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Local school trustee resigns

Plymouth-Canton school board member Jack Farrow has resigned from his position in order to seek employment with the school district.

"I want to apply for the position of research and technology vacated recently by Dave Rodwell," said Farrow. "A board member can't be an employee of the school district."

Rodwell recently left Plymouth-Canton Community Schools to accept a position with the Walled Lake schools in Oakland County.

Farrow has worked for Medar Inc. in Farmington for nearly 26 years. His current title is electronics design engineer, which Farrow says includes "a lot of computer programming. I would like this position to help kids. Technology will eventually replace books, and I want to be part of that."

Rodwell's former position pays \$86,322. Farrow indicated money wasn't an issue in his decision, and didn't cite his current salary at Medar.

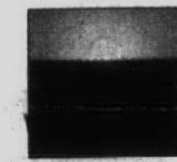
Farrow made the surprise announcement to fellow board members on Tuesday night, when board members gathered for a closed session on the expulsion of a student.

Errol Goldman, assistant superintendent for employee relations and personnel, said the posting for the position is due to come down Friday. He would not comment on any other candidates for the position, and hopes a committee to oversee the interview process will pick Rodwell's successor soon.

The school board has 20 days to appoint someone to replace Farrow until the June election. Voters, who are slated to elect two board members, will now also elect someone to fill the two years remaining in Farrow's term.

City spends to stem the tide

The city doesn't need any more flooding so commissioners approved spending \$25,000 to repair the Tonquish Creek retaining walls where it flows under downtown Plymouth. Recent rainstorms damaged the entrance to the creek tunnel.



Monday approved spending \$25,000.

The money will pay for repairs to the Tonquish Creek retaining walls where it begins to flow under downtown northwest of Ann Arbor Trail and Harvey Street.

"The significant rain storms (last month) have caused substantial damage to the entrance of the Tonquish Creek tunnel," said Paul Sincoc, director of municipal services, in a report to the city manager.

"The retaining wall at this location has failed and has undermined a large portion of the Tonquish

Creek Walkway and is in danger of undermining a major sanitary sewer line that is located in this area," he said.

To dramatize potential problems, Sincoc provided photos of downtown flooding in May 1978.

While the city has applied to Wayne County Emergency Management for money to reimburse the city, Sincoc said it's uncertain if the city will get money.

Sincoc said that for now, money to pay for repairs would come from the city's street improvement funds. He said the situation qualifies as it's related to storm water-related repairs.

City Manager Steve Walters said that ironically, money saved by not needing road salt during the mild



Repairs: Recent flooding washed away soil underneath and behind the Tonquish Creek retaining wall and some sidewalk.

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Absentees prompt annoyance

They almost didn't have enough Plymouth city commissioners to conduct a meeting Monday, and that steamed some who showed.

"The ones that are AWOL, can they be impeached?" joked Commissioner David McDonald, a retired Army officer.

Commissioner Colleen Pobur didn't joke. "This is a very serious responsibility, it's very reprehensible when they

The ones that are AWOL, can they be impeached?

Dave McDonald
—City commissioner

don't call, and don't show.

"I think it's an embarrassing situation in front of the citizens," Pobur

said. Mayor Don Dismuke had an excused absence from the meeting Monday at city hall. But other commissioners said that as far as they knew, Commissioner Dennis Shrewsbury and Mayor Pro Tem Joe Koch hadn't called to say they couldn't attend. Therefore, their absences were considered unexcused.

Koch was out of town on business
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Train Tales

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

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

We are interested in your stories about encounters with trains in the community. We have heard from plenty of people about seemingly endless delays waiting for trains to cross. Or even those trains that come to a dead stop at the crossings. Please let us know your tales. We will publish your experiences, observations and thoughts about the trains and the crossings.

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Rivers offers help with train issues

A Sheldon Road railroad crossing inspection is being sought by Plymouth city officials and U.S. Rep. Lynn Rivers.

Rivers, D-Ann Arbor, said in a Feb. 19 letter to Plymouth City Manager Steve Walters, "I have been working at the federal level to see if anything can be done."

Rivers was alerted to growing concerns concerning traffic backups at the Sheldon crossing by articles in the Plymouth Observer, city officials said.

Rivers said her staff member Michael

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On ice: Sara and Kari Schmitt, both 5, practice their hockey skills at the Cultural Center in Plymouth. Tryouts will be held in late summer for a girls' 17-member hockey team for ages 8-12.

She shoots, she scores! New girls' hockey team planned

The spotlight on girls' and women's hockey is shining brighter around the world and in Plymouth-Canton.

Last month, the U.S. women's team won the Olympic gold medal. A week ago, the announcement came that a four-team professional league will begin play this fall.

And in late summer, the Plymouth-Canton Hockey Association will hold

tryouts for a 17-member girls team for ages 8-12.

"It's finally starting to come around that girls should be afforded the opportunity to play hockey as well," said Mike Ward, president of the hockey association.

In his 10 years with the association, Ward said it's been common to see girls playing in the Mini-Mite and Mite divisions, ages 4-8. "I think

through the Mites, the (girls') skating skills seem to be better than the boys," he said.

About 20 percent of the association's mite players are female. But as body checking comes into play in higher classifications, they tend to not want to play with boys, Ward said.

Now that the Plymouth-Canton
Please see HOCKEY, A4

Seminar: 'You're a better parent than you think'

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

If you aren't sure how to discipline your child, or how to help your child when he's frustrated, or how children learn through technology, there's some help in sight.

Once again a cooperative effort

between the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, Educational Excellence Foundation and the Business Education Partnerships will bring Parents' Day, Saturday, March 28, to East Middle School, 1042 S. Mill, Plymouth.

The half-day event - "You're a Better Parent Than You Think" - will feature a guest speaker and 26 mini-seminars

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which parents may attend.

Dr. Ray Guarendi, a clinical psychologist who specializes in parenting and families - and a regular guest on shows such as "Oprah," "Joan Rivers" and

"CBS This Morning" - and author of "You're a Better Parent Than You Think," will take center stage as the main speaker.

"I'm going to talk about putting parents back in charge," Guarendi said. "We will talk about parents willing to

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IN THE PAPER
TODAY

COMMUNITY LIFE

What's your bid? When the auction gavel drops for the last time on April 3, Dr. David Janda hopes to have raised \$30,000 for the Institute for Preventative Sports Medicine. /B1

ENTERTAINMENT

Music: Matt Watroba has returned to his roots at Plymouth Canton High School to pay his respects to those who inspired him. /E1

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Candidate Ross to speak

ECONOMIC CLUB

Democratic gubernatorial candidate Doug Ross, a former state senator and assistant secretary of the U.S. Department of Labor, will speak before the Tonquish Economic Club at noon, March 18 at the Plymouth Manor.

Ross was the founder of the Michigan Citizens Lobby and led the effort to eliminate the sales tax on food and medicine. As president of Common Cause he led the fight to give citizens a

greater voice in government by leading the effort to pass the Campaign and Lobbyist Reform Act. As a state senator, Ross also worked to create the Wetlands Protection Act and to exempt small businesses from the Single Business Tax.

Ross is a former director of the Michigan Department of Commerce and is now seeking the Democratic Party's nomination for the governor's race this year.

The \$20 tickets are available for Ross' speech and luncheon by calling the club at 455-1166.

Tickets also are available for two other club programs. Kathleen Straus, president of the



Doug Ross, gubernatorial candidate

Michigan Board of Education will speak April 18. On April 30, a special meeting of the club will feature Gov. John Engler, who is seeking re-election.

Appeals heard

In the township of Plymouth, the Board of Review will hear appeals of property tax assessments 6-9 p.m. Monday, March 9; 9 a.m. to noon and 2-5 p.m. Tuesday March 10, all by appointment only.

A non-appointment session is scheduled for 9-11 a.m. March 14. The sessions will be in township hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road.

Equity summit

Event to raise awareness of school funding

At the current rate of state funding, it will take the Plymouth-Canton school district more than 100 years to catch up to Bloomfield Hills when it comes to per pupil spending.

That's according to Mark Slavens, the chairman of Michigan's first Michigan Summit on School Funding Equity, slated for Tuesday, March 23 at the Summit on the Park in Canton.

Nearly two dozen state representatives and senators from both sides of the political aisle are expected to attend. They include Loren Bennett, R-Canton; Robert Geake, R-Northville; Eileen DeHart, D-Westland; and Thomas Kelly, D-Wayne. Several gubernatorial candidates are also expected to be in attendance.

The purpose is to raise awareness of inequities in school funding throughout the state; discuss with legislators the issues of school funding; talk about the pros and cons and possible changes of Proposal A; and gauge where the state's gubernatorial candi-

'Proposal A was supposed to control increases in property tax and narrow the gaps in per-pupil spending in Michigan.'

Mark Slavens
Summit organizer

dates stand on the issue. School officials are expecting nearly 350 interested citizens and educators from around the state to attend the two-hour discussion, which begins at 7 p.m.

"Proposal A was supposed to control increases in property tax and narrow the gaps in per-pupil spending in Michigan," said Slavens. "However, it will take us more than a century to conquer a gap that exists between Bloomfield Hills (\$11,000 per student) and Plymouth-Canton (\$5900 per student)."

"We hope to show the public there are inequities in school

spending for many districts like Plymouth-Canton, and maybe urge the state to give back some local control," noted Slavens.

Plymouth-Canton Schools Superintendent Charles Little is hoping to educate many who believe growing communities like Canton get more money, while the reality remains state funding is now determined by school population.

"I don't think a lot of people realize that we are currently being funded at a percentage less than the cost of doing business," said Little.

He said that last year the district received a 2.7-percent increase in state funding, while the Consumer Price Index was over three percent. Little notes this is the fifth consecutive year the district has operated with state funding increases less than the cost of doing business.

"The system is supposed to close the gap between the rich and poor," said Little. "However, it definitely hasn't worked here."

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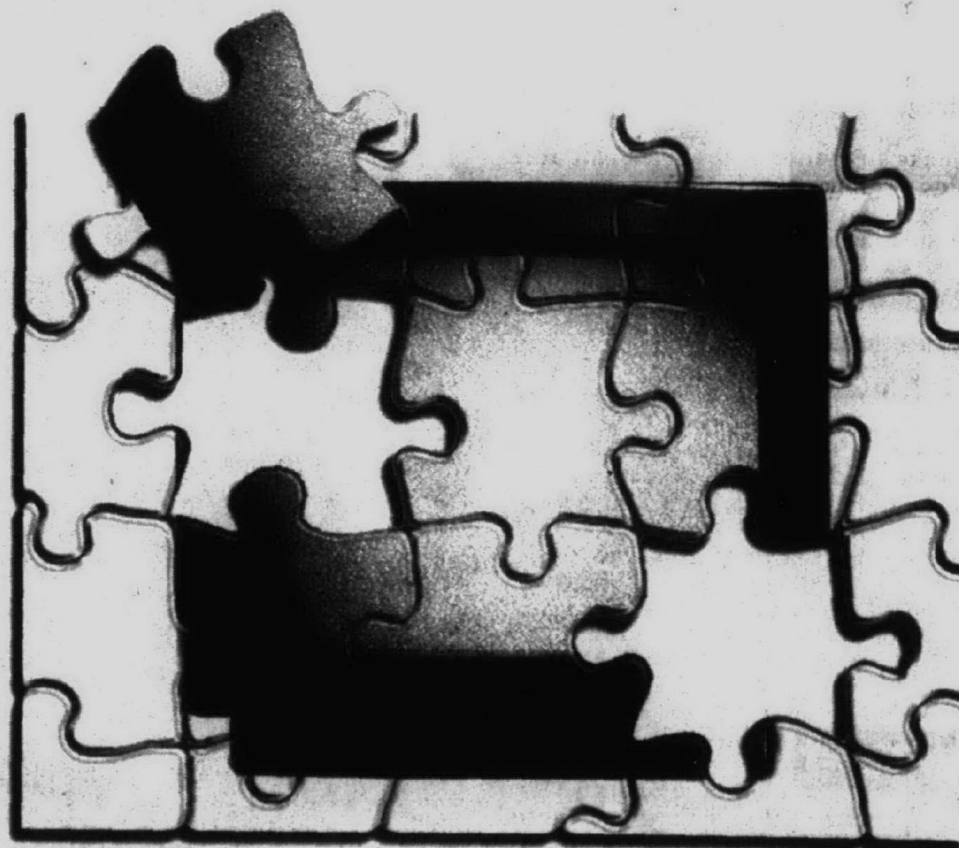
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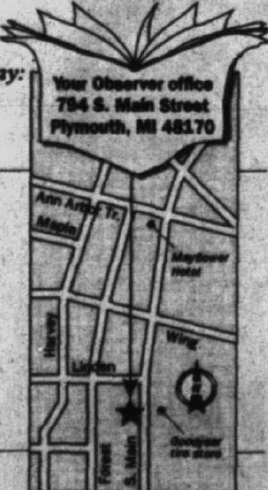
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The following sessions will be held on Monday, March 23 at East Mill Street, Canton, MI 48105. Sessions will be held at 11:15 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Selection will be made by the following:

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Parents' Day

You've got your choice of sessions

The following break-out sessions will be offered during Parents' Day '98 Saturday, March 28 at East Middle School, 1042 E. Mill Street, Plymouth. Break-out sessions will run 10:30 - 11:15 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Selections for the sessions will be made the day of the event.

■ **Parenting Your Student Athlete** - What parents need to know to foster their young athlete. Michael C. Ware, Ph.D.

■ **"I Hate When That Happens!"** - Helping your child cope with frustrations at school. Peggy Schneider, elementary school counselor.

■ **Back to the Family** - Reveals those characteristics most common to strong families. Ray Guarendi, Ph.D.

■ **Discipline is Love in Action** - This presentation will empower you with the self-confidence and authority you deserve. Ray Guarendi, Ph.D.

■ **The Journey Starts Here** - Promoting young children's development from preschool to kindergarten. Mary Lou Boyd, PLUS Preschool Program teacher.

■ **Tune in to Your Teen Through Technology** - Find out how to use technology to reach and teach your teen. Roby Jarzewski, resource room teacher, Central Middle School.

■ **"What Happened to My Baby?"** - Perspectives and survival skills for the middle school years. Jeanne Knopf-DeRoches.

■ **Paper, Pencils, Plus** - A demonstration of how technology is used as a tool to facilitate learning in the elementary years. Michelle Foster, Barbara

Greanya, Shelly Rybarsyk, Karen Huston, Plymouth-Canton teachers

■ **The Creative Child, Learning Through the Arts** - A discussion of opportunities for children to grow and learn through the fine arts. Jennifer Tobin, Plymouth Community Arts Council executive director.

■ **The Middle School Years** - Nervous, apprehensive, unsure, scared. Alleviating common feelings as you send your child off to middle school. Pat Butzin and Nancy Kline, middle school counselors.

■ **Parenting is C.O.O.L.** - Parenting with love and logic is the C.O.O.L. way to handle the challenges of parenting in the '90s. Judith Minton.

■ **Your Eyes and My Eyes** - The world from an ADD point of view. Ellison Franklin, East Middle School principal.

■ **Alternatives to Yelling and Threatening** - Explore alternative discipline methods that can be more effective and preserve your relationship with your child. Denise Collins-Robison, social worker.

■ **Yummy in Your Tummy** - Steps to healthy and delicious eating for your family. Linn Storch, St. Joseph Mercy Health System.

■ **Connecting with Your School After the Elementary Grades** - Tips on how to remain connected to your child's secondary school. Barbara Church, Joan Noricks, Ellie Schupra.

■ **Parent Involvement in Student Learning** - Practical activities to enhance learning at home for kindergarten-grade 5. Cynthia Morningstar.

■ **Self-Esteem, You Can't Buy It!** - How can you feel better about who your child seems to be. Building self-esteem. Susan Davis.

■ **An Intro to Gangs and Other "Unsavory Characters"** - What every parent needs to know, but doesn't know who to ask, about gangs and peer groups. Canton police officers Steckel and She-manske.

■ **Managing Behavior in Young Children** - Steps to effective parenting in the early years. Mary Kay Herr and Teri Dillon, Tanger Center.

■ **"Character Counts" for Older Children** - Help in teaching ethics and values to older children. Sandi Jester.

■ **"Character Counts" for the Elementary School Child** - Why values and ethics are important in the early years. Ann Kuhn, Farrand Elementary School principal.

■ **Sex, Drugs and Rock and Roll** - Why young people get involved and tips for recognizing the signs and symptoms. Brian Spitsbergen, Growth Works.

■ **Understanding Adolescents: True Colors** - Learn how personality and temperament affect relationships with your child. Deb Trapp, Journey program teacher, Plymouth Salem High School.

■ **Creating Traditions of Family Fun** - Presentation of a variety of activities that promote learning and family togetherness. Rosanne Happner.

■ **Single Parenting** - Strategies for parents who face "double duty." Carol Murphy.

Parents' Day '98 Registration Form

You may return this to any of the following locations:

Any of the Plymouth-Canton Elementary and Middle Schools

or mail to:

Business Education Partnership Office
550 N. Holbrook
Plymouth, MI 48170
Attention: Betty Bloch



"You're a better parent than you think."

Saturday, March 28, 1998

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List adults attending Parents' Day: (please print)

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

REGISTERING IN PERSON

If you choose to register in person on Saturday, March 28, 1998, you may do so between 8:15-8:45 a.m.

Walk-ins are welcome.

QUESTIONS?

Call: Betty Bloch at 734/ 416-4903

or Carole Levine at 734/ 420-7010

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stand strong against children, cultural forces and other things that affect families.

"I use heavy humor to make the parents understand," Guarendi said. "There's been a massive erosion in the self-confidence and authority of parents. We have to right the state of affairs."

Following his talk, parents will have their choice of the mini-seminars, which include: Self-Esteem, You Can't Buy It!; Managing Behavior in Young Children; Sex, Drugs and Rock and Roll; Understanding Adolescents: True Colors; and The Creative Child - Learning Through the Arts.

Registration for the event runs 8:15-8:45 a.m. Guarendi will speak at 9-10:15 a.m. The first group of break-out sessions will run 10:30-11:15 a.m. The second break-out sessions will run 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., followed by closing remarks and door prizes.

"Parents often feel isolated," said Carole Levine, EEF executive director. "This is one way they can interact with people in the school district in a more relaxed setting. We will talk about social issues facing kids, as well as how they interact with each other."

At the first-ever Parents' Day in Plymouth-Canton last year, the event drew 330 parents. This year organizers expect as many, if not more.

"We are encouraging parents to registered ahead of time," said Betty Bloch, Business Education Partnerships coordinator. Admission is \$5. You may register in advance with the accompanying form or at the door the day of the event. Child care is available for children ages 3-10.

"As part of the development of students as positive citizens we are hoping to convey to parents the need to have a strong influence in their lives," Bloch said.

The mini-seminars or break-out sessions cover all age groups for children, preschool through high school. "We worked really hard to get that balance," Bloch added.

Subjects for the break-out sessions were determined through a joint effort and based on a 1996 survey of elementary school parents, as well as the topics chosen by attendants at last year's Parents' Day.

The idea of a Parents' Day came out of a Business Education Partnership subcommittee that formed to find way to help kids develop skills and values, Levine said.

Common complaints from potential employers include that young people don't have skills such as punctuality, attention to detail and social abilities. "That makes them unemployable," Levine said.

The other question was how to get parents involved in the pro-



Organizing: Carole Levine, Educational Excellence Foundation director, says parents often feel isolated.

cess of helping students. That's about when Connie Moore of Hegira, a social service agency, approached the group. Moore, a Plymouth-Canton parent, helps schools districts develop Parents' Day programs.

Vendors, such as social service agencies, also will be on hand throughout the event to provide information to parents.

Parents' Day is sponsored by the Canton Chamber of Commerce, Community Federal Credit Union, Johnson Controls, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, St. Joseph Mercy Health System, Target stores and Tim Hortons.

Absentees from page A1

Monday and Tuesday. Shrewsbury was unavailable for comment Tuesday morning.

Commissioners Stella Greene, Pobur and McDonald were joined 10 minutes after the 7 p.m. meeting start time by Commissioner Ron Loiselle. With four commissioners present, they were able to vote on city business.

Greene, who took over running the meeting, asked the city administration to send a copy of the city charter to all seven commissioners to remind them of their responsibilities.

"We all have jobs," Pobur continued, but added some commissioners have also chosen not to attend Saturday sessions on the Plymouth 2000 plan. "I'm furious about this and it better be better on Saturday," she said.

"We should make our best efforts to be here," McDonald

said. With one city department head absent, McDonald asked to be informed if any department head was not to attend a particular meeting.

He asked if the city charter required department heads' attendance. City Manager Steve Walters said the charter states department heads should attend, if they can.

Walters said that when a commissioner can't attend a meeting due to illness or job requirements, he or she typically calls the city clerk, city manager or mayor.

Walters said that while neither he nor City Clerk Linda Langmesser got a call from Koch or Shrewsbury, it's possible that Mayor Dismuke may have heard from them before Dismuke left town on business.

The city charter states commissioners are required to

attend all meetings. Commissioners can enforce fines for non-attendance, or direct the police chief to find and bring the absent commissioner to city hall for the meeting, unless the commissioner has a "confining illness."

By a city policy adopted by a previous commission, absences are also allowed if a commissioner who is out of town can't practically get back in time for the commission meeting, or if the commissioner is conducting other city business.

Other commissioners can consider filling an absent commissioner's seat if there are four unexcused absences in a row, or if the commissioner misses 25 percent of commission meetings, according to the charter.

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School strategy sessions set

The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools will hold two awareness sessions on the district's Long Range Plan ... a proactive strategy to meet the challenges facing the school district over the next five years.

The sessions will take place Saturday, March 14 at 10 a.m. and Wednesday, March 18 at 7

p.m. Both will be held at the E.J. McClendon Educational Center at 454 S. Harvey St. in Plymouth.

Community members will be able to give input into the plan when three additional Vision Priority Meetings are scheduled.

Those who want to participate will be work in small groups to

give input to the Long Range Planning Committee.

The Vision Priority Meetings will be held on Tuesday, March 31, from 7-9 p.m. at Pioneer Middle School; Wednesday, April 8 from 4-6 p.m. at Pioneer Middle School; and Wednesday, April 22 from 7-9 p.m. at Tonda Elementary School.

COP CALLS

Church break-in

Plymouth police are looking into a break-in at St. Michael's Catholic Church.

Police found the church on North Mill Street had been broken into sometime between Wednesday and Friday of last week.

Church officials report a bottle of tequila, a bottle of vodka and three boxes of candy valued at \$50 each were stolen.

Burglary reported

Employees at Toarmina's Pizza, 261 N. Main, found the store burglarized when they reported for work Monday morning.

Plymouth police say an undetermined amount of cash was stolen.



In the net: Girls, such as (from left) Sara Schmitt, 5; Shannon Carpenter, 5, and Kari Schmitt, 5, are joining the rage for hockey. It doesn't hurt that the U.S. women's hockey team won the Olympic gold medal.

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Hockey from page A1

Hockey Association has grown to 27 teams, Ward said he and the association's board agreed that the next team to be added should be a girls' team.

In the last few years, a Little Caesars league has offered girls-only divisions and the Ann Arbor hockey association now offers all girls teams covering all ages.

District 4 is where Plymouth-Canton plays. It includes Livonia, Farmington, Novi, South Lyon, Birmingham

and Bloomfield and has 5,100 players registered. "Out of all of those not one of our organizations today or last year offered exclusive all-girls' teams," Ward said.


But Ward said he was getting 50 calls per year from parents wanting to know about girls' teams or where their girls could play.

Registration for the first local girls hockey team will likely be announced in July. Ward said it's likely that in

coming years, girls' teams will be formed in a range of age divisions, up through high school age.

"I think it's an up-and-coming sport especially with the East Coast schools. MSU and U-M are talking about girl's varsity possibly even next year," Ward said.

"I think it is long overdue. Where the girls several years ago didn't have any choice, now they do," he said.



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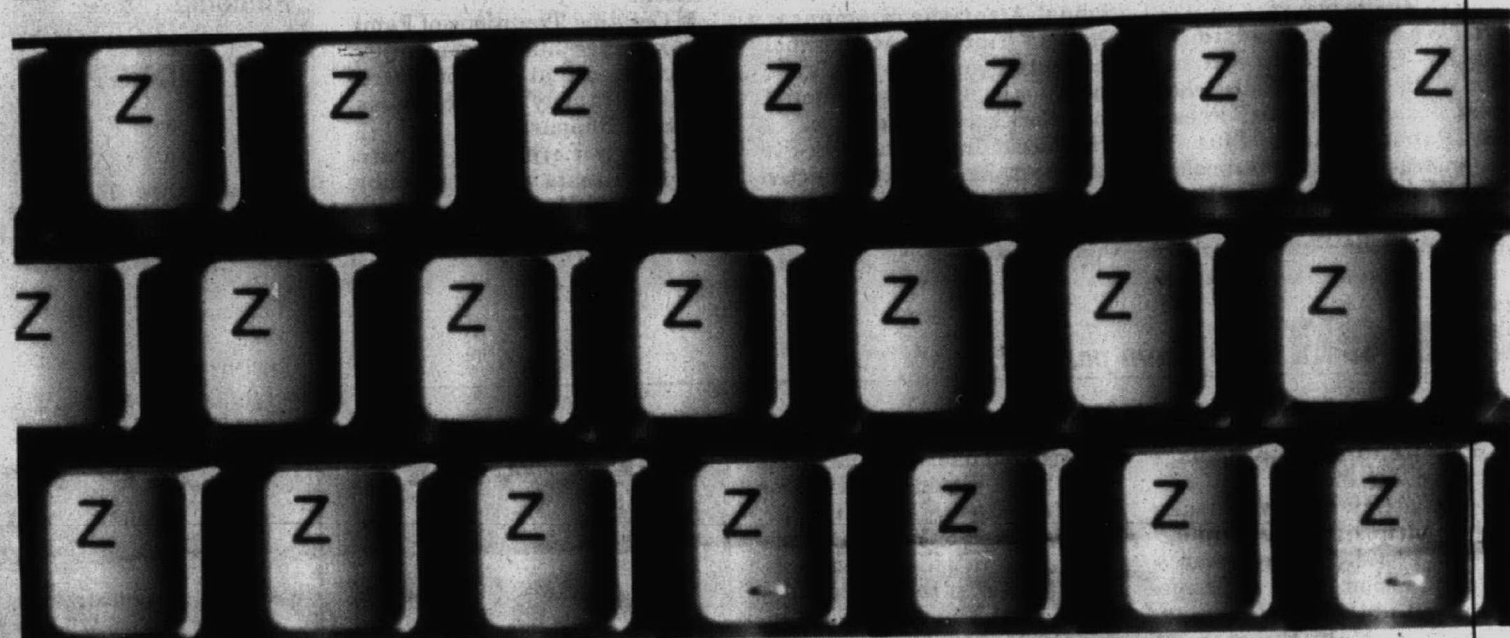
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Resident questions wetland 'trade-offs'

Bill Craig, a Livonia resident who regularly attends meetings of the Wayne County Commission's Committee on Environment, Drains and Sewers, said he opposes a wetlands preservation fund's use in the hands of Wayne County.

"The biggest flaw is (the county) using parks property," Craig said. "It's trading one habitat for another."

Craig believes the county could "trade" a baseball diamond - to be developed as new wetlands - for an old established wetland to be revamped as a buildable site, paved and used for development.

Craig is also active on an advisory council overseeing the Rouge River Remedial Action Plan to clean the river and is active with the Friends of the Rouge, but he said he was critical of this wetlands program "as a citizen."

"It's a risky business," Craig said. "It's banking. There is a risk involved; even with the best technology and all the experience and education in creating wetlands, it's still a man-made project and it might not succeed."

Some of the plants and animals lost in one area of wetlands turned into development may

'It's trading one habitat for another.'

Bill Craig
—Livonia resident

not thrive or survive in a new wetland area, Craig said. "Maybe plants won't grow there, maybe soils won't support (wetlands)."

"It ends up being on the high end of biology and hydrology. It's trading a Cadillac for an Escort with 150,000 miles on it."

Craig was asked whether he believed Crosswinds Marsh, a county wetlands mitigation project and nature preserve that opened last year, was a success story. "Not yet." The cattails, fish and storks have the makings of a lasting wetlands, but they need to "fit together" with the ecosystem, soils and hydrology of the preserve by standing the test of time, Craig said.

"That's why it takes five years to achieve a level of success. It might be 10 years."

Crosswinds will need intensive monitoring to help ensure that the program is a success there, Craig said.

Wetlands control Commission examines proposed fund

Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara wants to start a fund to help preserve wetlands near the Rouge River, to aid in improving water quality and acquire lands for recreational activities.

McNamara and Cameron Priebe, assistant county executive and director of Wayne County's Department of Public Services, submitted to county commissioners a proposed resolution and a draft copy of a proposal to be sent to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.

Commissioners have sent the proposals to the commission's Committee on Environment, Drains and Sewers for study. It may be discussed at the committee's next meeting,

tentatively scheduled for 1 p.m. Tuesday, March 10.

