy, enjoys Bible study, science fiction movies, Star Trek, seeks compassionate, honest, Born-Again SWCM, 38-53, Troy area preferred. Ad# 2948

DON'T WAIT TOO LONG

Catholic WWWW, 68, 5'4", honest, lives in Sterling Heights, enjoys golf, dancing, travel, easy listening music, seeks SWM, with similar qualities. Ad# 5569

WORTH THE CALL

Catholic SWF, 27, 5'10", brown hair, hazel eyes, friendly, enjoys running, camping, dancing, seeks secure, professional SWCM, 27-38, with a positive attitude. Ad# 3267

CHILD OF GOD

Religious DWF, 38, 5'3", 165lbs., red hair, brown eyes, affectionate, kind, enjoys long walks, movies, the country, seeks down-to-earth, caring, humorous, loving SWM, N/S. Ad# 1000

LIFE'S LITTLE WONDERS

Baptist SWF, 26, 5', sincere, honest, enjoys hockey, the theater, movies, singing, reading, seeks SWCM, 25-36, with similar qualities and interests. Ad# 1526

SPEND TIME TOGETHER

Catholic SW mom, 24, 5'4", lives in Canton, enjoys volleyball, tennis, hockey, movies, playing cards, seeks SWM, 24-32, for friendship first. Ad# 8548

LOVING AND CARING

Protestant DWF, 53, 5', 110lbs., N/S, warm, witty, fun, happy, enjoys dining out, cooking, day trips, music, seeks neat, professional SWM, for friendship, possible long-term relationship. Ad# 3334

LIGHT UP MY LIFE

Catholic DWF, 58, 5'2", 118lbs., brown-eyed brunette, lives in Livonia, seeks honest, romantic, trim SWCM, 54-62, who enjoys dancing, travel, movies, concerts, fine dining and conversation. Ad# 3355

STRONG BELIEVER

DW mom, 43, 5'9", 160lbs., friendly, down-to-earth, witty, serious, participates in Christian activities, seeks humorous, trust-worthy, sensitive, faithful, honest, employed SWM, 40-55. Ad# 3846

SUPER WOMAN

Protestant SWF, 59, 5'4", upbeat, loving, laid-back, kind, hobbies include walks, reading, golf, religion, seeks honest, open SWM, 57-77, integrity a must. Ad# 5557

GOD COMES FIRST

SWF, 45, 5'5", blonde hair, blue eyes, outgoing, friendly, hobbies include Bible study, family activities, seeking SWM, 46-56, for friendship first. Ad# 3257

HARDWORKING

Attractive SWCF, 35, 5'10", sociable, employed, enjoys spending time with her child, seeking easygoing, handsome, physically fit SWCM, N/S. Ad# 3876

TEDDY BEAR TYPE?

Methodist DWF, 62, 5'8", full-figured, blue eyes, from Belleville, romantic, enjoys stamp collecting, reading, cuddling, crossword, seeks honest SWM, for possible long-term relationship. Ad# 1934

A WARM WELCOME

Professional DWF, 40, 5'7", slim, brown hair, blue eyes, marriage-minded, a pet lover, seeks SWM, 35-48, for a possible relationship, children okay. Ad# 3957

TIRED OF GAMES?

SWF, 24, 5'3", full-figured, enjoys camping, cooking, the theatre, children, seeking honest, sincere, commitment-minded SWM, under 30. Ad# 2572

LONG-TERM?

Fun-loving, open-minded SWCF, 19, 5'3", lives in Canton, seeks childless, compatible SWM, 21-29, who has never been married. Ad# 3842

COLLECTED TEDDY BEARS

Friendly SWCF, 22, 5'6", enjoys biking, walks, movies, concerts, camping, writing poetry, seeks sweet, kind, caring SWCM, 23-35, with same interests. Ad# 4545

VERY FRIENDLY

Catholic SWF, 21, outgoing, attends Christian activities, enjoys the outdoors, seeks honest, sincere, romantic Catholic SM, with a good sense of humor. Ad# 1572

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GOOD COMMUNICATOR

Positive, professional SWCM, 40, 5'11", 195lbs., brown hair, blue eyes, likes traveling, good conversation, concerts, golfing, the outdoors and dining out, seeks a SWCF, 30-45, for possible relationship. Ad# 5555

FROM THE HEART

Catholic SWM, 39, 5'10", 170lbs., N/S, honest, sincere and devoted, enjoys romantic dinners, dancing, sports and movies, seeking a SF, under 45, with similar interests. Ad# 5819

EMOTIONAL MATURITY

SWM, 32, 6', brown hair/eyes, N/S, non-drinker, enjoys bowling, hockey, movies and music, seeks a SWF, 23-37, to spend time with. Ad# 3997

ODYSSEY OF LOVE

Protestant SWM, 48, 6', 195lbs., brown hair, blue eyes, affectionate, honest, likes traveling, good conversation, time with family and dining out, seeks an attractive, educated SCF, 35-52, N/S. Ad# 4747

LET'S GET TOGETHER

Sincere, professional SWM, 41, enjoys exercise, sports and the arts, in search of an attractive, slender SWF, who has never been married. Ad# 2500

FOLLOW YOUR HEART

Catholic DWM, 60, 5'11", 170lbs., grey hair, laid-back, friendly, self-employed, N/S, non-drinker, enjoys quiet evenings at home, golfing, dining out, seeks Catholic DWF, without children at home. Ad# 2552

ENTIRELY YOURS

SWM, 44, 6'1", shy, enjoys outdoor activities, seeks slender, SWF, age unimportant, for romantic times. Ad# 7404

WISHING

Attractive DW dad, 32, 5'8", outgoing, friendly, interests include dancing, playing darts, having fun, pretty SWF, under 34, to be his best friend. Ad# 1965

SINCERE AND DEVOTED

Honest SW father, 49, 5'11", 212lbs., enjoys movies and sports, seeks a WWWWCF, under 50, without children at home. Ad# 6347

CREATIVE AND FUN

Artistic SWM, 29, 5'7", 160lbs., likes sports, movies and meaningful conversations, seeks a professional DCF, over 21, without children. Ad# 3001

ONLY THE BEST FOR YOU

Catholic SWM, 49, 5'7", 150lbs., N/S, non-drinker, never-married, athletic, enjoys jogging, biking, camping, the movies, dining out, seeks affectionate, honest Catholic SWF, 42-52. Ad# 1247

MARRIAGE-MINDED

Athletic SWCM, 41, 6'1", attractive, professional, thoughtful, fun-loving, spontaneous, humorous, warm-hearted, looking for slender, professional, romantic SWF, with drive and direction in her life. Ad# 1013

FANTASTICALLY FAITHFUL

Catholic DW dad, 38, 5'9", brown hair, hazel eyes, professional, outgoing, enjoys camping, cooking, dancing, being with his kids, romantic nights, seeks Catholic DWF, 32-40, who is family oriented. Ad# 5858

ANYTHING IN COMMON?

Catholic SWM, 42, 6'1", 190lbs., enjoys sports, working out, outdoors, seeks slender, professional, SWF, age unimportant, 21-33 for a monogamous relationship. Ad# 1451

MAYBE MORE!

DWM, 31, 6', outgoing, caring, generous, friendly, enjoys being outdoors, children, sports, seeking an attractive, kind, nice SWF, 18-31, for friendship, possible relationship. Ad# 2415

MATE FOR LIFE

SWCM, 39, 6'1", outgoing, seeks slim, relationship and commitment minded SWCF, age unimportant, for serious relationship. Ad# 4445

RESCUE MY HEART

Catholic SWM, 42, 5'11", 180lbs., brown hair, blue eyes, N/S, affectionate, caring, professional, enjoys going to church, dining out, movies, seeks N/S, catholic SWF, 34-48. Ad# 7456

WOULD LOVE TO MEET YOU

SWM, 23, 5'8", dark hair, brown eyes, enjoys movies, camping, skiing, seeking a SWF, 20-30, for possible long term relationship. Ad# 7594

CHARISMATIC

SWM, 48, 6'1", outgoing and friendly, loves life and is very active in church, enjoys board games, seeks SWF, under 45, for friendship, that could grow into something special. Ad# 6847

WARM-HEARTED

Catholic SWM, 42, 6'1", medium build, outgoing, friendly, likes a wide range of activities, seeking slender, romantic, spontaneous, educated SWF. Ad# 1133

HEAVEN SENT

SBM, 18, 6', student, enjoys sporting events and movies, participates in youth ministry, bible study, seeking a SBF, 18-25, for companionship. Ad# 1348

GOOD TIMES

SWCM, 39, 6'1", medium build, secure, caring, romantic, interests include sports, traveling on the weekend, seeks romantic, slender, SAF, age unimportant. Ad# 3374

MESMERIZING PERSONALITY

Handsome, professional, DWCM, 29, 5'8", dark hair, hazel eyes, enjoys dinners and movies with good friends, likes to bike and spend time at amusement parks, seeks an independent and outgoing SWCF, 25-33. Ad# 7287

THE TIME IS RIGHT

Outgoing SWM, 49, 5'10", 150lbs., brown hair, green eyes, professional, seeks sincere, caring, SWF, 18-65, to spend quality time with. Ad# 2525

FOLLOW YOUR HEART

SWCM, 40, 5'8", outgoing, enjoys gardening, song writing, seeks feminine, petite, SWCF, under 46. Ad# 2154

CATHOLIC

SWM, 25, 5'11", 160lbs., enjoys sports, travel, movies, looking for SWF, 20-30, for friendship first. Ad# 7972

FAITH & HOPE

Handsome, outgoing SWM, 23, 6'1", shy, employed, enjoys sports, dining out, music, movies and more, seeks honest SWF, 19-30, to spend quality time with. Ad# 9836

ENJOYS ROMANCE

Professional, Catholic SWM, 39, 6'1", thoughtful, sincere, seeks faithful, active, slim, open-minded Catholic SWF, over 30, kids welcome, for long-term relationship. Ad# 2740

PLEASE CALL ME!

SWM, 44, 6', shy, athletic, romantic, enjoys ballet, movies, weekend getaways, seeks spontaneous, SWF, 34-45, to spend quality time with, children, welcome. Ad# 6110

END MY SEARCH

Protestant SWM, 31, 5'11", hardworking, outgoing, enjoys outdoor activities, weekend getaways, seeks SWF, age unimportant, with similar interests. Ad# 2828

GOOD SENSE OF HUMOR

Catholic SWM, 42, 6'2", independent, lives in Western Wayne, enjoys concerts, movies, walks, quiet dinners, seeks understanding, affectionate, SWCF, 28-45, who is generous with her time. Ad# 9876

FOLLOW YOUR HEART

Handsome SBCM, 38, 5'9", outgoing, friendly, who serves the Lord, seeks a SBCF, 25-45, for companionship, possible long-term, lasting relationship. Ad# 3959

LIKES TO LAUGH

Never-married, fun-loving SBCM, 36, 6'2", enjoys sports events, working on cars, seeking attractive, down-to-earth SWCF, age unimportant, with similar interests. Ad# 9457

SEEKS OPEN-MINDED MATE

Professional, handsome DWCM, 39, 5'6", N/S, non-drinker, participates in Bible study, enjoys running, bodybuilding and fitness, searching for attractive, intelligent, athletic SWCF, under 40. Ad# 5252



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SOMEONE TO ADORE YOU

Attractive, educated DWF, 41, 5'7", slender, enjoys outdoor activities, dining out, theater, seeking affectionate, trustworthy SWM, 37-46, N/S, HW proportion, likes children, for possible LTR. Southgate. 929438

GORGEOUS WITHIN BUT

still attractive on the outside. DWF, 53, easygoing, sincere, sense of humor, enjoys outdoor activities, as well as indoor. Seeking DWM, 48-58, with similar attributes, to share good times. 929000

STILL LOOKING

SWF, 28, 5'3", brown/hazel, enjoys dining, darts, dancing. Red wings, seeks commitment-minded SWM, 25-35, for possible relationship. 929451

BACK INTO THE WORLD

Professional, petite redhead, 40s (dare you to guess), 5'1", 100lbs, firm and reasonably fit. Seeking companion, friendship most important, 40+, age not important, attitude is, enjoys books, music, movies, theater, etc. 929455

PROFESSIONAL MALE

DWPF, 31, physically fit, enjoys swimming, working out, skiing, travel. Seeking SWF/M, 30-40, with similar interests, for LTR. 929100

SOMEDAY MY PRINCE WILL COME

If you're handsome SWPM, financially secure, successful, professional, friendly, lonely, then call this very pretty DWF, 36, slightly overweight, who's genuinely employed, single mother, enjoys casino. 929100

FAR FROM ORDINARY

This pretty, outspoken, intelligent SWF, 28, seeks the one who will complement her. He should be confident, successful, professional, sincere, open-minded, N/S preferred. 929007

BIG, BAD, AND BEAUTIFUL

Big as in 300+ lbs. of delightful curves. Bad as in sometimes temperamental. Beautiful inside and out. SWF, 34, professional and educated. Seeking quality relationship. Race open. 929030

LOOKING FOR A HERO

Kind, affectionate DWF, 57, 125lbs, down-to-earth, one child, N/S, enjoys running, warm weather, beaches, dancing. Seeking SWM, 35-40, blonde, girly, who's nice, fun, secure, N/S, to enjoy life together. 929032

ARE YOU MY MR. RIGHT?

Seeking SWM, 25-32, attractive, who is successful, professional, friendly, fun, college-educated SWF, 25, 5'6", strawberry-blonde/petite, full-figured (size 16), for serious LTR. 929073

PROTECTIVE GENTLEMAN ONLY

DWF, 29, 5'7", Auburn hair, mother of two, college grads. Seeking tall, large man, 30+, to be a gentleman who really about. Kids are great! 929563

PLEASE, MR. SANDMAN

DWF, 26, 5'8", 190lbs, red/brown, four children, looking for LTR, possible marriage. Seeking SWM, 30-35, 200lbs, 30-40, financially secure, must be romantic, spontaneous, love kids. No games. 929666

TRUST

Independent DWF, 28, 5'10", 125lbs, mother of one/one-on-one, is shy yet very ambitious. Seeking tall SWM, 28-35, who is sensitive, romantic and has a variety of interests. 929124

WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN?

I didn't think it would be this hard to find a man who is 24-35, dark-haired, in shape, college-educated and seeking warm, beautiful woman like me. Please help me find my search - quick! 929200

CAN YOU CANOE?

