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## IN THE PAPER TODAY

**In court:** An appeals court panel heard opening arguments Tuesday in a Wayne County Taxpayers Association lawsuit on 911 charges on telephone bills. /A5

## COMMUNITY LIFE

**Superstitious?** With the second of three Friday the 13ths on the horizon, you can chase away your fears of the unlucky day by doing something different. /B1

## SPORTS

**Hoops:** The state high school basketball tournament is in full swing, with a district semifinal battle pairing Plymouth Salem against Plymouth Canton last night. The winner plays for the district championship at 7 p.m. Friday at Novi, with a berth in the state regionals (to be hosted next week by Salem) at stake. /C1

## AT HOME

**Speaking English:** A Troy designer explains how the English style of decor can be anyone's cup of tea, as it features a sense of history as well as fun. /D8

## ENTERTAINMENT

**Music:** The 13th annual St. Patrick's Day Irish Fest at the Hellenic Cultural Center in Westland features 60 musicians and dancers. /E1

**Dining:** Newly-opened O'Grady's in Troy offers good food, an Irish-American twist. /E1



Taking time: Kelly VanPutten, 17, an 11th-grader at Salem High School, paints one of the school bathrooms.

## Cleanup Restrooms reclaimed

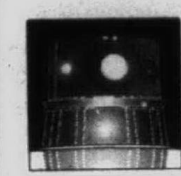
BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

It's happened to all of us. You walk into the restroom desperately needing to use the facility, only to find it the most disgusting place you've ever been. Toilets plugged with all sorts of imaginable things. Clogged sinks with cigarette butts strewn about. A mirror so filthy you're not sure it's your reflection looking back at

you. Graffiti all over the walls, telling you to call so-and-so for a good time, or that so-and-so is a ... Sounds like the restroom you may have walked in at the bus terminal or gas station. No, not even close. If you guessed the restrooms at Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem high schools, you are correct. Some Plymouth Salem High School students are hoping a week

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## Student allegedly raped at school



A 15-year-old girl told police she was raped at Canton High School during school hours. Charges are pending against the 17-year-old student accused of the assault.

BY VALERIE OLANDER  
STAFF WRITER

Parents and police are asking themselves how an alleged sexual assault happened at Plymouth Canton High School during school hours. A 15-year-old girl told Canton police she was raped by another student last Thursday afternoon underneath a stairwell near the photography classroom. Charges are pending against the 17-year-old boy accused of the attack. "She was scared to the point she could not yell or say anything," police said. Two students may have witnessed the sexual assault and nonchalantly walked away without reporting it to school administrators.

"My daughter is involved with a lot of extracurricular activities so (her safety) after hours always concerned me. During school, no. Not really," said Ellie Shupra, president of the Plymouth-Canton Community School Council. "Sure, there's issues here that need to be addressed. I'm not sure how security works at the high schools, so I really can't comment on that," she added. Parent Mara Peterson had a similar response: "I find this a little frightening, especially because my daughter is taking a photography class," she said. The 17-year-old alleged attacker has been suspended while a school investigation continues, said Ken Jacobs,

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## Bond suit jumps to top of court docket

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

The Michigan Court of Appeals has denied a request by the Plymouth-Canton schools to dismiss the controversial lawsuit which has halted the sale of \$79.6 million in bonds to build two new schools and make other improvements. In effect, the court denied a motion by the school district to affirm the ruling by Wayne County Circuit Court Judge James Rashid. Rashid ruled last August the Plymouth-Canton schools could move forward with the bond sale, striking down a lawsuit by Plymouth resident Jerry Vorva. Vorva subsequently stopped the district's bond sale in its tracks by filing an appeal. With the motions out of the way, the appeals court will now move forward and give the case an accelerated hearing, which has also been requested by the district. "The motions were delaying the case, keeping it from having an accelerated hearing," said Court of Appeals assistant clerk Kim Hauser. "With the

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motions taken care of, the case can now be moved to an accelerated status." Hauser said that means the case will now jump to the top of the list, past other cases which have been pending. However, she still can't speculate on when that will be, only saying it's up to the court to decide. Even when both sides get to argue their cases in front of the panel of three judges, there is no timetable as to when the trio will make their ruling. The case could very well be months,

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## Plymouth communities reach new heights

BY KEVIN BROWN  
STAFF WRITER

A 130-foot three-sided clock tower with "Plymouth" emblazoned on each side should be erected by end of May at Ann Arbor Road and I-275. "We're basically about two weeks away from signing an agreement," said Plymouth Township Public

Services Director Jim Anulewicz. The agreement involves the township government, Don Massey Cadillac and Air Touch Cellular. Anulewicz said Air Touch will pay \$650,000-\$750,000 to build the tower and Massey will waive the lease rights the company would normally pay him for use

■ 'This gives us the focal point that was suggested along the Ann Arbor Road corridor.'