Funds for wetlands

Under the program, the wetlands fund or "bank" will generate mitigation credits that the county can use or sell to the developer "to offset in advance the unavoidable loss of wetlands."

Revenues from the sale of the credits will be used by the county, in part, to purchase or otherwise acquire land for the creation and maintenance of public parks. That money would be placed in the wetlands preservation fund and reported to the MDEQ by Wayne County.

The MDEQ must issue a permit for any wetland construction.

The county would use those proceeds to first repay costs of construction and then reimburse the county for operating and maintenance costs of the wetlands.

"The remainder of the funds will be used as determined by the Board of Directors to acquire upland properties for public parks, for economic development activities to benefit the citizens of Wayne County and the surrounding areas, and to finance the further expansion of the mitigation banking program," according to the county's draft proposal.

Under the proposed county resolution, a board of seven to 11 members would manage the fund. The resolution also allows the board to accept

donations of land to be included in the bank; they may select properties currently owned by the county or acquired by the county to be included in the bank.

Commissioners react

County commissioners have questions about the proposal because the fund will be managed by seven county officials - directors of public services, environment and jobs and economic development, chief financial officer, a representative chosen by the county executive, a county commissioner and parks division officer.

For the most part, commissioners want to see more information before voting on

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Judge sues to stop court reorganization

An Oakland County circuit judge has filed a lawsuit against the state of Michigan challenging the constitutionality of the reorganization of Wayne County's court system, following a similar legal argument in a lawsuit filed last year.

Oakland County Circuit Judge Richard Kuhn, his attorney Larry Bunting and two registered Wayne County voters filed the complaint Feb. 23 in U.S. District Court, challenging a 1996 law that abolished Detroit Recorder's Court and transferred 29 Recorder's Court judges to the Circuit Court.

The merger and reorganization approved by state lawmakers forces the removal of divorce and child custody cases from the circuit court docket, and removal of juvenile delin-

■ **'It's a legislative fiat.'**

quency cases from Probate Court. A new family division in Wayne County Circuit Court was created to handle divorce, child custody and juvenile delinquent cases.

But Kuhn, a delegate to the 1961 state constitutional convention, challenged the state law and has requested an injunction.

"For the Legislature to appoint someone from recorder's to circuit court is a violation of the constitution," Kuhn said. "The only other means of filling a vacancy under the Michigan constitution is the appointment by the governor and by election."

"We have the separation of

Judge Richard Kuhn
-Oakland County Circuit Court

powers." People want their judges to be elected, Kuhn said, adding that nowhere in Article 6 of the Constitution does it say anything about the Legislature appointing circuit judges. Last year state lawmakers passed the provision governing the court reorganization without a constitutional amendment, and a vote from Michigan's electorate.

"It's a legislative fiat," Kuhn said.

Kuhn said lawmakers could not get the two-thirds Legislative vote to put the question on the ballot. "They were so hell-bent to do something about it, they just violated the Consti-

tution. It's plain and simple."

Wayne County Chief Circuit Judge Michael Sapala, who is overseeing the court reorganization, would only say the lawsuit was "wholly without merit." A motion is expected to be filed next week by the office of the state attorney general calling for the judge to expedite the case.

U.S. District Judge Averil Cohn will hear the case.

A similar case has been filed with the Michigan Court of Appeals. A ruling in that case is expected at anytime, Sapala said.

In that case, Wayne County Circuit Judge Robert Colombo Jr. denied Kuhn's request in September 1997 for an injunction and sided with the defendants because Kuhn "lacked legal capacity to sue."

SC trustees to review architectural firms for Waterman project

The Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees expects to select on Wednesday, March 25, an architectural/food service consultant team to design the expanded Waterman Center.

A study session is set for Sunday, March 22, to discuss the bids, previous projects completed by the teams and references.

Trustees spent Saturday interviewing the three teams for 40 minutes each. Once they completed the interviews, they wanted more information, so they advised Butch Raby, Schoolcraft's vice president of business services, to check on references and previous work completed by the architects and food consulting firms.

Last Wednesday, Raby told trustees he would check on the last couple construction projects. "We will actually check with the clients, that these projects finish on time," Raby said.

Originally Raby contacted about 15 firms, then narrowed that field to three firms, each with a food service consultant.

BEI Associates/Stephens Bangs, DiClemente-Siegel Engineering Inc./T. Kenneth Rohlfing and Ghafari Associates/E.F. Whitney were the final three teams. Bids for the team range from \$430,000 to \$650,000.

Raby believes the center may cost about \$10 million.

Civil rights warriors

Fraser, others honored for activism by Detroit Urban League

Douglas Fraser, a former UAW president, will be among four people honored as "Distinguished Warriors" for their civil rights activism at a salute sponsored by the Detroit Urban League on Thursday, March 19, in the Westin Hotel, Detroit.

Fraser, a Northville Township resident, will be honored for his work as a member of the United Auto Workers International Executive Board and UAW president. Fraser was instrumental in bringing about changes in the workplace to improve conditions for union and non-union workers in the United States.

Other honorees include: ■ Sidney Barthwell, a registered pharmacist who established the largest chain of African American-owned drug stores in the United States. He also established the Wayne State University School of Pharmacy endowed scholarship fund for minority students.

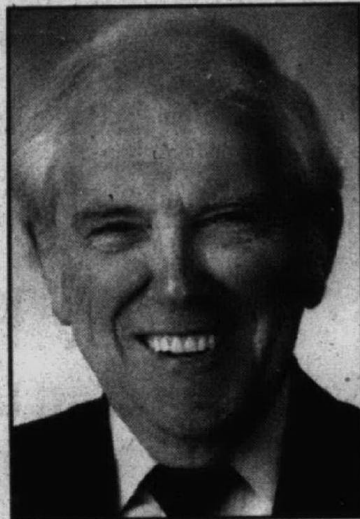
■ U.S. Court of Appeals

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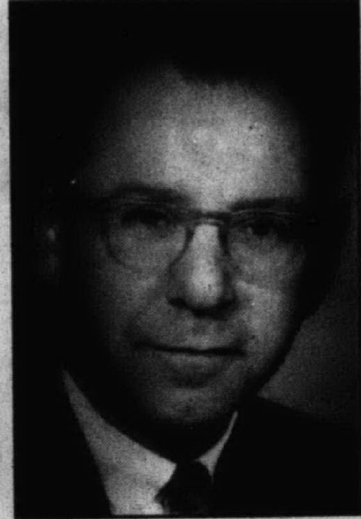
■ Morris Gleicher (posthumously), the former president of the Metropolitan Detroit branch of the American Civil Liberties Union. Gleicher was an organizer and officer of Michigan Friends of the South, an interracial body that supported and encouraged financial personal election assistance to register and protect citizens who wanted to secure their 15th Amendment right to vote.

More than 1,300 people are expected to attend the Detroit Urban League's 1998 "Salute to Distinguished Warriors" dinner, which is the organization's largest fund-raiser.

Since 1980, the Detroit Urban League has recognized the contributions of more than 100 individuals who have devoted most of their adult lives to the struggle for human



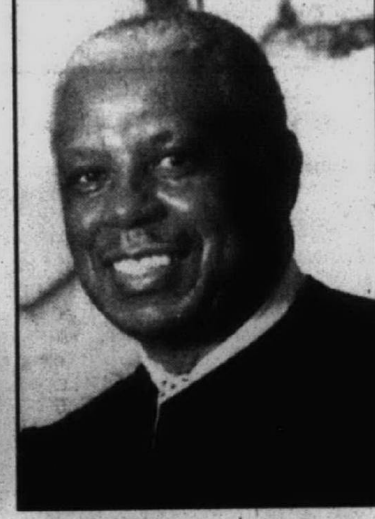
Doug Fraser



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Damon Keith

and civil rights. "The mission of the Detroit Urban League is to enable African Americans and other persons of color to achieve their greatest potential," said Detroit Urban League president N. Charles Anderson. "The lifelong contributions of our honorees have earned

them the designation of 'Distinguished Warriors.'" Chairing the 1998 dinner is John Rakolta, chairman and CEO of Walbridge Aldinger, a Detroit-based company. "The Detroit Urban League serves more than 40,000 clients annually with more than 20 specialized programs; this dinner sup-

ports the programs," said Rakolta. "I am very excited about the event and look forward to striving to reach its \$200,000 fund-raising goal." The Detroit Urban League's "Salute to Distinguished Warriors" dinner starts at 6:30 p.m. in the Renaissance Ball-

room of the Westin Hotel. Tickets for the dinner are \$100 per person; a portion of the contribution is tax-deductible. For additional ticket information, call the Detroit Urban League at (313) 832-4600, Ext. 29, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.

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Commissioner Bruce Patterson, R-Canton, opposes it in its current form, because he believes it undermines local control.

"Notice all of these persons (directors of public services, environment, and jobs and economic development and chief financial office, plus a representative of the county executive, county commission and parks division) are already appointees of the county executive except

the one county commission representative. And, all are potentially non-elected, and therefore, potentially less than accountable to the public appointments."

Patterson also wondered why money was earmarked for recreation. "Why shouldn't these be targeted to the stormwater watershed problem that is being fought out in federal court?" he asked.

Commissioners Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, and Edward Plawewski Sr., D-De-

born Heights, who also represents Redford Township and a part of Livonia, want to review the ordinance before commenting on it.

"I want to hear why the county has to do it," McCotter said.

Commission Vice Chair Kay Beard, D-Westland, was out of town at a conference on Monday, but an aide said she has concerns about the proposal.

Schoolcraft's open house is March 22

Schoolcraft College is planning an open house from noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, March 22.

Participants can tour the campus and explore the range of programs available to persons of all ages. As the community resource for lifelong learning, the College's various divisions will present information for graduating high school seniors, for adults who have not attended college or have some college but have not completed a degree, for those seeking personal enrichment

classes and for parents interested in summer enrichment courses for their children.

Visitors may drop in anytime between noon and 3 p.m., take guided tours of the campus and talk with current Schoolcraft students. Prospective students can learn about admissions, financial aid, career planning, tutoring, student activities and athletics, weekend college and distance learning, and Continuing Education Services.

The event includes free infor-

mational materials, and faculty members will answer questions and give hands-on demonstrations to acquaint visitors with their degree programs. Public Safety will display the police, fire and EMT vehicles; Culinary Arts will have a table display; Computer Assisted Drafting will demonstrate software; and Continuing Education Services will have material on its Talented and Gifted Program for children.

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Gubernatorial candidate wants salary cap

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM
STAFF WRITER

One of the first things Edward T. Hamilton wants to do when he is elected governor is keep his own salary from getting too high.

Seeking legislation to cap the governor's salary at \$90,000 is just one of many things Hamilton, a Troy resident and 1998 Democratic gubernatorial hopeful, wants to do if he is elected governor Nov. 3.

"I want to put our state government on a kosher diet - no more pork," Hamilton said Tuesday, while addressing the Westland Democratic Club.

Hamilton, 55, is a new vehicle and new product launch manager for the Chrysler Corp. He was part of the original team that launched the company's first minivans in the late 1970s. He

also is an executive committee member of the Oakland County Democratic Party.

He is married to Silvia, and has two children, Adam, 15, and Krystle, 13. He has lived in Troy for more than 20 years.

He said he wants to apply the cost-cutting strategies he's learned in his 20-plus years experience at Chrysler to make state government more efficient.

He hopes to accomplish that by eliminating the state employees' profit sharing plan unless they eliminate billions of dollars in taxpayers' money wasted annually and by instituting a prison industry to help pay for the state's prisons, the state's second-highest budget item. A prison industry also would help

prisoners develop valuable work skills, he said.

"My theme is to push for a low-cost, high-quality compassionate government," Hamilton said.

Hamilton says he is the only conservative Democratic candidate in the governor's race - and represents a choice voters need.

"I consider myself part of the new Democratic coalition," under the new Democratic majority sweeping the country. The new Democrats are "more modern, more pragmatic and less dogmatic," Hamilton said.

"I believe in hard work and family first," he said, though "we're a vanishing breed."

Hamilton claims to be the only

high-profile Democratic candidate who supports term limits, something he says is vital to keeping fresh voices in government.

"Too many legislators think it takes 20 years to learn how to be a good legislator," Hamilton said. "It doesn't take 20 years."

Unlike many of his Democratic brethren, Hamilton opposes increasing gas taxes, as well as many other taxes.

Running for office was a logical step for Hamilton, who said he was inspired to take part in politics after volunteering as a youth in a John F. Kennedy election campaign.

"Running for office is the highest form of citizenship," Hamilton said.

His most recent bid for public office was in 1996 for Oakland County executive. Though winner L. Brooks Patterson out-

spent him by a 100-to-1 margin, Hamilton garnered 200,000 votes - more votes than Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer received in the 1997 election.

This time around, his main Democratic competitor, Larry Owen, has backing by the UAW and the Michigan Education Association, the state's teachers' union. Hamilton isn't scared by Owen's big money, though. A recent Detroit News poll shows him to be in a "statistical dead heat" with Owen, he said.

The first chance Michigan voters will have to pick their governor is in the Aug. 4 primary election. To date, Democrats who have filed in the gubernatorial race are Hamilton, Owen and Doug Ross.

Republican incumbent Gov. John Engler also has announced his re-election bid.



Edward Hamilton

DEM PRIMARY RACE

Miss Michigan appears at scholarship dinner auction

Miss Michigan 1997, Kimberly Stec of Rochester, will make a special appearance at Madonna University's 10th annual "Around the World Scholarship Dinner Auction."

The auction begins at 5:30 p.m. Friday, April 24 at Burton Manor in Livonia.

Items up for bid include Northwest Airlines tickets to Hawaii and other destinations throughout the continental United States; a seven-day Caribbean cruise; vacations spots in Baden Baden, Germany, and seven days in a villa at the Orange Tree Golf and Country

Club in Orlando, Fla.

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A 1998 Cadillac Catera from Don Massey will be awarded in a raffle. Only 750 raffle tickets will be sold at \$200 each.

General admission ticket price is \$65 and includes dinner, open bar and the live and silent auction. Gold Inner Circle Seating tickets are \$100 and allow spe-

cial seating near the center stage.

For more information call (734) 432-5588 or 432-5421. Madonna University is located at I-96 and Levan Road in Livonia.

Parenting exposition scheduled for Saturday

A parenting exposition, complete with demonstrations, brochures and speakers, will be held 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 7, in the Atrium (first floor) of the Wayne County Building.

Open to the public at no charge, the event is sponsored by Wayne County Commissioner Jewel Ware, D-Detroit. Commissioner Ware also introduced a proclamation declaring March as "Parenting Awareness Month" in the county.

"We're all so busy now and we've got to make time for our children. We need advice and tips on how we can give our children quality time and the guidance to make them tomorrow's leaders," Ware said.

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Local host families are needed for summer exchange students

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Students are sponsored by ASSE, a non-profit, public benefit organization, founded by the Swedish Ministry of Education.

The exchange students arrive from their home country shortly before school begins and return at the end of the school year. Each ASSE student is fully insured, brings his or her own personal spending money and expects to bear his or her share of household responsibilities, and included in normal family activities and lifestyles.

The students and screened and qualified by ASSE. Families may select the youngster of their choice from extensive student applications, family photos and biographical essays. Students and families are encouraged to begin corresponding before a student's arrival.

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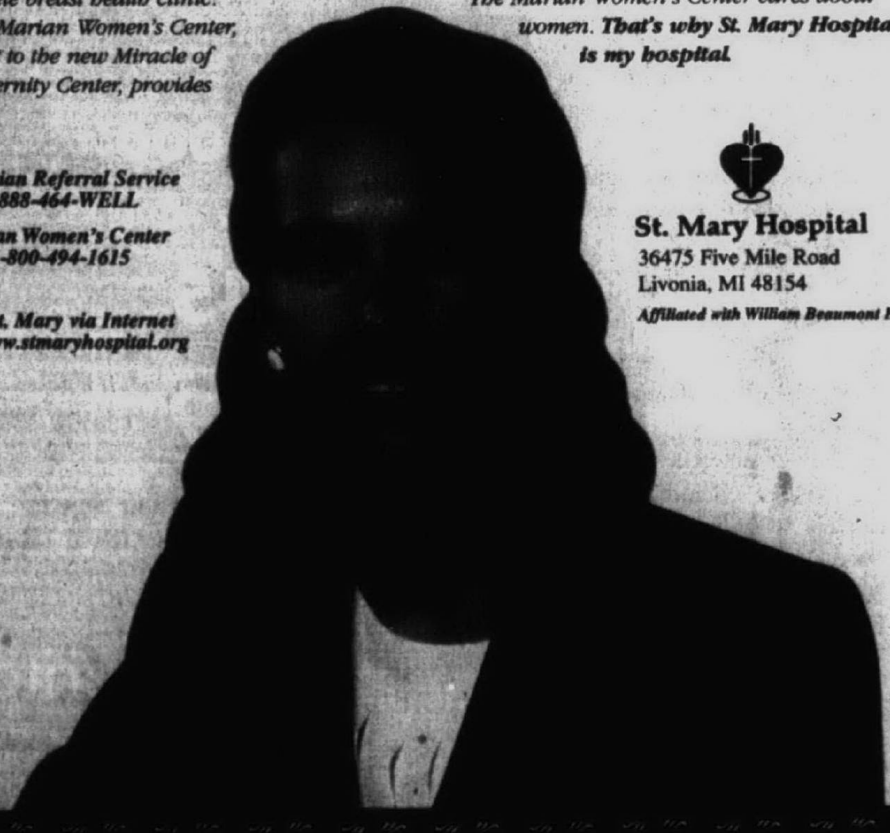
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Scale down SBT, business urges panel

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

Don't junk the single business tax. Just scale it down so Michigan is competitive with other states. That's what small business owners told the House Tax Policy Committee in a public

hearing earlier this year in Southfield.

"The message is that the tax is too high," said committee chair Kirk Profit, D-Ypsilanti. "There's talk of going to a corporate income tax. But that would require a 16-20 percent rate (to raise the same \$2 bil-

lion plus in revenue).

"Perhaps the SBT is too high. We're grabbing so much now, we'd scare the heck out of everybody (by replacing SBT with a corporate income tax)," said Profit.

"It's still a barrier to growth," said Dan Nemus, a

certified public accountant in Bingham Farms representing the Small Business Association of Michigan. "Firms have a strong incentive to suppress sales and earnings."

Nemus urged the panel to eliminate health care expenses

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HomeTown VP wraps up lively newspaper career

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

His turning point came when he was a 26-year-old Chicago cab driver sitting in a Halsted Street bar with a pal. The pal advised John Reddy to go to college.

"I'll be 30 by the time I get out!" Reddy objected.

"You're going to be 30 anyway," said the friend, and that settled it.

"I went down to the University of Illinois at Navy Pier. I majored in journalism," Reddy recalled. "Why? I had a difficult time expressing my opinion and communicating with people. I truly enjoyed knowledgeable and stimulating people. I would have to offer them something of interest in return."

At 30, married and with one child, Reddy earned a U-I degree and got a job on the Sterling (Ill.) Daily Gazette. The one-time Navy carpenter and cab driver had launched his career in people-oriented journalism.

The working part of his career will end March 31 when he retires at 65 as vice president for editorial of HomeTown Communications Network Inc., the company that owns this and more than 60 other weekly and semi-weekly newspapers in Michigan, Ohio and northern Kentucky. He'll spend the month of March breaking in his successor, Jeanne Towar.

Why readers griped

Reddy wanted to make a difference. Many agree he has.

"I used to get the bulldog edition of the Chicago Tribune. People always bitched about papers," he said.

"Many Republicans thought that flaming young liberals were running the (suburban) papers. My view was that anyone has a right to have a position fairly and well represented."

Rich Perlberg, now general manager of the HomeTown Newspapers headquartered in Howell, was among many who



John Reddy

absorbed Reddy's message.

"There is one overriding dogma of John's," said Perlberg. "When someone is upset about our news coverage or editorial position of a particular issue, we should be able to ask, 'Was your position fairly and accurately reported in the paper?'"

"If we are doing our jobs, the answer has to be 'yes.' And most fair-minded people, even if they disagree with our overall coverage, will eventually concede that we have done our job if we have hit that standard," Perlberg said.

Next, Reddy became a community editor in Palatine, Ill., for Paddock newspapers in the northwestern Chicago suburbs, then moved to the Chicago Sun-Times' suburban and city desks. He was impressed by the fact that the woman who interviewed him for the job had helped make journalism - and film - history by spotting a cleaning woman's classified ad that said "Call Northside 777." The paper's investigation freed an innocent man from prison.

"I came here (to Michigan) 30 years ago this month. The National Newspaper Association put my resume in the hands of Henry Hogan (then publisher of

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the Birmingham Eccentric). By then I had changed my mind about looking for a new job, but Hank said, 'Don't say no until you come over and look.'

"Joan (his wife) encouraged me. We drove over here with four kids and looked. There was a sense of community here."

"That was the time of the fair housing ordinance fight (following the 1967 Detroit riot). I told him he had to support the fair housing ordinance or I wouldn't come. Hank was very supportive of the editorial department and of me as an editor."

"I was managing editor. We created the Troy edition, then West Bloomfield, Rochester and Southfield. I was managing editor while all that went on."

"Then Hank bought paper in Cincinnati and needed someone to run it. I was there from 1972 to '75," he said.

Reddy deprecates his own work as a general manager, but others don't. HomeTown's Perlberg recalls how Reddy stepped in as manager of that group of six weeklies after Rollie Peterson's sudden death on Christmas Eve of 1989.

"Rollie's death was traumatic," Perlberg said. "John walked into a shell-shocked division and provided the leadership and guidance necessary to keep operations stable."

"He usually let those with experience lead the way when appropriate, but he was far from a caretaker GM. He implemented marketing strategies and directed operations. Then he helped the new GM during a 90-day transition period and gracefully stepped aside."

But that's getting ahead of the saga.

Heading the merger

In 1975 Reddy was brought back from Cincinnati to be executive editor of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, formed a year earlier by the merger of Hogan's Eccentric group with Phil Power's Observer group.

"When John was in charge," said board chair Power, "the company's newspapers won more state and national awards for editorial excellence than any other group of community newspapers in the country."

Reddy likes to tell reporters - young and old - to observe peo-

ple browsing in a bookstore. "If they see dialogue, they'll read it. If they see long, gray paragraphs of prose, they'll skip it or put it down. Dialogue is people." The moral: Use direct quotes to tell a good news story.

Another lesson is to make use of graphics - charts, pictures and graphs that tell the "what" of a story. "That frees up the writer to explain the why and how and the implications."

While media critics often deplore USA Today as "McPaper," Reddy praises it for use of charts. "Charts were slow to come into newspapers because no one is driving it. It takes senior management and well-trained young professionals to drive it."

So part of the business is listening to people.

More than boosters

And part is building communities.

"We're building communities, not as blind boosters (a 19th century term used on papers that flacked for real estate interests), because they suffer from failed credibility."

"There's an implied social contract. We have to fulfill our readers' expectations," he said, only hinting at the heck an editor will catch if he or she fails to display changes in the trash pickup schedule on page 1 or the rites of passage such as marriages and deaths.

The reward: "They (readers) will give you license to talk about the prickly things that disturb their consciences and make them uncomfortable. The single most important distinguishing characteristic is its editorial page and its editorial voice."

Oh, and a good paper should be "predictably unpredictable."

At O&E Reddy moved up the ladder to general manager (1977-82) and corporate vice president for editorial (since 1982), with fill-in stints, as Perlberg noted, managing various divisions.

Reddy is blunt about the sometime adversarial role of editorial and advertising people within newspapers.

"There are not enough good editorial people in senior management. The reason is that they refuse to learn anything about

management. The only way you can have a free press is to have an economically sound press."

"There's really a strong need for senior management to have an advocate for the editorial department. It's easier for them (management) to remember that if it's personified in their midst."

"I'm not sure how well I did, but at least they had to look at me before they walked all over the editorial department."

Power is sure Reddy did well. "He used the position as a bully pulpit from which to preach the special role and notable successes of community journalism."

"We will miss his constant wise counsel and his unfailing attention to making our craft as community journalists better," Power said.

A playwright?

And soon retirement. "I saw a couple of people retire, and they were like fish out of water. That's not going to happen to me," vowed Reddy, relating how he arose at 4 that morning to practice on the piano (Albeniz and Chopin).

"Joan has always wanted to go on an archeological dig. I can sit and do water colors while she does that."

"My goal is to write some plays. It's an extension of (a reporter's use) of quotes. There needs to be a chemistry between the playwright, the director and actors. You have to construct it so they (director and actors) have some ownership in a way that won't distort it."

So far he has written three vignettes, but details must wait until opening night.

There was something he failed to appreciate as an 18-year-old in the Navy that he has been correcting - foreign travel. This year he and Joan will see the cave art in Spain.

After studying Spanish in high school and French in college, he is working on Chinese. "I'm listening to tapes. If anybody wants to help me talk Chinese, I'd be glad to hear from them," he said.

It's more than just knowing the words. It's understanding how other people think because, said Reddy:

"I truly enjoy knowledgeable and stimulating people."

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from the SBT base. "Taxing the health care benefit is bad public policy and bad tax policy."

Nemus also asked that the threshold for paying SBT be raised from the current \$250,000 to \$500,000 of business earnings. "And a simplified form would help," he added.

Profit appeared to like that idea, noting that 56 percent of those who pay SBT produce less than 1 percent of its revenue. "A whole lot of effort for so little return makes no sense," the chairman said.

Raise threshold

"Small business is the economic engine of growth," said Linda Jolicoeur, a member of the Farmington Chamber of Commerce. "Many small businesses are above the \$250,000 threshold. A more appropriate method for small business is profit."

"SBT is the closest thing to a value-added tax," said Harvey Bronstein, who teaches small business courses at Oakland Community College. "No other state has a VAT, nor does the

federal government.

"It's a stable source of revenue, but it has disadvantages. If you hire someone or give them a raise, you have to pay added SBT. The biggest negative is that you can be taxed at a significant amount in a year after you've lost money in the previous years."

"And it's unfair to small and medium Michigan businesses that operate in Ohio and Indiana."

SBT, passed in 1975, replaced eight other taxes, including the corporate income tax, corporate franchise fee, savings and loan tax, and domestic insurance company tax. It taxes 2.3 percent of a business' value added - basically payroll and earnings. There's also an alternative profits tax of 2 percent a business can elect to pay.

But because of SBT's complexity, many small businesses must hire an accountant, who must figure the firm's tax two ways - at the employer's expense, said Harry D. Pevos, a Southfield CPA.

Pevos, representing the

Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce, called for updating some of SBT's provisions to account for inflation.

Burden lighter

Charles Owens, Lansing spokesman for the 23,000-member National Federation of Independent Business, praised lawmakers for recent years' steps to lighten the SBT burden to 4 percent rates," Owens said.

"In the past, our polls showed 'Yes, repeal it.' Now it's a guarded 'Be careful what you get.' They (NFIB members) want a look at what replaces it. There are a lot of mixed signals in the small business community."

Democrat Profit praised Republican Gov. John Engler on the SBT issue. "This governor has been very good in saying we don't have to raise revenue to match spending. This governor has been very good to taxpayers."

"But we're still not in great shape. We're still third or fourth highest in the country on the business tax burden."

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Dems chide CMU over report on charter schools

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

Gleeful Democrats said "I told you so" as the House Education Committee took up the auditor general's scathing report on how Central Michigan University weakly supervised its public school academies.

"It greatly concerns me," said Rep. James Agee, D-Muskegon, "that CMU claimed the attorney-client privilege 34 times (in holding back documents from the auditors). The people have a right to know. The attorney-client privilege is OK if there's pending litigation (lawsuits), but this is totally ridiculous."

Michael Mayhew of the auditor's staff said using the attorney-client privilege was rare.

Richard Stafford, the administrator who supervised the CMU audit, begged off answering what might be in the hidden papers because "we can't say what the documents contain if we did not see them."

Agee, a former school superintendent, asked about a reported

March 1997 meeting between CMU officials and Art Ellis, state superintendent of public instruction, to discuss the responsibilities of chartering bodies such as universities. "We don't know what happened. Nothing came of it," Agee complained.

The audit report said only that "there had not been any substantive issues resolved regarding oversight."

Public school academies (PSAs), commonly called "charter schools," were part of the 1994 school reform package. PSAs were pushed by Gov. John Engler, many legislative Republicans and conservative ideologues such as the Mackinac Center.

Most Democrats and some Republicans supported the bills only grudgingly, fearing they would be a tool for funneling state aid to former private and parochial schools. They also feared chartering authorities would fail to keep a close eye on the fledgling PSAs.

"Was CMU invited to this meeting?" asked Rep. Penny Crisman, R-Rochester.

"A CMU representative responded, but then she left the job," replied committee chair Sharon Gire, D-Macomb County.

Affects classroom

Rep. Alan Cropsey, R-DeWitt, sought to defend PSAs by suggesting they were being judged by standards different from public schools. "The charter schools were fighting for survival against the whole public school establishment," said Cropsey, whose brother is headmaster of Noah Webster Academy, a school denied PSA status.

"It (the audit) didn't get to the heart of what students were learning," Cropsey said.

Two Democrats contradicted him.