Vivacious, spiritual SWF, 29, 5'2", petite, healthy mind/body, seeks confident, smart, kind, successful, who can walk, laugh, love, raise planet consciousness. 929886

CUTE & FUNNY

Petite, athletic SWF, 28, 29, 5'6", enjoys outdoor activities, seeks SWM, 28-36, for dating relationship. 929912

SPARKLING, EXPRESSIVE

Pretty DWF, 55, enjoys dining out, dancing, casinos. Seeking serious, neat SWM, 50+, sense of humor, similar interests, no baggage, friendship first. Must have own transportation. 929112

TAKE THE BAIT

Outgoing, energetic, caring SWF, 20, 5'4", 110lbs, blonde/hazel, enjoys travel, outdoors. Seeking college student, or done with college, honest SWM, race open, 20-27. 929199

SINCERE

Protestant, easygoing, full-figured DWF, 43, 5'10", N/S, from South Lyon, enjoys swimming, walking, bowling, cars, pets, traveling. Seeking honest, loyal SWM, N/S. 929202

PAST IMPERFECT

SJF, 54, light blue eyes, attractive, slim, size 6, educated, honest. Seeking SWM, SWF, with imagination who would appreciate a sophisticated, independent woman who knows what life and love mean. 929204

A SOUL FILLED WITH PASSION

DF, 46, seeks gentleman with passion in his soul, high energy a must. Let's find each other. 929207

ALL I NEED IS YOU!

SWF, 47, 5'8", brunette, well-built, size 8, seeks large X-large SWM, 44-52, for dining, dancing, and cozy evenings. Auburn Hills area. N/S. Serious only. 929118

CREAM OF THE CROP

Very lovely, classy brunette, likes travel, boating, theater, sports, shooting pool. Seeking attractive, successful male, 38-55, with humor and positive, youthful outlook. 929106

SOMETHING DIFFERENT!

SF, 24, 5'4", dark-skinned, curvaceous, smart, seeks financially secure WM, 30+, for fun, and friendship. 929107

RESTLESS SPIRIT

Flying too near the sun, seeks different path, dare show me a new one? SWPF, 40-46, 5'2", 125lbs, blonde, fun, outgoing, WPM, 40-50, all of your fun traps in one box. 929108

ONE-IN-A-MILLION

Attractive, college-educated, petite, fit SWF, 37, long blonde hair, great smile, fun-loving attitude, seeks sweet, smart, sexy SWPM, for friendship, possible LTR. 929112

PRETTY, SWEET, AND PETITE

SWF, 43, seeks SWPM, 40-50, that is young-at-heart, loves to laugh, dine, dance, cook, and take off for the weekend. Some place, some time, some romantic. Honest, compassionate, sensual, and appreciative are some of the qualities I have... do you? 929824

LOOKING FOR YOU

In all the wrong places. Do you like petite, classy redheads, moonlight bowling, country dancing, good night, let's go 50-60, under 5'7" let's be kids again! 929887

LOOKING FOR BEST FRIEND

Attractive SWF, 30s, 5'11s, successful professional with varied interests, traditional values. Looking for a partner, attractive, SWM, 35-43, N/S, college-educated, successful professional ready for commitment. 929843

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Sophisticated, smart, secure, "sweet girl" seeks best friend for life, "nice guy" good-looking, in-shape, refined, cultured, romantic, young 50s gentleman. Let's enjoy adventure, world travel and life's finer things. Golf a plus. 929916

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Attractive SWF, young 50s, blonde/brown, N/S, not into games. If you believe honest communication is essential, and you're romantic and secure with many varied interests, please call. 929919

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Cultured, mean apple pie, God, tennis, and skiing enthusiast. Theater addict, dance lover. Seeking male counterpart, 34-47. 929923

MELTDOWN

Break the ice with this attractive, slender, 5'4", 45+ blonde, great smile, slender, mature but not old, active, outgoing, humorous, social, tall SWPM, 47+, with a light touch, could share the winter chill. 929934

CUTE BUT FUSSY

Hard-working, dependent of one DWF, 24, 104lbs, blonde/blue, seeks honest, caring, attractive, funny SWM, 24-30, for LTR. 929729

SPARKLING, SPUNKY, BTLISH

Sensual, gorgeous, fit, 40, 5'7", 130lbs, 6A degreed, into biking, reading, antique, going, seeks SWM, N/S, degreed, fit, outgoing guy. 929668

SEEKING ROMANCE

I'm attractive, slender, tall, and a young-looking 51, plus intelligent, refined, humorous and a smoker. Seeking gent who's 50-65, intelligent, tall, clean, confident, and selectively marriage-minded. 929769

LOOKING FOR A FRIEND

Down-to-earth DWF, mid-50s, petite, blonde/green, great sense of humor, enjoys dancing, movies, dining out. Seeking SWF, 55+, sense of humor, with similar interests, for friendship first, possible LTR. 929770

ATTRACTIVE

BF, 49, 5'9", 160lbs, N/S, professional, employed, educated, social drinker, N/S, wide variety of interests, seeks male, 40-50, for monogamous relationship. N/S, face open, no baggage, mature, romantic, passionate. 929630

KING SIZE MAN WANTED

Fun-loving, attractive, full-figured DWF, mid-40s, smoker, social drinker, enjoys going to music, movies, and romantic clubs, travel, riding motorcycles. Seeking mentally/financially stable SWM, 40s, 5'8", for a monogamous relationship. 929728

SEEKING SINCERE GENTLEMAN

Romantic, attractive SWF, 48, 5'7", 200lbs, brown/brown, seeks intelligent, professional sincere gentleman, for friendship, laughter and adventure, seeks mature, intelligent, traveler, N/S. Interests: travel, theater, jazz and nature. 929739

COULD CONNECT...

with tall, HW proportionate, secure, athletic, nice-looking guy, 47+, with hair. Pretty, dark-haired SWPF, 40s, 5'4", 115lbs, with varied interests, great legs and good heart, would like to talk with you. 929819

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SUGAR AND SPICE

and everything nice. SWF, 44, 5'7", brown/hazel, non-smoker, enjoys sports, jazz, CAW, quiet times at home. Seeking romantic, honest, family-oriented single or divorced WM, 36-54, 5'7", non-smoker. All calls will be answered. 929877

ALL OR NOTHING

Honest, sensitive, romantic, outgoing, very active SWPF, 28, 5'11s, enjoys hockey, traveling, friends, family, and movies. Seeking SWPM, 26-30, for companionship, and possible LTR. 929115

WAITING FOR YOU

Attractive, degreed SWPF, 31, 5'8", 125lbs, Auburn hair, no dependents, seeks attractive, ambitious, traveler, funny, active SWM, 30-40, 5'11", medium-athletic build, N/S. 929204

ATTRACTIVE BLONDE

SF, 40, 5'7", self-supporting, seeks companionship with gentleman, 40-50, for dining out, dancing, movies, and quiet evenings at home, for possible LTR. 929454

TALL & HANDSOME

Humorous SWM, 36, 6'4", attractive. Seeking SWF, who's attractive, enjoys comedies, movies, walking, or just fun. Plymouth area. 929440

SEEKING COMPANION

Nice-looking, healthy DM, 54, 5'8", single, likes bowling. Seeking HW proportionate SF, late 40s to early 50s, N/S, for possible LTR. 929445

CAT & DOG LOVER?

Very attractive male, 34, seeks female who loves animals and herself. I enjoy alternative music, films, and ethnic food. Want to start as friends and see what happens! 929458

RELATE, THEN IT'S A DATE!

Slim, sensual, Taurus, spiritual SWM, 45, 5'7", 155lbs, seeks relationship-oriented, soulmates, 33-43, who enjoy boating, beach walks, volleyball, movies, art, dancing, coffee houses, ethnic dining. 929459

HEART OF GOLD?

Honest, handsome DWM, 36, 6', 195lbs, brown/green, N/Drugs, STD-free responsible, employed rights, father of three, enjoys most outdoor/recreation. Seeking SWF, petite, pretty, romantic, trustworthy. Bayshore beach not required. For possible LTR. 929439

AFABLE

Educated, practical, good-looking, sexy but not loud, good job, seeks attractive, sensible and smart female, who is not self-centered, or a Hollywood watcher. 929458

DANCING PARTNER

SWM, 39, 5'10", 170lbs, N/S, honest, sincere, friendly, devoted, enjoys romantic dining and dancing, all sports, movies and popcorn. Seeking SWF, with similar interests, to share life together. 929459

HERE'S LOOKING AT YOU!

Attractive, outgoing SWM, 46, very caring, giving, with a variety of interests, loves to be romantic and cook. Seeking same in petite SWF, for friendship, maybe more. 929443

YOUNG WIDOWER

Professional, honest, intelligent, good-natured, caring, humorous, outgoing SWM, 39, 5'7", 160lbs, no dependents, homeowner, enjoys dining, movies, dancing, sports, outdoors. Seeking SWF, N/S, similar interests, for friendship, open to commitment. Livonia. 929285

FILL THE VOID

SWM, late 40s, retired, likes dancing, music, and movies, 50s, with young children who need financial assistance for LTR. Loves to have fun. 929286

SEEKING SPECIAL BOMBONE

SWPM, 42, 5'8", fit, independent, communicative, curious, humorous, flexible and perseverant, eclectic taste in music and movies. Seeking fit, emotionally available SWF, to share healthy, happy relationship. 929013

OPEN TO NEW ADVENTURE?

Attractive, honest, tall, 54, brown/black, 160lbs, seeks SWF, 38-50, not overweight, smiles, and no dependents to hold you back. Likes sailing, diving, Caribbean or working abroad, fishing. Smoker ok. 929289

LOOKING FOR A SOULMATE

SWF, 47, 5'2", 150lbs, with sense of humor, enjoys most things, good events, special relationship with SWF, 30/40s, slim/medium build, with good sense of humor. 929295

POST SEEMS INSPIRATION

Published performance poet, producer of TV show, "The Post and the Power" is 47, 5'9", 155lbs, youthful, playful, energetic, fun-loving, professional. Seeking full-figured SWF, for LTR and more. 929299

TAKE A CHANCE

DWM, 40, seeks opposite-type female for fun, romance and possible LTR. 929303

DOWN-TO-EARTH

Self-reliant, honest, romantic SWM, 28, 5'11", 160lbs, financially independent, never married, enjoys cooking, movies, outdoor activities, hunts and fishes now and again. Seeking SWF, who's fun, outgoing, and open to developing a possible LTR. 929305

ROMANTIC

Educated, good-looking teddy bear, 46, 5'11", 190lbs, dark blonde hair, excellent shape, interested in meeting intelligent, attractive SWF, HW proportionate, who enjoys travel, fitness, dining, theatre, and shared moments. 929446

SPEAK SPANISH...

with I did. Handsome, attractive, outgoing, 175lbs, light brown wavy/green, one dog, one cat, one degree. Seeking well-informed Latina. Let's teach each other a thing or two. 929448

HELLO

Seeking SWF, 29-42, one kid ok. I'm SWM, 41, independent, outgoing, average looking, seeking relationship in Detroit area. 929501

ARE YOU FOR ME?

Handsome SWPM, 6'4", 220lbs, N/S, emotional partner, for fun, possible meaningful relationship with SWF, under 45, who's slim, attractive, with similar values/interests. If this sounds appealing to you, please call me. 929193

LTR IN LIVONIA

Young SWM, 48, 5'10", handsome, large frame, western career often, has background of 8 golfing. Seeking SWF, 35-55, comfortable in jeans or formal gown at private country club. 929194

WANTS A SMILE

Affectionate SWM, 40s, considerate, seeks very thin, fit-looking female, to share life. 929195

YOU GO YOUR WAY

I go my way, we go our way. No pressure LTR, friends first. Trim, bald, decent-looking SWM, 49, W Wayne. Call for more info. 929196

HUMOROUS LANDSCAPE DESIGNER

Nice-looking, honest, affectionate, caring SWM, 41, 5'9", 160lbs, N/S, enjoys long walks and talks. Seeking right woman. Seeking SWF, N/S, with similar interests, to share life together. 929197

CHEERFUL

Degreed professional, fifty five, 5'10", 160lbs, N/S, with a zest for life, enjoys travel, golf, movies, dining, and good conversation. Seeking physically fit lady with similar interests. 929200

HONEST, SINCERE, AFFECTIONATE

SWM, 28, 5'10s, financially secure, enjoys boating, camping, hiking, seeking quiet evenings at home. Seeking SWF, 22-25, who seeks same for possible LTR. No games. 929201

SAVE THE BEST FOR LAST

Dark haired, SWM, with passion for life during seeks SWF, 40-50, for dating, friendship, fun and romance possible. LTR. LTR a dance not to be danced alone. 929203

SOULMATE WANTED

DWM, 46, enjoys golf, camping, music, long walks and talks. Seeking right woman for friendship first, then who knows? 929205

FREE TO GOOD HOME

Honest, loyal, hopeless romantic SWM, 54, 5'11", stocky, big man, big heart, communications manager, N/S, social drinker, sense of humor, enjoys simple things in life, nature, vacations, love, you. 929206

CLASSY GUY

Attractive, tall, fit, financially and emotionally secure DWM, 51, N/S, seeks attractive, successful DWF, 42-52, N/S, enjoys travel and romance. 929254

CUDDLE ALERT

Attractive, passionate, caring, sensitive, romantic DWM, 39, 5'7", 195lbs, LTR, enjoys any and all laughing, mood lifting, romance and life. Seeking attractive, fit, affectionate, cuddly SWF, 28-42 for fun and LTR. 929255

KNIGHT IN SHINING ARMOR

Very handsome, built, romantic, successful, intelligent, sincere, passionate DWM, 45, seeks very pretty, petite SWF, 30-40, loves laughing, nature, fitness and romantic dinners. 929257

A UNIQUE REQUEST

Affectionate, fun-loving, honest DWM, 41, enjoys romantic times, travel, dining, music, and books. Seeking fit, intelligent SWF, 30-40, for friendship, phone conversation and much more. 929301

THE CREAM OF THE CROP

Humorous, positive, adventurous male, 5'11", 170lbs, blonde/light brown, great physique, loves roller skating, skiing, sunbathing, dancing. Seeking confident, fun, fit, blonde, 30s, who's body, 41-48, no games. All calls returned. 929305

SEND ME AN ANGEL

Happy-go-lucky, WM, 47, 6'1", 210lbs, blonde/brown, well-built, very good-looking, successful, fun, great physique, loves workouts, sports, boating. Seeking good-looking female, fit, very attractive, slim, 30s, 40s, no games. All calls returned. 929305

GENUINELY NICE

Articulate, sincere, thoughtful SWM, 40, 6'1", 190lbs, athletic, seeks intelligent, emotionally secure, romantic female, for companionship, monogamous LTR. 929071

HONEST, SINCERE SWM

SWM, 35, 5'5", 145lbs, unattached, professional, sincere, fun, good looking, special SWF, 25-30, any race, great sense of humor/proportionate, N/S, N/Drugs, likes boating, tennis, jogging, fun, and romance. 929078

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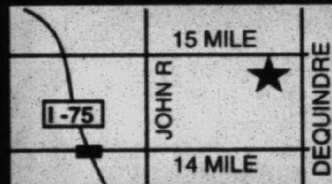
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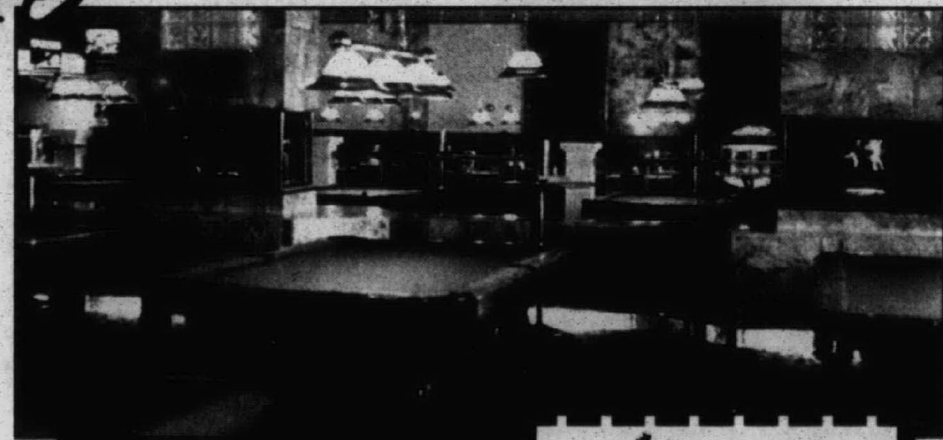
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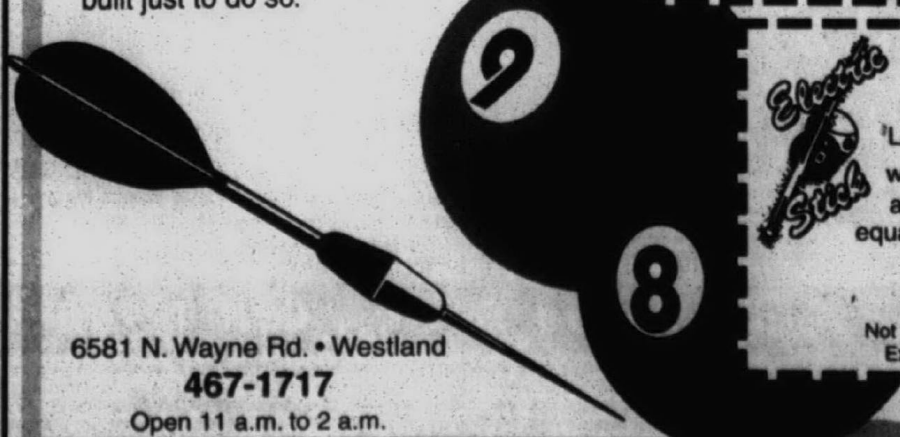
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## THE WEEKEND

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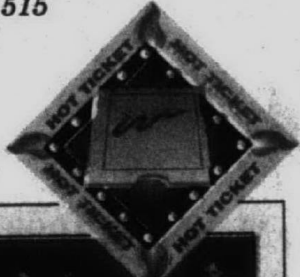


Meg (left to right, Maribeth Monroe), Lenny (Kristi Sorkin of West Bloomfield), and Babe (Kelly Komlen of Livonia) star in "Crimes of the Heart," 8 p.m. at Wayne State University's Studio Theatre, 4743 Cass Ave., Detroit. Tickets \$5-\$7, call (313) 577-2972.

### SUNDAY



See the musical "Cats," at the Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Performances 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tickets \$17.50-\$42.50, call (248) 433-1515



**Hot Tix: Discover Stars on Ice** features Scott Hamilton, Kristi Yamaguchi, Katarina Witt, Ekaterina Gordeeva, Torvill and Dean, and others, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28, at The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr. (I-75 and Lapeer Road), Auburn Hills. Tickets \$42 and \$30, call (248) 377-0100.



Artists at work: Playwright Paul Kittinger, 14 and director Matthew Ripper discuss Kittinger's one-act play, "A Funny Thing Happened on The Way to Africa."

## Festivals bring original one-act plays to life

BY KEELY WYGONIK  
STAFF WRITER

Seeing what started out as little keys on his keyboard jumping up and down on stage is a thrill, and Paul Kittinger of Farmington Hills can't wait for opening night.

His one-act play, "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to Africa," is one of four original plays being presented during the Theater Guild of Livonia/Redford's Festival of One-Act Plays opening Friday, March 6.

"I write a lot," said Kittinger, 14, a ninth grader at Harrison High School in Farmington Hills. "I started out writing short stories, and then started writing more."

He describes the storyline of his play as kind of an Odd Couple story about two college roommates getting ready to go to Africa on a study program.

### Celebrations of one-act plays

■ **Heartland Theatre One-Act Play Slam** - 7-11 p.m. Monday, March 2, at The Cadieux Cafe, 4377 Cadieux (1.5 miles east of I-94 on Cadieux). General admission \$5 at the door, Writer's Admission and Entrance Fee \$10, limit one play per writer, call (248) 988-1094, Ext. 2 for information.

■ **A Festival of One-Act Plays** - presented by the Theatre Guild of Livonia/Redford, 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, March 6-7; March 13-14; 2 p.m. Sunday, March 8 and March 15, at the theater, 15138 Beech Daly (south of Five Mile Road), Redford. Tickets \$10, \$1 discount for students and seniors, call (313) 531-0554.

One of the characters was packed two weeks ago, the other is packing at the last minute.

Kittinger envisioned the roles being filled by two guys, but the director Matthew Ripper of Redford picked one guy, and a girl.

"It could have worked both ways," said Ripper, who is making his directing debut at the Theatre Guild. "One woman, Trisha Ali, who auditioned was really good, and a man, Drew Parker, was really good. Actually it turns out funnier this way."

The conflict is between Cameron, who is ready to go, and Joel, who is not.

"Anyone who has traveled any where can relate to this," said Ripper. "Joel is in a panic, he keeps going back to the apartment because he forgot something."

Kittinger said the ending is a real show stopper. He submitted a play last year, but it was rejected. "Too short on substance," said Blanche Graham of Redford, Guild executive director explaining the reason. "This one's a laughing good comedy."

"If you have an idea go for it," said Kittinger. "They wanted original one-act plays so I sat down and wrote one."

Working with a director is a new experience. "Matt's nice and easy to work with," said Kittinger.

"There have been minor edits for clarity. It's amazing. One rainy Saturday I was typing up this short play, and then I was watching people read and audition for parts I wrote."

Ripper is also enjoying working with Kittinger. "You don't give him credit for the amount of insight he has. Some of his plays on words were very intelligent. He's easy to work with because he learning. He gets my feedback, but you don't want to overstep him, because he wrote the play."

Patricia Feldt is also a new playwright whose work "The Town Meeting" was selected for the festival.

"I can't wait to see the real thing," she said. Her story takes place at a town meeting. The town has inherited some money, and there are stipulations. They must decide how to spend it at a town meeting. Each person builds a case for their needs, the meeting doesn't end until midnight.

"The idea just sort of came to me," said Feldt, the mother of nine children ranging in age from 4 to 21. "From the time I was little I loved to tell stories. They were just in there."

Feldt started writing plays in 1995 when her parish Our Lady of Loretto in Redford decided to script their own mystery dinner theater. The next year she expanded on the characters, writing more about them.

"Once I got started, it got me thinking, I'd like to write, it awakened my creative writing talent." Last year, she wrote most of the script for the Our Lady of Loretto mystery dinner theater. "Once the characters got more detailed, it was harder for people. I could write six or seven pages about them where others struggled."

In the fall she attended her first play "Mousetrap" at the Theatre Guild of Livonia/Redford playhouse. "I was amazed at the talent," she said. "As soon as I walked in the theater I said, I've got to get involved, this is great."

She submitted a one-act play for the festival, and truly expected one of those thanks, but no thanks letters.

"I got the news they were going to do my play on Christmas Eve," she said. "It was like a Christmas present."

At the theater, Feldt is content to stay in the background, observing and learning. "It was just amazing to me, I didn't have any preconceived ideas of what the characters would be like. It's very exciting to see characters come to life."

She applauds her director, Rob Papineau. "He's great at character development," she said. "Even if his ideas differ from my own, I'm having so much fun with this."

With nine children, Feldt either has to get up real

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## Down Riverdance has no dancing, isn't even Irish

BY KEELY WYGONIK  
STAFF WRITER

"Down Riverdance," is the name of The Second City - Detroit's 12th revue, but the show, which opens tonight, has nothing to do with "Riverdance" and Irish dancing.

"It's something clever that we came up with," said Rico Bruce Wade, Second City - Detroit's new executive producer. It's the tradition of Second City - Detroit to pick titles for shows that don't necessarily relate to content but to hot topics of the day.

**New producer:** Rico Bruce Wade, an alumni from The Second City - Detroit Mainstage, was recently named executive producer.

Not wanting to give anything away, Wade said "Riverdance," takes many different looks at relationships in today's society, and provides "our take on corporate culture - what it's like to be in a pressure cooker, and why we're gravitating toward cigar bars and the retro look; why we've become attracted to the rat pack generation."

Wade, well known to fans from his Mainstage acting days, April 1995 to February 1997, isn't the only newcomer.

Mary Jane Pories, formerly with the touring company, joins veterans Larry Campbell, Margaret Exner, Catherine Worth, Keegan-Michael Key, Eric Black, and Brandon Johnson, on the Mainstage. Marc Evan Jackson is the new musical director, and Michael Gellman the new resident director.

Wade is excited about his new role. "I have the sensibility of an actor, and the welfare of an actor in mind," he said. "I want to provide a nurturing environment when ideas are exchanged freely. The majority of ideas never make it into our skits, that's why it's necessary that we hear all ideas, they are hidden gems."

Like everything else, Second City - Detroit builds their shows from scratch. "Someone says 'I have an idea' this is where it begins," said Wade. "Sometimes something will happen spontaneously on stage."

Wade also wants to educate his audience, especially those who are disappointed. "They come expecting to see

### Improv Events

■ **The Second City - Detroit:** "Down Riverdance," premieres 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26. Performances 8 p.m. Wednesdays (\$10), Thursdays (\$10) and Sundays (\$10), and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Fridays (\$17.50) and Saturdays (\$19.50), through spring, at the club, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Call (313) 965-2222.

Improv classes start in April, call (313) 964-5821 for information.

■ **The 2nd Level Improv Troupe:** Performs at Joey's Comedy Club, 8 p.m. Sundays (free). The group will headline at the club above Kicker's All American Grill, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia. Thursday, March 12 (free), and Friday-Saturday, March 13-14 (\$10); Performances 8 p.m. Thursday, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, call (734) 261-0555 for information, or (313) 436-1381 for information about The 3rd Level.

■ **Totally Unrehearsed Theatre** performs at Big Red's Comedy Club, Friday-Saturday, Feb. 27-28, inside Mr. B's Roadhouse, 595 N. Lapeer Road (M-24), Oxford. Performances 9 p.m. Friday, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Saturday. Admission \$10 per person, call (248) 628-6500.

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## FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT

### Disney on Ice - Hercules

■ **When:** Tuesday, March 3, through Sunday, March 8. Performances 7:30 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday; 11 a.m. Thursday; 11:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Saturday; 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. Sunday.

■ **Where:** Joe Louis Arena, 800 Civic Center Dr., Detroit.

■ **Tickets:** \$17.50, \$14.50, and \$11.50 with limited \$30 non-discounted rinkside seats, (248) 645-8686 or visit the Ticketmaster web-site [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com)

■ **Ticket discounts:** Save \$5 on tickets Tuesday, March 3; save \$3.50 on tickets Wednesday, March 4; kids under 12 save \$2 on tickets 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 5, and 11:30 a.m. Saturday, March 7. For more information, call Olympia Entertainment customer information, (313) 983-6606.

## Disney's 'Hercules' an ice show of heroic proportions

BY KEELY WYGONIK  
STAFF WRITER

Ten headed Hydra is a monster, but audiences love this 20-foot tall menacing beast who comes to life in Disney on Ice - Hercules.

"The kids really get into seeing Hydra up so close," said Mitch Matsunaga, assistant company manager of the show opening March 3 at Joe Louis Arena. Part inflatable balloon, part hydraulics, Hydra fights back each time Hercules cuts off one of his 10 heads, and grows another one.

"It's the most threatening and realistic monster that we've ever created," said Mark Freddes, scenic coordinator. "He's quick, and since he's always moving, the

Hydra never blocks the view of the audience."

Like the movie Hercules, Disney on Ice - Hercules, presented by Feld Entertainment, is a high energy, fast-paced show with upbeat music.

"We follow the movie as closely as we can," said Matsunaga. "Were trying to bring a story to life on ice."

Hades, a fast-talking hothead, isn't very happy with his underworld assignment, so he hatches a plan to unleash the Titans and rock Zeus off of Mount Olympus. Strongman Hercules stands in his way.

On the road to prove himself a hero worthy of the gods, Hercules hooks up with Phil, a feisty satyr who's a first-rate trainer, and Pegasus, the winged

wonder horse. Along the way he falls for a sassy lass named Meg.

An international cast of 19 male and 21 female skaters, representing 11 countries, including the United States, Canada, Sweden and Japan, tells the story of Hercules.

"They're fantastic skaters," said Matsunaga, "they can jump, spin and act."

Hercules focuses on Mount Olympus, celestial home of gods and goddesses. "It's a tremendous center set piece," said Matsunaga, "it's four scenes in one."

Self-propelled Mount Olympus rises 25 feet off the ice, and rotates to reveal other scenes including Hades' habitat, and the city of Thebes.

Please see **HERCULES, E2**



Ice spectacular: Strongman Hercules falls for the feisty Meg in Disney on Ice - Hercules.



## Renaissance Chorus presents concert

The Renaissance Chorus presents "You Must Remember This" 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 6-7 at Mercy High School, 11 Mile and Middlebelt, Farmington. Tickets are \$12 adults, \$10 seniors/students, and available by calling (313) 438-2364. Guest artists are international medalist quartet Michigan Jake, Fanfare, and the Sweet Adeline Quartet Harmonix.

Also of note: Male singers are invited to attend a guest night 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 24 at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, east of Newburgh, Livonia, for more information, call (734) 728-6865. "We're inviting anyone who likes to sing," said Gary Simon, Renaissance Chorus member.