Rep. Bob Brown, D-Deerborn Heights, pointed to audit findings that:

"The PSAs had not obtained criminal records checks for some employees. Also, eight PSAs did

not hire some staff as conditional employees pending the results of criminal records checks," as required by state law.

Eight PSAs employed individuals to teach who did not have certificates or permits to teach.

One PSA "had students with special education needs who had been attending the PS for more than one year without special education services' being provided."

The audit said CMU needed to improve its monitoring of PSAs for "potential conflicts of interest" - such as being employed by the PSA or doing business with the PSA. CMU "had not timely identified potential conflicts of interest for nine board members."

Field reps missing

"Two PSA boards did not appoint an individual to post meeting dates as required by ... the Open Meetings Act," the audit went on. Seven of 10 failed to file all their board minutes,

the official records of board actions.

Asked how CMU officials responded to the auditors' criticisms, Stafford replied, "They took it seriously. They were quite concerned."

But Rep. Rose Bogardus, D-Davison, disagreed sharply. "Here's how CMU responded in a news release - 'it was about file cabinets, paperwork and documentation, not about performance of schools.' CMU is not taking it seriously," she said.

Brown was also bothered that 12 of 13 CMU field representatives did not report attending the required number of PSA board meetings. "Liaisons are a very good control device between management and production," said Brown. "From what I read, these people weren't doing their jobs. They weren't showing up."

Stafford replied that the issue for CMU was whether to use university employees or independent contractors as field reps. "It's a management prerogative

- whether to use centralized or decentralized reps," he said.

State Board left out

The elected State Board of Education was prohibited from issuing charters. So far, 68 of the 78 authorized charters have been issued by universities; 67 of the 68 were issued by universities whose boards were appointed by the governor.

In a 1997 executive order, Engler stripped the State Board of Education of supervisory authority over PSAs. State Board members are considering ways the department could oversee PSAs.

CMU has issued 40 of the 68 university-granted charters. Among nearby CMU-chartered PSAs are:

In suburban Wayne County - Academy of Detroit Westland, Thomas Gist Academy in Westland, Michigan Automotive Academy in Taylor, Summit Academy in Taylor.

Nature programs County parks plan special events

Wayne County parks hosts a series of special events this month including programs for children and a special evening session on birds of prey.

On Wednesday mornings in March programs designed for children ages 3 and 4 will focus on various topics each week, such as animal homes and tracks, birds, reptiles, outdoor hikes and scavenger hunts. The program are held in the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center.

Crafts, games and stories ensure fun for all as children and parents explore the outdoor world. Participating chil-

dren should be dressed for the outdoors for a part of the program each week.

Parents are not required to stay, but are welcome to if they wish.

The program fee is \$20 for all four sessions.

On Friday, March 21 nature lovers are invited to spend an evening at Nankin Mills Interpretive Center to learn about night time birds of prey - the owls.

An indoor discussion is set for 7 p.m. in the nature center. Afterward, the group will drive to the Koppnick section of Holliday Forest and Wildlife Preserve in Canton

Township and engage some of the owls "in conversation." The program will end at about 9:30 p.m.

Fee is \$1 per participant and the program is best suited for ages 8 to adult.

Participants should dress appropriately for a night hike and can bring flashlights if they wish.

Nankin Mills Interpretive Center is located on Hines Drive just east of Ann Arbor Trail in Westland. Parking is available off of Hines Drive.

For information, contact the Nankin Mills center at (734) 261-1850.

Rivers will host tax forum

U.S. Rep. Lynn Rivers, D-Ann Arbor, will be sponsoring a public forum on "Tax Reform: For Better or Worse?" on Saturday, March 7 from 1 to 4 p.m. in the College Theater of the Literature, Arts and Sciences building at Washtenaw Community College, 4800 E. Huron River Drive in Ann Arbor.

Rivers has invited several

guest speakers to discuss proposed changes in the tax code, including the flat tax, the national sales tax and the constitutional issues surrounding taxation. Guest speakers 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.

For information, contact Rivers' district offices in Ann Arbor (734) 741-4210 or Wayne (734) 722-1411.

Secretary of state mobile unit in Livonia

The mobile branch office of the Secretary of State will visit Livonia on Tuesday, March 17.

The branch office is scheduled to be at the Farmer Jack supermarket at 28107 Eight Mile from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. to give branch office services to residents.

Those services include driver's

license renewal, change of address on licenses, plates and titles for vehicles, voter registration and information on becoming an organ and tissue donor.

"Customer service is the operative phase of my administration and the mobile branch office has been on the road providing full branch offices services to

residents across the state," said Candice Miller, secretary of state. "I am pleased the mobile branch office can be in Wayne."

Since its unveiling last August, the mobile branch office has served thousands of customers at senior events, fairs, exhibitions, and in towns, cities and villages across the state.

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Gorges has talked of the railroad issue with the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and Bill Norton at the U.S. Department of Transportation.

She said Gorges was then referred to Alex Della-Valle at the Federal Railroad Administration. "Mr. Della-Valle suggested contacting Ms. Patricia Smith, the Highway-Rail Grade Crossing Program Manager at FRA in Chicago," Rivers wrote.

"She is empowered with the ability to call public meetings and site inspections, and she can also bring interested parties together to facilitate resolu-

tions to ongoing problems," Rivers said. "I am more than willing to do what I can to obtain Ms. Smith's involvement."

Walters said Smith would be expected to set up an inspection of the crossing site and a joint meeting involving representatives from the Plymouth city and township governments, Wayne County government, and other affected agencies.

"We look forward to working with you to see if a permanent solution can be found," Walters wrote in a Feb. 25 response to Rivers.



U.S. Rep. Lynn Rivers, D-Ann Arbor

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winter might be enough to pay for the project.

Former city Commissioner Jerry Vorva, speaking from the audience, suggested a better alarm system be put in place to warn municipal services crews that the creek is near flood stage. He asked if the tunnel carrying the creek under downtown has been inspected recently.

The municipal services department responded that a walk through the tunnel is planned. Vorva also suggested that creek banks upstream be evaluated for their integrity.

Sincock sought two estimates for the retaining wall-fill work, and the commission approved hiring the low bidder, Earth Spe-

cialists, for \$25,000.

Erosion following several days of rain also posed a problem, as it undermined fill under the sidewalk along the bank of the creek.

Sincock said quick repairs to fill this area would allow city

crews to operate a backhoe at the tunnel entrance. Use of this equipment during rain storms is necessary to remove debris washing down the creek that can clog the pipe and spark flooding.

Plastipak recognized

Plastipak Packaging of Plymouth was recognized as the 1998 Co-op Company of the Year place at University of Detroit Mercy's first Annual Awards Breakfast in the Ward Conference Center on the Outer Drive Campus Feb. 20.

The Co-op Employer of the Year is awarded to an employer who has demonstrated outstanding commitment to U-DM's cooperative education program through consistent hiring of co-op students and supporting

many of Cooperative Education and Career Center programs and activities.

U-DM designates February to publicly acknowledge outstanding employers and students for their commitment to the practice of cooperative education.

Many colleges and universities across Michigan join UDM in celebrating February as Co-op month and promoting the value of integrating practical work experience with academic course work.

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 19, 1998 for the following:

- TWO GOLF CAR TYPE UTILITY VEHICLES
- ONE HEAVY DUTY UTILITY VEHICLE
- ONE SAND BUNKER RAKE
- ONE 4-WHEEL DRIVE ROTARY MOWER
- ONE OUT-FRONT ROTARY MOWER

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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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BOARD PROCEEDINGS

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held on Tuesday, February 24, 1998 at 1150 South Canton Center Road. Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak, to move from an open session to closed session at 6:07 P.M. for the purpose of discussion of purchase of property and employee negotiations. Motion carried.

ROLL CALL - CLOSED SESSION

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

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Durack, Santomauro

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to return to an open session at 7:02 P.M. Motion carried. Supervisor Yack led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL - OPEN SESSION

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

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Durack, Machnik, Minghine, Santomauro, Zevalkink

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of February 10, 1998. Motion carried.

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

Abstained: LaJoy

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly, to approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of February 12, 1998. Motion carried.

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

Abstained: LaJoy

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by Shefferly, to pay the bills as presented. Motion carried.

Expenditure Recap

General Fund	101	\$199,947.63
Fire Fund	206	29,854.91
Police Fund	207	23,763.76
Commun. Center Fund	208	36,614.12
Golf Course Fund	211	24,991.85
Cable TV Fund	230	3,869.75
Commun. Improve. Fund	246	4,686.25
Special Invest. Fund	267	669.42
Federal Grants Fund	274	5,414.79
State Proj. Fund	289	1,513.55
DDA	284	655.00
Retiree Benefits	296	9.00
Bldg. Auth. Debt Fund	369	347.50
Cap Proj.-Rd.Pav. Fund	403	10,382.40
Bldg. Auth. Constr. Fund	469	151,045.07
Water & Sewer Fund	592	329,024.33
Total All Funds		822,780.33

RECOGNITION

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to adopt the resolution recognizing Canton resident, John Spencer. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to adopt the resolution recognizing Andrea Williams. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to adopt the resolution recognizing Kevin Nothnagel. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to adopt the resolution recognizing Henry Fusic. Motion carried.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to approve the creation of general ledger account numbers for the Community Center Fund Budget. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to approve the following budget amendment in the General Fund, Grounds Maintenance Division, to appropriate funds for additional engineering services for the civic center paving improvement project:

Increase Revenues:
Appropriation from Fund Balance #101-000-699-0000 \$2,000
Increase Appropriations:
Capital Outlay - Land & Improvements #101-270-971-0000 \$2,000
This budget amendment increases the Grounds Maintenance Division budget from \$952,841 to \$954,841, and the General Fund budget from \$13,110,960 to \$13,112,960. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to amend the 1998 Federal Grants Fund budget to the amount of unspent Community Development Block Grant funds as of December 31, 1997, as follows: Decrease Revenues - \$337,825
Decrease Appropriations - \$337,825
This budget amendment decrease the 1998 Federal Grants Fund budget from \$525,897 to \$188,072. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to authorize the Township Supervisor and Township Clerk to execute the attached deed, deeding the Hanford Road right-of-way to Wayne County. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to adopt the resolution to grant final approval of the plat for the proposed Cherry Knoll Estates Subdivision No. 2. Motion carried.

GENERAL CALENDAR

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to approve the development agreement between Canton and Griffin Properties and further, to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the agreement. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to adopt the resolution to approve the rezoning of certain property identified by property tax EDP nos. 086-99-0005-000 and 086-99-0006-000 from R-3, Single-Family Residential to C-2, Community Commercial District. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to adopt the resolution to approve the special use for the proposed hotels on parcel 141-99-0029-000. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to create and fill the position of Deputy Building Official in Building & Inspection Services. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly, to amend the General Fund, Public Works Division budget to transfer funds to the Roadway Manger Corporation:

Increase (Decrease) Appropriations:

Road Maintenance-Wayne County #101-441-950-0000 \$(7,380)

Contribution-Road Manger #101-441-969-0000 7,380

Total -0-

Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to adopt Resolutions 1 and 2 to tentatively set up a special assessment district and to set a date for the Hearing of Necessity for the Koppernick Corporate Park Road, Sanitary Sewer and Water Main Special Assessment District. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 1
KOPPERNICK CORPORATE PARK ROAD, SANITARY SEWER, AND WATER MAIN
SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT
(SAD NO. 1998-3)

Charter Township of Canton
County of Wayne, State of Michigan

Minutes of a Regular meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, held in the Township Hall in said Township of February 24, 1998, at 7 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time.

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

Absent: None

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

WHEREAS the Township Board has received petitions requesting the construction of a road, sanitary sewer, and water main executed by the owners of record of acreage constituting at least 51% of the premises to be assessed for such improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, pursuant to Act 188, Public Acts of Michigan, 1954, as amended, tentatively declares its intention to undertake public improvements consisting of road, sanitary sewer, and water main to serve properties north of Warren Road, South of Koppernick Road, East of I-275, West of C & O Railroad in a proposed special assessment district tentatively described as consisting of that acreage situated between Warren and Koppernick Roads and between I-275 and the C & O Railroad and;

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Township Engineer is hereby ordered to obtain preliminary plans of the improvements from a registered professional engineer licensed in the State of Michigan and estimates of he cost thereof.

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

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

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

Nays: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED

Terry G. Bennett, Clerk

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, Michigan, at a regular meeting held on February 24, 1998 and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.

Terry G. Bennett, Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 2
KOPPERNICK CORPORATE PARK ROAD, SANITARY SEWER, AND WATER MAIN
SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT
(SAD NO. 1998-3)

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, Michigan, held in the Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road in said Township on February 24, 1998, at 7 o'clock p.m.

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

ABSENT: None

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

WHEREAS, this Township Board, pursuant to Act 188, Public Acts of Michigan, 1954, as amended, has initiated proceedings relating to the construction of road, sanitary sewer, and water main improvements more particularly hereinafter described;

AND WHEREAS, the Township Board has caused to be prepared by the Township Engineer plans showing the improvement and location thereof;

AND WHEREAS, the same has been received by the Township Board;

AND WHEREAS, the Township Board desires to proceed further with the improvements;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The plans showing the improvement and location thereof and the estimate of cost thereof shall be filed with the Township Clerk and be made available for public examination.

2. The Township Board tentatively declares its intention to make the following public improvement:

Construction of road, sanitary sewer, and water main improvements to service the area described in the hereinafter provided notice.

3. There is hereby tentatively designated a special assessment district against which the cost of said improvements is to be assessed, consisting of the lots and parcels of land more particularly described in the notice set forth in paragraph 6 of this resolution.

4. The Township Board shall meet at the Township Hall on March 24, 1998, at 7 o'clock p.m., Eastern Standard Time, at which time and place the Township Board shall hear objections to the petition for the improvement and to the special assessment district therefor.

5. The Township Clerk is hereby ordered to cause notice of such hearing to be published twice prior to said hearing in a newspaper of general circulation in the Township, the first publication to be at least ten (10) days before the time of the hearing, and shall cause notice of said hearing to be mailed by first class mail to all owners of or persons with interest in property in the special assessment district as shown on the current assessment rolls of the Township

at least ten (10) full days before the date of said hearing.

6. Said notice shall be in substantially the following form:

NOTICE OF HEARING SPECIAL ASSESSMENT IMPROVEMENT BY THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON CANTON TOWNSHIP BOARD

TO THE OWNERS OF ALL LOTS AND PARCELS OF PROPERTY ABUTTING THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY: BETWEEN KOPPERNICK AND WARREN ROADS AND BETWEEN I-275 AND THE C & O RAILROAD INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING SIDWELL NUMBERS:

003-99-0008-713 003-99-0008-714
046-99-0002-001 004-99-0008-001
045-99-0008-001

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Act 188 of the Public Acts of 1954, this Board has initiated proceedings relating to the construction of a road, sanitary sewer, and water main to benefit the areas described in herein, and to accomplish this improvement and secure funds therefor by creating said premises into a special assessment district against which there shall be levied special assessments; and

WHEREAS, this Board having tentatively declared its intention to make such improvements and tentatively designated the above described premises as a special assessment district against which the cost of said improvement is to be assessed; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board has caused to be prepared plans showing the public improvements, the location thereof, and an estimate of the cost thereof which have been filed with the Township Clerk, Canton Township, Michigan, for public examination;

Take further notice that the property owner's included in the special assessment district have the right to appeal the special assessment levy to the Michigan Tax Tribunal. In order to protest the levy an appearance by the property owner, by mail, or by an agent of the property owner must be made at the public hearing where the roll is confirmed.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the board will meet on Tuesday, the 24th day of March, 1998, at 7 o'clock p.m., Eastern Standard Time, at the Township Hall, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan, to hear objections to the public improvements, and to the special assessment district therefor.

ACT 188, PUBLIC ACTS OF MICHIGAN, 1954, AS AMENDED, PROVIDES THAT SAID PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS SHALL NOT BE MADE WITHOUT PETITION IF THE RECORD OWNERS OF LAND CONSTITUTING MORE THAN TWENTY PERCENT (20%) OF THE TOTAL LAND AREA IN THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT FILE THEIR WRITTEN OBJECTIONS THERETO WITH THE TOWNSHIP BOARD AT OR BEFORE THE PUBLIC HEARING ON Tuesday, THE 24th DAY OF MARCH, 1998.

Terry Bennett, Clerk

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to approve the attendance of Fire Inspector Frank Barrett at the 30th State Certified Fire Inspector School at a cost not to exceed \$1,934. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly, to waive the bidding requirement and approve the signing of a contract with the Michigan Humane Society for animal sheltering for 1998 and authorize the Township Clerk to sign the contract. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak, to approve the signing of the contract for janitorial services with AAA Mikro-Cleaning Inc., Ann Arbor, MI for the 2nd floor of the Public Safety facility. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to award the radio systems maintenance agreement to Mobile Communications Sales & Service, Inc., 34411 Industrial Road, Livonia for a total cost not to exceed \$13,599. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to approve the purchase of a 1998 Jeep Cherokee 4-door, 4-wheel drive through the State of Michigan Bid, from Sneathkamp Jeep/Eagle, Redford, Michigan for a total cost of \$23,085. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to award the purchase of a John Deere 5310 tractor and box blade to Weingartz Golf & Turf Equipment in the amount of \$25,147.71 under the State bid package, Contract Agreement No. 071B6000724. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly, to approve the Specialized Transportation Services Agreement with Help Source for the period of March 1, 1998 through February 28, 1999 not to exceed an annual amount of \$135,000. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly, to approve payment for the Employee Service Awards to the O.C. Tanner Recognition Company in an amount not to exceed \$7,000. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to award the bid of Sodium Hypochlorite for Summit on the Park to the low bidder, Northwest Pools, Inc., in the amount of \$6,935.00 and a 10 percent contingency of \$693.00. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to approve the following budget amendment in the Cable Television Fund to re-appropriate unspent 1997 funds to purchase equipment for Canton Community Television.

Increase Revenues:
Appropriation from Fund Balance #230-000-699-0000 \$3,537.33
Increase Appropriations:
Capital Outlay - Equipment #230-250-977-0000 \$3,537.33
This budget amendment increases the Cable Television budget from \$308,000 to \$311,537.33.

Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to waive formal bidding and award a contract to Wolverine Fireworks for fireworks display in the amount of \$16,000 for the 1998 Canton Liberty Fest. Motion carried.

Supervisor Yack recognized Aaron Machnik, Tim Faas, and the others who worked during the rain event last week to get overflow relief at the south EQ basin.

McLaughlin stated that when we warn people of possible sewer backups, we also need to advise them of the steps necessary to safely clean up sewer backups if they occur.

ADJOURN

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 P.M. Motion carried.

The above is a synopsis of actions taken at the Regular Board meeting held on February 24, 1998. The full text of the approved minutes will be available following the next regular meeting of the Board on March 9, 1998.

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

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OPINION

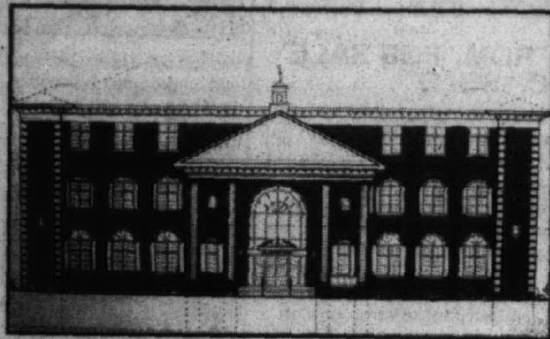
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THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 1998

Unbelievable

Pare down costs of new court



A whopping \$9 million for a new 35th District Court is a bit much. Certainly there's something to be said for building with the future in mind, but there's no need for a Taj Mahal.

Apparently, court officials already know that. A finance committee, appointed by the court's advisory board, has asked the architect for two alternatives.

One is a scaled-down version of the proposed three-story courthouse - drawings of which were unveiled in February. The second is a drawing that will somewhat mirror the structure that burned down July 2.

Sticker shock is an understatement, especially considering that insurance money from the fire has thus far left the court with less than a third of the estimated \$9 million. And there is still a \$900,000 debt being paid on the former courthouse.

Court officials are in a tough spot. It's a great idea to build for the future and anticipate population growth. Actually, it's the sound thing to do.

And talking about population growth, perhaps it's also a time when court officials should consider and determine whether the court jurisdiction will in the near future be divided perhaps between the Plymouths and

Surely at some point, taxpayers will be called upon to help pay for a new courthouse. It will be hard to convince them to support a project that right off the drawing board costs \$9 million. A winning plan must carry a price tag that's considerably less.

Canton, and Northvilles.

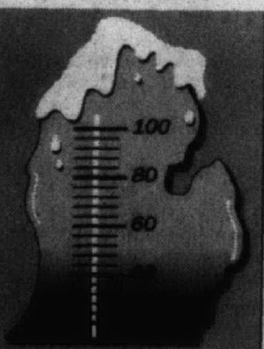
Unfortunately everything boils down to money, even when there is a need for foresight and planning. Surely at some point, taxpayers will be called upon to help pay for a new courthouse. It will be hard to convince them to support a project that right off the drawing board costs \$9 million. A winning plan must carry a price tag that's considerably less.

Court officials are wise to send the architect back to the drawing board. And if the resulting plans still don't bear a reasonable cost, court officials are urged to continue whittling down the plans until they do. A way to build with price in mind while planning for the future may be to ensure that a new building allows for expansion, if necessary.

The burning of the Dunbar Davis Hall of Justice July 2, 1997, was indeed a tragedy. Court officials and employees are to be commended for their flexibility when court business was conducted throughout the area in the aftermath of the fire, and now in the modular units across from the former court.

But reason and prudence must prevail as court officials plan for the new courthouse. There's no point in planning for the future if it can't be afforded.

We still need to suffer winter



Snow blowers are sitting unused in western Wayne County garages next to snow shovels, skis, snowshoes, all gathering dust for the lack of use during our disturbingly warm winter.

Blame it on El Nino, a term coined by Peruvian fishermen to describe a change in ocean circulation off the coastline that leads to poor fishing.

While the Peruvians have had some fishless days, the warm, wet weather in the Midwest has made us forget what winter in Michigan usually means. Gone are the bone-chilling temperatures, north winds out of Hudson Bay and snow up to our knees.

Some may be enjoying the balmy March. But others are waiting for the other snow-storm to drop.

Michigan residents proudly endure our winters, trudging through snowdrifts in our boots and four-wheel drive vehicles. We even turn winter into a sport. Anglers trudge onto windswept lakes, snowmobilers race along two-track roads, skiers schuss down hills, and snowshoers walk quiet back-country landscapes.

Turning suffering through winter into a

It's just not right. We all know this. We're going to pay for this, we know it in our hearts. Winter will arrive, finally, in April and will last through June. It'll warm up for a few days in July, we'll plant a few flowers and they'll freeze solid in August.

sport is almost a spiritual experience for us Michigan residents. It builds character. We're not wimps like those folks in Atlanta who think a winter storm is 2 inches of snow.

That's why a mild winter produces some guilt in us. We're supposed to be suffering during January and February. We should be staring at the ice and snow building up on the roof and worrying it's doing some damage. Instead, we're washing our cars outside with the hose.

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We've got a few weeks yet to have a winter. Bring on the snow, and some cold weather. It'll help us get rid of our guilt. Only then after some true winter suffering can we fully enjoy spring when it arrives.

Taking the time



Good job: We applaud Our Lady of Good Counsel for taking the time and spending the money to save and move large trees on property at Beck and North Territorial roads, where a new church will be built. The pine and spruce trees that were moved towered at more than 50 feet. We agree with the Rev. John Sullivan who said that the trees are too beautiful to destroy and that it would take another 50 years to grow similar trees on the development.

LETTERS

Scale it down

I couldn't help wondering, when I read an earlier issue of the Observer, what made the proposed new courthouse cost \$9 million? Now, I know. Who's idea was it that judges have to have underground (translated: out of the cold and rain) parking?

If I pay their salary, don't I have a right to make the rules?

Everyone can park in the same lot. Better yet, give me the underground parking. This is the kind of thing that infuriates taxpayers. Scale it down

I should say!

Nancy Austin
Canton

Fred Stafford, President of the Plymouth Soccer Club, is correct: the Y.M.C.A. is not experienced enough to organize the large soccer program, not to mention softball, basketball, senior activities, skating schedules and so on. It does sound political, doesn't it?

The Arts Council is a fine group serving the cultural side of our joint community, but city recreation serves a much wider segment of both communities.

A final comment: Why isn't the Director of Recreation Tom Willette, on the joint city-township recreation committee? Who better to explain needed programs, costs, organizational skills involved, and finally, how sharing can only benefit the Township and Plymouth and future recreation?

Harold Monet
Plymouth

Give consideration

I have had several conversations with Mr. Mack, the last of which occurred on the evening of Monday, Jan. 26. Mr. Mack suggested that I forward this letter to you with his request.

Mr. Mack feels very strongly that placing the burden of follow-up on the citizens is not in the best interest of government, working with and servicing the involved citizens. Mr. Mack feels strongly that the planning commission should reconsider their current rules and regulations, and wishes to offer the following recommended changes:

If, after a public hearing has been held, the planning commission decides to table the item for additional time or input, and the item is not tabled to a specific date; then, prior to the commission taking final action, the commission should have forwarded a notice indicating the time, date and place the item will be considered for final action. The notice shall be sent to each of the residents who have signed the "Sign In Sheet" for the specific item.

On behalf of Mr. Mack, I would request that the planning commission give serious consideration to adopting this modification.

James D. Anulewicz
Director of Public Services
Charter Township of Plymouth

Thanks for sharing

On behalf of Mrs. Okasinski and the fifth graders at Our Lady of Victory, we would like to thank Linda Smith of Native West in Plymouth for sharing her great knowledge and enthusiasm of American Southwest history with the class.

The children enjoyed seeing her impressive collection of Native American art and listening to her wonderful first-hand stories.

We would also like to thank the store owners, Annette and Ken Horn, for allowing Linda to share a few pieces of art from the store.

Thanks for coming to Our Lady of Victory!
Cindy Smith
Stephanie Williams
Kay Snyder
5th Grade Art Appreciation Committee
Our Lady of Victory School

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COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION:

Do you think winter is over or are we in store for another blast?

We asked this question at the Canton Public Library.



"I still think it's coming. I'm a Michigan person."
Michael Koelzer
Canton



"I think El Nino has been good to Michigan people. I'm assuming it's over."
Liz Bridges
Canton



"I think March is going out with a blast."
Okie Phillips
Canton



"It's over. I'm very optimistic. It had better be over!"
Karen Ferrill
Canton

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Peggy

BY DAVID BEVING
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POINTS OF VIEW

Peggy's journey toward death shows true courage

BY DAVID BEVINGTON
GUEST COLUMNIST

If you want someone to change the topic quickly, just talk about death. But there are some people who are positive even about this subject. One of them is a resident of Angela Hospice, Peggy. The story you are about to read concerns her.

Peggy was born in New Jersey, but her parents moved to the Detroit area when her father needed employment. What better place for a tool and die worker?

Peggy grew up in Michigan. She did secretarial work in various offices of Tamaroff Buick. When asked about her admission to the care unit of Angela Hospice, she said, "I left Tamaroff Buick on Friday and entered Angela Hospice on Monday." Peggy has been a patient in the unit for more than seven weeks.

When probed about her favorite activities, Peggy said she enjoyed photography, making porcelain dolls and

collecting anything that related to Disney. Her room was filled with Disney memorabilia. Things have been thinning out a bit, though, since she has been giving things away.

Some people think of the services offered by hospice as a "last-ditch effort." Frankly, they wait too long to get the services provided because they don't understand the benefits that are available, including pain management, medication, nursing care and spiritual care.

Peggy didn't wait. She entered Angela Hospice Care Center with a positive attitude and a big smile on her face. She thought of life, not death. Her positive attitude and her affirmation of life have helped her cope with her impending death.

When asked about the care she received, she said without hesitation, "It felt like home the first night." It had not been easy for her to deal with her deteriorating physical condition. She shared her anxiety prior to her

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admission to the hospice program. How did she deal with her feelings? She talked freely to staff and friends.

"What about the staff?" I asked Peggy. She said she was impressed with the positive attitude of those who cared for her. Both physical and spiritual care had been offered. Her needs were being met. An example was her lack of appetite. The staff asked her what foods she really enjoyed, then made those foods available.

Peggy remarked that hospice was different from staying in a hospital. In hospice, she received care according to her needs.

As chaplain, I know how despondent and frightened some patients become at the prospect of their death. The unknown terrifies them. "Are you frightened, Peggy?" I asked her. "Not really," she replied. "I've enjoyed life ... and I am so grateful that I have



David Bevington and Peggy been free of pain." Pain management is one of the "plus" factors of hospice care.

Peggy has done many of the things people put off until retirement. She has traveled to Paris and Japan to visit the Disney facilities. She has studied Japanese. She has blessed the lives of her friends. Her years of employment brought satisfaction.

Getting back to her feelings, I said, "Peggy, how did you react when you were told you were terminally ill?"

She said that at first she could not deal with her feelings. She withdrew into herself. She was angry, and she did not share her problems with anyone.