Also of note: Jazz Dance Theatre, under the direction of

Adam B. Clark, will give its third annual benefit concert 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 11 at the Power Center for the Performing Arts in Ann Arbor. Tickets are \$12 adults, \$8 students/seniors, and available by calling Dance Theatre Studio at (734) 995-4242. Clark is an instructor at Miss Harriet's School of Dance in Livonia. This year's concert benefits the American Heart Association.

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early, or stay up late to write. "When I get on a creative streak I wake up at 3:30 or 4:30 and write." She and her husband, Jim, have been married 23 years. Jim is planning a party for her after the show. "They're excited," said Feldt. "We have 30 people, my immediate family, coming opening night. My oldest will watch the younger ones, and I'll be taking her and a girlfriend to the show the next day." Feldt said she would like to take some classes to grow as a writer. "When you enjoy something the learning comes easy." Graham wants the festival to be just that - a learning experience for playwrights and directors. There will be a talk back after

each performance so the audience can comment on the plays. In addition to the original one acts, the Guild will be presenting one published work, "The Actor's Nightmare," by Christopher Duran. Tony Lawry of Garden City will direct. "The festival is good," said Ripper. "We bring in new talent, writers, directors and actors."

### One-Act Play Slam

Birmingham based Heartland Theatre Company is hosting its first One-Act Play Slam at Cadieux Cafe in Detroit on March 2. In addition to short plays that will be presented, the evening will be emceed by the improv troupe Void Where Prohibited. The slam is open to all writers and would be writers. Writers

can reserve a performance slot in advance by calling the number listed in the chart, or sign in at the door. Writers may provide their own actors or use any of the "six brilliant" actors (3 men and 3 women) provided by Heartland Theatre Company, or enlist anyone in the audience "foolish enough to volunteer." A randomly selected panel of judges will "score" the material using any criteria they like. Plays should take more than 10 minutes to perform. Food and beverages will be sold at Cadieux Cafe during the evening. Proceeds from the evening will help support "Playscape '98" - Heartland's annual festival of original full-length plays.

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"It helps us move the choreography," explained Matsunaga. "We're able to switch scenes as the show continues so the flow is smooth and fluid." To separate villains from heroes, Disney made them big. The Titans (Ice, Earth, Lava and Wind) and other oversized bad guys are portrayed by performers, some on stilts, who are not wearing skates. "We did not cast skaters for some of these roles, but rather used people who are accustomed to performing in large, heavy body costumes," said Jerry Bilik, creative director. Like other Disney on Ice productions, Hercules is larger than life. "We have several special effects," said Matsunaga. We use pyrotechnics and fireworks to help Hades express his rage when he's getting upset. The sound and lighting are special too.



**Ice Show:** Hercules and his pal Pegasus, a gift from his father Zeus, are flying high in the new Feld Entertainment production of Disney on Ice - Hercules.

You'll forget Hercules' pal Pegasus, the winged wonder horse, is a prop. "He moves and flaps his wings as Hercules rides him," said Matsunaga. Costumes, sets and choreography also have a role in conveying

the story to audiences. Hercules and Meg's costumes were designed after extensive historical research and a perusal of Greek mythology. An iridescent cape underlined in bright reds, oranges and yellows accentuates the fiery temper of Hades. In keeping with the movie version, Phil is a comic. The skating is acrobatic and incorporates

handsprings and back flips. The muses dance their way through the show to the beat of the 1950s Motown sound. "We've found that people forget they're at an ice show," said Matsunaga. "They're drawn into the story, and before they know it, the story is over, because the performers were doing their job."



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a stand-up comedian. That's not what we're about," he said. "We're satirists, iconoclastic, irreverent. We do sketch comedy with an ensemble, and work in songs."

Audiences are familiar with what happens on Mainstage, and on the road when the Touring Company comes to their town, but there's more to Second City - Detroit than that.

Second City - Detroit takes comedy seriously, and offers a variety of classes, and programs for businesses.

"We want to offer something for everyone," said Wade. "We're looking at creating programs for young people, a two week summer day camp, and an abbreviated off-site program for adults. It's fun, a chance to play, and the skills are valuable in so many walks of life."

"You learn to be more creative, how to work as a team, new creative ways of solving problems. Skits are a journey to find solutions to problems. You gain confidence performing, and become an active listener - listening is vital to our work."

Improvisational comedy, which challenges the audience to use their imagination, and the cast theirs, was a freeing experience for Wade.

"When it's done in a safe, trusting environment it's a chance to freely speak ideas, to

share with the audience and the people on stage," he said. "We ask you to come on stage and play. We spend all our lives not doing that."

The pressure is on, but Wade is having a great time. "It's very exciting to watch a production take shape," he said. "To see a kernel of vision become a show."

Pories brings a wealth of experience to the Mainstage. "She's a fine improviser and has had a rich and multi-faceted life, which is important. She's a tireless worker, and very funny."

As the show continues, there will be subtle changes. "It evolves as the actors find more effective ways to steer the message," said Wade. "We're open to making changes. We're obligated, we must be the voice of the community."

## The 3rd Level

The 3rd Level Improv Troupe, performing Sundays, and headlining Thursday-Sunday, March 12-15, at Joey's Comedy Club in Livonia, is a different voice in the community.

Marc Warzecha, Joe Gillis, Angie Potvin, Jeff Fritz, Michael Lomas, Billy Zakolski, and Mary Lindsay met at Second City - Detroit while taking classes together.

They got along well together, and after completing the "third

level" of classes, decided to start their own troupe.

"I personally like the spontaneity of improv, and the challenge of doing something different every night, and playing off the audience," said Warzecha a member of The Second City - Detroit touring company. "You hear something on the news and you can work it into a skit. You get to say a lot, maybe make a point about the world around you, sometimes it's funny. I really like that aspect of it."

Third Level has been performing together since April. Warzecha said he had a very good experience at Second City, and improv is something he really enjoys doing.

"Our troupe has something unique and different to offer," he said. "We are all between the ages of 21 and 26, we're younger, and this gives us a different perspective. We take more chances, we're definitely the most spontaneous of the major improv groups in the area such as Totaly Unrehearsed Theatre."

Like Second City - Detroit, Third Level is planning to offer improv classes.

Final details are being worked out, and Warzecha said classes are scheduled to start the end of March, and meet Sundays. You can call (313) 438-1381 for more information.



Comedy troupe: Bringing their own brand of improv to Joey's Comedy Club in Livonia is The 3rd Level, Billy Zakolski (clockwise from top), Michael Lomas, Jeff Fritz, Mary Lindsay, Angie Potvin, Joe Gillis, and Marc Warzecha.

# Village Players serve superb 'Dining Room'

The Village Players production of A. R. Gurney's "The Dining Room," continues 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday at the Playhouse, 752 Chestnut St., Birmingham. Adult tickets are \$12, students \$10, available at the door or by calling (248)644-2075. BY HELEN ZUCKER SPECIAL WRITER

The Village Players production of A.R. Gurney's "The Dining Room," directed by Jane Pfeifer and Joan Reddy, is superb. The talented cast of six lob Gurney's funny, poignant lines across the 1898 "Made in Virginia" table with an intense sense of theatre.

Linda Hammell is marvelous. She opens the play as a bright real estate agent and quickly dissolves into a proper mother, a girl who'd rather see "Saint Joan" with her maiden aunt than go to debutante parties, a palsied, but still-with-it maid, a child at a birthday party and

four other women living through various stages in the lives of upper middle class WASPs. Hammell brings great energy, grace and a sense of comedy to her roles.

Gary Sekerak lends solidity and presence to his roles as the client who wants the house, the psychiatrist who outwits his architect who wants to knock out the walls, the lover Ted, and eight men who move from the 1900s to the present. Sekerak is moving as the son who nods and watches finches as his pompous father tells him, Polonius fashion, how to "do" his funeral.

Eric Kent Franz is very light on his feet and turns in strong performances as various children, the zippy architect, the nephew from Amherst who photographs his aunt and her fingerbowl for an anthropology project at Amherst, Standish, the clubman and others.

Jeanine Matlow glows whether

she's playing an Irish maid who leaves for a factory, a child at a birthday party, a teen who doesn't drink; she's especially fine as an elderly mother who's lost her memory and as a trouble daughter who wants to come home but can't.

Maureen Cook exudes radiant intelligence as a rattled mother, the aunt who knows about fingerbowl, china and glassware, a cook who can make butterballs and a woman who perpetually needs a drink. Cook has a

restraint about her, as though she had reserves to call on. She seems to be upholding WASP traditions quite on her own. Cook has a large gift.

Pietro DiGiorgio is an immensely lively father, and many others. He's especially fine as the grandfather who bought the dining room table, the self-made man who tells his grandson, Tickets are 1/2 price on Thursday, Feb. 26.

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## THEATER

**DETROIT REPERTORY THEATRE**  
"Fences," through Sunday, March 22, at the theater, 13103 Woodrow Wilson, Detroit. 8:30 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays, 3 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sundays. \$15. (313) 868-1347

**FISHER THEATRE**  
"Stomp," through Sunday, March 8, Fisher Theatre, Fisher Building, Detroit. (248) 645-6666/(313) 872-1000

**FOX THEATRE**  
"Cats," through Sunday, March 1, at the theater, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$17.50-\$42.50. All ages. (248) 433-1515

**JEWISH ENSEMBLE THEATRE**  
"Taking Sides," through Sunday, March 8, Aaron DeRoy Theatre, 6600 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield. 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Thursdays and Sundays, 8 p.m. Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays and Wednesday, March 4. \$13-\$23 with discounts for seniors, students and groups. (248) 788-2900

**MIRADROW BROOK THEATRE**  
"What the Butler Saw," a comedy about a philandering psychiatrist who's chasing his would-be secretary while his wife has an affair with a hotel bellhop, runs through Sunday, March 8, at the theater in Wilson Hall on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester. 8 p.m. Tuesdays-Thursdays (\$22), 2 p.m. Wednesdays (\$22), 8 p.m. Fridays (\$26.50), 2 p.m. Saturdays (\$22), 6 p.m. Saturdays (\$32), 8 p.m. Saturdays (\$32), 2 p.m. Sundays (\$22), and 6:30 p.m. Sundays (\$26.50). (248) 377-3300

**NATIONAL THEATRE OF THE DEAF**  
With Pilobolus Dance Theatre perform Ibsen's "Peer Gynt," 4 p.m. Sunday, March 8, Mercy High School, 29300 11 Mile Road, Farmington Hills. \$20, mail check or money order with a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Deaf and Hearing Impaired Services, Inc., 28600 11 Mile Road, Suite 103, Farmington Hills, 48336. (248) 473-1888/(248) 473-1875 (TDD)

**PURPLE ROSE THEATRE COMPANY**  
"Julie Johnson," Wendy Hammond's poignant story of an uneducated young mother who seeks a better life for herself and her two children, through Saturday, March 14, at the theater, 137 Park St., Chelsea. 8 p.m. Thursday, March 13 (\$20), 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 27 (\$25), 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28 (\$25), 2 p.m. Sunday, March 1 (\$20), Wednesday, March 4, show cancelled, 8 p.m. Thursday, March 5 (\$20), 8 p.m. Friday, March 6 (\$25), 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, March 7 (\$25), 2 p.m. Sunday, March 8 (\$20), Tuesday, March 10, show cancelled, 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 11 (\$20), 8 p.m. Thursday, March 12 (\$20), 8 p.m. Friday, March 13 (\$25), and 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, March 14 (\$25). (734) 475-7902, group sales 475-5817

## OPERA

**GINO JULICO**  
Opera singer who has appeared in "Carmen" with Placido Domingo at the Metropolitan Opera, performs songs from his album, "Le Secret," a collection of romantic French melodies, and popular opera arias, 8 p.m. Monday, March 2, St. James Episcopal Church, 355 W. Maple Road (at Chester Street), Birmingham. \$30. (248) 644-0620

## COLLEGE

**EMU THEATRE**  
"Anne of the Thousand Days, Maxwell Anderson's epic tale of the lives of Henry VIII and Anne Boleyn, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 6-7, 2:30 p.m. Sunday, March 8, and 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, March 12-14, Quirk Theatre on Eastern Michigan University campus, Ypsilanti. \$7 Thursday, \$12 Fridays and Saturdays, and \$10 Sunday matinee. \$2 discount for tickets purchased in advance. (734) 487-1221

**WSU BONSTELLE THEATRE**  
"Of Mice and Men," by John Steinbeck, 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26; "A Woman of No Importance," by Oscar Wilde, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 27-28, and 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28; "Twelfth Night," by William Shakespeare, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 6-7, and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 8, at the theater, 3424 Woodward Ave. on the campus of Wayne State University, Detroit. (313) 577-2972

**WSU HILBERRY THEATRE**  
"Two Gentlemen of Verona," by William Shakespeare, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 6-7, at the theater, 4743 Cass Ave. on the Wayne State University, Detroit. (313) 577-2972

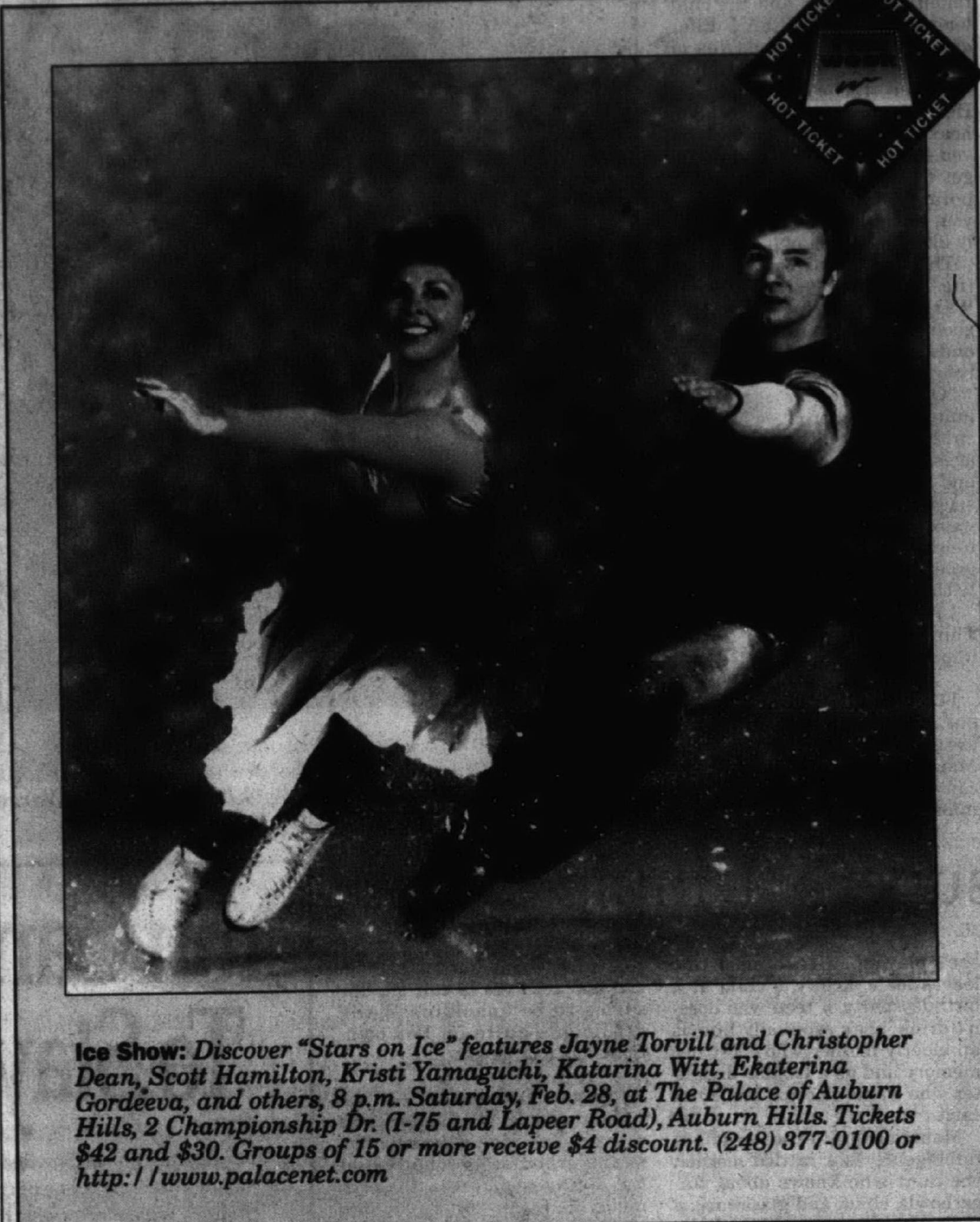
**WSU STUDIO THEATRE**  
"Crimes of the Heart," by Beth Henley, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 26-28, and March 5-7, and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 1 and 8, at the theater below the Hilberry Theatre, 4743 Cass Ave., Detroit. (313) 577-2972

## COMMUNITY THEATER

**ARJON PLAYERS**  
"The Odd Couple," (Female Version), 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 27-28, March 6-7, March 13-14; 2 p.m. Sunday, March 1 and March 8; 8 p.m. Thursday, March 12, at the playhouse, 1185 Tienken Road, Rochester. Tickets \$11, student, senior and group rates available at the Thursday and Sunday performances. (248) 606-9077

**BROADWAY BUDDIES**  
"That Broadway Beat," a comedic musical review featuring songs from "Ragtime," "Evita," "La Cage Aux Folles," and more, 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28, at the Wunderground Theater, 110 S. Main St. (above ACE Hardware), Royal Oak. \$10, benefits GLSEN Detroit. (248) 541-1763

**SHRIMP PARK PLAYERS**  
Celebrates its 15th year with "My Fair Lady," 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb.



**Ice Show: Discover "Stars on Ice" features Jayne Torvill and Christopher Dean, Scott Hamilton, Kristi Yamaguchi, Katarina Witt, Ekaterina Gordeeva, and others, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28, at The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr. (I-75 and Lapeer Road), Auburn Hills. Tickets \$42 and \$30. Groups of 15 or more receive \$4 discount. (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacenet.com>**

27-28 and March 6-7, Tappan Middle School Auditorium, 2251 E. Stadium Blvd., Ann Arbor. \$7. (734) 994-3508

**FARMINGTON PLAYERS**  
"The Heiress," 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 26-28, at the Players Barn, 32332 W. 12 Mile Road, (1/2 mile west of Orchard Lake Road), Farmington. \$8. (248) 553-2955

**PLANET ANT**  
"Garage," a musical written by Park and Nancy Hayden and performed by Park, 8:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 26-28, midnight Sunday, March 1, at the coffeehouse, 2327 Caniff, Hamtramck. \$10. All ages. (313) 365-4948

**PLAYERS GUILD OF DEARBORN**  
"Crimes of the Heart," a heartwarming story of three sisters in Hazelhurst, Miss., in the early 1970s, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 27-28 and March 6-7, 13-14, and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, March 15, at the theater, 21730 Madison (southeast of Monroe and Outer Drive), Dearborn. \$10, \$8 for students younger than age 18 with proper ID. (313) 561-TKTS

**PLYMOUTH THEATRE GUILD**  
"Sweet Charity," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 27-28, at the Water Tower Theatre, 41001 W. Seven Mile Road (west of I-275 between Haggerty and Northville roads), on the campus of the Northville Psychiatric Hospital. \$11 in advance, \$12 at door. (248) 349-7110

**RIDGEDALE PLAYERS**  
"Brigadoon," Feb. 27-March 1, March 6-8 and 12-15, at the theater, 205 W. Long Lake Road (1/4 mile west of Livernois Road), Troy. 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, and 3 p.m. Sundays. \$13, \$12 Thursday and Sundays for students and seniors, coffee and sandwich afterward included. (248) 988-7049

**TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE**  
"Around the House," featuring a variety of comedians, dancers, musicians ranging from alternative to folk, actors, story-tellers and multi-media performers in a cabaret-style environment, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 6-7 and 13-14, at the theater, 38840 W. Six Mile Road (at I-275), Livonia. (734) 464-8302

**VILLAGE PLAYERS**  
"The Dining Room," by A.R. Gurney, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 26-28, and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 1, at the theater, 752 Chestnut St. (at Woodward Avenue, just south of Maple Road), Birmingham. \$12, \$10 students. (248) 644-2075

## DINNER THEATER

**GENITRI'S HOLE-IN-THE-WALL**  
"Trial By Error," live interactive comedy dinner theater, through June at the restaurant, 108 E. Main St., Northville. \$39.95 includes seven-course dinner of soup, bread, pasta, antipasto salad, baked chicken, Italian sausage, Italian steak, vegetables and dessert, the show, tax and tip. "Bernie Baby Capers," a children's theater program about folks who form a group to swap Bernie Babies after becoming frustrated with standing in line waiting for new Bernies, Saturday, Feb. 28, \$9.65 for children, \$11.65 for adults, includes the show, and mini-luncheon of soup, bread, salad, mostaccioli, chicken legs, dessert, tax and tip. (248) 349-0522

**JACKSON PRODUCTIONS DINNER THEATRE**  
"The Retirement Murders," an audience participation murder mystery comedy,

6:30 p.m. Saturdays through March 7, Fiorelli's Restaurant, 26125 E. Huron River Dr., Flat Rock. \$28 in advance, \$33 at the door, includes dinner, show, tax and tip. Non-smoking dinner theater. (734) 782-1431

## YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

**PAPER BAG PRODUCTIONS**  
"The Wizard of Oz," Saturdays and Sundays, Saturday, Feb. 28-Saturday, April 11, Historic Players Club, 3321 E. Jefferson Ave., Detroit. Noon lunch and 1 p.m. show Saturdays, and 1 p.m. lunch and 2 p.m. show Sundays. \$7.50 includes lunch.

**YOUTHTEATRE**  
"Ishangi's Africa" by Ishangi Family, as part of the Movin' Up Club Season for those ages 7 and older, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28, and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 1, at Music Hall, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit. \$7. Children younger than 5 will not be admitted to the theater. (313) 963-2366

## SPECIAL EVENTS

**"CAPITAL THEATRE FAUX FEST"**  
Canada's top impersonators perform tributes to show biz legends that include Elton John, Neil Diamond, The Blues Brothers, Elvis Presley, Tom Jones, Liza Minelli, Tina Turner, and Frank Sinatra, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28, and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 1, at the theater, 121 University Ave. West, Windsor, Ontario, Canada. \$15 (Canadian) (519) 253-7729

**"GREATER DETROIT SPORTSFISHING AND TRAVEL EXPO"**  
4-9:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, March 5-6, 10 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Friday, March 7, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, March 8, The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr. (I-75 and Lapeer Road), Auburn Hills. \$7.50, \$3.50 children ages 6-12, free for children ages 5 and younger. (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacenet.com>

**GUN AND KNIFE SHOW**  
Featuring games, rifles, hunting supplies, ammo and more, noon to 9 p.m. Friday, March 6, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, March 7, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, March 8, Gibraltar Trade Center, 15525 Rancho Road (Eureka Road and I-75), Taylor. (734) 287-2000

## BENEFITS

**AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION'S HEART BALL**  
With mistress of ceremonies Diana Lewis from WXYZ-TV, and honorees Dr. Joseph S. Bassett of Bloomfield Hills and Jimmy Launce of Farmington Hills, 7 p.m. cocktails and 8 p.m. dinner Friday, March 6, Dearborn Inn, 20301 Oakwood, Dearborn. \$200, benefits the association's education programs and research. (248) 557-9500, ext. 451.

**LAS VEGAS PARTY**  
7 p.m. to midnight Thursday, Feb. 26, 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, Feb. 27, and 4 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 28, at the Sheraton Inn on Boardwalk at Victoria Way (I-94 at the State Street exit), Ann Arbor. \$5 evenings, \$2 from 4-7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28, benefits the Michigan Theatre. (734) 668-8397

**"WAKING DREAMS HAPPEN"**  
United Way Community Services auction to benefit youth programs features performance by Kerry G, a sit-down dinner catered by Opus One, a silent and live

auction and raffle prizes including a 1999 Limited Edition Plymouth Prowler, 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 27, Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit. \$150. (313) 226-9413

**ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE FUNDRAISER**  
With live Irish music by Larry Larson, Charlie Taylor, Odd Enough, Michael O'Brien, Black Mist and Terry Murphy, and dancing on two stages, 2 p.m. Sunday, March 1, Bonnie Brook, Telegraph Road (between Seven and Eight Mile roads), \$10 donation. (313) 963-5745

## FAMILY EVENTS

**DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**  
"Raiders of the Lost Symphony," conductor David Alan Miller asks his audience of young "Raiders" to help uncover the origins of the symphony by solving riddles posed by the Symphonic Sphinx, as part of "Young People's Concert Series," 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 28, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$7-\$27. (313) 576-5111 or <http://www.detroitssyphony.com>

**"DISNEY ON ICE - HERCULES"**  
7:30 p.m. Tuesday March 3-Wednesday, March 4, 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 5, 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 6, 11:30 a.m., 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 7, and 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. Sunday, March 8, Joe Louis Arena, 600 Civic Center Dr., Detroit. \$11.50, \$14.50 and \$17.50, with limited \$30 non-discounted rinkside seats. Families save \$5 on tickets for 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 3; Save \$3.50 on tickets for Family Night Wednesday, March 4; and save \$2 on tickets for kids 12 and younger for 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 5, and 11:30 a.m. Saturday, March 7, shows. (313) 983-6006/(248) 645-6666

**SHRINE CIRCUS**  
Noon and 7 p.m. Mondays-Fridays, 10:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturdays, and 1:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Sundays, from Friday-Sunday, March 6-22, Michigan State Fair Coliseum, Detroit. \$6-\$14. (313) 831-1620/(313) 366-6200

## CLASSICAL

**STEPHEN ARON**  
Classical guitarist, 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 27, Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. \$12 rows 1-5, \$8 general seating. (734) 769-2999 or <http://www.peus.com/kch>

**CANANI STRING QUARTET**  
With pianist Anton Nel performing with the Schumann Piano Quintet, 4 p.m. Sunday, March 1, Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. \$25 rows 1-2, \$15 rows 3-5, and \$10 general seating. (734) 769-2999 or <http://www.peus.com/kch>

**CUTTUNE PLAYERS**  
A new ensemble composed of seven DSO musicians, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, March 1, Henry Ford Estate - Fair Lane, University of Michigan - Dearborn, 4901 Evergreen Road, Dearborn. (chamber music) (313) 593-5330

**DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**  
With conductor Jerzy Semkow and violinist Emmanuelle Boisvert, perform at-Mozart program, 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, March 5-6, and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, March 7, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$17-\$60. (313) 576-5111 or <http://www.detroitssyphony.com>

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**DETROIT SYMPHONY CIVIC ORCHESTRA**  
With conductors David Daniels and Ye-Hui Wang, perform "Tragic Overture" by Brahms, "Symphony in D Minor" by Franck, and "Symphonic Dances From 'West Side Story,'" 7 p.m. Sunday, March 1, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$6, \$25 box-level seating. (313) 576-5111 or <http://www.detroitssyphony.com>

**EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY**  
EMU's Department of Music presents a performance of Johannes Brahms' "A Golan Requiem," performed by the EMU University Choir, EMU Festival Choir, First Presbyterian Church Choir of Ann Arbor and the EMU Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Kevin Miller, associate professor of music, soloists are faculty members Glenda Kirkland, soprano, and Donald Hartmann, bass-baritone, 8 p.m. Friday, March 13, in Pease Auditorium, corner of West Cross Street and College Place, in Ypsilanti. \$5, \$3 students/seniors, and available at the Quirk Box Office (734) 487-1221, or Pease Auditorium one hour before the performance.