A fringe benefit of hospice was the freedom to visit with her friends, and the opportunity to share her feelings with a caring staff.

My final question was, "What impresses you about this care unit?" Without hesitation she said, "I have complete comfort here." In a nutshell she shared the philosophy of the hospice program, to help persons face their death, to die in dignity, free of pain, to die in the presence of someone who cares ... not alone or in pain, but in the best of circumstances.

If you are in a situation where you need this kind of help, give Angela Hospice a call at (734) 464-7810.

David Bevington is a chaplain with Angela Hospice in Livonia. Margaret (Peggy) Mensch died on Feb. 5, following about two months in hospice.

State tax cuts: There's more to them than meets the eye

In an election year, we can expect a governor's budget to be as much a political document as a spending plan. The journalist, however, is under no obligation to make a case for or against incumbent Republican John M. Engler. So here are some random reflections:

Engler may indeed beat Democrat Jim Blanchard's job creation record by year's end. Blanchard boasted 600,000 new jobs during his tenure (1983-90). Engler, after seven years, boasted 550,000, and his economic outlook predicts 51,000 more jobs during calendar 1998. That would add up to 601,000 new jobs on his watch.

Headline on Engler's news release: "FY 99 Budget Reflects Twin Goals of Tax Relief and Spending Priorities." He now counts 25 tax cuts, including some that you won't see until 1999 and one you won't see until

2000 that hasn't been enacted yet. "Tax burden continues to tumble," says the text in Chapter A.

Meanwhile, the fine type in Chapter O gives us the other side of the coin. "Oil and gas regulatory fee increase. Wetlands permitting fee increase. Air quality fees - eliminate sunset. Court fee fund ... Diesel tax increase," the last with this footnote: "FY 98 initiative not yet enacted; passage built into budget assumptions for FY 99."

Sorry, there's no detail about how much new revenue he expects to collect from the fee hikes and diesel fuel tax hike. Just don't be fooled about the tax-cut talk when there are many, many fees that are still governmental revenue.

Big winner in Engler's budget, as many media have pointed out, is the Department of Corrections, up 4.2

percent to \$1.45 billion. Prison population is 42,000, and the governor expects to expand it by 5,420, or 13 percent, in just four years.

Engler's message concentrates on locking 'em up and throwing away the key: "Now is no time to retreat. If you're serious about getting tough on violent criminals, then you'd better get serious about building the prisons to lock them away," said he.

His data: In 1989, we put away 51 percent of prisoners for violent felonies for an average of 7.2 years. Today, 60 percent are being committed for crimes of violence, and the average sentence minimum sentence is 8.1 years.

Parole is harder to get. In 1991, under the civil service parole board system, inmates had a 54 percent chance of being released after their minimum sentence. Today, their chances have shrunk to 42 percent.

I looked in vain for any mention of English as a second language (Spanish-speaking inmates need this) or more job training (it's practically nonexistent). Remember, most of these guys and gals will be back on the streets at some time, even if Engler wins a third term.

State elected officials had little to applaud. Engler's budget proposes 0.5

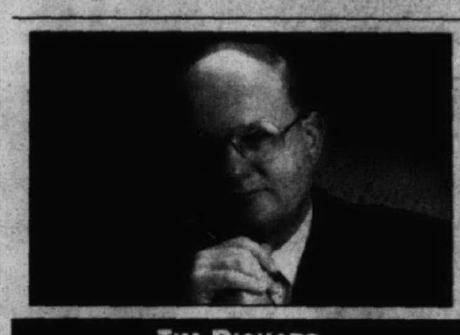
percent for the executive office (his or his successor's), 0.5 for the Legislature and 0.4 for the judiciary. This is in an era where his economic forecasters see 2.3 percent inflation.

Overall, Engler's general fund is up 18.5 percent since fiscal 1992, the first one for which he was totally responsible, to \$8.77 billion.

Total state spending, which includes federal aid and non-discretionary funds like transportation and school aid, has soared more than 54 percent, from \$20.7 billion to \$32 billion. The transportation fund is fed by our new 4-cents-a-gallon fuel tax. The school fund is fed by our increased 6 percent sales tax.

Those tax cuts aren't all they seem, are they?

Tim Richard's Touch-Tone voice mail number is (734) 953-2047, Ext. 1881.



TIM RICHARD

Tests make sense

The debate over our schools keeps taking fascinating twists and turns.

Released last week, the results from the most comprehensive and rigorous international comparison of performance in science and math revealed that American high school seniors score among the industrial world's worst. "This study has burst another myth," said Michigan State's William H. Schmidt, who coordinated the American part of the study. "Our best students in mathematics and science are simply not world class."

In January, the Detroit Free Press published an enormous series on the MEAP (Michigan Educational Assessment Program) tests that have become the main basis for comparing student achievement between schools. Relying on complex regression analysis, the Free Press concluded that simply comparing numerical scores between districts was inherently unfair because other factors - the number of single parent households, unemployment, students eligible for free lunch and school per pupil revenue - had a big effect on the results.

Quite possibly in response, The Detroit News last month ran its own analysis of the effects MEAP test results of per pupil spending, hiring more teachers and raising teachers' salaries. The News concluded that the relationship was "minimal," observing that schools scoring "in the top half statewide on MEAP exams and HSPTs differed little from schools that scored in the lower half."

So a House Education subcommittee now holding hearings on the MEAP test has a lot to think about.

First question: Is the test as now designed a useful indicator of how our kids are doing in school?

Not entirely, says Ernest Bauer, a consultant for Oakland Schools, the countywide intermediate service agency. There appears to be a disconnect between the scores kids actually get on the MEAP and the scores required to get a "proficient" ranking.

"The latest fourth-grade reading results showed that just under 50 percent of the students were 'satisfactory,'" Bauer told the subcommittee. "Most educators and parents are amazed that the most common score in the state for those same fourth-grade students on the narrative reading test is 19 out of 20 possible."

Second question: Can the tests be improved? Sure.

When the Legislature passed laws last year on the MEAP, it agreed on a bunch of bipartisan improvements. Time to take the test, for example, was cut from 505 to 370 minutes in 1998. The hated labels of results - "proficient,"



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"novice" and "not yet novice" - will be scrapped. New labels, to be set by the State Board of Education next month, will appear on transcripts, not diplomas.

Fine-tuning is required. That's why the Legislature keeps holding hearings on testing.

Third question: Other than the State Board of Education, a few in the Legislature, many school people who administer and are evaluated by test results, does anybody care?

Despite concerns about form and content, test results are turning out to be pretty good indicators of how well students perform in their freshman year at college, according Bauer.

Art Ellis, state superintendent of public instruction, told the State Board last year that it will take up to five years for employers and college admissions officers to ask consistently to see MEAP scores on student transcripts. That sounds about right, given how slowly employers and colleges react to change.

The main point, however, is that students are for the first time being tested to measure what they learn in school. The tests are not perfect, but they are being improved. They are setting a de facto standard of achievement that eventually will be adopted by employers and higher education institutions.

This is the way we will improve our education system. Not by a silver bullet, but row by row, classroom by classroom, school by school.

Liberals can grumble that there are lots of factors other than school effectiveness that affect MEAP scores. Conservatives can complain there doesn't seem to be much correlation between the amount spent on schools and what kids learn. Educators can pick holes at any test design.

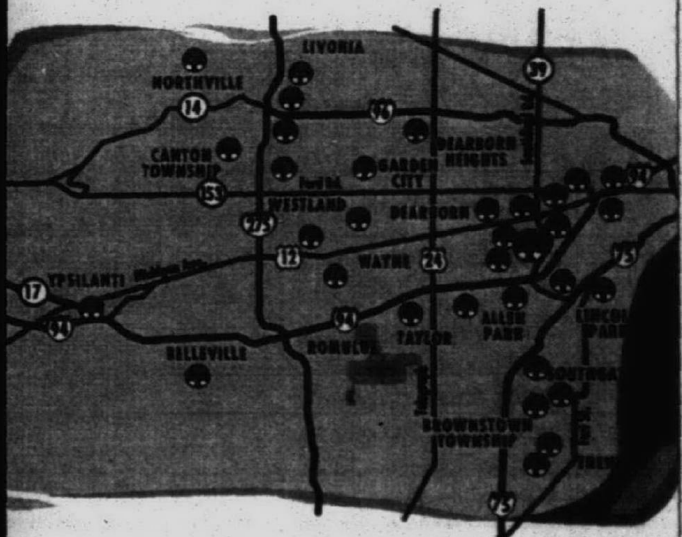
But at the end of the day, the idea of testing kids to see what they are learning is an idea whose time has come and is becoming solidly entrenched in the realities of our schools.

That is the good news coming out of the debate over schooling in Michigan.

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Mercy Health Center dedicated

BY TEDD SCHNEIDER
STAFF WRITER

Like the birthday present you save for later, the wraps officially came off the new St. Joseph Mercy Health Center Tuesday - two weeks after the medical center opened its doors to the Plymouth-Canton community.

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St. Joseph officials gathered along with local leaders and the business community for a ribbon cutting and reception at the nearly-completed 83,000 square-foot building on Canton Center Road and Summit Parkway.

The health center is the second in Canton for St. Joseph Mercy Health Systems, which has now completed the transfer from the building at Ford and Lilley Roads it occupied since 1986.

Some 936 patients came through the doors in the center's first 11 days, using the urgent care, radiology and lab departments, said Sally Bailey, site administrator. Staff can expect to handle about 20,000 urgent care patients during the first year, based on 1997 visits at the Ford Road building, Bailey said.

In fact, the center's first patient was a celebrity of sorts, Canton Supervisor Tom Yack, who walked up to the reception desk at 8 a.m. Feb. 17 for a routine visit. On Tuesday, Yack said he had planned to go to the Ford Road building the previous evening but found it closed. "This was a pretty convenient alternative," said the supervisor, who both lives and works within walking distance of the new building.

"We're about 95-percent occupied, with just one suite on the third floor still waiting for a tenant," Bailey said Tuesday.

Construction is nearly finished too. Work continues on the lower level, which will house a health education center designed primarily for children and the Eatz Cafe on the first floor. Bagel Express has signed on as the food service provider, Bailey said.

Completion of the new building comes about 19 months after the groundbreaking.

"Our mission is to bring health care to people where they need us," said Jim Frenza, spokesman for the health care provider.

The 14-member community advisory committee that has guided development of the facility also drew praise for its work on the project and its continuing role in assessing the area's health care needs.



Unwrapped: The new St. Joseph Mercy Health in Canton, which also serves the Plymouth area, has been open for two weeks. The official ribbon-cutting ceremony was Tuesday before local leaders and the business community. The 83,000-square-foot facility on Canton Center Road is almost complete and has come 19 months after the groundbreaking. Staff expects to see 20,000 urgent care patients annually.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, March 16, 1998, in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT (08-1)

(1) Consider request from Danny Veri, 4952 Dewitt, Canton, Michigan 48084 to amend:

Article 11, R-1 through R-5, Single Family Residential Districts, Section 11.02B, Permitted Uses and Structures - Special Land Uses, by creating subparagraph 15 to allow adding Single Family Attached Residential Units in R-4 and R-5, subject to the provisions in Section 6.03 - Site Development Standards for Residential Districts;

Article 6, Site Development Standards Applicable to Specific Uses, Section 6.03, Site Development Standards for Residential Uses, by creating Subsection A1., defining the criteria for Single Family Attached Residential Requirements in R-4 and R-5;

(2) Township-initiated proposal to amend:

Article 5, Landscaping, Screening and Walls, Subsection 5.02, General Landscaping Requirements; Subsection 5.03, Specific Landscaping Requirements for Zoning Districts; and 5.04, Standards for Landscape Materials;

Article 18, C-4, Interchange Service District, Subsection 18.02.B, Permitted Uses and Structures - Special Land Uses, by creating subparagraph 4 to allow adding Essential Services, subject to the provisions in Section 2.16, sub-section A.

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

VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman
Publish: February 19 and March 5, 1998

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

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, March 16, 1998, in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

WILES/PLYMOUTH CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NO. 068 99 0009 000 FROM RR, RURAL RESIDENTIAL, TO R-2, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL. Property is located on the northwest corner of Cherry Hill and Beck Roads.

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

VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman
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PARENTING AWARENESS MONTH



JERI LEA LENTINI

How to build kids' positive relationships

Your two young children are in the family room arguing over the TV remote control and your angry teen is laying on her bunk bed pleading for her own "space." Does this sound familiar?

The challenge of building healthy sibling relationships in your home may seem daunting at times. But with a little advice, you can resolve some chronic sibling problems that seem incurable.

Here's a list of tips to help you encourage and develop positive sibling relationships in your own family:

Tip No. 1 - Don't share???
Allow children to have special items and space they do not have to share, as well as community property. Set up clear rules about respecting each other's boundaries and property to alleviate conflict and "forced" sharing.

With rules clearly established, your children may be more likely to share popular items willingly, without your intervening.

Tip No. 2 - Suggest chore time!
Assign activities that encourage cooperation. Believe it or not, household chores work well and teach responsibility. Other activities that help siblings bond include making a birthday breakfast for a parent, helping with yard work, baking cookies or putting away toys.

Recognize how well the activity went and tell your children that you're proud of the way they interacted together.

Tip No. 3 - Watch and wait.
Children need to practice resolving disagreements on their own. To begin this process, you may need to show children how to cool down and explain what they feel happened.

After siblings air their differences, help them brainstorm solutions or ways to avoid the problem from happening again. Eventually, children will be able to practice these skills on their own, and, much to your relief, you won't have to play "the judge."

Tip No. 4 - Call to order.
Regular family meetings allow children to air concerns and conflicts before resentment or hurt feelings build between siblings. Children can be responsible for setting up agendas or leading meetings. This is a great time to applaud achievements too.

Tip No. 5 - Celebrate individuality.

Children are sensitive to sibling differences, so it's important to appreciate and acknowledge each child's unique approach to life. "Fair" doesn't necessarily mean giving children the exact same clothes, toys or attention. Spend equal, but separate, periods of time alone with each child, dedicated to doing activities that he or she enjoys and that celebrate individual interests and strengths.

Tip No. 6 - Tag along?
To help older siblings feel less burdened and resentful of younger siblings, allow older children a choice in how and when they help with younger ones. Discuss the reasons why younger siblings want to tag along.

It's important that older children understand the younger sibling's admiration. Even when a new baby is brought home, point out how the baby watches and imitates older children.

Tip No. 7 - Have fun.
Have fun as a family. Take vacations together for a change of pace and to remove the distractions of home and friends. Allow children to take turns choosing your vacation destination, or where to go for family outings or dinner out.

Also, celebrate each other's accomplishments, big and small. Find ways to enjoy each other and express pride in your children. When children feel good about themselves, they can feel good about others.

Tip No. 8 - Pass out privileges!
Give your children privileges that involve cooperation. Allow them to walk to the corner store together

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Sports connection

Auction funnels money into preventing injuries

When the auction gavel drops for the last time on April 3, Dr. David Janda hopes to have raised \$30,000 for the Institute for Preventative Sports Medicine, which is dedicated to the prevention of sports-related injuries and health-care cost containment.

You might not be good enough to fill Elvis' shoes, but for a price you can fill his pants.

The pants that the singer wore in the film "Girls, Girls, Girls" are one of the many items to be auctioned off at the Institute for Preventative Sports Medicine's annual event from 7-10 p.m. Friday, April 3, at The Ritz-Carlton Hotel, Fairlane Plaza, 300 Town Center Drive, Dearborn.

WOMC morning show host Dick Purtan and former NBA player Tim McCormick, now the assistant director of the NBA Players Association, will serve as host auctioneers for the celebrity auction. Purtan also donated the opportunity to spend an hour with him on the radio to the auction.

Tickets are \$10 and include two raffle tickets for two round-trip airfares to anywhere in the continental United States courtesy of Anew Travel. For more information, call (734) 434-3390 or visit its Web site at <http://users.aol.com/wwwipsm/>.

This year's auction offers a variety of items up for bid ranging from sports memorabilia to autographed historical documents to the opportunity to be a "Fighter Pilot for a Day."

Detroit Red Wings fans can bid on autographed jerseys from Steve Yzerman and Brendan Shanahan, a poster signed by Vladimir Konstantinov just prior to his limousine accident, and an autographed Detroit Red Wing golf bag.

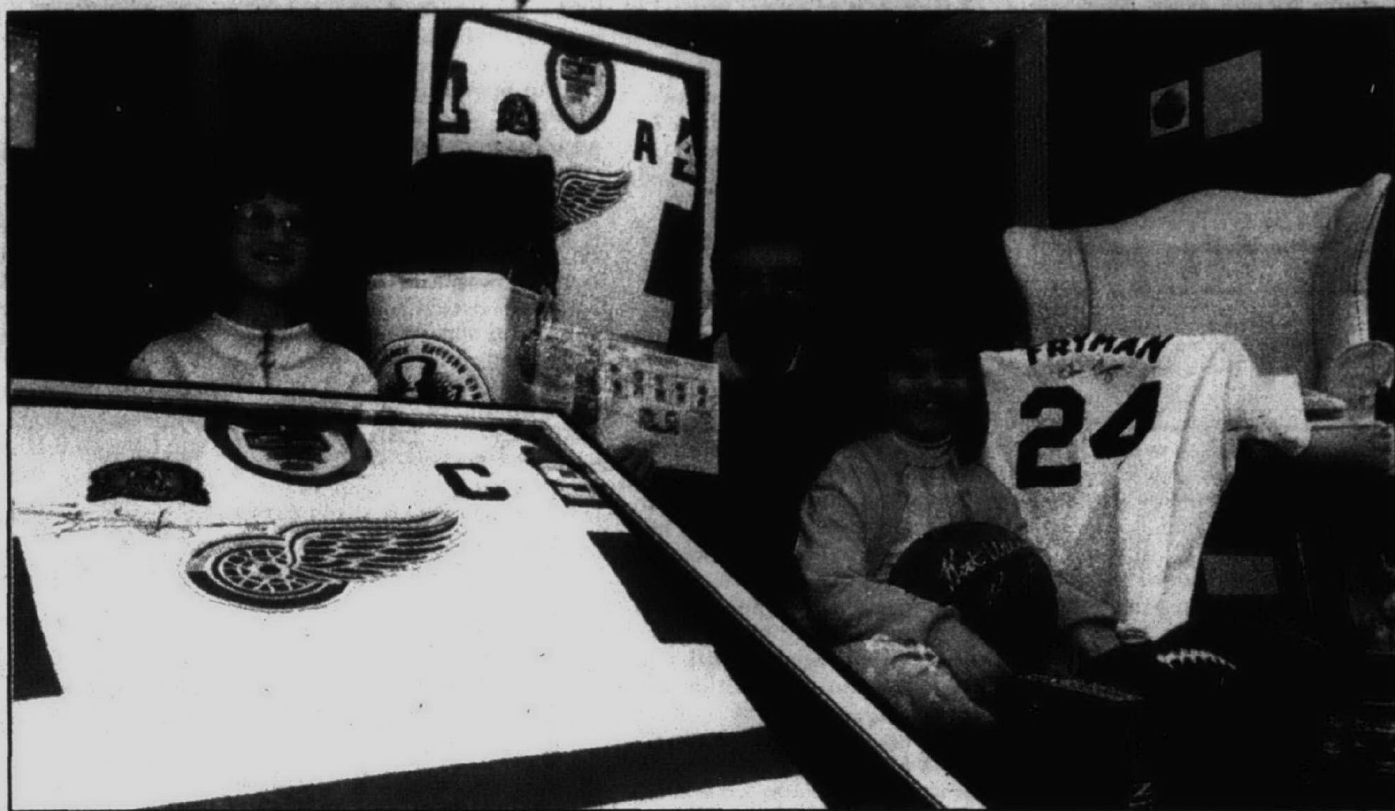
U-M connection

Former University of Michigan basketball star Juwan Howard, now of the Washington Wizards, donated a signed basketball, jersey and poster.

Former Pittsburgh Steeler Lynn Swan gave the institute an autographed football.

"We met when I was on 'Good Morning America' and we stayed in touch over the years," said Plymouth resident Dr. David Janda, the institute's director. "Every year he donates a signed football."

Historians may want to try for a typed, signed letter from Eleanor Roosevelt, a signed limited edition print of



What's your bid? Dr. David Janda enlisted the aid of his daughters - Allison, 9 (left), and Katie, 7 - to show off some of the sports memorabilia that will be auctioned off April 3 to benefit the Institute for Preventative Sports Medicine.

Jimmie Doolittle, the original FBI wanted poster for Bonnie and Clyde, and checks signed by Thomas Edison and the Wright brothers.

A three-day, two-night stay at the Luxor in Las Vegas, Nev., dinners at Gratz and Weber's Inn in Ann Arbor and tickets for the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Chicago Bulls, Toledo Mud Hens and Detroit Red Wings are also up for grabs.

"We have an oral section and a silent section; the silent section is first for people who are afraid to bid," Janda explained.

Public awareness

Janda, an orthopedic surgeon whose subspecialty is in shoulder injuries, said he hopes to raise \$30,000 for the nonprofit organization, which is dedicated to the prevention of sports-related injuries and health-care cost containment. It is based at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor.

"It's the only fund-raiser that we have," said Janda who donates all his time, 20 hours a week, to the institute. "The money is immediately plowed back into research. We receive no money from sporting goods manufacturers. If we accepted money from

sporting goods manufacturers, there would be a perceived and real conflict of interest."

He will speak about the institute's work from 7-8 p.m. Thursday, March 12, at Borders Books and Music, 30995 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills, (248) 737-0110; and from 7-8 p.m. Wednesday, March 25, at Borders Books and Music, 34300 Woodward Ave., Birmingham, (248) 203-0005.

The Ann Arbor-based chain has come on board as a prominent sponsor of the auction. As part of the agreement, Borders will sponsor a celebrity sports author at the auction who will sign copies of his or her book and will donate autographed books and CDs to be auctioned.

Borders, Janda said, is helping him share safety tips with the public.

"This is another outlet for us to reach the public. Our goal is to bring our research to the public's doorstep."

Studies by The Institute for Preventative Sports Medicine, which specializes in children's injuries, have focused primarily on three topics.

It concluded that softball and baseball players who slide into bases which break away from their bases sustain 96

percent fewer injuries. Despite that research, Janda explained, some organizations are hesitant to use the equipment.

"They prevent 1.7 million injuries a year; that would save \$2 billion in health-care costs," he said. "So you spend \$1,000 (on the bases) and save \$2 billion. It's a no-brainer."

Like the 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta, baseball fields for the Summer Olympics in Sydney, Australia, in 2000 will be equipped with the bases.

The institute also looked into preventing deaths caused by children who are hit in the chest with baseballs or softballs. Janda found that the softer baseballs and chest protectors on the market did not reduce the risk of injury and, in some cases, enhanced the risk of injury.

"The softer baseballs were actually heavier. It stuck to the chest for a longer period of time, then it pushed off and it was a double hit," Janda said. "The chest protection idea was not a bad idea but the materials it is made of actually funneled it (the ball) in."

In research that will be published this spring in the Journal of Trauma,

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Good camping: It wasn't quite weird science, but the Wayne-Westland Day Camp Becca Curtis (left) organized for her Gold Award project let Junior Scouts and Brownies earn different badges. Tommi-Jean Mason kept a scrapbook of her project, a Bible day camp she organized for her church, Westland Christian Union.



Day camps become golden honors

Two local girls are poised to receive the highest honor bestowed by Girl Scouting.

Huron Valley Girl Scout Council members Becca Curtis, a John Glenn High School senior, and Tommi-Jean Mason, a 1997 John Glenn graduate, will find out if they earned Gold Awards during a ceremony May 11 at Washtenaw Community College.

The Gold Award is the highest award given to girls in Girl Scouting.

"It is the equivalent of the Boy Scouts' Eagle Award; it represents the highest achievement that a girl can reach as a Girl Scout," Charlotte F. Luttrell, HVSC's public relations manager. "This is a culmination of all their years of Girl Scouting. The

Gold Award project must be a significant community service project that reaches out beyond the Girl Scout circle."

Curtis and Mason, both of whom finished their projects in the summer of 1997, are called candidates for the Gold Award until their reports are completed and accepted by the Gold Award committee. The volunteers review the project and decide whether or not they will receive the awards.

Similar projects

For her project, Mason, a freshman studying music education at North Central Michigan University in Petoskey, designed a day camp for youngsters at her church, Westland Christian

Union Church. The Bible day camp ran from July 28 to Aug. 1, but she began planning it in October 1996.

"My church hasn't had a day camp in many, many years," Mason said. "It was a lot more work than I expected at first. When the actual project came and all the kids came, it was exciting."

During her Bible camp, Mason concentrated on science projects teaching kids how to make a "tornado in a bottle," as well as crafts like making cement patio blocks using pizza boxes as a mold, and designing picture frames.

In the back yard of her parents' home are color-

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ful cement patio blocks made by neighbors and relatives. As a token of appreciation, the students at the Bible camp gave Mason a scrapbook of their experiences.

Curtis' project was similar. She organized the Wayne-Westland Day Camp, which hosted about 260 girls in July in Central City Park. Themed "Weird Science," the camp allowed girls participating in Junior Girl Scouts and Brownies to earn

badges.

"It didn't always fit into the theme," Curtis added.

Brownies, for example, learned about bike safety while the Junior Girl Scouts learned about fingerprinting.

Set to graduate in June, Curtis is a band member, president of the Ecology Club, and a member of the student council, SADD and D.A.R.E. at her school.

She helped build the playscape in Central City Park and has

aided with food and blood drives.

Recently, she was accepted to the People to People Student Ambassador Program set up by President Dwight D. Eisenhower as a way to help students learn about different cultures. She will travel to the England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales this summer. The group may also visit Princess Diana's gravesite.

"One of the things I'm looking forward to are home stays," she said. "We stay with a family for

three days and see how they live on a daily basis. We get to see their traditions and the type of food that they eat."

"Just seeing how another family lives in another country sounds really cool."

In order to go, Curtis needs to raise \$4,000 by April. She is seeking sponsors and donors. Those interested in helping can call her at (734) 595-6011.

Both girls were inspired by their mothers to become Girl

Scouts. Mason helped her mother, Gloria, who was a Girl Scout for two years, an adult co-leader for 14 years and a service unit manager, with her troops. The elder Mason organized Girl Scout troops at Kettering, Elliott and Hamilton elementary schools.

Curtis' mother, Judy, is a former director of day camps.

"I saw what my mom had done," she said. "I knew that this is what I always wanted to do. I

knew what went on during day camp."

During the award ceremony, Mason explained, she and the other Gold Award candidates will stand up and discuss their projects.

Through her community project, Mason "really learned how to communicate with other people. At first, I wasn't getting my points across correctly. Toward the end of the week, I really pulled everything together."

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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. 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.

Garden City. 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 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.

N. Beech Daly. Table reservations can be made by calling (313) 383-1821 or (313) 563-1761.

LIVONIA STEVENSON
Crafters are needed for the Livonia Stevenson High School Booster Club's Spring Spectacular craft show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 28 at the school, 33500 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia. Spaces - 10 feet by 10 feet or 5 feet by 16 feet - cost \$50. For an application or more information, call (734) 464-1041 or (248) 478-2395.

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the institute determined that injuries can be significantly reduced by changing the material and lightening the mass.

Janda contends, however, that the most effective way to reduce injuries is for coaches to train players to avoid a ball.

"If you look at Cal Ripken, if a ball is coming at him he leans in, turns away and takes the ball in the upper back."

A study performed at the institute also found that the use of padded goal posts could prevent fatalities in soccer.

The auction takes place during the sixth annual Mid-American Sports Medicine Symposium 1998 April 2-4, which is geared toward physicians, physical therapists, athletic trainers, physical therapy assistants, sports medicine practitioners, residents and students. The three-day course brings together clinical experts to discuss current trends in the evaluation, treatment and

prevention of sports-related injuries. Registration ranges from \$175-\$475.

"If you look at the Sports Medicine Symposium when we started this six years ago, we had tremendous competition. Since then, our symposium has become the largest in the state of Michigan."

Borders is dubbing the week of the symposium Sports Injury Prevention Week and will feature books and research on the subject.

Although Janda enjoys speaking to people in the medical profession, his primary focus is to get the word out to the public.

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,

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.

CLARENCEVILLE
The Athletic Booster Club of Clarenceville High School will have "A Touch of Spring" craft boutique 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 28 at the school, 20155 Middlebelt Road, Livonia. There will be more than 150 crafters, raffle and snack bar. Admission will be \$2.

The best group we speak to is the public, Rotary Clubs or booster clubs," he said. "If there's one mom in the PTA there and she leaves with our research that school system will be a healthier, safer community when it's all done."

Design activities for your children that educate them about cooperation. Disguised as fun games, team activities involve everyone creating a piece of one project. For example, each sibling draws a section of landscape that contributes to a panorama drawing to be mounted on the

PRCUA SYRENA
The PRCUA Syrena Parents club will have a holiday craft show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 21 at the Dearborn Heights Community Center, 1801

treating others with respect and kindness and by resolving conflicts peacefully, you are giving them the tools to do the same with one another.

Tip No. 11 - Last but not least, catch 'em in the act!
Catch your children being good to each other. Recognize it and applaud it! Your attention and admiration is the greatest reward.

Jeri Lea Lentini works as an outreach therapist with children

and parents at Safe Stay Crisis Nursery & Family Respite Care Center, a short-term residential and crisis program for children. The Westland-based program also provides home-based counseling services for children.

Jacque Martin-Downs and Jack Gladden are on hiatus, so The Observer Newspapers and Youth Living Centers can present a four-part educational series as part of Parenting Awareness Month.

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**ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON**

Sealed bids will be received by the Charter Township of Canton Clerk's Office, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188 until 10:00 a.m., Thursday, March 19, 1998 at which time the bids will be opened and publicly read aloud for the following:

1998 SPRING TREE PLANTING PROGRAM

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

Publish: March 5, 1998

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
PUBLIC HEARING
FY 1998 CDBG PROGRAM
ACTION PLAN**

On Thursday, March 26, 1998, at 2:00 p.m. in the third floor conference room, Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, the Canton Community Development Block Grant Advisory Council will conduct a public hearing on the FY 1998 Canton Township Block Grant (CDBG) Program Action Plan. All interested citizens are invited to attend and comment on the FY 1998 CDBG Program, which will be funded at \$123,000. Project proposals to be discussed, among others, are: First Step, \$90,000; HelpSource (Adult Day Care), \$7,500; The Salvation Army (summer day camp), \$20,000; Growth Works, \$10,500; Volunteer Coordinator, \$6,500; Wayne County Neighborhood Legal Services, \$10,000; Harrison Drain Improvements, \$175,000 (est); Construction Contingency, \$50,000 (est.); Housing Rehabilitation, \$45,450 (est); Program Administration, \$84,200; ADA Doors Retrofit, Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway. Note: Not all project proposals are necessarily listed; not all projects listed will necessarily be approved for FY 1998; nor will all projects accepted for funding necessarily be funded for the requested amounts. Final program decisions are made by the Board of Trustees. Written comments or requests for information should be directed to: Gerald Martin, Development Specialist, Resource Development Division, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188, (313) 734-5392.

TERRY BENNETT, Clerk

Publish: March 5 and 8, 1998

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ADVERTISEMENT FOR ENGINEERING PROPOSALS**

RE: REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS to provide ENGINEERING CONSULTING SERVICES for the Design of Intersection Improvements at Ford and Haggerty Road, in Canton Township Wayne County, Michigan

The Canton Township Downtown Development Authority is soliciting proposals for engineering design services for intersection improvements at Ford Road and Haggerty Road.

The "Request for Proposals" describes the project and the format for the Scope of Services. A "Request for Proposal" can be obtained from Canton Township Engineering Services at the address below. If there are any questions call Canton Engineering Services at (734) 397-5405.

If your firm is interested in providing these services, please submit your proposal to Canton Township Engineering Services, by 5 p.m., Friday, March 20, 1998.

The Canton Township Downtown Development Authority does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

The Canton Township Downtown Development Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Address all proposals to:

CANTON TOWNSHIP
ENGINEERING SERVICES
Attn: Susan Folsom
2nd Floor
1150 S. Canton Center Road
Canton, MI 48188

Publish: March 5, 1998

**CANTON TOWNSHIP
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS**

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon two weeks notice to the Charter Township of Canton. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Charter Township of Canton by writing or calling the following:

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

Publish: March 5, 1998

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
BUILDING/FIRE BOARD OF APPEALS
MARCH 12, 1998**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THERE WILL BE A MEETING OF THE BUILDING/FIRE BOARD OF APPEALS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ON THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 1998 AT 10:00 A.M. THE MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE LOWER LEVEL #1 CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATION BUILDING LOCATED AT 1150 S. CANTON CENTER ROAD. THE FOLLOWING AGENDA WILL BE DISCUSSED:

ROLL CALL: KORCHAK, PACIOCCO, PENNINGTON, SCRAMSTAD, YESSAYAN

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

1. CONSIDER REQUEST FROM PASTOR JEFF LEDBETTER OF CORNERSTONE BAPTIST CHURCH, 1545 RIDGE ROAD, FOR A VARIANCE TO THE FIRE PREVENTION CODE, SECTION F500.7, and 500.8, FIRE HYDRANT REQUIREMENTS. (TABLED FROM FEBRUARY 5, 1998)

Publish: March 5, 1998

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ADVERTISEMENT FOR PROPOSALS
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON**

RE: REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS to provide ENGINEERING CONSULTING SERVICES for the design of Gorman Street water main and sanitary sewer improvements as part of a Special Assessment District in Canton Township Wayne County, Michigan

Canton Township is soliciting proposals for engineering design services and construction administration/inspection services for the design and installation of new water main and sanitary sewer to service Gorman Street, which is located south of Ford Road and west of Canton Center Road.

The "Request for Proposals" describes the project and the format for the Scope of Services. A "Request for Proposal" can be obtained from Canton Township Engineering Services at the address below.

If your firm is interested in providing these services, please submit your proposal to Canton Township Engineering Services, by 5 p.m., Friday, March 13, 1998.

The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

The Township reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.

Address all proposals to:

CANTON TOWNSHIP
ENGINEERING SERVICES
Attn: Susan Folsom
1150 S. Canton Center Road
Canton, MI 48188

Publish: February 26 and March 5, 1998

**NOTICE TO BIDDERS
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids up to 10:00 a.m., March 19, 1998, for the following:

PHASE THREE TREE PLANTING AT PHEASANT RUN GOLF CLUB

Bid specifications will be available in the Finance and Budget Department. Canton Township reserves the right to reject any or all bids. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

Publish: March 5, 1998

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids up to 10:00 a.m., March 19, 1998 for the following:

RENTAL OF PORTABLE TOILETS FOR CANTON TOWNSHIP PARKS AND GOLF COURSES

Bid specifications are available in the Finance and Budget Dept. Canton Township reserves the right to reject any or all bids. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

Publish: March 5, 1998

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
March 12, 1998**

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 1998 AT 7:30 P.M. The meeting will be held in the First Floor Meeting Room in the Township Administration Building located at 1150 S. CANTON CENTER ROAD. The following Agenda will be discussed:

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
Roll Call: Cisek, Desopoulos, Johnson, Redfern, Williams
Acceptance of Agenda

- David Wenz, City Sign Co., Inc., 101 E. Walton, Pontiac, MI 48340, representing Super Kmart, for property located at 41660 Ford Rd., Canton, MI 48187. Appealing Ordinance 120, Section 2.1, regarding Wall Signs/Awning Signs. The request is for a variance in order to add one (1) wall sign to the store front which would be an additional 30.03 sq. ft. Parcel No. 044-99-0017-704 (Building). (Tabled from January 8, 1998 meeting; Tabled from February 12, 1998 meeting)
- Annette Tefft, 1644 Sheldon, Canton, MI 48187, for property located at same. Appealing Article 26.02 - Schedule of Regulations, Agricultural and Residential Districts, Rear Yard Setback. The request is for a variance on the east side of property to build an addition. Parcel No. 067-01-0608-000 (Building)
- Wayne C Cooper, 8470 Holly, Canton, MI 48187, for property located at same. Appealing Article 26.02, Schedule of Regulations, Agricultural and Residential Districts. The variance is for a Side Yard Setbacks, to build a garage. Parcel No. 001-01-0177-000 (Building)
- Carlo Carlini Jr., 3210 Herbey, Canton MI. 48188, for property located at same. Appealing Article 26.02 & 2.09, Schedule of Regulations, Agricultural and Residential Districts. The variance is to build a deck. Parcel No. 107-99-0022-000 (Building)

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WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Cortese-Petzak

William and Pamela Cortese of Ann Arbor announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary Jo, to Jeffery Allen Petzak, the son of Ronald and Carol Petzak of Murfreesboro, Tenn.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and Eastern Michigan University with a bachelor's degree in special education and a master's degree in early childhood education. She is employed as a special education teacher at the Detroit Public Schools' Early Intervention Diagnostic Center.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Ludington Senior High School and Saginaw Valley State University with a bachelor's degree in elementary education. He is pursuing a master's degree in educational leadership at Eastern Michigan University. He is employed as a fifth grade teacher at Logan Elementary



School in Ann Arbor.

A May wedding is planned at Martha-Mary Chapel in Greenfield Village, Dearborn.

Paquin-Peltier

Ronald and Bette Paquin of South Lyon announce the engagement of their daughter, Stephanie Jane, to Andre Francis Peltier, the son of Gary and Marianne Peltier of Canton.

The bride-to-be attends Eastern Michigan University. She is employed as a cashier at WholeFoods Market of Ann Arbor.

Her fiancé is graduating from Eastern Michigan University. He is employed as an assistant dairy buyer at WholeFoods Market in Ann Arbor.

A May wedding is planned at Summit on the Park in Canton.

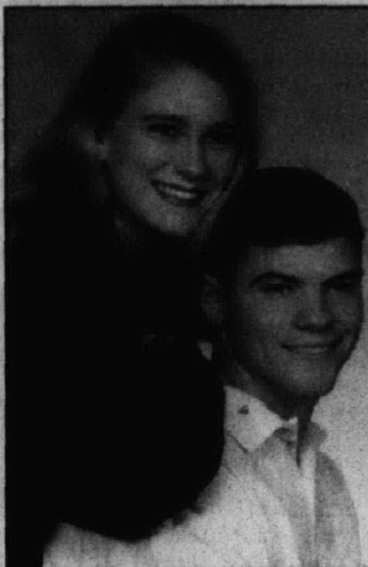


Klapper-Murphy

Scott and Peggy Klapper of Saline announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristi Ann, to Jamie Lee Murphy, the son of Patrick and Mary Murphy of Westland.

The bride-to-be is a 1995 graduate of Saline High School and expects to graduate from Eastern Michigan University in June 2000 with a dual major in special education and mathematics. She is employed at Pearl Vision.

Her fiancé is a 1993 graduate of John Glenn High School in Westland. He is doing his internship at Henry Ford Hospital in cardiac rehabilitation and expects to graduate in April from EMU with a degree in sports medicine. He also works for Ray and Jan's concession stand at Home Depot in Canton.



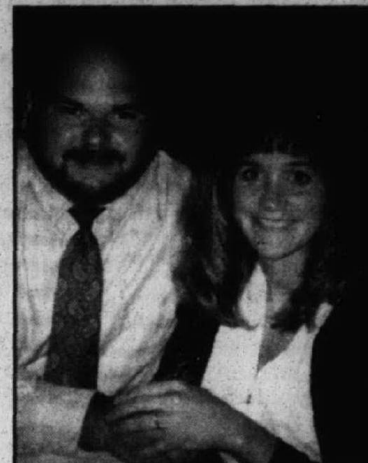
An August 1999 wedding is planned in Saline.

West-Candela

Jim and Helen West of Garden City announce the engagement of their daughter, Diane Marie, to Vincent Emanuele Candela, the son of Vincenzo and Nancy Candela of Northville.

The bride-to-be is a 1968 graduate of Garden City High School. She is the manager of several Papa Romano's stores.

Her fiancé is a 1982 graduate of Northville High School and a 1987 graduate of Grand Valley State University with a degree in secondary education. He also is a 1992 graduate of Henry Ford Community College with an associate's degree in manufacturing technology. He is employed by Megatech Engineering in Warren as a proto-



type metal model maker. An April wedding is planned at Our Lady of Victory Church in Northville.

Pearse-Barlow

Robert and Donna Pearse of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Lynn Michelle, to Mark Steven Barlow, the son of Robert Barlow and Ann Maria of Florida and Jean Barlow of Tucson, Ariz.

The bride-to-be is a first-second-grade teacher for the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

Her fiancé is a manager at the Ernest and Young management consulting practice.

A July wedding is planned at Fox Hills Country Club in Plymouth.



Carter-Greening

William and June Carter of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Karen Ellen, to Charles Anthony Greening, the son of Charles and Juliana Greening of West Bloomfield.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School, the University of Michigan with a bachelor's degree and Oakland University with a master's degree.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Michigan State University and Wayne State University, where he received his master's degree in business administration.



A spring wedding is planned at First United Methodist Church of Plymouth.

McLellan-Yule

Donald and Judith McLellan of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristen Beth, to Matthew John Yule, the son of John and Evelyn Yule, also of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a 1995 graduate of the University of Michigan-Dearborn with a bachelor of arts degree in behavioral science. She is employed as a human resource supervisor at a major automotive supplier.

Her fiancé is a 1994 graduate of the University of Michigan-Dearborn with a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering. He is employed as a FEA engineer at CMI Tech Center Inc.



planned at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Livonia.

Knight-Alland

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

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

Her fiancé is employed at Honeywell.

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



Foltz-Gehringer

Jeanine Foltz of Ann Arbor and Don Gehringer of Northville have announced their engagement.

The bride-to-be is employed as a teacher by the Westwood Community School District.

Her fiancé, the son of Marguerite Gehringer of Livonia, is a printer at Gehringer Printing in Redford.

An April wedding is being planned.



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History of lacemaking is like a trip through time



VIRGINIA PARKER

As a child, I was duly impressed when my mother showed me two handmade bobbin lace collars. They were special, she said. My father had brought them back from Belgium at the end of World War II. Years later, I gained a new appreciation for their artistry and elegance while researching 17th-century lacemaking.

Throwing myself completely into the research, I seem constitutionally unable to do less. I learned to make bobbin lace. I acquired the necessary equipment: several pillows, a large collection of rosewood bobbins, linen threads - ecru, white and a rainbow of colors - as well as metallic threads, pins, pins, and more pins, plus a handmade maple lacemaker's table. (OK, the table wasn't necessary, but it was fun.) I had three pieces of

lace going at the same time. Meanwhile, I continued to research the history. I found that the art of making bobbin lace is centuries old. It was made throughout Europe, spread to Russia, and is still commercially handmade in numerous countries today.

Lacemakers wind their threads on wooden bobbins, which is why it's called bobbin lace. In earliest times, the threads wound around bone, so the work was first known as "bone lace." Because it is made on a pillow, people often called it "pillow lace."

Hundreds of years ago, bobbin lace was a fashion status symbol for wealthy men, women and children. Even some of the Pilgrims, who left England to seek religious freedom in the Plymouth Colony, were consumers. They disdained pretension, yet the well-to-do among them, like the gentry, wore lace to show their affluence. But, while the rich wore the lace, it was the poor men, women and children who made it.

Trip through time

To glimpse what an English lacemaker's life was like, let's create a mental time machine. We turn the dial back some 400 years to arrive in London in 1622. We learn that some of the English lace is made in the countryside. Farmers make it after their chores, and during the winter, to bring in a few extra shillings.

Here in London, we find a woman who earns her living by making lace 12-15 hours a day, six days a week. She is not one of the lucky ones who can work at home. Instead, she produces infinite yards of lace edging in a cold, musty cellar. The dampness is destroying her lungs.

It's dark, so she sits on one of the chairs stacked three rows deep around a candle stool. Flasks, filled with water to reflect and magnify the light

have been placed around a tall candle. Her eyes strain in the dim glow, and she expects she may lose her sight in time. They say a piece of fine lace is costly, it can cost a pair of eyes.

A 7-year-old apprentice sits beside her. The little girl has been making lace with other poor boys and girls since she was 5. Her small hands are learning to twist and cross the threads in endless combinations and with increasing precision. Eventually, she will be able to make a single motif with perfection. It's her destiny to make that piece for the rest of her life. Another lacemaker will sew it together with other motifs into an exquisite collar or train.

The girl is surrounded by people, but she feels lonely. She's not allowed to talk with anyone because chit-chat slows their work. Only the melodic clinking

of bobbins breaks the tedious silence.

The child is chilled; she longs for the warm, bright summer when she can work outside. She also wishes she could run free in the sunshine to stretch her young legs. Instead, they ache, as her back does, from endless hours of sitting in the dark, dank cellar.

Her knuckles hurt, too; she forgot and touched the linen threads instead of the bobbins. The master lacemaker smacked the girl's hands with a cane because she will lose money, if her workers' hands soil the lace.

The boy in the next seat is worse off. His bare neck was rapped with the cane as punishment for talking.

Society approves of the children's employment. It benefits their parents and spares the parish the burden of supporting

orphans.

Each time these artisans prick the parchment and close a stitch, they weave in a thread of irony because, while their toil creates this beautiful commodity, the lacemakers remain too poor to ever afford a piece of their own lace.

We return to 1998 with a sigh of relief that modern society has freed laborers from such appalling sweatshops. When we settle in to catch the evening news - in Brazil, children, working in shacks, breathe fumes while gluing name-brand shoes; in China, women earn pennies to embroider elegant linens for export; in Mexico ...

Historian and author Virginia Bailey Parker has a bachelor's degree in history and a master's degree in historic preservation. She lives in Canton Township.

Roaring '20s

Detroit played huge part in smuggling

Herbert Hoover described the 18th Amendment as a noble experiment. Daniel C. Roper of the Internal Revenue Service expected a few problems with enforcement, but eventually the nation would not know alcohol.

Such was not the case with America going "dry" on Jan. 16, 1920, and when Prohibition was repealed 13 years later, many of the people who had campaigned for Prohibition were campaigning to end it.

"Billy Simon fought hard for Prohibition," said Philip Mason, a history professor at Wayne State University. "But it was not a decade of peace, it was a decade of war - gang wars. Murders and smuggling was pervasive, and no area was more seriously affected and involved than was Detroit."

The author of "Rum Running and the Roaring '20s" (Wayne State University Press), Mason fascinated his Livonia Town Hall audience with a look at the area during Prohibition.

The waterways were the battlegrounds, and The New York Times sent reporters to cover Prohibition in what became known as the Windsor-Detroit Funnel, a name well-deserved, considering 80 percent of the liquor smuggled into the United States came through Detroit.

"One million cases were smuggled in each week, and a lot

stayed here and a lot went to Chicago," Mason said. "Detroit had more registered boats than any other state in the union, and the 30 miles of water between Lake Erie and Lake St. Clair, with lots of inlets and isolated spots, could be crossed in five minutes."

Mason became enthralled with the Prohibition after reading "Only Yesterday" and began collecting stories about the era of bathtub gin, blind pigs, speak-easies, the Purple Gang and rum running.

"Almost from the beginning, there were organized gangs formed because smuggling was so profitable," he said. "The Purple Gang was an all-Jewish gang that divided the river up into turfs."

'Ideal location'

In his research, he found that the most notorious of communities in the country was Ecorse. It was an "ideal location" for smuggling because of its many marinas and boathouses and because its residents openly in favor of smuggling.

"They would turn out to stop the authorities when they showed up to confiscate a boat," Mason said. "On Jefferson Avenue, the Green Lantern was open around the clock and restaurants openly advertised that they were speak-easies."

Detroiters proved ingenious in smuggling liquor from Canada, where all of the provinces except Quebec were dry. And even with

Prohibition, the distilleries and breweries still made beer and liquor by order of the Canadian government. There was a \$9 per quart tax that the companies got back if they could prove the beer and liquor they sold was going to countries without Prohibition.

"There were 19 export docks along the St. Clair and Detroit rivers; anyone could pull up to the docks and say it was going to Cuba and buy it," Mason said.

Boats, cars, airplanes, coffins, even chicken eggs were used to bring alcohol across the border from Canada. Gas tanks were divided in half and the contents of eggs drained and replaced with booze. Even hearses were pressed into service to get liquor into the U.S.

"One customs agent wrote in his diary that it was the 10th funeral that day and wondered why Canadians wanted to be buried in Detroit," Mason recounted. "He checked the 11th one and there was a casket full of liquor."

Under the river

Smuggling also went on under the river. Cables were strung underwater between Windsor and Detroit to pull sleds filled with liquor. A torpedo also was developed to shoot across the river.

Another distillery installed a pipe under the river that ran to a warehouse in Detroit where the liquor was to be bottled. The operation never got off the ground when a repairman, called



Philip Mason

in to fix the pump, reported the clandestine operation to police.

Liquor could be dispensed for medicinal purposes and thousands of prescriptions were given out by doctors, according to Mason. One prescription, given to the Dossin Great Lakes Museum on Belle Isle, prescribed "4 ounces each night to sleep."

Even with Prohibition, there were 5,000 breweries and distilleries in business in 1928, and Detroiters by the thousands made their own, finding what they needed in the local drug

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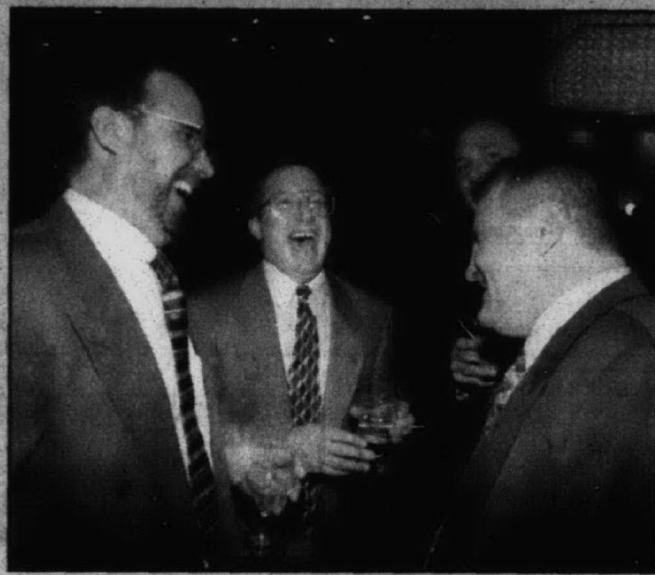
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'Evening of Hope' attracts a crowd



Glittering success: Leukemia Research Life Inc.'s annual dinner-dance to benefit childhood cancer research proved to be a crowd pleaser once again, with supporters like Rob and Laurie Goldi of Farmington Hills (top photo at left) hoping to have the high bid on a Detroit Lions football jersey, signed by the honorary chair, Robert Porcher, for their son, Matthew, who has acute lymphocytic leukemia. On hand for the banquet, held at Laurel Manor in Livonia, Porcher (top photo at right) took time to sign a Lions hat for Lisa Robert of Livonia and a miniature helmet for Marcos Torres of Southfield. Lori and Paul Baird of Livonia (bottom photo at right) took a close look at a vase at the silent auction at the LRL fundraiser. Away from the silent auction, Bob Maciasz of Commerce Township, (bottom photo at left) Mark Roberts of Livonia, Chris Upshur of Oxford and Rich Frizzell shared a few laughs before dinner was served.



Prohibition from page B4

store. According to Mason, Stroh's malt syrup was sold for baking only, but it was next to all the stuff needed to make beer. And a combination of raw alcohol, juniper berries and glycerin, rolled around on the floor to "age," produced homemade gin. "You could get liquor delivered to your door, or buy a shoot for 15 cents out of car when you got off work," he said. "Speak-easies could be found in law offices, restaurants and farmhouses. The police knew about them but didn't close them down unless they were near a church or school, served bad food or had a fight." In 1923, the government sent the State Police into Hamtramck to raid more than 400 ice cream parlors of which only seven actually served ice cream. And 19 fraternities also were closed per-

manently during Prohibition at the University of Michigan. By the mid-1920s, it was apparent the noble experiment had failed, but Prohibition continued until May 10, 1933. That day, "Julius Stroh poured the first glass of legal beer at the American Legion convention in Detroit. "By the end of the day, the Legionnaires had consumed 900 barrels and 500 cases of Stroh's beer," Mason said.

Livonia Town Hall will close out its 1997-98 season on Wednesday, March 18, with an musical interlude provided by members of the Livonia Symphony, conducted and interpreted by Volodymyr Schesik. Town Hall is held at St. Mary's Cultural Center, 18100 Merriman Road, Livonia. Lecture tickets are \$15 each and are available at the door or by calling Joyce Silkworth at (734) 421-4326.

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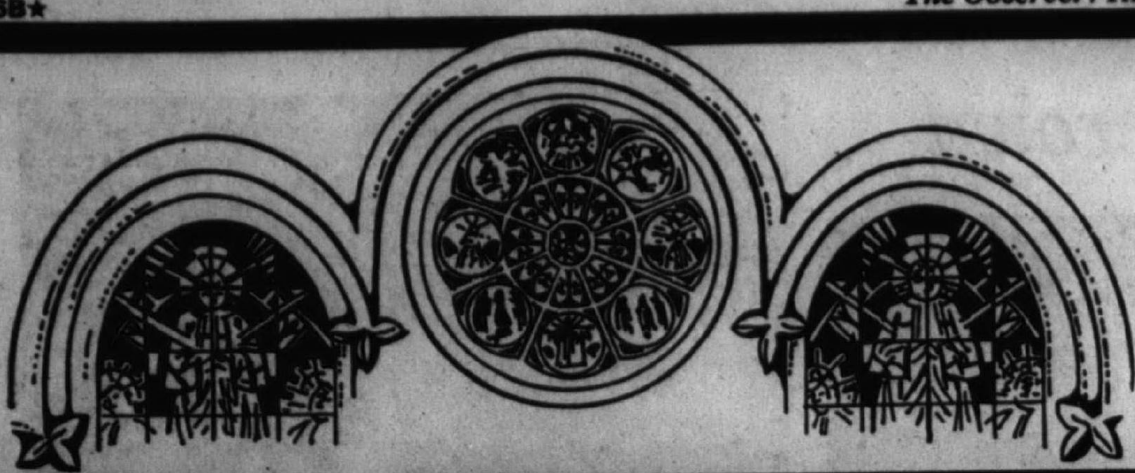
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RELIGION NEWS

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

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 presentations. 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.

LENTE DINNER
The Senior Youth for Christ at St. Matthew Lutheran Church are serving Lenten dinners 5-8:30 p.m. Wednesdays through

April 1 at the church, 5885 Venoy Road, Westland. Cost will be \$4 per person, \$12 for a family of four and \$3 for senior citizens. Proceeds will be used to help the youth finance their trip to the National Youth Gathering of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod in Atlanta in July. There also will be Lenten worship services at 7 p.m. and 11 a.m. Thursdays. For more information, call (734) 422-0260.

St. Sabina Parish is having its Lenten fish fry 4-7 p.m. Fridays during Lent at the Activities Hall, 8147 Arnold, Dearborn Heights. Fish dinners cost \$5.50 for adults, \$5 for seniors over age 62 and \$3 for children under age 12. Shrimp dinners are \$6, baked fish \$6.50 and macaroni \$3. Pierogis are \$4.50 for adults and \$3 for children under age 12. For more information, call (313) 561-1977.

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.

The group's St. Patrick's Day Dance will be held at 8:30 p.m. Saturday, March 21, at St. Kenneth Catholic Church, 14951 Haggerty Road, south of Five Mile Road, Plymouth. The \$8 charge also includes refreshments. For information about both dances, 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.

BLOOD DRIVE
Newburg United Methodist Church will have a Red Cross blood drive 7:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Sunday, March 8, at the church,

Annual baby showers help pregnancy centers

Twenty-two crisis pregnancy center will be the beneficiaries of Right to Life-Lifespan baby showers being held throughout the area on Sunday, March 15.

Started nine years ago, the event continues Lifespan's tradition of caring for mothers and their babies, born and unborn.

People are invited to bring new or gently used baby and maternity items to one of 31 baby shower locations in the Detroit metropolitan area.

Locally, showers will be held 2-3:30 p.m. March 15 at Resurrection Church, 48755 Warren Road, Canton; Full Gospel Church, 291 E. Spring, Plymouth, and St. Valentine Church, 25881 Dow, Redford.

After church services (gift drop-off) will be held at St. John Neumann Church, 44800 Warren Road, Canton; the Resurrection Room of St. Raphael Church, 5775 Merriman Road, Garden City; St. Genevieve Church, 29015 Jamison, Livonia; St. Maurice Church, 32765 Lyndon, Livonia; Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, 1062 Church St., Plymouth, and Warren Road Light and Life

Church, 33445 Warren Road, Westland.

Among items needed are sleepers, T-shirts, socks, receiving blankets, crib sheets, cloth and disposable diapers (newborn and medium sizes), plastic pants, baby wipes, wash cloths and towels, teething rings, rattles, bottles, bibs, personal hygiene items for babies, cribs, portable cribs, bassinets, strollers, swings, car seats, high chairs, maternity items for mothers-to-be and cash donations.

Right to Life-Lifespan is a non-partisan, non-sectarian and non-profit organization dedicated to the protection of vulnerable human life from conception to natural death.

Established in 1970, it is the largest and oldest pro-life organization in southeastern Michigan, serving Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties.

For more information about the baby showers or Right to Life-Lifespan, call the Wayne West/Downriver Chapter office at (734) 422-6230. The office is at 27578 Schoolcraft, Livonia.

36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. People between the ages of 17 and 70, in reasonable health and weighing at least 110 pounds are eligible to donate. Call Sandy at (734) 464-82 86 or Larry at (734) 522-1977 for a blood donation appointment.

EXPERIENCING GOD
Canton Community Church continues its seven-week series "Experiencing God" with Pastor Eric Moore at 9:15 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sundays at the church, 41600 Ann Arbor Trail, Canton. Topics include "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.

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 you know there is a God?" on March 8.