**"AN EVENING OF JOHN CAGE"**  
Featuring "Sonatas and Interludes for Prepared Piano" (1946-48) performed by Stephen Rush, assistant professor at the University of Michigan School of Music, and "Cartridge Music" (1960) performed by Quartet, 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 27, First Unitarian Universalist Church, 4605 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$12. (248) 548-9888

**CHARLES GREENE**  
Pianist performs 7-11 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 27-28, O'Mara's, 2555 W. 12 Mile Road, Berkley. Cover charge. 21 and older. (248) 399-6750

**LIVONIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**  
With conductor Volodymyr Schesliuk, performs music and songs from Broadway shows and light classics, at its annual cabaret concert, 7 p.m. Friday, March 6, Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft Road (west of Inkster Road), Livonia. \$25, includes hot hors d'oeuvres. (734) 421-1111/464-2741

**OWAIN PHYFE**  
9 p.m. to midnight Thursday, Feb. 26, O'Mara's, 2555 W. 12 Mile Road, Berkley. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rennaisance) (248) 399-6750

**"SPHINX COMPETITION FINALS CONCERT"**  
Finalists for the national competition, which promotes the development of string instrument and piano experience in young African-Americans and Latinos, perform with the Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra, 4 p.m. Sunday, March 1, Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University, Ann Arbor. Free. (734) 763-7014 or [sphinxcomp@hotmail.com](mailto:sphinxcomp@hotmail.com)

**WINDSOR SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**  
"No Frills Friday," 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 27; "Classics IV, Percussion Colours," 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28, Chrysler Theatre in the Cleary International Centre, 201 Riverside Dr. West, Windsor, Ontario, Canada. (800) 387-9181 or <http://www.city.windsor.on.ca/cleary>

## POPS

**DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**  
With conductor Erich Kunzel, soprano Katherine Terrell, tenor Kevin Anderson, baritone Lewis Dahle von Schlenbusch, a Capella Chorus of Rochester College, Detroit Concert Choir, and Livingston County Chorale perform "Broadway Night at the Pops: The Music of Cole Porter," 8 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 26, 8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 27-28, and 3 p.m. Sunday, March 1, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$17-\$60. (313) 576-5111 or <http://www.detroitssyphony.com>

**PINO MARELLI**  
Sings international pop standards and originals in English, Italian and Spanish, 6 p.m. Tuesdays through March, Ardo's Grill N' Chill, 27900 Hoover Road, Warren. Free. All ages. (810) 582-0080

**SPESBSQA CONCERT**  
The Wayne Chapter of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America annual show features the chapter's Renaissance Chorus, international medallist quartet Michigan Jake, 17-member ensemble Fanfare, and Sweet Adeline quartet Harmonix, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 6-7, Mercy High School, 29300 11 Mile Road, Farmington Hills. \$12, \$10 seniors 62 and older, and full-time students. (313) 438-2364

## AUDITIONS

**BALLET WORKSHOP**  
The Livonia Civic Ballet Company hosts a weekend dance workshop with Ana Lobe, principal dancer with the Cleveland-San Jose Ballet Company, Friday-Sunday, Feb. 27-March 1, at Miss Jean's Dance Arts, 15621 Farmington Road (one block north of Five Mile Road), Livonia. Workshop is for beginning to advanced dancers ages 7 and older. (734) 427-9103.

**HARTLAND PLAYERS**  
Auditions for "The Foreigner," 2 p.m. Sunday, March 1, and 7 p.m. Monday, March 2, Hartland Music Hall, 3619 Avon St., Hartland. Script available at Cromaine District Library. (810) 220-3521

**PLAYERS GUILD OF DEARBORN**  
Auditions for nine men, eight women, three children, and several River City Townspeople and Kids for Beth Henley's "The Music Man," 1 p.m. Sunday, March 1 (children only), and 7:30 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, March 2-3, at the theater, 21730 Madison (southeast of Monroe and Outer Drive), Dearborn. Be prepared to sing and dance. For performances

April 24-26, and May 1-3, 8-9, 15-17. (313) 561-TKTS (press option 3)

**PLYMOUTH THEATRE GUILD**  
Auditions for "Arsenic and Old Lace," 7 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, March 2-3, Water Tower Theatre, on the campus of Northville Psychiatric Hospital, 41001 W. Seven Mile Road (between Haggerty and Northville roads), Northville. Performance dates May 1-3, 8-10, and 15-17. (248) 349-7110

**STAGECRAFTERS**  
Auditions for the romantic musical "Kismet: A Musical Arabian Night," 5:30 p.m. Sunday, March 1, and 6:30 p.m. Monday, March 2, Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak. Seven principal roles and 20-30 chorus parts are available. Performance dates May 15-17, 21-24, and 28-31, and June 5-7. (248) 541-4832

## CHORAL

**CANTATA ACADEMY**  
"Songs from Around the World Concert," its annual fundraiser, 4 p.m. Sunday, March 1, Christ Episcopal Church, 120 N. Military, Dearborn. \$20 in advance only, includes tea and desserts. (248) 546-0420

**ZAMIR CHORALE OF METROPOLITAN DETROIT**  
Spring concert, "Lebn Z of Columbus - From the Shtetl to Broadway," 4 p.m. Sunday, March 1, Birmingham Temple, 28611 W. 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills. \$10, \$5 students and seniors. (313) 861-8990

## JAZZ

**REGGIE BRAXTON**  
7:30-11:30 p.m. Thursday, March 5, Fleetwood on Sixth, 209 W. Sixth St. (between Main and Washington streets), Royal Oak. Free. All ages. (248) 541-8050

**CAVANI STRING QUARTET**  
4 p.m. Sunday, March 1, Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. \$25 rows 1-2, \$15 rows 3-5, \$10 general admission. (734) 769-2999

**JUDY COCHILL TRIO**  
8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, March 6, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (vocal/piano/bass trio) (248) 645-2150

**KURT ELLING WITH THE LAURENCE HOBGOOD TRIO**  
9 p.m. and 11 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 6-7, 207 S. Ashley, Ann Arbor. \$15 in advance. 21 and older. (734) 662-8310 or <http://www.99music.com>

**ETHNIC HERITAGE ENSEMBLE**  
Featuring two percussionists, saxophone and trombone, led by Khalil El'Zabar, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28, Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. \$15 rows 1-5, \$10 general seating. ("Merging of African styles of percussion with contemporary American jazz styles") (734) 769-2999 or <http://www.peus.com/kch>

**SCOTT GWINNELL TRIO**  
9 p.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (piano/bass/drums trio) (248) 645-2150

**WENDELL HARRISON TRIO**  
7-11 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (sax/piano/bass trio) (248) 645-2150

**INTRIQUE**  
9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 27-28, D.L. Harrington's Roadhouse, 2086 Crooks Road (at M-59), Rochester Hills. Free. 21 and older. (contemporary jazz/top 40) (248) 852-0550

**SHEILA LANDIS TRIO**  
8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 27, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older; 10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 6-7, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Free. 21 and older. (vocal/piano/bass trio) (248) 645-2150/(313) 861-8101

**LORI LEFAYRE**  
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

**DARRON MCKINNEY**  
With Jon Ross's "Witness the Magic Show," 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28, JD's Macomb Theatre, 31 N. Walnut St., Mount Clemens. Cover charge. 18 and older. (contemporary jazz/magic) (810) 465-5154/(313) 965-8055

**MATT MICHAELS TRIO**  
With guest trumpeter Louis Smith, 8-11:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26, and with guest vocalist Eric Brandon, 8-11:30 p.m. Thursday, March 5, at the Botsford Inn, 28000 Grand River Ave., Farmington. \$5 cover waived with dinner (5:30-8 p.m.) plus \$5 drink minimum. (248) 474-4800

**LARRY NOZORO**  
7:30-11:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 6-7, Fleetwood on Sixth, 209 W. Sixth St. (between Main and Washington streets), Royal Oak. Free. All ages. (248) 541-8050

**PLAS**  
With Gold Sparkie Trio, 9 p.m. Tuesday, March 3, as part of Mood Indigo night at Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley, Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 21 and older. 9734) 662-8310

**JACOB SACKS QUINTET**  
8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28, Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. \$12 rows 1-5, \$8 general admission, \$5 students. (saxophones/bass/drums) (734) 769-2999

**GARY SCHUNK TRIO**  
7-11 p.m. Thursday, March 5, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (piano/bass/drums trio) (248) 645-2150

**PAUL VORNHAGEN**  
7:30-11:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 2



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Featured performers: The Irish Rovers are stepping into their fourth decade with two new members, Wallace Hood, and John Reynolds, plus the original five. Their program 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 4 at the Southfield Pavilion, 26000 Evergreen Road (at 10 1/2 Mile Road), Southfield will include "The Unicorn," "The Black Velvet Band," and other classics. Tickets \$18-\$20, call (248) 424-9022/(248) 424-9043.

streets), Royal Oak. Free. All ages. (248) 541-8050  
**URSULA WALKER AND BUDDY BUDSON**  
With Dan Kolton, 9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Thursdays and Fridays at Forte, 201 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 594-7300  
**STEVE WOOD TRIO**  
8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Feb. 28, Agape Caffe, 205 Fifth Ave. (corner of Center Street), Royal Oak. Free. 25-cent surcharge on drinks during live entertainment. All ages. (sax/piano/bass trio) (248) 546-1400

## 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

**"CELTIC FIDDLE FESTIVAL"**  
With Kevin Burke, Johnny Cunningham and Christian LeMaitre, 8 p.m. Thursday, March 5, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$17.50. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>

**GREAT BIG EAR**  
8 p.m. Tuesday, March 3, In the Capitol Theatre's Pentastar Playhouse, 121 University Ave. West, Windsor, Ontario, Canada. \$20 (Canadian). All ages. (Celtic) (519) 253-8065 or <http://www.mnsl.net> or <http://www.mnsl.net/~capitol>

**IMMUNITY**  
9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 27, Checker's, 36759 Mound Road, Sterling Heights. Cover charge. 21 and older. 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 28, Corradi's, 1090 Rochester Ave., Troy. Free. 21 and older. 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 6-7, Union Lake Grill and Bar, 2280 Union Lake Road, Commerce Township. Free. 21 and older. (reggae) (810) 264-9500/(248) 588-3471/(248) 360-7450

**-PINO MARELLI**  
Sings international pop standards in Italian, English and Spanish, and original music. 6 p.m. Tuesdays through March 31, at Ardo's Grill N'Chill, 27900 Hoover, Warren. Free. (248) 582-0080

**"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-TROUT

**ODD ENOUGH**  
9:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 27, Friendly Sons of St. Patrick hall, 8269 E. Eight Mile Road, Warren. Free. 21 and older. (Irish) (810) 758-7602

**SOLAS**  
Featuring Seamus Egan, Winifred Horan, John Williams, John Doyle and Karen 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.a2ark.org>

## FOLK/BLUEGRASS

**EDDIE ADCOCK AND RFD BOYS**  
8 p.m. Friday, March 6, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$11, \$10 members, students, seniors. All ages. (bluegrass) (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>

**MICHAEL COONEY**  
8 p.m. Sunday, March 1, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$12.50. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>

**LISA HUNTER**  
9:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26, The Tap Room, 201 W. Michigan Ave., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 21 and older. 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 27, Cafe Anzu, 1733 Plymouth Road, University of Michigan north campus, Ann Arbor. Free. All ages. 10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28, Dexter Bowl, 2830 Baker, Dexter. Free. All ages. Hosts open mic night, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, March 1, Gargoyles', 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Free. All ages. (acoustic pop/folk originals) (734) 482-5320/(734) 769-1212/(734) 426-4707/(248) 745-9790

**JAN KRIST**  
8:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 4, Royal Oak Brewery, 215 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 544-1141

**JOEL MABUS**  
8:10-10:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28, Off-The-Wall Acoustic Coffeehouse, St. William Parish Hall, 531 Common, Walled Lake.

**JIM PRESLEY**  
8-10 p.m. Wednesday, March 4, Espresso Royale Caffe, 214 Main St., Ann Arbor. Free. All ages. (734) 668-1838

**BIRD TIME OUT**  
8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 27, Oakland Community College, Lila Jones Johnson Theatre, 739 S. Washington, Royal Oak. \$12. All ages. (vocal bluegrass) (248) 544-4903

**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

**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.a2ark.org>

**ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCING**  
Workshop and dancing led by Eric Arnold and Don Theyken and live music by David West and Donna Baird, 7-9:45 p.m. Tuesday, March 3, Chapel Hill Condominium Clubhouse, 3350 Green Road (north of Plymouth Road), Ann Arbor. \$4. (734) 663-0744/(734) 662-5158

**BIG RED'S COMEDY CLUB**  
Totally Unrehearsed Theatre, Friday-Saturday, Feb. 27-28; Kirk Noland, Friday-Saturday, March 6-7, Inside Mr. B's Roadhouse, 595 N. Kapeer Road (M-24), Oxford. Cover charge. (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>

**JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB**  
Tommy Chunn, Steve Bills and Joey Bielaska, Thursday, Feb. 26 (free), and Friday-Saturday, Feb. 27-28 (\$12); Randy Lubas, J.R. Remick and Joey Bielaska, Thursday, March 5 (free), and Friday-Saturday, March 6-7 (\$12), at the club above Kicker's All American Grill, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia. 8 p.m. Thursdays, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, and 8 p.m. Sundays for new talent/third level improv. (734) 261-0555

**JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAISANO'S**  
Emmy Award-winner Kevin Meary, 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday, Feb. 27-Saturday, Feb. 28 (\$15, \$27.95 dinner show package), at the club, 5070 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

**MAINSTREET COMEDY SHOWCASE**  
Eddie Clark, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26 (\$7), and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 27-28 (\$10); Totally Unrehearsed Theatre, 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 4 (\$4); Margaret Smith, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, March 5 (\$9), 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 6-7 (\$12), at the club, 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 996-9080

**MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE**  
at the club, 269 E. Fourth St., Royal

Oak. (248) 542-9900 or <http://www.comedycastle.com>  
**SECOND CITY**  
"Down River Dance," 8 p.m. Wednesdays (10), Thursdays (\$10) and Sundays (\$10), and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Fridays (\$17.50) and Saturdays (\$19.50), through spring, at the club, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. (313) 965-2222

## MUSEUMS AND TOURS

**CHILDREN'S MUSEUM**  
"Sounds Out of Africa," with CCS Institute of Music and Dance, celebrate the musical traditions of Africa, noon and 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28. \$2; Planetary 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, 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 PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
Liberian cooking with Phyllis Sancho, 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28, at the library, 5201 Woodward Ave., Detroit. (313) 833-4042

**DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER**  
IMAX movies showing indefinitely include: "Super Speedway," 10 a.m. and 11:10 a.m. Mondays-Fridays; and "Special Effects," 12:20 p.m. and 1:20 p.m. Mondays-Fridays; at the museum, 5020 John R (at Warren Road), Detroit. \$6.75 for adults, \$4.75 for youths 3-17, and seniors 60 and older, includes one screening of an IMAX film, a visit to the Exhibit Floor, a live science demonstration in the Discovery Theatre and a short laser presentation. \$2.50 for each additional IMAX movie. Discounts available to groups to 10 or more. Hours are: 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays-Fridays, and 12:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. (313) 577-8400 or <http://www.sciencecenter.org>

**HISTORIC CHURCH TOUR**  
With visits to Nativity of Our Lord Roman Catholic, St. Anthony Roman Catholic, St. John-St. Luke United Church, Annunciation Roman Catholic and St. Charles Borromeo Catholic churches, Monday, March 2, \$11 Detroit Historical Society members, \$16 non-members, in advance only, and includes bus, tour and luncheon. (313) 833-1405

**HENRY FORD MUSEUM AND GREEN-FIELD VILLAGE**  
"Echoes Across the Prairies: The Vanishing Black West," film by writer and producer Ann Eskridge, shown weekends during February, Black History Month; "Family Fun Month" featuring hands-on activities such as a family radio show where they can produce and perform a radio play, classic cartoons and/or serials as part of "Automobile in American Life" exhibit's drive-in theater, "Making Do and Having Fun" with puppet-making, shadow puppetry, cat's cradle and paper airplane-making, and "Take a Trip Down Memory Lane" treasure hunt, weekends throughout March at the complex, 20900 Oakwood Boulevard (at Village Road, just west of the Southfield Freeway, south of Michigan Avenue), Dearborn. \$12.50 adults, \$11.50 seniors 62 and older, \$6.25 for kids ages 5-12, and free for children younger than 5 and members. Group rates available. Museum open 9 a.m.-5 p.m. daily. (313) 271-1620

**MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY**  
"A Communion of the Spirits: African-American Quilters, Preservers and Their Stories" exhibits featuring 175 photographs of varying sizes, a selection of the surveyed quilts, interpretive panels, and a limited amount of other artwork related to the quilters, through Sunday, June 7. The exhibit features area quilters and celebrity quilters such as Maya Angelou, Rosa Parks, Bernice Johnson Reagon, Faith Ringgold, Sonia Sanchez and Alice Walker; "The Life and Times of Paul Robeson" exhibition featuring records, photographs and paintings on loan from private citizens and from the collection of the MAAH, runs through Tuesday, June 30; "Walk to Freedom: Detroit Shares a Dream," photograph display of the 1963 civil rights march led by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in Detroit, through Saturday, Feb. 28; "Strong Women Keep Coming" theatrical performance, 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Feb. 26-27, 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28, and 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Sunday, March 1; Photo quilt collage workshop, Saturday, Feb. 28, Detroit Lions' defensive tackle Robert Porcher reads from the new book, "Jackie Robinson: An Intimate Portrait," 2-3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28, 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

**BLACK FUZZ**  
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**THE DETRANTS**  
With The Deans, 10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 18 and older. (pop/surf) (734) 485-5050

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**THE AUTUMNS**  
9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 27, Motor Lounge, 3515 Caniff, Hamtramck. Cover charge. 21 and older. (alternative rock) (313)

**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. Saturday, Feb. 28, Tap Room, 201 W. Michigan Ave., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 482-5320

**NORMA JEAN BELL AND THE ALL STARS**  
9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays through June 27, Bacci Abracci, 40 W. Pike St., Pontiac. Free. All ages. (variety) (248) 253-1300

**BENNY AND THE JETS**  
9 p.m. Sundays through April 26, Buck's Place, 23845 W. Warren Road (one block east of Telegraph Road), Dearborn Heights. Free. 21 and older. (rock) (313) 274-6005 or <http://members.tripod.com/~BennyJet/>

**BIZER BROTHERS**  
8 p.m. to midnight Friday-Saturday, Feb. 27-28, The Rattlesnake Club, 300 River Place, Detroit. Free. All ages; 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays in March, Pages, 23621 Farmington Road, Farmington. Free. 21 and older. (pop) (313) 567-4400/(248) 477-0099

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**FOOTLOOSE**  
With Blue Eyed Soul, 9 p.m. Friday, March 6, Sardine Bar, 1548 Franklin, Detroit. \$5. 18 and older. (alternative rock/rock) (313) 567-4955

**TONY CREEK**  
9:30 p.m. Friday, March 6, Bo's Bistro, 51 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Free. 21 and older. (alternative rock) (248) 338-6200

**FOOLISH MORTALS**  
10 p.m. Friday, March 6, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 349-9110

**FORGE**  
With Fuel 357 and World of Hurt, 9 p.m. Thursday, March 5, The Palladium Music Club, 17580 Frasho Road, Roseville. \$5. 18 and older. (rock) (810) 778-6404

**SUE GARNER**  
Formerly of Run-On, with Fez, 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

**GILLESPIE, RASMUSSEN AND RAFFOUL**  
9 p.m. Monday, March 2, Four Green Fields, 30919 N. Woodward Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older; 10 p.m. Wednesday, March 4, Woody's Diner, 208 W. Fifth St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (acoustic rock) (248) 280-2902/(248) 543-6911

**ROBERT GORDON**  
With Shack Shakers, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$13 in advance. 18 and older. (rockabilly) (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com>

**GOVERNMENT MONEY**  
9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 27-28, and Sundays in March, Bullfrog Bar and Grill, 15414 Telegraph Road (one block north of Five Mile Road), Redford. \$3. 21 and older. (rock) (313) 533-4477

**HEPCAT**  
With The Gadgets and The Slackers, 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 27, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$6 in advance. All ages. (ska) (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com>

**HOWLING DIABLOS**  
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MOVIES

# 'Dark City' even darker than director's 'The Crow'



JOHN MONAGHAN

**TICKETS PLEASE**

In a scenario straight out of Kafka, a man wakes one morning in a hotel room to find his memory has completely disappeared. When he's told that he's the number one suspect in a string of grisly murders, he's not sure whether he committed them or not.

"Dark City," the second film from "The Crow" director Alex Proyas, places us in an imaginary world where we're not sure of ourselves, where shadowy streets are shot from odd angles and the sun never bothers to rise.

Complex and uncompromising, "Dark City" is a visionary film that is both mind-boggling and mind-blowing. And while not all

of it works, it's got enough wild ideas and crazy visuals for about a dozen films.

It has taken five years for Proyas, still haunted by Brandon Lee's accidental shooting death on "The Crow," to get this movie off the ground.

After stalled starts at other studios, title changes (it was advertised as everything from "Dark Empire" to "Dark World"), and a release date held back for almost a half year, the Australian writer/director finally delivers the movie exactly the way he envisioned it. In a world where movies are increasingly studio "products," this is reason enough to see it.

Which isn't to say that "Dark City" is a complete success. In many ways it's the maddening result of an imagination so active that you're worn out by the closing credits. In this sense it owes plenty to the oppressive visual style of German Expressionist silent films like "Metropo-

lis" and "The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari."

This is evident in the casting of star Rufus Sewell as well, who can't help but remind you of a young Peter Lorre. It's through his somewhat buggy eyes that he tries to discover exactly what happens each night when the clock stops at the stroke of midnight.

To reveal any more of the story would be unfair, because there are so many clever plot twists. But I will say that Proyas and his team of special effects wizards have invented bizarre ways to depict a city which reinvents itself nightly, with buildings sprouting from the ground.

As protagonist John Murdoch, Rufus Sewell makes a believable Everyman. You're sure you've seen him before, but not exactly where (unless you're a fan of BBC productions like "Middlemarch," where he is still best known.) This unfamiliar familiarity is a perfect complement to

the film.

The rest of the cast employs an odd mix of styles and non-styles. As the police detective who tries to break Murdoch down, William Hurt injects his dry sense of humor but not much enthusiasm.

Think of Jennifer Connelly as more or less typecast since she walks through most of her movies, especially this one, without a clue.

Worst is Kiefer Sutherland, in the part of a doctor who extracts the memories from people with the help of special syringes. The part was supposed to be played by someone older (was father Donald busy or something?) and, worse yet, he adopts this stammer between each syllable that reminds you of a cross between William Shatner and Renfield.

As with those old German films (and the recent "City of Lost Children"), technique and amazing visuals can often get in the way of true audience empathy. We don't really care about Murdoch because director Proyas is essentially doing to him what the evil overseers do: moving a pawn throughout an elaborate labyrinth.

Maybe someday someone will make a film that wows us visually while offering characters we can really care about. Until then, we'll have to be satisfied with movies as ambitious and interesting as "Dark City."



Thriller: William Hurt stars in New Line Cinema's sci-fi thriller, "Dark City."

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### SCREEN SCENE

A sampling of what's playing at alternative movie theaters across metro Detroit as reviewed by John Monaghan.

**Baldwin Theatre** 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak. Call (248) 541-6430 for information. (\$10)

**Silent comedy night** 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28; 2 p.m. Sunday, March 1. A quartet of exceptional short films from the early days of movies. Charlie Chaplin in "The Rink," Buster Keaton's "Two Tars," and Harold Lloyd in "His Royal Snyness." Live organ accompaniment from Father Jim Miller.

**Detroit Film Theatre** Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Call (313) 833-2323 for information. (\$5.50; \$4.50 students/seniors)

**"Fire" (India/Canada-1996).** Thursday, Feb. 27 to Sunday, March 1 (call for showtimes). A contemporary tale of two Indian women who fall in love, thus breaking the old order's bonds of obedience, fidelity, and silence.

**"Conspirators of Pleasure" (Czech Republic-1996).** 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 2. A bizarre new movie from Jan Svankmajer, the surrealist filmmaker ("Alice") who examines "ordinary people" who engage in obsessive, darkly comic rituals.

**"Magic Bag** 22918 Woodward, Ferndale. Call (248) 544-3030 for information. (\$2)

**"The Fully Monty" (Britain-1996).** 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26. The Oscar-nominated comedy about a group out-of-work guys who think they can earn some fast money by performing as strippers. The only problem: their very non-Chippendale physiques.

**Main Art Theatre** 118 N. Main Street (at 11 Mile Road), Royal Oak. Films play through at least Thursday, unless noted otherwise. Call (248) 542-0180 for information. (\$6.50; \$4 students, seniors and matinee; \$3 twilight)

**"Live Flesh" (Spain-1997).** The latest from Pedro Almodovar ("Women in the Verge of a Ner-

vous 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 road to salvation, helped in part by his wife (played by Farrah Fawcett).

**"Oscar and Lucinda" (USA-1997).** Ralph Fiennes plays a controversial waging priest who finds his soulmate in heiress Cate Blanchett. Directed by Gillian Armstrong.

**"Afterglow" (USA-1997).** Julie Christie topped a Best Actress Oscar nomination for this tale of two couples whose troubled marriages become intertwined. Nick Nolte co-stars. Directed by Alan Rudolph ("Choose Me," "The Moderns.") Starts Friday.

**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



Drama: Ralph Fiennes (Oscar) and Cate Blanchett (Lucinda) confer with director Gillian Armstrong on the set of "Oscar and Lucinda."

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.

**Windor Film Theatre** 2135 Wyandotte Street West, Windsor, Canada. Call (519) 254-FILM for specific film information. (\$5.25 Canadian; \$4 U.S.)

**"Mon Oncle Antoine" (Canada-1971).** 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 27 to Sunday, March 1. Set in 1940s Quebec, the movie charts one boy's haphazard passage into adulthood.

**"Pitch" (Canada-1997).** 9:15 p.m. Friday, Feb. 27 to Sunday, March 1. Two guys shamelessly try to pitch their screenplay at the Toronto International Film Festival in this free-wheeling documentary.

**"U.S. Marshals"**  
The relentless, canny U.S. Marshal of "The Fugitive" and his street smart team are on the hunt again, this time in pursuit of a brilliant terrorist. Stars Tommy Lee Jones, Wesley Snipes.

Scheduled to open Friday, March 20

**"THE NEWTON BOYS"**  
The true life chronicle, set in the 1920s, of the four Newton Brothers who arguably were the most prolific bank robbers in American history. Their "magnum opus" - the \$3 million heist of a mail train, which was also their downfall. Stars Matthew McConaughey, Julianna Margulies.

**"WILD THINGS"**  
A tale of revenge, lust and murder played out in the murky swamps of the Florida Everglades and the toy yachting enclave of the Blue Bay. Passion ignites passion, mystery uncovers mystery, as the lives of four cunning characters twist and turn amid a bizarre labyrinth of truth and illusion. Stars Kevin Bacon, Matt Dillon, Bill Murray.

**"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.

**"SWEPT FROM THE SEA"**  
At selected theaters. Based on short story by Joseph Conrad, an epic and tragic tale about courage, individuality and the resiliency of the human heart. Stars Vincent Perez.

**"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.

**"REINDEER'S TEE"**  
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 Schemer, Bonnie Hunt.

**"CAUGHT-UP"**  
Drama about an ex-con struggling to leave his old life behind, only to find himself caught in a web of deceit.

Scheduled to open Friday, March 6

**"THE BIG LEBOWSKI"**  
A Joel and Ethan Coen comic crime caper set in L.A. about a kidnapping and a case of mistaken identity. Stars Jeff Bridges, John Goodman.

**"TWILIGHT"**  
Thriller centers around a retired Los Angeles private investigator who agrees to help out a friend, only to find himself embroiled in a dangerous and complex murder mystery. Stars Paul Newman, Susan Sarandon.

**"WASH"**  
Thriller about a woman who thinks she's attained the perfect life with her new husband until she finds out that her mother-in-law is not only disturbed but

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STREET SCENE

# Clutch shakes things up with support from Dan K

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO  
STAFF WRITER

Based in West Virginia, the rock band Clutch considers Detroit its second home. Sweat drips off the walls at St. Andrew's Hall and Harpo's, both in Detroit, because Clutch shows are so packed. The antagonistic rock band's merchandise goes over the countertop like a waterfall.

Singer Neil Fallon has two words for his band's success — Dan K. The crazy bartender at The Shelter swings from the rafters, pontificates from the bar top, publishes the local fanzine "Big Hard News," and plays Clutch's music so loud it drowns out the music upstairs from St. Andrew's Hall.

"I don't think I need to tell Detroit who he is. He's a local hero," Fallon said with a laugh during a recent phone conversation from Columbia Records' office in New York.

"We also got played on the radio there. Once you get played on the radio it spreads the music across the atmosphere. Plus, Detroit's a rock town and being a

rock band, that's good for us."

On Thursday, March 5, Detroiters will get a taste of Clutch's upcoming album "The Elephant Riders" when the band performs with Limp Bizkit and Sevendust when the "Ladies Night in Cambodia '98 Tour" comes to the State Theatre in Detroit.

"The Elephant Riders," due in stores Tuesday, April 14, is a departure from its previous efforts, 1993's "Transnational Speedway League" (EastWest) and 1995's "Clutch" (Elektra).

"It's the kind of record you have to listen to a few times before you understand what's going on. Once you do that you continue to find things," said drummer Jean Paul Gaster via telephone from the band's home in West Virginia during the recording of the album.

"Just as the music itself is a lot more rich, there's a lot more things happening. Not only with the lyrics but the vocal delivery is much more rich as well. There's a lot of tones and colors."

Clutch's heavy, melodic sound is peppered with horns and bluesy guitars on "The Elephant Riders." What's missing, howev-

er, is Fallon's acute sense of humor. Lyrics like "Beebopal-loobopawopshambo/ domo arigato if I got to" and "little bunny foo foo" remain buried in Clutch's previous two albums.

"There are some songs that I think are humorous. It is a little more, I hesitate to call it dark, heavy. That's a great word. That's what entertains us. I hope it entertains other people as well," Fallon explained.

He added that the poor relationship Clutch had with its previous record label caused the attitude change.