"The Christian Science Sentinel-Radio Edition" also can be heard at 9:30 a.m. Sundays on WAAM-AM 1600. The conversa-

tional program discusses current public topics as well as shares healing through prayer from people all over the world.

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.

St. Agatha Grade School will have an open house 1-3 p.m. Sunday, March 8, at the school 19800 Beech Daly Road, Redford. The school offers preschool through eighth grade classes. Parents should bring their children. For more information, call (313) 532-1940.

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 the hands-on, theme-based academic program that provides a Christ-centered foundation for the first school experience. For more information, call Shari at (734) 414-7792.

LENTE PROGRAMS
Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford, will have mid-week Lenten services at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays. Pastor Gregory Gibbons will preach on the general theme of "Walk with Jesus." Each service will be followed by a fellowship time, featuring light refreshments. For more information, call the church at (313) 532-8655.

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 McCalmont 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.

Hosanna Tabor Lutheran Church will serve a variety of

dinners each Wednesday during Lent. The dinners will be served 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the school gymnasium. They will be followed by a worship service in the church, 9600 Leverage, north of West Chicago between Beech Daly and Inkster roads, Redford. There will be a pre-service hymn at 6:45 p.m. The Lenten series is based on John 17 and the Lord's High Priestly Prayers. A free-will offering will be accepted for dinner. For more information, call the church at (313) 937-2424.

Newburg United Methodist Church is having Lenten dinners/programs Sunday evenings at the church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. The pot luck dinner buffets (meat, coffee and milk provided at small cost) are at 5:30 p.m., with the programs at 6:30 p.m. The programs include "Roots and Wings" on March 15 and "Portrayal of Mary" by the Rev. Laurie Plate on March 29. For more information, call the church at (734) 422-0149.

As part of its Lenten programs and meals, St. Matthew's United Methodist Church will present a drama, "The Other 12 Disciples," at 11:15 a.m. Sunday, March 8, at the church, 30900 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia. A chili luncheon will follow and participants are asked to bring a salad or dessert. Bread and beverage will be provided. Registration for lunch can be made through Friday, March 6, by calling the church office at (734) 422-6038. A nursery for children up to age 5 will be provided.

EXERCISE FUN
The Merriman Road Baptist Church Fitness Bunch meets 6:15-7 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at the church, 2055 Merriman Road, Garden City. The program consists of low-impact light aerobics, perfect for toning and shaping muscles. For more information, call the church office at (734) 421-0472.

GARAGE SALE
St. Paul's Presbyterian Church will have a garage sale 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 14, at the church, 27475 Five Mile Road, Livonia. In addition to used household items, fresh baked goods will be for sale.

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NEW VOICES

Craig and Darcy Lapan of Livonia announce the birth of **Nathan Grant** Dec. 12. Grandparents are Melvin and Dorothy Koliba of Brighton and Richard and Carol Lapan of St. Albans, Vt.

Jeremy Seth Roe and **Elizabeth Ann McIntyre** of Westland announce the birth of **Austin Alexander Roe** Dec. 12 at the Birthing Center at Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are David and Laurie Morton, Harold Roe and Debbie Ventimiglia, all of Westland.

John E. and Laura L. DeSmit of Garden City announce the birth of **Antoinette Joyce** Jan. 27 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. She joins a brother, Zachary E. Grandparents are Dr. Laurence W. Nagy of Plymouth and John E. DeSmit Sr. of West Branch.

Robert and Tonya Sayn of Westland announce the birth of **Christian John** Dec. 15 at the Birthing Center at Garden City Hospital. He joins a brother, Andrew, 9. Grandparents are Robert and Shirley Sayn of Westland and Henry Semeniuk of Wayne.

Dan and Patti Mullins of Columbia, Md., announce the birth of **Cuinn Ethan** Dec. 21 at Howard County Hospital in Columbia. He joins siblings, Kristin, 12, Katie, 9, and Connor, 3. Grandparents are Robert and Eleanor Mullins of Garden City and Bernard and Pat Clark of Harbor Springs.

Kevin and Ann-Marie McCarthy of Livonia announce the birth of **Spencer James Paul** Dec. 18 at the Birthing Center at Garden City Hospital. He joins a brother, Kyle Kopja, 6 1/2. Grandparents are Jack and Marilyn Kimble of Northville and Don and Sue Simonelli of Livonia.

Anthony and Theresa Raines of Redford announce the birth of **Dexter Von Nov.** 11. He joins a brother, Trevor. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Dattilo and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Raines, all of Redford.

Joel S. Kuzich and Fairlena M. Jarrell of Redford announce the birth of **Lindsey Sue Kuzich** Dec. 19 at the Birthing Center at Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Tony and Linda Jarrell of West Branch and Joel and Sue Kuzich of Redford.

Wyatt and Julie Hazlett of Plymouth announce the birth of **Hayley Piper** Nov. 12 at St. John Hospital in Detroit. She joins a sister, Jessica, 4 and a brother, Andrew, 2. Grandparents are Judy Anderman of Harper Woods and the late William E. Anderman III, and Mary and Wyatt Hazlett Sr. of Plymouth. Great-grandparents are June and William E. Anderman Jr. of Grosse Pointe, Mary Lane of Port Huron, Robert and Florence Hazlett of Wolverine, Mich., and Ross and Viva Murdock of Canton.

Michael and Susan Sarten of Canton announce the birth of **Dakota Robert** Dec. 19 at the Birthing Center at Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Kenneth and Deborah Compagnoni of Garden City, and Virginia Sarten of Plymouth.

Kyle and Akiyo Fisher of Westland announce the birth of **Kira Joy** Jan. 11 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. She joins a sibling, Miyabi. Grandparents are William and Cheryl Fisher of Canton and Hideo and Kimiko Kitamura of Kyoto, Japan.

David and Christine Jenkins of Garden City announce the birth of **Brian Gabriel** Dec. 19 at the Birthing Center at Garden City Hospital. He joins a sister, Elizabeth Anne, 3 1/2. Grandparents are Bill Paton of Detroit, Peggy Mopes of Livonia, Justice Jenkins of Artemus, Ky., and Barbara Jenkins of Irvine, Ky.

Brian M. and Susan E. Smith-Edoff of Redford announce the birth of **Savannah Sarah Christine** Nov. 16 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. Grandparents are Robert and Sarah Smith of Plymouth and Dennis and Mary Kay Edoff of Brighton, formerly of Plymouth.

Steven and Sally May of Garden City announce the birth of **Kendall Ashley** Dec. 19 at the Birthing Center at Garden City Hospital. She joins a sister, Delaina, 2. Grandparents are Fred and Joy May and George and Beverly Kelegian, all of Garden City.

Steven and Melissa Sambrone of Plymouth announce the birth of **Chloe Gabrielle** Jan. 23 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. She joins two sisters, Heather Ashley

Rice and Chelsea Megan Rice. Grandparents are Vito and Marvel Sambrone of Plymouth and Frank and Kay Howard of Belleville.

Patrick Fletcher and Becky Proctor of Flat Rock announce the birth of **Danielle Michelle Fletcher** Dec. 16 at the Birthing Center at Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Nancy Sedler of Redford and Sandy and Jerry Fletcher of Wayne.

Michael Wiater of Garden City and **Kristy Heuser** of Ply-

mouth announce the birth of **Kayla Marie Heuser** Dec. 16 at the Birthing Center at Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Lynn Heuser of Plymouth and Jack and Kim Wiater of Garden City.

Marty and Debbie Biek of Dearborn Heights announce the birth of **Jacob Alexander** Dec. 20 at the Birthing Center at Garden City Hospital. He joins two brothers, Zachary, 6, and Adam, 2 1/2. Grandparents are Bruce Jeczen of Garden City and Jim and Rita Biek of Dearborn

Heights. **Vincent and Tracie Scovel** of Garden City announce the birth of **Alison Mae** Dec. 22 at the Birthing Center at Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Audrey Rasmussen, Ken Rasmussen and Mary Scovel.

Timothy and Darlene Howell announce the birth of **Angelica Pearl** Dec. 22 at the Birthing Center at Garden City Hospital. She joins two siblings, Dana, 4, and Kyle, 2. Grandparents are Charles and Carol How-

ell of Garden City and Barb and Jack Richards of Redford.

Raymond and Ronda Oatman of Plymouth announce the birth of **Raymond Hunter** Dec. 22 at the Birthing Center at Garden City Hospital. He joins three sisters - Thyra, 16, Samantha, 6, and Chelsea, 20 months. Grandparents are Fred and Linda Gortitz of Plymouth, Raymond H. Oatman of Dearborn Heights and Frank and Theresa Roberts of Delta, Colo.

Richard and Karen Franklin of Garden City

announce the birth of **Kayla Noel** Dec. 22 at the Birthing Center at Garden City Hospital. She joins a brother, Ryan James, 3 1/2. Grandparents are Mae Franklin of Garden City and Geri and David Welch of Redford.

Andrew and Christie Staley of Garden City announce the birth of **Andrew Jay** Dec. 24 at the Birthing Center at Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Thomas and Dolores Staley and Jay and Bonnie Warner, all of Garden City.

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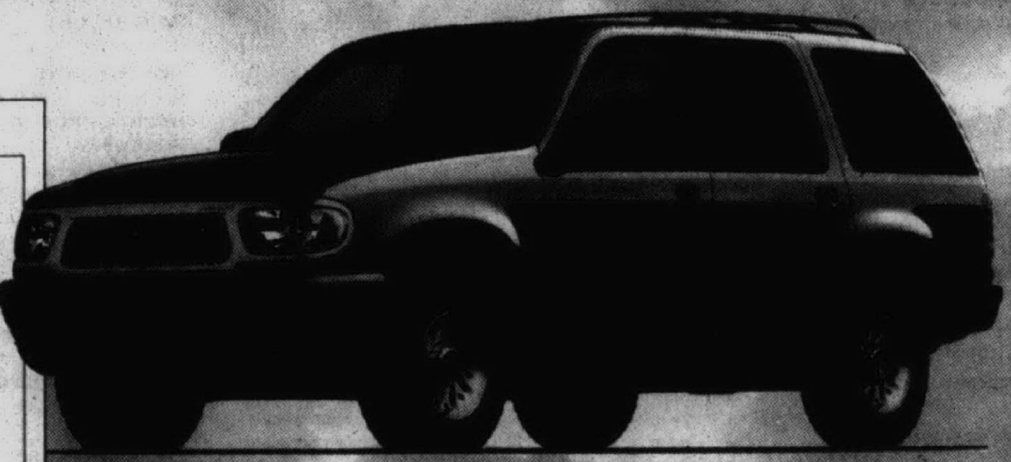
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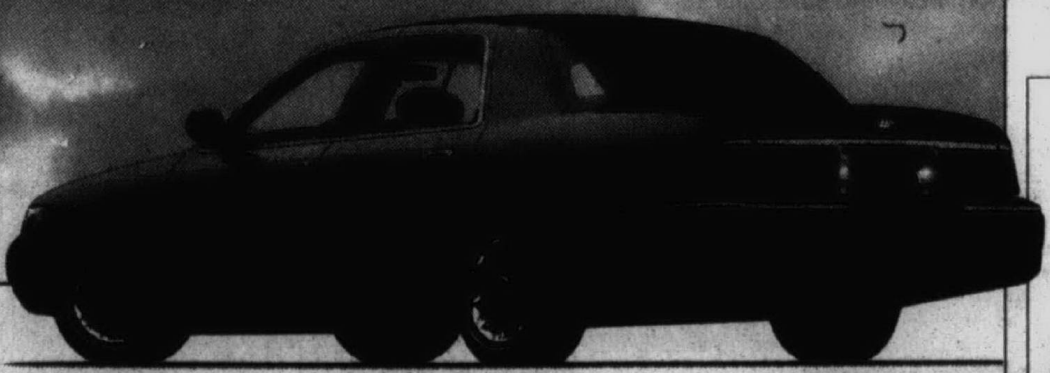
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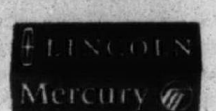
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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Lynn wins

Oakland University's first trip to a major swim event in the NCAA Division I was solid, if not spectacular.

One of the best showings for the Pioneers at the National Independent Conference Championships, held last week in Cincinnati, came from freshman Yvonne Lynn.

The former Plymouth Salem standout finished first in the 100-yard backstroke in 57.23. Lynn also took a third in the 200 back (2:07.62).

OU capitalized on a pair of other local standouts at the NIC meet. Jill Mellis, a senior from Plymouth Canton, placed fourth in the 100 breaststroke (1:07.02), and Kellyann Williams, a freshman from Plymouth Salem, was sixth in the 100 breast (1:07.34).

The Lady Pioneers placed fifth out of 10 teams, while OU's men's team took fifth out of eight teams. The NIC championships draws NCAA I teams who are members of other conferences but wish to compete in a conference championship situation.

All-conference cagers

The Michigan Independent Athletic Conference has picked its top players for this basketball season and Plymouth Christian Academy is represented.

The Eagles, 13-6 overall this season, tied for second in the MIAC with Taylor Baptist Park at 6-4. Allen Park Inter-City Baptist won the league title at 9-1.

The all-MIAC first team consists of Inter-City's Jason Marshall and Ryan Newsome, Aaron Wilson of Auburn Hills Oakland Christian, Jim Watkins of Baptist Park and Rob Jones of Bloomfield Hills Roper.

Marshall was the league's most valuable player, and Inter-City's Mark Cratz was coach of the year.

Two PCA players were named to the second team: Derric Isensee, a sophomore, and Scott Carty, a senior. Also selected were Brandon Hoffman of Baptist Park and Neil Ashmon of Roper, and Jared Compton of Inter-City.

Spring hockey sign-up

Registration is currently under way for Recreational Adult Spring Hockey Leagues, with play at the Plymouth Arena and at the Suburban Training Center in Farmington.

Sign-up is for the Plymouth Rockets (over 20), Plymouth Masters (over 40) and Golden Eagles (over 50) leagues, and the new women's Lady Rockets league. The season consists of 12 games over six weeks.

For more information, call John Wilson at (248) 471-0658.

Spring hoop tourneys

The Great Lakes Spring Classic, a boys basketball tournament for 12-and-under and 13-and-under teams, will be Friday through Sunday, April 17-19, at Garden City Junior High and High School.

The championship team from each age group will advance to the National Invitational Tournament.

The cost is \$245 per team (includes U.S.S.A registration and insurance). Trophies and individual awards will go to the first and second place teams for each age group. An all-tournament team and MVP for each age group will also be recognized. Age eligibility is based on Sept. 1, 1998. All rosters must include birth certificates.

For more information, call Kevin Wilkinson at (313) 981-3000 (work) or (313) 274-5405 (home); or Jeff Bradley at (313) 595-6096.

The eighth annual North American Youth Basketball Tournament will be May 22-24, at the University of Michigan-Dearborn (other area sites will be used).

There will be 10 different age brackets for boys and girls including grades 5-6, seventh grade, eighth grade, grades 9-10 and 11-12.

The entry fee is \$90 (includes two-game guarantee).

Awards will go to the first, second and consolation place winners.

For more information, call Mike Trudeau, Detroit NAYB area director at (810) 469-4242 or the NAYB toll-free hotline at 1-888-629-2275.

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Rocks roll into finals

The first half was a struggle, for both Farmington and Plymouth Salem in one of Tuesday's Western Lakes Activities Association basketball tournament semifinals.

Salem, the host and WLAA regular-season champion, led by seven as the third quarter started. And then . . . well, it was over.

Just like that. If you looked away for a minute or two, if you let your mind wander through the day's earlier events, or even if you stopped to concentrate on your popcorn for a short time, chances are you missed it.

The Rocks put it away that quickly. They scored the first 11 points of the second half to push their lead to 18, and the closest Farmington could come after that was a dozen.

The final was 67-41, which was an improvement for the Falcons over Salem's regular-season margin of victory: 76-41, a span of 35 points.

The victory puts the Rocks, now 16-3, into Friday's WLAA tournament championship game against Westland John Glenn, a 69-59 winner over Walled Lake Central Tuesday. That game will be at 8 p.m. at Livonia Churchill.

Farmington plays Central in Friday's consolation game, at 6 p.m. at Churchill.

"In my opinion, Salem's got a great team and we can't play with them," said Farmington coach Denny Mikel, his team now 12-7. "We tried some different things this time, we tried zone (defense), man-to-man, we tried to pressure the ball. They just had an answer for everything."

Please see SALEM HOOP, C4



Determined: Salem's Bhavin Patel (22) worked his way past any Farmington foes en route to scoring 10 points.

Salem collects league title

Plymouth Salem held serve Saturday in Western Lakes Activities Association girls volleyball tournament held at Farmington Hills Harrison.

The Rocks, unbeaten during the 11-game WLAA schedule, pounded Livonia Stevenson in the championship match, 15-5, 15-4.

It was Salem's first WLAA crown since 1995.

Now 44-5-1 on the season entering Class A district tournament play, Salem went undefeated in pool play against Plymouth Canton, Livonia Churchill and Farmington before

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defeating Livonia Franklin in a semifinal match, 15-8, 15-8.

In the other semifinal, defending champion Walled Lake Central was ousted by Stevenson, 15-13, 15-12.

"We didn't expect to see Stevenson, but we knew they were capable," Salem co-coach Allie Suffety said. "They seemed to be pretty spent after that match with Walled Lake Central. They were really flying around. Maybe

they had dead legs when they faced us, but our kids played well when they had to."

Several different players contributed in Salem's tournament conquest.

Jenny Trott, bound for Central Michigan, recorded 28 kills, 38 digs and did not make an error in 43 attempts for the entire day.

Senior Amanda Abraham had 26 kills, 15 solo blocks, 10 block-assists and 18 digs, while junior Angie Sillmon had 23 kills, nine solo blocks and seven

Please see VOLLEYBALL, C2

Make that 6!



Speedy return: Canton's Jason Musson (left) finished fifth in the 200-yard freestyle and sixth in the 100-yard freestyle, while Salem's Brent Mellis (below) was fifth in the 200-yard individual medley and ninth in the 100-yard backstroke at the WLAA finals.

Rocks rule WLAA; Chiefs finish 4th

Transforming a league swim meet, from fast to super-speed, can be accomplished by a couple of individuals, really. They set a couple of new records while winning a few events and onlookers figure, "Wow, it must be a fast year."

At the Western Lakes Activities Association boys swim championships last Saturday at Plymouth Salem, some records were set. And it was considered a fast meet.

But the reasons go a bit deeper than a couple of rare individuals, who happen to be tearing up the league.

"Our league always ranks as pretty fast," acknowledged Livonia Stevenson coach Doug Buckler. "But this was definitely a bit faster."

Getting such a proclamation from Buckler is no surprise. After all, his team is ranked among the state's top 10, a standing that's well-deserved. His Spartans swam extremely well Saturday, collecting four first-place



finishes and setting one of the league's new records.

Getting such a proclamation from Buckler after his team finished second by 74 points, however, does say a bit more.

"I think we swam fantastic," Buckler said without hesitation. "I'm proud of my whole team."

The Stevenson coach knew it would take a super-human effort, and a few

slip-ups by Plymouth Salem, for the Spartans to unseat the defending WLAA champs. And that didn't happen.

Stevenson swam extremely well. So did North Farmington and Plymouth Canton and Farmington Harrison, for that matter.

Problem was, Salem was equal to all challenges.

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BASKETBALL

PCA stops Greenhills; Chiefs win

Scott Carty made sure his final home basketball game at Plymouth Christian Academy would be one to remember as he led PCA to a 59-51 victory Tuesday over Ann Arbor Greenhills on Seniors Night.

The guard poured in 20 points, including five three-pointers, to help the Eagles (14-6) pull away.

PCA played all nine of its seniors in the first half, but needed a second-half charge to hold off Greenhills.

"We stepped up our defense in the second half," PCA coach Doug Taylor said. "Our guards did a good job of dribble penetration and hit some big shots for us, too. We did a good job of working the clock down the stretch."

"This was a good way to end the season and gives us a lot of positives going into the districts."

Sophomore Derric Isensee added 18 points and eight rebounds for PCA. Senior forward Nick Brandon chipped in with 10 points.

Greenhills (11-7) received 12 points from Justin Tergotenusi.

Canton 65, Northville 59: Plymouth Canton rallied in the fourth quarter Tuesday to pull out the victory at Northville.

Trailing 42-41 entering the final period, the Chiefs outscored Northville 24-17 in the final eight minutes. Scott Samulski led the surge, scoring nine of his 14 points in the period. Joe Cortellini added seven and Dan McLean chipped in with six.

Canton, which hosts Livonia Franklin tonight, improved to 7-12. The Mustangs, who will host Livonia Stevenson, slipped to 9-10.

"We had a nice flow," said Canton coach Dan Young. "A lot of people played well for us, especially Cortellini and Samulski. Everybody contributed."

Cortellini, a junior guard, finished with a game-high 24 points to lead Canton. The Chiefs, who were 20-of-30 at the free-throw line, were paced by Samulski, who was 7-of-10 from the line in the decisive fourth quarter.

Canton also received eight points apiece from Nick Cabauatan, Eric Larsen and McLean.

Dave Terekedis led Northville with 14 points and became the school's all-time varsity scoring record. Kelly Bingley chipped in with 10 points.

Pontiac Greater Life 52, Agape 44: Canton Agape Christian got to experience the big time Monday, but the Wolverines' performance came up short.

Playing prior to the Detroit Pistons-Dallas Mavericks game at the Palace of Auburn Hills, Agape struggled against a team it had beaten twice this season.

Senior center Jason Helton's 12 points led Agape (14-5). Junior forward Jeremy Austin and freshman guard Paul Anleitner each had eight points.

Greater Life (12-6) received 16 points from senior guard Jarrod Robertson and 10 from Tom Copeland.

Redford CC 86, Southeastern 69: Senior center Chris Young scored 21 points, grabbed 20 rebounds and blocked four shots as Redford Catholic Central won a non-league game Tuesday against visiting Detroit Southeastern.

Joining the Shamrocks in double figures were Joe Jonna with 18 points, Nick Moore with 13 and Don Slankster with 10.

Aaron Bell scored a game-high 31 for Southeastern.

CC is 15-4 overall.

St. Agatha 89, RU 62: Redford St. Agatha needed less than a half Tuesday to prove it was best, beating neighbor Redford Union in a non-league game.

Five Aggies scored in double figures, led by senior forward Ian Wincher with 16 points. Gelano Miles had 14, Eric Jones 13, Chris Coverson 11 and Wesley Shaw 10.

Jon Desir led RU, 6-12 overall, with 12 points.

St. Agatha is 14-6 overall.

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The Rocks racked up their sixth-straight league championship, scoring 504 points. Stevenson was next with 430, followed by North Farmington (360), Canton (351), Harrison (260), Northville (244), Farmington (200), Westland John Glenn (176), Livonia Franklin (158), Walled Lake (148) and Livonia Churchill (129).

"It was a fast meet," said Salem coach Chuck Olson. "If you weren't swimming well, you weren't getting in (to Saturday's

finals).
 "In every event, there was a real quality swim. It felt good winning that type of meet — there wasn't only a lot of quality at the top, but all the way through."
 "This was not one you feel you have to apologize for. This was a good conference meet."
 There were three double-winners in individual events and two records set. Steve Domin, from Stevenson, was responsible for one of the records. The senior

won the 50-yard freestyle in 21.55, and lowered that record to 21.47 with his lead-off leg in the 200 free relay (former record, 21.7, in 1996 by Jeff Sieving of Northville).
 Domin also captured the 100 butterfly (52.65).
 The other double-winners were Salem's Nick Corden, who finished first in the 200 (1:44.67) and 100 (47.64) freestyles, and Northville's Evan Whitbeck, who captured top honors in the 200 individual medley (1:57.57) and

100 breaststroke (1:01.47).
 Other individual wins went to Stevenson's Keith Falk in the 500 free (4:50.50), North's Dan Gabriel in the 100 backstroke (54.15) and Walled Lake's Chris Gawronski in the one-meter diving (474.60 points).
 The other new record of the meet belonged to Salem, which won both freestyle relays. The Rocks' Dan Kelly, Andrew Locke, Tim Buchanan and Corden finished first in the 200 free relay in 1:28.25, bettering the former

mark of 1:29.09 set by Stevenson in 1992.
 Jones, Brent Mellis, Buchanan and Corden also teamed to win the 400 free relay for Salem (3:17.31), missing the WLAAs record by less than 3 seconds.
 Stevenson's Joe Boblitz, Mike Nemer, Mark Sgriccia and Domin were fastest in the 200 medley relay (1:39.93).
 Coaches throughout the WLAAs knew teams like North, Northville and Stevenson all had individual swimmers fast

enough to challenge Salem's, fastest in most events. What no other team had, however, was the Rocks' depth.
 "We knew what we had to do," said Olson. "No other team had at least two qualifiers in every (individual) event. We had at least three (in the top 18) in every event."
 There were also at least three state-meet qualifiers in each event, with five in several events and as many as six in one (the 100 back).

WLAAs SWIM MEET RESULTS

WLAAs SWIM CHAMPIONSHIPS Saturday at Plymouth Salem

Team finishes: 1. Plymouth Salem, 504 points; 2. Livonia Stevenson, 430; 3. North Farmington, 360; 4. Plymouth Canton, 351; 5. Farmington Harrison, 260; 6. Northville, 244; 7. Farmington, 200; 8. Westland John Glenn, 175; 9. Livonia Franklin, 158; 10. Walled Lake, 148; 11. Livonia Churchill, 129.

Individual results

200-yard medley relay

Championship heat — 1. Livonia Stevenson (Joe Boblitz, Mike Nemer, Mark Sgriccia, Steve Domin), 1:39.93; 2. Northville, 1:40.69; 3. North Farmington, 1:41.78; 4. Plymouth Canton, 1:42.46; 5. Plymouth Salem, 1:42.95; 6. Farmington, 1:48.29.

Consolation heat — 7. Livonia Franklin, 1:48.05; 8. Farmington Harrison, 1:48.72; 9. Livonia Churchill, 1:53.20; 10. Westland John Glenn, 1:59.28.

200-yard freestyle

Championship heat — 1. Nick Corden (PS), 1:44.67; 2. Keith Falk (LS), 1:44.73; 3. Justin Barringer (FH), 1:46.93; 4. Pete Bosler (F), 1:47.77; 5. Jason Musson (PC), 1:49.26; 6. Jim Gabriel (NF), 1:50.74.

Consolation heat — 7. Ryan Zoumaris (JG), 1:51.10; 8. Brandon Digia (NF), 1:51.94; 9. Brian Mertens (PS), 1:52.55; 10. Josh Duffy (FH), 1:52.76; 11. Mike Kilgore (PS), 1:54.39; 12. David Bosman (LF), 1:56.25.

Bonus consolation — 13. Justin Ketterer (LS), 1:55.03; 14. Jon Cook (PC), 1:55.22; 15. Dan Price (FH), 1:56.98; 16. Rob Sherada (LC), 1:57.15; 17. Steve Blossom (PC), 1:57.74; 18. Erik Koppin (LF), 1:58.67.

200-yard individual medley

Championship heat — 1. Evan Whitbeck (NV), 1:57.57; 2. Derek Zerber (WL), 2:00.12; 3. Tim Buchanan (PS), 2:02.92; 4. Joe Boblitz (LS), 2:03.29; 5. Brent Mellis (PS), 2:03.44; 6. James McPartin (JG), 2:06.54.

Consolation heat — 7. Mike Malik (LS), 2:05.14; 8. Paul Perez (PS), 2:07.47; 9. Scott

Whitbeck (NV), 2:09.00; 10. Aaron Reeder (PC), 2:09.54; 11. Matt Beuckeleare (F), 2:11.64; 12. Mike Dempsey (PC), 2:11.95.

Bonus consolation — 13. Mike Nemer (LS), 2:10.34; 14. Jody Gomez (LF), 2:10.75; 15. Devin Hopper (F), 2:11.86; 16. Rich Bengoa (WL), 2:12.54; 17. Craig Paske (NF), 2:12.71; 18. David Le (PC), 2:13.66.

50-yard freestyle

Championship heat — 1. Steve Domin (LS), 21.55; 2. Matt Zaid (NF), 21.88; 3. Jacob Varty (LS), 22.39; 4. Andrew Locke (PS), 22.61; 5. Don LeClair (PC), 23.00; 6. Matt Walker (FH), 23.36.

Consolation heat — 7. Kurtis Hornick (PC), 22.97; 8. Mark Wachsborg (NF), 23.00; 9. Dan Jones (PS), 23.17; 10. Bill Randall (LC), 23.18; 11. Dan Kelly (PS), 23.33; 12. Chris Supplee (LF), 23.43.

Bonus consolation — 13. (tie) Jason Rebarchik (PS), Brad Buckler (LS), 23.73; 15. Justin Hawkins (NF), 23.74; 16. Chad Williams (PC), 24.10; 17. Max Suttles (FH), 24.24; 18. Chris Gawronski (WL), 24.45.

One-meter diving

1. Chris Gawronski (WL), 474.60 points; 2. J.T. Svoke (FH), 383.20; 3. John Lowry (F), 370.95; 4. Jeff Phillips (JG), 361.85; 5. Chris Cameron (PS), 350.35; 6. Jerome Licata (LC), 340.00; 7. Mike Belvitch (PS), 337.75; 8. Mike Dzikowski (LF), 335.30; 9. Joe Labovic (NF), 297.05; 10. Chris Miller (PS), 293.60; 11. Justin Goodwin (NF), 292.35; 12. Mike McGhie (LS), 278.50; 13. Chris McFarland (JG), 277.85; 14. Jonathon Dozier (NV), 272.10; 15. Jim George (PC), 264.25; 16. John Getsler (WL), 255.80; 17. Jared Goldman (NF), 252.30; 18. Dan Basse (NV), 244.75.

100-yard butterfly

Championship heat — 1. Steve Domin (LS), 52.65; 2. Mark Sgriccia (LS), 54.09; 3. Rich Bengoa (WL), 54.21; 4. James McPartin (JG), 54.67; 5. Tim Buchanan (PS), 54.88; 6. Steve Schweet (FH), 57.37.

Consolation heat — 7. Mike Dempsey (PC), 56.79; 8. Paul Perez (PS), 57.07; 9. Mark Wachsborg (NF), 58.03; 10. John

Theisen (PC), 58.62; 11. Scott Whitbeck (NV), 59.29; 12. Chris Rands (NF), 59.86.

Bonus consolation — 13. Erik Koppin (LF), 59.80; 14. Jim McLenaghan (PS), 59.90; 15. David Whitbeck (NV), 1:00.08; 16. Kevin Crabill (PS), 1:00.15; 17. Kevin Grant (LC), 1:00.97; 18. Matt Schacht (PC), 1:01.97.

100-yard freestyle

Championship heat — 1. Nick Corden (PS), 47.64; 2. Jacob Varty (LS), 49.18; 3. Matt Zaid (NF), 49.29; 4. Pete Bosler (F), 49.42; 5. Brandon Digia (NF), 49.71; 6. Jason Musson (PC), 49.92.

Consolation heat — 7. Dan Gabriel (NF), 50.63; 8. Craig Sieving (NV), 50.67; 9. Dan Jones (PS), 50.83; 10. Don LeClair (PC), 51.07; 11. Bill Randall (LC), 51.33; 12. Chris Supplee (LF), 52.71.

Bonus consolation — 13. Jon Cook (PC), 51.78; 14. Dan Kelly (PS), 51.93; 15. Brian McKay (PS), 52.74; 16. Charlie Corazza (LC), 52.92; 17. Brad Buckler (LS), 53.01; 18. Oz Pearlman (NF), 53.84.

500-yard freestyle

Championship heat — 1. Keith Falk (LS), 4:50.50; 2. Justin Barringer (FH), 4:51.46; 3. Brian Mertens (PS), 4:53.87; 4. Kurtis Hornick (PC), 5:08.06; 5. Mike Malik (LS), 5:11.04; 6. Justin Ketterer (LS), 5:14.82.

Consolation heat — 7. Steve Blossom (PC), 5:16.25; 8. Craig Paske (NF), 5:17.00; 9. Mike Kilgore (PS), 5:17.20; 10. Dan Price (FH), 5:18.70; 11. Jim McLenaghan (PS), 5:18.76; 12. Jim Peace (PC), 5:27.01.

Bonus consolation — 13. Bill Stewart (PC), 5:15.82; 14. Aaron Rycroft (NF), 5:16.76; 15. John Kern (NF), 5:22.29; 16. Pat Rodemeyer (LS), 5:27.90; 17. Andy Kee (PC), 5:31.43; 18. Loughlan Rycroft (NF), 5:37.67.

200-yard freestyle relay

Championship heat — 1. Plymouth Salem (Dan Kelly, Andrew Locke, Tim Buchanan, Nick Corden), 1:28.25 (league record; old record, 1:29.09, Livonia Stevenson, 1992); 2. Livonia Stevenson, 1:29.14; 3. Plymouth Canton, 1:31.90; 4. North Farmington, 1:33.44; 5. Walled Lake, 1:33.82; 6. Farmington Harrison, 1:34.25.

Consolation heat — 7. Westland John Glenn, 1:33.93; 8. Northville, 1:37.41; 9. Livonia Churchill, 1:38.69; 10. Livonia Franklin, 1:41.04; 11. Farmington, 1:42.24.

100-yard backstroke

Championship heat — 1. Dan Gabriel (NF), 54.15; 2. Craig Sieving (NV), 54.45; 3. Derek Zerber (WL), 54.67; 4. Devin Hopper (F), 56.35; 5. Mark Sgriccia (LS), 56.46; 6. Aaron Reeder (PC), 56.88.

Consolation heat — 7. Joe Boblitz (LS), 55.86; 8. Jim Gabriel (NF), 56.77; 9. Brent Mellis (PS), 56.77; 10. Josh Duffy (FH), 58.03; 11. Justin Allen (PC), 59.37; 12. Aaron Shelton (PS), 1:00.10.

Bonus consolation — 13. Matt Casillas (PS), 1:00.19; 14. Anthony Serge (NV), 1:01.01; 15. John Kern (NF), 1:01.43; 16. Kevin Grant (LC), 1:02.43; 17. Jeff Sharpe (LF), 1:05.03; 18. Dan Zoumaris (JG), 1:05.75.

100-yard breaststroke

Championship heat — 1. Evan Whitbeck (NV), 1:01.47; 2. Matt Walker (FH), 1:02.92; 3. Mark Kowalski (NV), 1:03.13; 4. Ryan Zoumaris (JG), 1:03.51; 5. Jody Gomez (F), 1:04.00; 6. Matt Heiss (PC), 1:04.78.

Consolation heat — 7. Matt Beuckeleare (F), 1:04.62; 8. Andrew Locke (PS), 1:05.28; 9. David Hartman (F), 1:05.58; 10. David Bosman (LF), 1:05.85; 11. J.T. Svoke (FH), 1:06.09; 12. Jonathon Zaid (NF), 1:06.27.

Bonus consolation — 13. Mike Nemer (LS), 1:04.92; 14. Jason Rebarchik (PS), 1:07.35; 15. Ryan Scheidies (F), 1:07.53; 16. Kevin Crabill (PS), 1:07.71; 17. Rob Sherada (LC), 1:08.52; 18. Matt Schlanser (NV), 1:09.34.

400-yard freestyle relay

Championship heat — 1. Plymouth Salem (Dan Jones, Brent Mellis, Tim Buchanan, Nick Corden), 3:17.31; 2. Livonia Stevenson, 3:17.84; 3. North Farmington, 3:19.84; 4. Plymouth Canton, 3:23.57; 5. Northville, 3:26.83; 6. Farmington Harrison, 3:29.04.

Consolation heat — 7. Livonia Churchill, 3:29.31; 8. Westland John Glenn, 3:30.93; 9. Farmington, 3:35.10; 10. Livonia Franklin, 3:35.52; 11. Walled Lake, 3:40.37.

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assists, and 11 digs. Kelly Street chipped in with 21 kills. Salem's setters also were effective.

The Rocks also received timely blocking from Andrea Pruett and Ellen Stemmer.

"We got 14 kills (combined) from their side and that's good for being primarily blockers," Salem co-coach Allie Suffety said. "The nice thing is that we get really good balance. And we're passing better. We're happy with the way they played."

Kari Flynn had 45 assists and 55 serves without an error, while Laine Sterling collected 30 assists and was 26-for-26 serving.

Sophomore Amanda Suder came off the bench to get 19 digs and seven aces.

Stevenson, the second place team during the regular season, won Pool B with a 5-1 record.

"We kind of gassed out in the final," said Stevenson coach Kelly Graham, whose team is 34-10-4 overall. "We had to play three tough matches in a row — Walled Lake Western, Northville and Walled Lake Central. And by the time we got to the final, we got tired. We were too burned out to give Salem a competitive match."

Junior Stephanie Dulz was Stevenson's top attacker on the day with 51 kills. She also had eight solo blocks.

Other top performers for the Spartans included Lindsey

Pfeifer, 20 kills; Sarah Wittrock, 52 for 52 serving with 48 assists; Irena Bicankova, 13 kills, 46 assists, six solo blocks; Kate LeBlanc, 17 kills and eight solo blocks; Becky Peterson, 24 digs; Kristi Copi, 18 digs; and Dawn Krol, 31 digs and four aces.

Franklin tied Walled Lake Central for first in Pool B, but had to play an elimination round match, beating upstart Walled Lake Western, 15-6, 15-11.

The Patriots then ran into eventual champion Salem.

"I thought we blocked better than the two times when we played them before," said Franklin coach Ann Hutchins, whose team is 25-15-7. "I thought we gave it our best effort against them. I was played to go eight and eight. We also split with Walled Lake Central, which was nice."

Brooke Hensman was Franklin's top hitter with 31 kills and she also had 16 blocks.

Other Patriot standouts included Andrea Kmet, 17 kills and 18 blocks; Danielle Wensing, 16 kills and 34 digs; Tera Morrill, 12 kills and 10 blocks; Sarah Gush, six aces; Melanie Maxwell, 10 aces (32 of 33 serving); Lyndsay Sopko, 36 assists and 15 blocks; Lindsay Duprey, 28 assists; Jamie Wensing, 21 digs.

Franklin also won the Sportsmanship Award.

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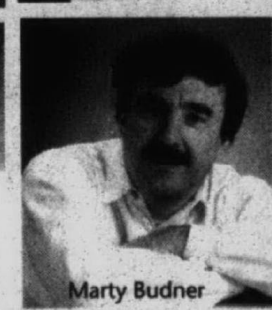

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Whalers rebound after losses to Erie



The road is always a treacherous place in the Ontario Hockey League. But the Plymouth Whalers found a way to multiply that danger.

First, play three road games in three days. Next, play the last two against the hottest team in the OHL.

The result: One win, two losses, and a bigger gap between your own team's second-place standing and the team occupying first place in your division.

Going into last weekend's action, the Whalers had been on a bit of a streak of their own, with a 5-1-1 record in their previous seven games.

But the Erie Otters had been even hotter, collecting 12 wins and two ties in their previous 14 games. With two victories over the Whalers, the Otters have closed to within three points of Plymouth (74 for the Whalers, 71 for Erie), although Plymouth has played two fewer games. London continues to lead the OHL's West Division with a 37-20-4 record (78 points).

The weekend road trip started out well enough for Plymouth. At Oshawa Friday, three third-period goals allowed the Whalers to upend the host Generals 4-2.

Andrew Taylor accounted for two of Plymouth's goals, the first tying the game at 1-1 in the second period and the second pushing the Whalers' lead to 3-1 midway through the final period.

The Generals managed to narrow the margin to 3-2 with nearly five minutes remaining, but an empty-net goal by David Legwand — he also had two assists in the game — in the game's final minute clinched the victory for Plymouth.

For Legwand, the goal was his 50th of the season. He is tied for second in the OHL in goals scored.

Harold Druken scored the eventual game-winner for Plymouth early in the final period. Druken also had an assist.

Robert Esche made 26 saves in the net for the Whalers.

At Erie on Saturday, Plymouth battled back from a 4-0 deficit after two periods, narrowing the gap to 4-2 on goals by Jesse Boulerice and Legwand in the

first two minutes of the final period.

But the Whalers could draw no closer. The Otters answered with four consecutive scores to complete an 8-2 rout. Robert Holsinger made 27 saves in goal for Plymouth.

On Sunday, the Whalers led 3-1 early in the last period at Erie, thanks to two goals by Druken and another by Pat Parthenais. But the Otters again had an answer, pushing across four goals in the third period to escape with a 5-3 victory.

Legwand contributed two assists to the Plymouth offense, and Esche made 28 stops in goal.

Plymouth 3, Sarnia 1: The Whalers offense woke up in the third period Tuesday as they

scored three-straight goals to send the Sarnia Sting home with the loss.

After a scoreless first period, the Sting took a 1-0 lead on a goal by Jeff Heerema.

The Whalers got on the board at 8:34 of the third period when Andrew Taylor scored a power-play goal. The goal was assisted by David Legwand and Harold Druken.

With just under six minutes remaining, Plymouth took the lead for good when Eric Gooldy scored off a play setup by Steve Wasylo. Gooldy was named the game's first star.

The Whalers got an insurance goal at the 16:19 mark, provided by Jesse Boulerice. Wasylo and goalkeeper Robert Esche recorded assists.

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE STANDINGS (Through March 3)				
East Division	W	L	T	Pts.
Ottawa 67's	37	15	9	83
Bellefonte Bulls	36	22	3	79
Kingston Frontenacs	33	24	4	70
Oshawa Generals	24	30	7	55
Peterborough Petes	17	33	10	44
Toronto St. M. Majors	14	38	9	37
Central Division	W	L	T	Pts.
Guelpch Storm	39	18	5	83
Barrie Colts	36	19	5	77
Kitchener Rangers	26	26	8	60
Sudbury Wolves	24	33	6	54
Owen Sound Platers	22	33	6	50
North Bay Centennials	14	41	6	34
West Division	W	L	T	Pts.
London Knights	37	20	4	78
Plymouth Whalers	34	28	6	74
Sarnia Sting	30	19	11	71
Erie Otters	32	26	4	68
Windsor Spitfires	19	38	5	43
SSM Greyhounds	16	37	7	39

SC and Madonna both ousted

One of the most successful men's basketball seasons in Schoolcraft Community College history came to a screeching halt Tuesday as host Cincinnati State rallied from a nine-point halftime deficit to oust the Ocelots in the NCJAA-Region 12 semifinals, 92-87.

Quentin Smith scored 19 of his game-high 30 points in the second half as Cincinnati State improved to 22-9 overall.

Schoolcraft, which bowed out at 24-7 under first-year coach Carlos Briggs, got a team-high 25 points from Derek McKelvey and 22 from Kevin Melson.

SPRING ARBOR 81, MADONNA 66 (Women): Pinpoint accuracy from the perimeter was never a determining factor in Saturday's Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference women's basketball tournament semifinal between Madonna University and

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host Spring Arbor.

The regular-season champion Cougars had only to concern themselves with a distance of about 15 feet and in.

Indeed, the Lady Crusaders had nine three-pointers to none for Spring Arbor, and yet it was an easy win for the Cougars, who advanced to the championship game with an 81-66 victory.

Madonna ends its season with an 18-13 record.

Shooting proficiency from the floor wasn't decisive in this game. Madonna made 25-of-62 (40.3 percent) to 27-of-63 for Spring Arbor (42.9 percent). The Crusaders offset Spring Arbor's slightly better shooting advantage by making 9-of-25 triples (36 percent); the Cougars were 0-for-1 on threes.

Rebounding, too, was dead-even (40-40). The difference came in turnovers — 26 for Madonna, 15 for the Cougars — and free-throw shooting (Madonna 7-of-15, 46.7 percent; Spring Arbor 27-of-38, 71.1 percent).

Three starters fouled out for the Crusaders: Chris Dietrich, Dawn Pelc and Angie Negri. No one had more than three fouls for Spring Arbor.

Dietrich finished with a game-high 21 points. Mary Murray added 14 points and eight rebounds, and Katie Cushman contributed 11 points, six boards and five assists.

Leading the Cougar attack was Courtney Thompson Jr. with 21 points and eight rebounds. Andrea VanderHorst added 19 points and nine boards, Penny Supiran contributed 12 points and three assists, and Kristin Dankert totaled 11 points.

THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL
Thursday, March 6
Inter-City at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.
N.B. Huron at Luth. Westland, 7 p.m.
Stevenson at Northville, 7 p.m.
Franklin at Canton, 7 p.m.
Churchill at Harrison, 7 p.m.
W.L. Western at N. Farmington, 7 p.m.
Romulus at Wayne, 7 p.m.
Southwestern at Redford CC, 7 p.m.

Friday, March 6
Garden City at Lincoln Park, 7 p.m.
Redford Union at Southgate, 7 p.m.
Thurston at Melvindale, 7 p.m.
W. Highland at Agape, 7 p.m.
Huron Valley vs. Taylor Baptist at Marshall M.S., 7:30 p.m.
(WLAAs Playoffs at Churchill)
Farmington vs. W.L. Central, 6 p.m.
John Glenn vs. Salem, 8 p.m.

Saturday, March 7
(Operation-Friendship Finals)
Bishop Borgess vs. Cass Tech at U-D's Calihan Hall, 2:30 p.m.
GIRLS VOLLEYBALL
Friday, March 6
W. Highland at Agape, 5 p.m.

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE
Thursday, March 5
Whalers at Sarnia, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, March 7
Whalers vs. Sault Ste. Marie at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, March 8
Whalers vs. Sault Ste. Marie at Compuware Arena, 6:30 p.m.

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Canton's Young was assistant to stricken coach

Dan Young spent four years as a student manager for former Central Michigan University men's basketball coach Charlie Coles and two as a restricted earnings coach for Western Michigan University's Bob Donewald.

So Young walked into WMU's University Arena last Saturday with divided allegiance as Coles' current team, Miami (Ohio), battled Donewald's Broncos in a Mid-American Conference first-round playoff game.

Young, the Plymouth Canton

INSIGHT

boys basketball coach, sat four rows from the floor near half court.

"Both are wonderful people, great coaches and mean everything to me," Young said. "I'm not much of a fan per se. I'm a fan of ball. I don't cheer."

But with 11:23 remaining in the first half and the teams tied at 14, Young started rooting only for Coles. The 56-year-old Red-Hawks coach suffered a heart attack, collapsing at the end of a timeout.

Fans who didn't even know Coles started crying. Both teams knelt, embracing in prayer.

The crowd noise, which moments earlier was deafening, turned silent.

"I was just thinking at that point, both teams were playing

great defense, having a hard time getting any good shots," Young said. "The game was electric, the fans were into it, intense - this was going to be a war."

"I didn't see Charlie fall, any of that. All I saw was seven or eight players jumping up and down, pointing and screaming hysterically. I looked over and I didn't see Charlie's red tie, his handkerchief. It was just awful. No one moved for 20 minutes. I just kept praying, saying 'Our Father's' over and over, hoping Charlie would get up. I love that man."

Everyone's prayers are being answered. By Sunday, Coles was conscious and on Monday his condition was upgraded from critical to serious.

Coles has a history of heart trouble. In 1985, his first year of a six-year stint as CMU's head coach, he suffered a heart attack

and underwent successful triple bypass surgery.

Young said a doctor raced from the stands and joined the WMU medical staff in working on Coles.

"He just shot out of the stands and with the medical staff they were on Charlie as fast as you could get to him," Young said. "It was just phenomenal what they did for him. Like Gins (Dave Ginsberg, a former CMU assistant coach and close friend of Coles) said, 'Good thing it didn't happen on a bus, walking through the park.'"

"Evidently that guy is a miracle worker or so damn tough he wouldn't die. It wasn't his time. I've never seen anything like that and hope I never see anything like it again. It was horrible but I'm glad I was there in support of coach Coles and Donewald. If that's Charlie's last nine minutes of coaching I'm

glad I got a chance to see it."

Within 25 minutes of his collapse Coles was taken off on a stretcher and transported to the Bronson Methodist Hospital in Kalamazoo.

Not long after the public address announcer said Coles' condition was improving, prompting a two-minute standing ovation from the crowd of nearly 5,000.

The Miami players elected to resume the game and at 4 p.m., after a nearly two-hour delay, returned to the court. The No. 7 seed RedHawks used 30 points and a career-high 16 rebounds from star forward Wally Sczerbiak to upset the No. 2 seed Broncos, 67-65.

The hugging and crying resumed and Young called it the most courageous effort he's ever seen.

Prior to Saturday, the strangest thing Young had seen

on a basketball court came in 1988 when a CMU fan who spent too much time at Happy Hour received a police escort out of a game at Bowling Green for berating officials.

It's a moment Young hopes to laugh about with Coles when the two talk again.

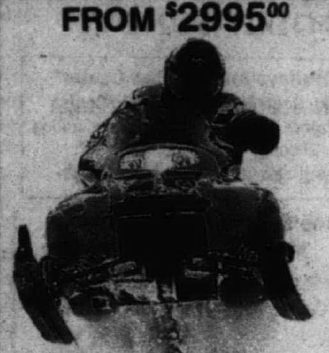
Coles has won two MAC tournament titles in only seven years in the league. He also won a Class A state championship coaching at Saginaw High School.

"Coach Coles is a big reason I got with Donewald," Young said. "I never would have been a manager if they would have treated me like a manager. They included me in everything. Coach Donewald took me on with no experience and that's because of Charlie. Number one, he said I'd be loyal to him and coaching is all about loyalty."

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Salem hoop from page C1

"When you're playing Salem, you can't afford many mistakes because they'll take advantage of them."

Which, quite basically, is exactly what the Rocks did. The Falcons tried to keep Salem off-balance by switching their defenses, and for a while it worked. The Rocks converted just 10-of-31 shots from the field in the first half (32 percent).

Problem was, Farmington's shooting was even worse. The Falcons were a mere 7-of-28

from the floor in the first half (25 percent) - which is why they trailed 24-17 at the break.

And if that looked bad, well, it got worse. Trevor Gaines, Farmington's 6-foot-6 senior center, scored 15 of his team's 17 first-half points.

"Obviously, he's our go-to guy," said Mikel. "We don't have the balance Salem has. We need to have people step up. If they don't, we'll have trouble."

Which is where Farmington found itself to start the third

quarter. Salem's Matt Mair set the problems in motion for the Falcons; he converted a three-point play, then hit a three-pointer to score six-straight points.

Bhavin Patel followed with a basket, Andy Power nailed a triple-try and, with the half just 2 1/2 minutes old, Salem's lead had gone from seven to 18 (35-17).

"We're an explosive team," said Salem coach Bob Brodie. "It's just the way we are. Give

Farmington credit, they did a lot of different things in the first half. But it's hard to run those trick defenses against teams that have a lot of weapons."

According to Brodie, Farmington tried to use a triangle-and-two combination defense, but the Rocks found the open man in the third quarter - first Mair, then Power.

They outscored the Falcons 22-10 in the stanza, hitting 9-of-16 shots from the floor. Farmington, which did score six-in-a-row to

narrow the gap to 12, was 4-of-12 from the field.

Power, who totaled 20 points in the game, scored eight in the quarter and Patel had six. Patel and Mair finished with 10 points apiece in the game.

Gaines' 22 points led Farmington. Justin Milus added eight.

Friday's championship clash will provide Salem with a shot at vengeance. John Glenn is the only WLAA team to beat the Rocks this season, by a 56-50 margin Feb. 13.

VOLLEYBALL STATE DISTRICT TOURNAMENTS

STATE TOURNAMENT DISTRICT DRAWS (all Saturday, March 7, unless noted)


CLASS A
Friday, March 6, at LIVONIA LADYWOOD
First round: (A) Livonia Ladywood vs. (B) Detroit Redford, 5 p.m.
Semifinals: Livonia Stevenson vs. Livonia Franklin, 6 p.m.; Redford Union vs. A-B winner, 6 p.m.
Championship final: 7:30 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals Saturday, March 14, at Plymouth Salem, vs. Hazel Park district champion.)
at YPSILANTI LINCOLN

First round: (A) Wayne Memorial vs. (B) Belleville, 9 a.m.
Semifinals: Westland-John Glenn vs. Ypsilanti Lincoln, 10:30 a.m.; Garden City vs. A-B winner, noon.
Championship final: 1:30 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals Saturday, March 14, at Temperance Bedford, vs. Dearborn district champion.)
at NOVI
First round: (A) Novi vs. (B) Livonia Churchill, 10 a.m.
Semifinals: Plymouth Salem vs. Plymouth Canton, 10 a.m.; Northville vs. A-B winner, 11:20 a.m.
Championship final: 1 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinal Saturday, March 14, at Plymouth Salem, vs. Berkley district champion.)
at BERKLEY
First round: (A) Detroit Henry Ford vs. (B) Southfield, 9 a.m.
Semifinals: Farmington Hills Mercy vs. Berkley, 10:30 a.m.; Southfield-Lathrup vs. A-B winner, 10:30 a.m.
Championship final: noon (Winner advances to the regional semifinal Saturday, March 14, at Plymouth Salem, vs. the Novi district champion.)
at FARMINGTON HILLS HARRISON


First round: (A) Farmington vs. (B) North Farmington, 10 a.m.
Semifinals: Farmington Hills Harrison vs. Walled Lake Central, 11 a.m.; Walled Lake Western vs. A-B winner, 11 a.m.
Championship final: 12:30 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinal Saturday, March 14, at Lapeer East vs. Lake Orion district champion.)
CLASS D
at REDFORD ST. AGATHA
Semifinals: Dearborn Heights Fairlane Christian vs. Allen Park Inter-City Baptist, 10 a.m.; Redford St. Agatha vs. Detroit Holy


Redeemer, 11 a.m.
Championship final: Noon. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals Saturday, March 14 at Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes, vs. Taylor Light & Light Christian district champion.)
at WHITMORE LAKE
Semifinals: Westland Huron Valley Lutheran vs. Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes, 10 a.m. Plymouth Christian vs. Whitmore Lake, noon.
Championship final: 1:30 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals Saturday, March 14, at Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes, vs. Ottawa Lake-Whiteford district champion.)

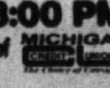
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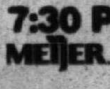


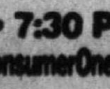
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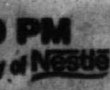
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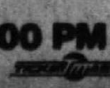
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DIVISION I INDIVIDUAL REGIONAL TOURNAMENT
Feb. 28 at Temperance Bedford

275 pounds: Casey Rogowski (Redford Catholic Central) pinned Charlie Hamblin (Plymouth Salem), 5:52; consolation: William Lacombe (Wayne Memorial) pinned Ted Bowersox (Northville), 4:51.

185: Eric Nowitzke (Monroe) pinned John Mervyn (Plymouth Salem), 4:18; consolation: Matt Tarrow (Northville) dec. Charlie Moreno (Wyandotte), 9:5.

132: Dan Jig (Novi) dec. Katsuhiko Sueda (Livonia Stevenson), 4:3 in overtime; consolation: Ryan Nowitzke (Monroe) dec. Jim Brighton (Temperance Bedford), 7-1.

113: Ricky Torrence (Northville) dec. Justin Bronkema (Temperance Bedford), 10-1; consolation: Omar Rivera (Adrian) dec. Chadd Johnson (Temperance Bedford), 15-6.

105: Anant Saran (Northville) dec. Reggie Torrence (Northville), 8-0; consolation: Greg Stauffer (Saline) dec. Zack Brown (Temperance Bedford), 14-9.

100: Steve Dec (Temperance Bedford) dec. Dennis Pierzynowski (Southgate), 9-6; consolation: Casey Roberts (Temperance Bedford) dec. Adam Eisete (Saline), 7-0.

135: Dan Seder (Livonia Stevenson) dec. Mitch Hancock (Redford Catholic Central), 5-3 in overtime; consolation: Jeff Carpenter (Wyandotte) dec. Joe Barnabei (Belleville), 4-3.

140: Morgan Mullins (Belleville) dec. Brian Tibi (Temperance Bedford), 6-3; consolation: Mark Churella (Novi) dec. Dan Scappaticci (Northville), 7-0.

145: Jacob Chapman (Hazel Park) won by default over Steve Mitroka (Southgate); consolation: Steve Isabel (Temperance Bedford) dec. James Greene (Plymouth Salem), 3-2.

152: Rocky Renaud (Southgate) dec. James Evans (Dearborn Fordson), 3-1; consolation: Tom DeGrand (Saline) pinned Ryan Ditty (Temperance Bedford), 2-20.

160: Aaron Greene (Wyandotte) dec. Anwar Crutchfield, 8-6; consolation: Chris Kirby (Ann Arbor Pioneer) dec. Belal Majed (Dearborn Fordson), 3-1.

171: Ryan Cox (Wyandotte) pinned Brian Hinzman (Garden City), 2:47; consolation: Jeff Hooper (Temperance Bedford) dec. Andy Kalik (Novi), 11-5.

189: Teona Wilson (Plymouth Salem) pinned Nate Plecha (Novi), 2:45; consolation: Charles Thompson (Romulus) dec. John Abshire (Redford Catholic Central), 4-2.

215: Leroy Johnson (Monroe) dec. Corey Andrews (Temperance Bedford), 6-4; consolation: Cinque Carter (Ann Arbor Huron) dec. Bryan Grider (Northville), 8-7.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Men's softball
Men's modified fastpitch softball teams are needed for Monday nights in Livonia (Class A and B) and Wednesday nights in Plymouth (Class A).
A managers meeting for new teams in Livonia will be at 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 11 at the Civic Center Library meeting room, 32775 Five Mile Road. Call Gary Gray or Lyle Trudell of Livonia Parks and Recreation (before March 11) at (734) 466-2410.
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WLAA VOLLEYBALL RESULTS

WESTERN LAKES ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION GIRLS VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT
Feb. 28 at Farm. Hills Harrison

Championship final: Plymouth Salem defeated Livonia Stevenson, 15-5, 15-4.

Semifinals: Salem def. Livonia Franklin, 15-8, 15-8; Stevenson def. Walled Lake Central, 15-13, 15-12.