"It kind of took away the energy. It has been very difficult to get that back. Going on tour helped out immensely. ... It's been difficult. I think we were getting very tired of everything being an uphill battle to do the simplest things. Columbia's definitely got their act together. Now all of a sudden I feel as if there's an opportunity now that wasn't there before."

To promote the album, Columbia Records has set up a website for Clutch, <http://www.elephantriders.com>, and brought Fallon in to New York to approve

the artwork.

"I saw it last night," Fallon said of the website. "I brought a bunch of pictures taken over the years and I'm going to be putting these pictures up on the website. I'll be changing it every couple weeks or so."

Now that Clutch finally feels at home with Columbia, the band expects to release an album a year.

"There was way too much time between this album and the last one. We're talking three years. That's unacceptable."

"Columbia is doing good by us so far. But we always have ourselves to fall back on in our music. They can't take that away from us."

Clutch, Sevendust and headliners Limp Bizkit perform Thursday, March 5, at the State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Showtime is 7:30 p.m. for the all-ages show. Tickets are \$14.50 in advance, but the first 400 women through the doors March 5 will be admitted free. For more information, call (313) 961-5451 or visit <http://www.961melt.com>.



It's a war out there: Clutch — from left, drummer Jean Paul Gaster, vocalist Neil Fallon (sitting), guitarist Tim Sult and bassist Dan Maines — hopes to bring the troops into the State Theatre in Detroit Thursday.

## Venerable music traditions get spotlight

BACKSTAGE PASS



ANN DELISI

I have a morning coffee habit. In its own small way my coffee consumption strengthens the American tradition of scarfing down scads of coffee at the beginning of every day. And when I ride Juan Valdez's donkey to that Big Cafe in the Sky, the particulars of my coffee habit (I hate styrene cups) may go with me, but I'll know that Americans will still be chugging the mud.

Old habits may die hard, but they die with a person. Traditions live on in a people. Tonight's Backstage Pass on Detroit Public Television includes performances from top practitioners in two venerable traditions: Celtic music and American blues.

Kim Hunter will host Solas, a quintet of contemporary Irish music all-stars that's riding the wave of Celtic music's widespread acceptance. I asked Kim why this traditional music is garnering such popular appeal. "The Celtic music thing

started in the late '80s and it's coming to a slow climax. Irish music is probably the most influential folk music — it's the grandmother of bluegrass. So people might be making those connections, which are evident if you listen with open ears."

What about Solas in particular? "They have Seamus Egan playing with them. He's the youngest-ever winner of a big prize in Ireland called the 'Irish Echo Traditionalist of the Year' at age 27. He's a really outstanding player and multi-instrumentalist — flute, banjo, mandolin, guitar, percussion and more. Just having him on the show in a big deal.

"There are a lot of young players with a great deal of enthusiasm, and have a lot of chops. But he plays slow tunes with a lot of soul. It sounds like he's done a lot of living beyond his years."

No American music has a stronger tradition than the blues. And Monroe is building a blues tradition all its own. In 1988, the city inaugurated an annual concert to celebrate Black History Month and the blues. The event began 11 years ago with a solo appearance by Robert Jones, who has kicked off

the concert every year since.

Widely known for his WDET program, "Blues from the Lowlands," Robert also works with kids with his "Blues in the Schools" program and makes frequent concert appearances both playing and preaching "the true facts" about the history of the blues. He's a top player and historian and Lex Kuhne will host a performance.

Also on the Big Show, Plowshares Theatre's Gary Anderson will host a performance from "Taking Sides," the new show at

the Jewish Ensemble Theatre. Gary described an intense work. "The play focuses on an artist's culpability in continuing to perform in the Berlin Symphony during World War II while Hitler is killing Jews and wreaking havoc."

Finally, Gerry Craig from the Detroit Zoo's Wildlife Interpretive Gallery will host local graffiti artist Donovan in our studio to create an original work for us.

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DINING

# Comedian's daughter takes food seriously

BY KEELY WYGONIK  
STAFF WRITER

Like her father, comedian Marvin Welch, Susan Anastasiou, who named her restaurant Marvin's Bistro in his honor, enjoys entertaining, but she's a food person.

"When we're busy I feel like we're entertaining you - we're entertaining you - we're pleasing you with our food, drinks, and clean restaurant," she said. "You get that same satisfaction. It's almost an art when you do it right. We really try hard."

Marvin Welch has been an entertainer all his life. "When he's here on weekends, usually 5:30-9 p.m. Friday and Saturday, he goes to all the tables and tells his jokes and signs autographs" said Anastasiou. "They come in because they remember him."

Fate played a role in Anastasiou's staging of Marvin's Bistro. After her mother's death, Anastasiou and her father went into the attic and started going through things.

"We found an old, mildewed box, and nearly tossed it out, but something caused me to stop and look inside," she said. "She saved everything from his career. I found little newscippings, photographs, tons of stuff. They were night life people, and that's what we want to bring to this side of town."

Inspired by her discovery, Anastasiou decorated the restaurant with her father's memorabilia, and bought a piano bar. She also hired two new chefs, Remy Berdy and Mark Benenati, and the former American Inn, run by her husband, Angelo, took on a new persona. Angelo helps out as an adviser, but Susan runs the show.

"We just put it all together," said Anastasiou. "It fell into place. We hung a few new curtains, and the lampshades are different."

**Wixie**

Well known to Detroit TV audiences, Welch is a comedian and wonderful singer. He was a disc jockey on WRRB but is best known for Wixie, a role he played on WXYZ-TV in the early 1960s. His Wixie costume hangs in the restaurant.

"My father got Soupy Sales started in the business," said Anastasiou. "He was a character, still is."

Welch and his wife, Dolores, owned their own supper club on

**Marvin's Bistro**  
**Where:** 15800 Middlebelt, (between Five Mile and Six Mile roads) Livonia, (734) 522-5600  
**Hours:** 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday-Friday; 4-11 p.m. Saturday, Bar stays open to 2 a.m.; closed to the public Sundays, open for banquets.  
**Menu:** American regional cuisine with an Italian/French influence  
**Cost:** Lunch ranges from \$4.95-\$6.95; dinner \$6.95 to \$13.95  
**Credit Cards:** All majors accepted  
**Reservations:** Not necessary, but advised on Fridays and Saturdays.  
**Carryout:** Available  
**Seating:** 145 comfortably, handicap accessible.  
**Specials:** Friday Lenten specials range from \$10.95-\$13.95. Two or more seafood specials will be offered every Friday, and may include: Marinated Salmon, Maryland Crab Cakes, Lemon Sole Rebecca, Broiled Whitefish, Grilled Tuna with Citrus Sauce. Served with soup - homemade Manhattan Chowder or New England Chowder, or salad, potato and vegetable medley.  
**Entertainment:** Carl Larson and Ernie Horvath at the piano bar, 12:30-2:30 p.m. Monday-Friday; 7-10 p.m. Monday-Tuesday; 7 p.m. to midnight Wednesday-Saturday.

Gratiot in Roseville in the late 1950s. "He would entertain at his own club," remembered Anastasiou.

Exposed to both the food business and show business as a child, Anastasiou chose the food business for her career. "You don't want to hear me sing or see me dance," she laughed.

**Chefs**

Chef Remy Berdy, who worked at the Kingsley Inn, and opened the Whitney and the original Hard Rock Cafe in London, is executive chef. Mark Benenati left Disney World to work at Marvin's Bistro with Berdy.

"I was looking for the right kind of place," said Berdy explaining how he came to Marvin's Bistro. "I was looking for a free-standing restaurant and Susan was looking for a chef. We kind of fell in love. Angelo and Susan are wonderful people. They backed us, and gave us an excellent kitchen. They bought us the equipment we wanted."

Berdy is a classically trained chef and studied in Europe. He learned from master chefs, and met his wife, who is from Detroit, in Israel in 1967 during the Six Day War. He moved to the metro Detroit area with her in 1968, and never looked back.

"There's a revolution in food. People are a lot more conscious about ingredients," he said. "We create our style of cuisine, with the accent on freshness. Michigan is very much a treasure trove."

Everything is fresh and home-

made at Marvin's Bistro. "We add a little cilantro to the mushroom barley soup to give it a different zing, almost a whole different atmosphere," said Benenati.

The chefs are committed to keeping the enthusiasm going, and are always challenging each other. Berdy has at least 1,000 cookbooks he looks to for inspiration.

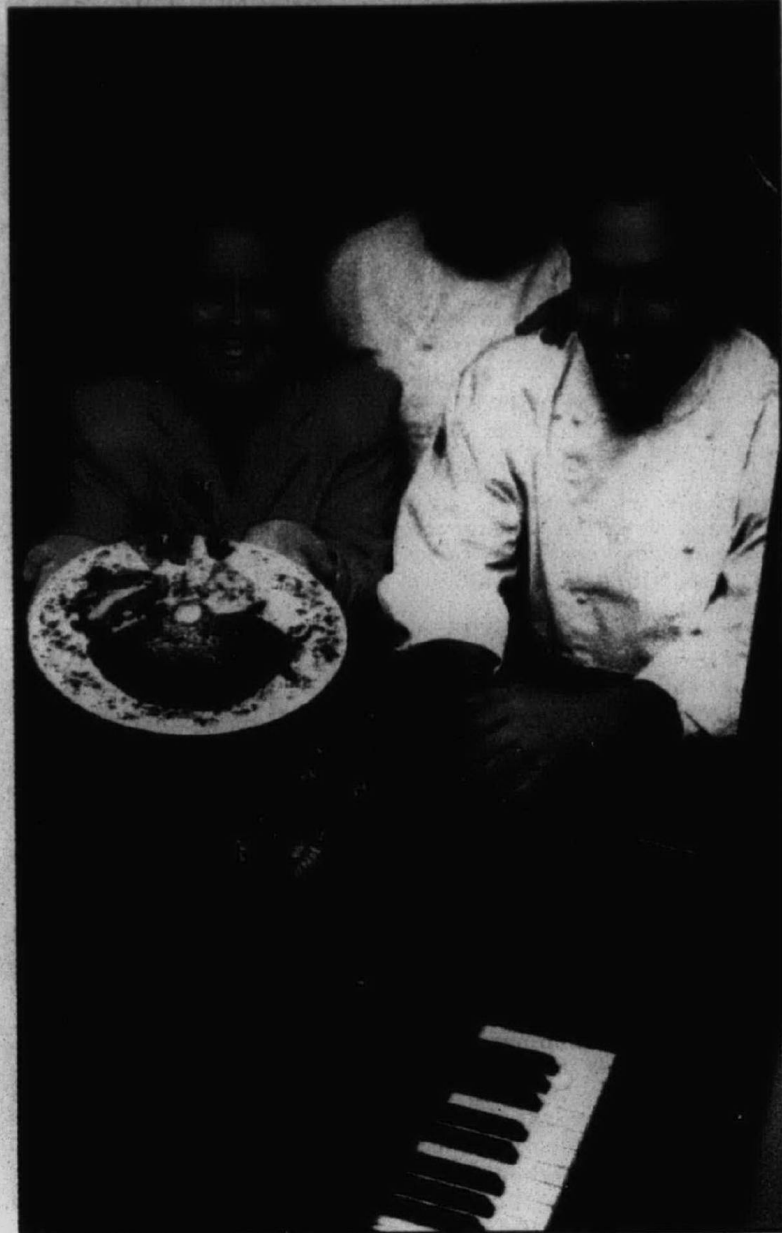
"People eat with their eyes, it's a challenge for us every day," he said. "I always look for something new and exciting. We believe in giving good portions, and explain dishes to the wait-staff so they can talk to customers."

Lunch is served 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. followed by dinner. Berdy and Benenati would also like to offer a late night menu.

**Appetizing choices**

The chefs aim to please, and offer something for everyone's tastes. Calamari, escargot and steamed mussels are best selling appetizers, and their wild mushroom fettuccine is an often requested dish.

For lunch there are appetizers, soups including French onion and chili con carne served with tortilla strips, shredded jack cheese, diced tomatoes and onion; salads such as caesar, grilled poached Norwegian salmon, and warm grilled chicken breast salad, and a variety of sandwiches. In addition to the usual hamburger, club sandwich, and grilled ham and cheese,



STAFF PHOTO BY SHARON LEMIEUX

At your service: Susan Anastasiou at the piano bar in Marvin's Bistro with Chef Remy Berdy(center) and Chef Mark Benenati.

you'll find a veggie pita, and the Remy Marvin Sandwich, a grilled chicken burger with pine nuts, shallots and carrots served on an onion roll.

Dinner also offers soups, sandwiches and salads for lighter appetites, along with a number of fish and seafood items such as marinated salmon, broiled whitefish, shrimp tempura and grilled tuna with citrus sauce, chicken entrees such as Breast of Chicken Nouvelle - breast of chicken stuffed with a mushroom and spinach duxelle wrapped in puffed pastry with a glaze, grilled chicken, and Breast

of Chicken Roulade; medallions of veal morel, scallops of provimi veal marsala, steaks grilled to your specifications, pasta primavera, and seafood fettuccine

Save room for dessert, white chocolate chambard cheesecake and creme brulee are among the choices, and be sure to ask about the daily specials.

**EATING OUT IN THE SUBURBS**

Just in case you missed it, or lost the paper. Here are couple of the restaurants we've recently visited:

■ **Il Posto**, 29110 Franklin Road (at Northwestern Highway), Southfield (248)827-8070. **Hours:** 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. lunch Monday-Friday; 5:30-10 p.m. dinner Monday-Saturday. **Menu:** Impeccably served, ambitious, authentic Italian dishes from many regions of Italy. **Cost:** Hot and cold antipasti average \$11; homemade pasta \$17-22, main dishes \$19-25. **Reservations:** recommended. **Credit cards:** all majors accepted.

If you discovered Il Posto (translated "the place") on a trip to Italy, you'd be talking about it for months! Save the plane fare and head to Franklin Road at Northwestern Highway in Southfield for an Italian food feast, the kind you'd find in Italy's countryside outside Florence, Milan or Naples.

■ **Beans & Cornbread**, 29508 Northwestern Highway (east side between 12 Mile Road & Inkster in the Sunset Strip), Southfield, (248) 208-1680. **Hours:** Monday through Thursday 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Friday until 11 p.m.; Saturday 4-11 p.m. and Sunday until 10 p.m. **Menu:** In a totally non-smoking environment, Soul Food is taken into the next century. **Cost:** At lunch, soups, starters and sandwiches \$3-7; entrees \$6-7. Dinner starters, soups and salads \$3-10; sides \$2-4; main plates served with chef's choice of accompaniments \$8-15. **Reservations:** recommended at dinner. **Credit cards:** all majors accepted.

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