Elimination round: Franklin def. Walled Lake Western, 15-6, 15-11; Central def. Plymouth Canton, 15-8, 15-10.

POOL PLAY RECORDS (top 2 advance)

(A) at Farmington H.S.: 1. Plymouth Salem, 6-0; 2. Plymouth Canton, 3-3 (won tiebreaker); 3. Livonia Churchill, 3-3; 4. Farmington, 0-6.

(B) at Harrison: 1. Livonia Stevenson, 5-1; 2. Walled Lake Western, 4-2; 3. Northville, 3-3; 4. North Farmington, 0-6.

(C) at Harrison: 1. (tie) Walled Lake Central and Livonia Franklin, 5-1 each; 3. (tie) Farmington Hills Harrison and Westland John Glenn, 1-5 each.

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Also, anyone with concerns regarding the coach's state swim rankings are asked to call Plymouth Canton swim coach Kyle Lott from 2-5 p.m. Fridays at (734) 416-2931.

200-YARD MEDLEY RELAY (state cut: 1:43.19)
Livonia Stevenson 1:39.93
North Farmington 1:41.47
Plymouth Canton 1:42.39
Plymouth Salem 1:42.95
Farmington 1:43.55

200 FREESTYLE (state cut: 1:49.39)
Keith Falk (Stevenson) 1:44.54
Nick Corden (Salem) 1:44.60
Pete Bosler (Farmington) 1:46.92
Justin Barringer (Harrison) 1:46.93
Steve Domin (Stevenson) 1:48.51
Ryan Meekins (Redford CC) 1:48.97
Tim Buchanan (Salem) 1:49.11
Jason Musson (Canton) 1:49.26
Jim Gabriel (N. Farmington) 1:50.74
Ryan Zoubaris (John Glenn) 1:51.10

200 INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY (state cut: 2:04.19)
Keith Falk (Stevenson) 2:00.73
Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 2:00.98
Tim Buchanan (Salem) 2:01.41
Nick Sosnowski (Redford CC) 2:01.67

200 FREESTYLE (state cut: 2:02.66)
James McPartlin (John Glenn) 2:04.90
Mike Malik (Stevenson) 2:05.14
Steve Domin (Stevenson) 2:05.49
Aaron Reeder (Canton) 2:07.32
Dan Gabriel (N. Farmington) 2:07.36

50 FREESTYLE (state cut: 22.89)
Steve Domin (Stevenson) 21.47
Matt Zaid (N. Farmington) 21.88
Nick Corden (Salem) 22.14
Jacob Varty (Stevenson) 22.39
Andrew Locke (Salem) 22.45
Don LeClair (Canton) 22.85
Tim Buchanan (Salem) 22.95
Kurtis Hornick (Canton) 22.97
Matt Walker (Harrison) 22.98
Mark Wachsborg (N. Farmington) 23.00

DIVING
John Lowry (Farmington) 269.85
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Chris Totten (Garden City) 250.55
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Chris McFarland (John Glenn) 193.55

100 BUTTERFLY (state cut: 55.59)
Mark Sgriccia (Stevenson) 52.39
Steve Domin (Stevenson) 52.65
James McPartlin (John Glenn) 54.53
Tim Buchanan (Salem) 54.73

Keith Falk (Stevenson) 55.36
Nick Sosnowski (Redford CC) 55.66
Paul Perez (Salem) 56.34
Mike Dempsey (Canton) 56.79
Steve Schwedt (Harrison) 57.31
Mark Wachsborg (N. Farmington) 58.03

100 FREESTYLE (state cut: 49.49)
Nick Corden (Salem) 47.64
Keith Falk (Stevenson) 48.67
Steve Domin (Stevenson) 48.88
Jacob Varty (Stevenson) 48.98
Matt Zaid (N. Farmington) 49.14
Ryan Meekins (Redford CC) 49.25
Pete Bosler (Farmington) 49.27
Brandon Digia (N. Farmington) 49.71
Jason Musson (Canton) 49.92
Tim Buchanan (Salem) 50.00

500 FREESTYLE (state cut: 4:57.39)
Keith Falk (Stevenson) 4:48.79
Nick Sosnowski (Redford CC) 4:49.30
Justin Barringer (Harrison) 4:51.46
Brian Mertens (Salem) 4:53.87
Steve Domin (Stevenson) 4:57.05
Kurtis Hornick (Canton) 5:02.28
Tim Buchanan (Salem) 5:03.41
Brent Mellis (Salem) 5:03.43
Matt Baran (Redford CC) 5:05.58
Mike Malik (Stevenson) 5:05.84

200 FREESTYLE RELAY (state cut: 1:31.99)
Plymouth Salem 1:28.25
Livonia Stevenson 1:29.14
Plymouth Canton 1:31.59

Farmington Harrison 1:33.16
North Farmington 1:33.30

100 BACKSTROKE (state cut: 56.69)
Dan Gabriel (N. Farmington) 54.12
Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 55.50
Nick Sosnowski (Redford CC) 56.03
Aaron Reeder (Canton) 56.15
Mark Sgriccia (Stevenson) 56.16
Nick Corden (Salem) 56.17
Devin Hopper (Farmington) 56.35
Jim Gabriel (N. Farmington) 56.71
Brent Mellis (Salem) 56.77
Josh Duffy (Harrison) 58.03

100 BREASTSTROKE (state cut: 1:03.19)
Matt Walker (Harrison) 1:02.85
Ryan Zoubaris (John Glenn) 1:03.26
Matt Heiss (Canton) 1:03.55
Keith Falk (Stevenson) 1:03.94
Joe Gomez (Franklin) 1:04.00
Paul Connolly (Redford CC) 1:04.07
Matt Beuckelaere (Farmington) 1:04.23
Mike Nemer (Stevenson) 1:04.92
Andrew Locke (Salem) 1:05.13
David Hartmann (Farmington) 1:05.58

400 FREESTYLE RELAY (state cut: 3:23.09)
Plymouth Salem 3:17.31
Livonia Stevenson 3:17.84
North Farmington 3:19.84
Plymouth Canton 3:23.44
Redford Catholic Central 3:24.69

FINAL CONFERENCE STANDINGS

ALL-WESTERN DIVISION: Lauren Metaj, Sr. OH, Northville; Crissy Chavez, Jr. OH, Farmington Hills Harrison; Stephanie Chefan, Sr. OH/MB, Plymouth Canton; Jessica Sherman, Sr. OH, Livonia Churchill; Danielle Williams, Sr. MB, Walled Lake Western; Danielle Wensing, Sr. OH, Livonia Franklin; Andrea Kmet, Soph. MH, Livonia Franklin.

WESTERN DIVISION FINISH
1. Franklin; 2. Canton; 3. (tie) Churchill and Northville; 5. W.L. Western; 6. Harrison.

LAKES DIVISION STANDINGS
1. Salem; 2. Stevenson; 3. W.L. Central; 4. Franklin; 5. Northville; 6. Churchill; 7. Canton; 8. W.L. Western; 9. Harrison; 10. John Glenn; 11. N. Farmington; 12. Farmington.

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YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN AND AROUND PLYMOUTH

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CONCERTS

■ 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.

■ 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 a 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.

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.

SEMINAR

■ The Ann Arbor Jaycees will host a financial seminar 7:30 p.m. Sunday, March 8, at the Center for Independent Living, 2568 Packard, Ann Arbor. Independent Financial Planner Christy Rausch will be on hand to help attendees assess their financial needs and learn how to get control of their money. An expert will also be presenting information on mortgages. For more information, call (734) 913-9629.

AROUND TOWN

ANTIQUA SHOW

■ The Great Lakes Chapter of the Coca-Cola Collectors Club will hold its annual Antiqua Advertising Show from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, March 15, at the Livonia Elks Club, 31117 Plymouth Road, Livonia. More than 50 dealers from four states will provide collectors an opportunity to buy, sell, and trade Coca-Cola and other soda-related adver-

tising items. It will be open to the public and a \$2 adult admission fee will be charged. Contact John Pace at (313) 284-2943 for additional information.

EMU CONCERT

■ Eastern Michigan University's Department of Music will present a performance of Johannes Brahms' "A German Requiem" at 8 p.m. Friday, March 13, in Pease Auditorium, which is on the corner of West Cross Street and College Place in Ypsilanti. The concert is under the direction of Kevin Miller, associate professor of music. Tickets are \$5 for students and seniors, and are available at the Quirk Box Office (734) 487-1221, or at Pease Auditorium, beginning one hour before performance time. For more information, call Kristy Meretta in EMU Music Events Office at (734) 487-2255, or Kevin Miller in the EMU Orchestra Office at (734) 487-2448.

WORKSHOP

■ D & M Studio's Once Upon an Easel presents "Teach and Parent Sunday Workshop I" March 15 and March 22. A hands-on approach to learning basic skills. A walk through pencils, pastels, watercolor and more. Enhance your art curriculum, reinforce your child's lessons or just have fun. Fee is \$15, which includes workbook and basic implements used in the workshop. Other related workshops include: Skills II and "How To Partner Reading, Writing and Visual Arts." D & M Studio's Once Upon an Easel is located at 8691 N. Lilley Road in Canton. For more information, call Sharon Dillenbeck at (734) 453-3710.

MUSEUM

■ The Canton Historical Museum is open for the 1998 season. 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.

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



On stage

Debut: Jack, of "Jack and the Beanstalk" fame, listens to the Giant's wife talk about the hen that lays gold eggs. Jack is played by Melissa Uhl and the Giant's wife by Becky Copenhaver. Both are members of the Plymouth-Canton branch of the American Association of University Women, which is presenting its 38th annual children's production, "Jack and the Beanstalk," beginning tonight through March 7 at Garden City High School. Tickets for \$3 are available at the door.

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. Booth space measuring 9-by-6 feet with two chairs and one 6-foot or 8-foot table is available for

\$50. Booths with electricity are limited and are an additional \$5. Exhibitors may purchase up to three spaces. For an application or information, call (734) 432-5603.

OAKWOOD HEALTHCARE

■ Oakwood Hospital will hold a certified sitter class from 1-5 p.m. Wednesday, March 11, at Plymouth Canton High School, 8415 N. Canton Center Road. This three-week course is designed to help children ages 11-15 become safe, responsible baby sitters. Certificate will be awarded upon completion of class. Cost is \$30. For more information or to register, call (734) 416-2937.

IRISH WRITER'S NIGHT

■ The Plymouth Poets group is sponsoring the annual Irish Writer's Night at 8 p.m. Thursday, March 12, at the Box Bar, Main at Ann Arbor Trail, downtown Plymouth. There will be open microphone for those who love the literature of Ireland. Admission is \$5 at the door. For more information, call (734) 459-7319.

ST. MARY HOSPITAL

■ The Marian Women's

Center at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia offers a child-birth preparation class based on the Lamaze method that increases expectant parents' knowledge of the birth experience. A six-week session will be 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.

SCHOOL OPENINGS

■ Livonia Little People's Co-op Preschool has openings for the 1997-98 school year in the 3- and 4-year-old classes. The preschool is at 8820 Wayne Road, just north of Joy. For more information, call (734) 454-4964.

■ Suburban Children's Co-op Nursery has openings now in all classes 18 months through 5 years old. Located in Livonia bordering Canton, Plymouth and Westland. Quality education offered with parental involvement. Low tuition. For more information, contact Michelle at (734) 421-6196.

■ New Morning School has new student openings. Openings exist for fall 1998 students in full and half-day kindergarten through the fifth grade at New Morning School. Mid-year openings are available for upper elementary students. New Morning School is a state-certified and licensed nonprofit school. For more information, call (734) 420-3331.

■ Little Lambs Christian Preschool will be hosting an open house 4-7 p.m. Thursday, March 12, at 45000 N. Territorial, west of Sheldon, inside the First Baptist Church of Plymouth in Plymouth Township. The open house is to provide enrollment information for the 1998-99 school year. From 1-6 p.m. on Monday, March 16, open registration will be starting for hands-on, theme-based, academic program that provides a Christ-centered foundation for the first school experience. For more information, contact Shari at 414-7792.

BOOK SALE

■ The Livonia League of Women Voters is working to make this year's April book sale another successful fund-raising event. New batches of used books are always needed. Hardcover and paperback books in different categories of nonfiction and fiction for all ages are received. The public is encouraged to donate used books by calling (734) 421-4420 or (734) 427-0222. For more information, call Esther Friedrichs at 427-0222 or Marge Gade at 261-3191.

KARATE REGISTRATION

■ American Okinawan Karate Academy of Canton will hold winter registration for ages 6 years and up, through April 23, Mondays and Thursdays at the gymnasium at Summit on the Park. Registration fee is \$52 per annual pass holder (10-week session), \$58 per Canton resident (10-week session), and \$63

per non-resident (10-week session). A \$5 late fee is charged.

SCHOLARSHIPS

■ The Gamma Gamma Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International is offering college scholarships to Canton or Salem graduating seniors majoring in education. The scholarships provide financial assistance, promoting the professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education. Funds are the result of community participation in the annual fall craft fair held at West Middle School. Applications are available at both high school counseling offices or at Hoben Elementary School, 44680 Saltz Road, Canton.

CLUBS

MOTHER OF MULTIPLES

■ The Plymouth-Canton Mothers of Multiples club meets 7 p.m. the first and third Monday of each month. Call Barb at (313) 207-5224. Playgroup meets every other Tuesday; call Sue at (734) 459-9324.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL

■ The Plymouth Community Council on Aging monthly meeting will be held at 1:30 p.m. Monday, March 9, at the Cultural Center, 525 Farmer St., Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 453-1234, Ext. 236.

VIETNAM VETERANS

■ The Vietnam Veterans of America will hold a general meeting at 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 9, at 9318 Newburgh, between Joy Road and Ann Arbor Trail. All veterans on active duty from Jan. 1, 1959-May 7, 1975, regardless of duty station, are eligible. For more information, call Don Dignan at (313) 446-3492 or at (734) 525-0157.

GOODFELLOWS

■ The Plymouth Goodfellows meet 7:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of every month at the City Hall on Main. Call 455-8611 or 451-3554.

BNI

■ Business Network International will hold monthly meetings from 7-8:30 a.m. Thursday and Friday, March 11-12. For more information, call the BNI regional office at (734) 397-9939.

M.O.M.

■ Meet Other Mothers (M.O.M.) offers guest speakers and discussion. It meets at 9:30 a.m. the second and fourth Friday of the month at the First Presbyterian Church in Plymouth. Babysitting is provided. For more information, call Kate at (734) 453-3675.

TOASTMASTERS

■ Join the Oral Majority Toastmasters Club at 6:45 p.m. Sundays at the old Friendly's building, at Ann Arbor Road and Lilley. For more information, call Marc Sullivan at (734) 455-1635.

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.

WITTENBERG UNIVERSITY

Amy Sonnanstine, daughter of Alan and Kathy Sonnanstine of Plymouth, has been named to the dean's list at Wittenberg University in Springfield, Ohio, for the fall 1997 semester. Sonnanstine, a 1997 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School, is majoring in biology and theater. She is also a member of the varsity swim team, the symphony

orchestra and the flute choir.

SAINT MARY'S COLLEGE

Mary Elizabeth Hubert, daughter of Urban and Maryane Hubert of Plymouth, has been named to the academic honors list for the fall 1997 semester at Saint Mary's College in South Bend, Ind.

AQUINAS COLLEGE

Pam Bierzynski of Plymouth is on the dean's list at Aquinas College. She is a sophomore at Aquinas.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Rob Zdrodowski, son of Watson and Barbara Zdrodowski of Canton, was awarded a \$5,000 "Top Dog" scholarship, which is awarded to top high school students throughout the United States. Zdrodowski attends Plymouth Salem High School.

SCHOLAR PROGRAM

Afia A. Ofori-Mensa, daughter of Agnes and Charles Ofori-Mensa, who is a graduating senior at Plymouth Canton High School, has been named one of about 2,600 candidates in the 1998 Presidential Scholars Program. The candidates were selected from more than 2.5 million students expected to graduate from high schools in 1998.

The 2,600 candidates were selected for their exceptional performance on either the College Board SAT or ACT Assessment. Further consideration is based on students' essays, self-assessments, descriptions of activities, school recommendations and school transcripts. A panel of educators will review the submissions and select 500 semifinalists in late March.

Final selection of scholars will be made by the White House Commission on Presidential Scholars. They will select one young man and one young woman from each state. The U.S. Department of Education will announce scholars in May.

OBITUARIES

MARGARET H. HUBBARD

Services for Margaret H. Hubbard, 78, of Dearborn were Feb. 26 at the Neely-Turowski Funeral Home, Canton with the Rev. Kenton Gottschalk officiating. Burial was at Glen Eden Cemetery.

Mrs. Hubbard was born June 21, 1919. She died Feb. 22 in Dearborn. Mrs. Hubbard was an accountant in the medical field.

Survivors include three brothers, Elmer, Fredrick and George Hoffman; and many nieces and nephews.

KATHLEEN JUNE KALOWICK

Services for Kathleen June Kalowick, 34, of Green Oaks, Mich., were March 2 at the Tricity Christian Center with the Rev. Rocky A. Barra officiating. Burial was at United Memorial Gardens in Plymouth.

Mrs. Kazlowick was born Aug. 27, 1963, in Garden City. She died Feb. 26 in Green Oaks Township. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband, Michael K. Kalowick of Plymouth; her parents, Thomas M. and Geneva J. McMullen of South Lyon; one son, Nathan M.

Kalowick of Plymouth; one daughter, Nicole K. Kalowick of Plymouth; one brother, Kenneth D. McMullen of Canton; and one sister, Karleen M. Mrazik of Clio, Mich.

Memorials may be made to Tri-City Christian Center Building Fund, 39390 Michigan Ave., Wayne, Mich 48184.

TIMOTHY J. KEPLER

Services for Timothy J. Kepler, 53, of Plymouth will be March 7 at St. John Neumann Church, Canton, with local arrangements made by L.J. Griffin Funeral Home.

Mr. Kepler was born Sept. 15, 1944, in Altoona, Pa. He died Feb. 27 in Plymouth.

He was an iron worker for a construction company.

Survivors include his wife, Marney L. Kepler; one daughter, Amy Canfield; two sons, Andrew Kepler, Thomas Kepler; his parents, Frank and Ruth Kepler; and one brother, Thomas Kepler.

Memorials may be made to Karmonas Cancer Institute or Alcoholics Anonymous.

BERTHA S. SHONYO

Services for Bertha S. Shonyo, 92, of Livonia, formerly of Plymouth, were March 2 at the Vermeulen Funeral Home with the Rev. Paul White from First Baptist Church, Plymouth, officiating. Burial was at Roseland Park Cemetery in Berkeley, Mich.

Mrs. Shonyo was born Nov. 3, 1905, in Magog, Quebec, Canada. She died March 1 in Livonia.

She was employed at Michigan Bell Telephone Co. as a methods office employee. She was a member of First Baptist Church,

Plymouth.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John H. and Annie H. Shonyo. Survivors include her friend, Reid (Carolyn) Becker of Canton; and many nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church, 45000 N. Territorial Rd., Plymouth, Mich. 48170.

LINDA KAY ABNER

Services for Linda Kay Abner, 52, of Plymouth were March 3 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with Mr. David Thomas officiating. Burial was at Cadillac Memorial Gardens in Westland.

She was born Oct. 8, 1945, in Martin, Tenn. She died Feb. 26 in Ann Arbor.

She was a homemaker. She came to the Plymouth community in 1955 from Tennessee. She and her husband Charles had been married for 33 years. She was a member of the Church of Christ in Plymouth for 42 years. She graduated from Plymouth High School in 1963. She loved her grandchildren and her hobbies included reading and baking. She enjoyed her friends at church.

Survivors include her husband, Charles of Plymouth; one daughter, Kimberly (Mark) Kays of Canton; two sons, Chuck (Lorrie) of Wayne, Paul (Lisa) of Plymouth; three brothers, William Newbill of Tenn., Bobby Newbill of Westland, Kenneth Newbill of Waterford; and six grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Church of Christ, 9301 Sheldon

Road, Plymouth, Mich. 48170.

ALICE C. MCCLUMPHA

Services for Alice C. McClumpha, 94, of Canton Township were held on March 5 at St. John's Episcopal Church with the Rev. William B. Luper officiating. Burial was at Kinyon Cemetery in Canton. Local arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

Mrs. McClumpha was born Oct. 13, 1904, in Long Rapids, Mich. She died March 2 in Ann Arbor.

She was a homemaker. She was a librarian and teacher in the Plymouth-Canton School system, retiring in 1959. For years she was the elementary school librarian for Starkweather, Bird and Allen schools. She also taught at the Huff and Kinyon and Hanford country schools. She came to the Plymouth community in 1926 from Long Rapids, Mich. She was interested in family genealogy and loved her flower gardens.

She was preceded in death by her late husbands, Hurd McClumpha and Warren Palmer. Survivors include her sons, Dr. Cliff (Rita) McClumpha of Canton; four grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to St. John's Episcopal Church in Plymouth.

DOUGLAS KEITH DOTY

Services for Douglas Keith Doty, 36, of Detroit were March 4 at Santeiu Chapel with Rev. Rob White of Solid Rock Bible Church officiating. Burial was at Parkview Memorial Church in Livonia.

He was born March 5, 1961 in Trenton, Mich. He died Feb. 28 in Detroit. He was an artist in the graphics industry.

Survivors include his mother, Iris Elaine Doty of Canton; his father, Jim Doty; three brothers, Jim (Julie) Doty, Darrin (Maria) Doty, Bradley (Tonya) Doty; one sister, Valerie (Phil) Carmack; seven nieces; and three nephews. Memorials may be made to the Salvation Army.

JESSIE FIELEK

Services for Jessie Fielek, 76, of Whitmore Lake were March 4 at St. Patrick Catholic Church with the Rev. Terrence J. Dumas officiating.

She was born Oct. 22, 1921, in Detroit. She died March 1 in Whitmore Lake. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Andrew and Kathrine Furmanzyk. Survivors include her husband, Anthony Fielek of Whitmore Lake; four sons, Anthony (Carole) C. Fielek Jr. of Whitmore Lake, Andrew (Elizabeth) J. Fielek of Bloomfield Hills, Stephen (Candace) A. Fielek of Plymouth, Michael (Gretchen) A. Fielek of Okemos, Mich.; one daughter, Mary Ann Fielek of Gibraltar, Mich.; one brother, Edward Furmanzyk of Detroit; and three sisters, Estelle Pilkiewicz of Detroit, Helen Turonek of Detroit, and Lotie Czapaki of Plymouth.

Memorials may be made to the Humane Society of Huron Valley, 3100 Cherry Hill Rd., Ann Arbor, Mich. 48105.

NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE RESIDING IN THE PLYMOUTH/CANTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Plymouth/Canton School District has petitioned the Charter Township of Northville to collect the 1998 school year taxes on the 1998 summer tax bills.

If you reside in the Township of Northville and you are in the Plymouth/Canton School District, your summer tax bill, which is collected by the Township of Northville, will include the full year school taxes. If you have any questions on this change, please contact the Township Tax Department at (248) 348-5810.

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools is requesting proposals for a Group Dental Insurance Program. Interested and qualified companies may obtain information and proposal forms by telephone (734) 416-4834 - Personnel Department - during regular business hours. Proposals are due on or before 2:00 P.M. on Friday, April 3, 1998.

The Board of Education reserves the right to accept any or reject all proposals, as they judge to be in the best interest of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

JOHN F. FARROW, Secretary
Board of Education
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR USE SUBJECT TO SPECIAL CONDITIONS

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Planning Commission has received a request from DeMattia Associates, to approve the Use Subject to Special Conditions for Outdoor Storage for Tower Automotive in the IND, Industrial District, pursuant to Zoning Ordinance No. 83. The subject property is lot 15 and part of lot 16 of the Plymouth Oaks Business Park Subdivision located east of Sheldon Road, north and west of the CSX Railroad Tracks, and south of the M-14 Expressway, Application No. 1509/0198. Tax I.D. Nos. 016-02-0615-000 and part of 016-02-0016-000.

The Planning Commission seeks input to determine if approval of the Use Subject to Special Conditions should be issued under Section 15.2 of Zoning Ordinance No. 83. The land is currently zoned IND, Industrial District.

Questions regarding the request may be directed to the Community Development Department during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The Planning Commission will consider the request at its regular meeting on March 18, 1998, commencing at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Meeting Room at Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth Township, Michigan. Written comments concerning the request will be received prior to the meeting. The address for the application review and for written comments is: Plymouth Charter Township, Community Development Department, 46555 Port Street, Plymouth, MI 48170. Telephone Number 734-453-4372.

MARCIA SAYLES, Secretary
Planning Commission

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PLYMOUTH PIPELINE

At the museum

As the showing of the Abraham Lincoln Exhibit continues at the Plymouth Historical Museum, a Civil War Art Preview is scheduled for 7-8:30 p.m. March 25 at the museum, 155 S. Main St.

The art comes from private collectors. Stories about the limited edition lithographs will be shared.

The event offers an opportunity to view valuable prints, learn about the sites and battles depicted and the artists who researched and painted them. Plymouth Historical Society member Bob Zaetta is event chairman.

Cost to attend is \$2 and includes the Lincoln Exhibit; historical society members' admission is free.

Mixer and exchange
The Plymouth Community

Chamber of Commerce hosts its membership mixer and business card exchange 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, March 10, at cafe Giverney, 370 S. Main. For more information, call the chamber, 453-1540.

Moved

Animal Odyssey Gift Gallery has moved to its new quarters at 621 S. Main Street. The owners are hosting a grand reopening March 13.

Preparing

The Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Counseling Department will present "Preparing to Live and Work in the 21st Century," a program for high school juniors and their parents from 7-8:30 p.m., Thursday, March 12, in the Canton Cafeteria.

The program held is sponsored by the P-CEP Counseling

Department in cooperation with Eastern Michigan University and local employers.

Last year, more than 500 students and parents participated, and even more are expected this year. This is the time to start planning for post-secondary opportunities.

Two keynote speakers will make presentations: Bryan Jinnett, executive director of quality for Johnson Controls will speak on the topic "What Employers Look for in the 21st Century," and Judy Tatum, director of Admissions, Eastern Michigan University, will speak on the topic, "Important Considerations for Post High School Planning."

The program is free and open to all juniors and their parents.

For more information, please contact Gloria Banks

at 455-6988 at Canton High school or Jan Kavulich at 416-7761 at Salem High School.

Lumberjack Days

Field Elementary School fourth-grade teachers Pattee Rupert, Dawn Cummings and Rick Plecha took their students back in time to Michigan's Lumberjack Days.

From Feb. 16-20, they sang songs, wrote tall tales, read, measured logs and lived the lives of lumberjacks with the help of Mike Deren, John Dempsick and dulcimer player Larry Hutchenson of Cranbrook Institute.

This activity was funded by a grant from the Educational Excellence foundation and Field PTO pizza sales. During this activity, Field's fourth graders developed an appreciation for the lives of people living during this part of Michigan's history.

IKON Office Solutions present

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Planning Commission has received a request from Toma Palushaj, to approve the Use Subject to Special Conditions for a Day Care Center, located in the OS, Office Service District, pursuant to Zoning Ordinance No. 83. The subject property is located at the southwest corner of Haggerty Road and Five Mile Road. Application No. 1501/1297. Tax I.D. No. 024-99-0009-001.

The Planning Commission seeks input to determine if approval of the Use Subject to Special Conditions should be issued under Section 10.2 of Zoning Ordinance No. 83. The land is currently zoned OS, Office Service District.

Questions regarding the request may be directed to the Community Development Department during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The Planning Commission will consider the request at its regular meeting on March 18, 1998, commencing at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Meeting Room at Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth Township, Michigan. Written comments concerning the request will be received prior to the meeting. The address for the application review and for written comment is: Plymouth Charter Township, Community Development Department, 46555 Port Street, Plymouth, MI 48170. Telephone Number 734-453-4372.

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Bill seeks to improve safety

Legislation requiring schools to conduct tornado safety drills received unanimous support from the House Education Committee.

House Bill 5237, sponsored by Rep. Gerald H. Law requires that at least two of the current 10 required fire drills in schools be conducted as tornado drills.

Michigan ranks fourth nationally in total tornado-related deaths, according to a study conducted from 1953-1995. In recent years, Michigan has seen rashes of tornadoes across the state.

Last July, 16 tornadoes hit south central and southeast lower Michigan. A similar outbreak of 15 tornadoes struck in March 1991.

HB 5237 now goes to the full House for a vote.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR CLEANING AND CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION INSPECTION OF THE WTUA SANITARY SEWER INTERCEPTORS PHASE 2 "MIDDLE ROUGE PARKWAY INTERCEPTOR"

The Western Townships Utilities Authority is seeking bids for sewer cleaning and closed circuit television inspection of the WTUA "Middle Rouge Parkway" sanitary sewer interceptor.

Companies or individuals who desire a copy of the bid documents should contact:

Ms. Sandy Forrest
Western Townships Utilities Authority
40905 Joy Road, Canton, MI 48187
(734) 453-2793

All submittals must be received by March 30, 1998 at 11:00 a.m. at the above address. A public opening of the bids will immediately follow the bid closing.

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