Jim Anulewicz  
—Township public services director

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## Downsizing plans still on court drawing board

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

A new 35th District courthouse in Plymouth could cost in the range of \$3.35 million to \$8.92 million, depending on which of five options the court authority wants to approve. Option No. 5 is a 53,173-square-foot, three-story complex which addresses security issues, courtroom size, and ample room to support the court until at least the year 2020. That option was presented to the authority last month, and jaws dropped when the price tag was revealed. The Southfield architectural firm was asked for more options, and they will be presented to the authority later this month. A meeting of the authority's finance subcommittee seems to make option four, a scaled-down version of the three-story structure more popular, especially the price tag issue. That design is nearly 6,000 square feet smaller, and nearly \$1.3 million cheaper. The architect has also come up with a 40,000-square-foot building to replace the original structure destroyed by fire

July 2. While improvements include bringing the building up to code and upgrading some building systems, the architect doesn't believe the original footprint addresses security issues for judges, prisoners and the public. The price tag is only \$540,000 less than the three-story structure. Replacing the original 27,000-square-foot building and bringing it up to today's codes would cost \$4 million. An exact replica of the burned-out structure would cost \$3.25 million. Those two options appear to be the least acceptable because they don't allow for expected future caseload increases of the court. "There's a big decision to be made on how much money is to be spent on the project," said Steve Walters, Plymouth city manager. "I think at our next session we'll get a much better feeling of where we're headed ... somewhere in between is probably where we'll end up." "We're the big guy on the block because we have over 50 percent of the cost, but we need to hear from the smaller communities because they

Please see COURT, A3



Remembering: The Rev. Roger Aumann leads pallbearers, friends of Mike Kilgore, from Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BREWSTER

## Friends say goodbye

Wearing blue varsity jackets and blue team sweat suits, six boys from the Plymouth Salem High School swim team carried the coffin of fellow swimmer Michael Kilgore, 16. Dozens of other tearful teens walked in procession behind the casket wearing the blue Salem colors. Others wore red Plymouth Canton jackets. Those in blue and red embraced often to share tears and hugs. More than a 100 people - of all ages - gathered to mourn Kilgore's

death Monday morning at Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Burial followed at Glen Eden Cemetery in Livonia. One student collapsed, apparently from emotion, during the funeral service. The opening hymn was sung by two of Kilgore's close friends, Ryan Cooley, a member of Good Shepherd Church, and Jim Piece of the Salem swim team.

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# Where do we go? Committee wants to move school site

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM  
STAFF WRITER

The 47-member Bond Steering Committee's recommendation to move the proposed new high school closer to Plymouth-Canton Educational Park sparked debate among some school board members who said it's best to stick to the plan presented to voters last year.

The original plan was to build a high school at the corner of Beck and Joy Roads in Canton. The proposed building would be designed so that students would use major facilities such as the pool at P-CEP, which is about a mile east.

"Our schools are able to offer numerous opportunities to students only because we share facilities," committee member Cindy Burnstein said.

Now the committee wants to move the building much closer to P-CEP than planned, mainly to cut down on transportation costs and to make use of facilities all three buildings would have to offer. The committee's presentation and discussion lasted about three-and-a-half hours.

If the three schools operated independently, about 69 elective classes would have to be canceled because of low enrollment. The list of classes the committee projected would be canceled covered all areas, including advanced placement.

Plus, the cost of duplicating

programs, particularly band, would be high. The estimated cost of tripling the band program would easily be \$2 million, Burnstein estimated.

"We need to position ourselves so we're not forced to cut programs in lean economic times," she added.

Board trustee Carrie Blamer said the P-CEP land was originally to have four buildings, a plan of which she disagrees.

"I cannot see four high schools on one site. I can see two because we've lived with it," Blamer said.

She initially wanted an off-site high school, mainly because of parents' and staffers' concerns that the schools are too big. Other board members echoed concerns about size.

"I've got a lot of parents saying they were uncomfortable with the size of the high schools," Blamer said.

But, building an off-site high school would be "totally unfeasible" financially, Blamer said. Because of this reason and the unavailability of suitable land, she changed her mind about wanting an off-site facility.

Superintendent Chuck Little said change is good.

"Are we going to do it differently or are we going to do it the same? I vote we do it differently," Little said, reacting to the committee's proposal.

Little, along with other school

**'The bigness has prepared them for the world. I think that for the most part the majority of students do very well.' But, 'there are some kids who do not do well in a big school.'**

Sue Davis  
—school trustee

board members, said the Beck/Joy location was well publicized and is what the public was promised.

Trustee Mike Maloney agreed. "I get frustrated when public officials say they're going to do something and then do something differently," Maloney said.

One school board member said the size of the schools benefit some students.

"The bigness has prepared them for the world," board member Sue Davis said. "I think that for the most part the majority of students do very well." But, "there are some kids who do not do well in a big school."

Board president Mark Horvath said discussing the issue too much could be premature. The plans are tied up in a lawsuit

over the March, 1997, bond election.

Discussing a building "I am unfortunately not convinced we're going to be able to build, is a waste of time," Horvath said, adding that it was a "moot point."

Committee member Sherry Frazier took offense at Horvath's statement, in one of the meeting's heated moments.

"I can't believe that people have come here and sat for four hours and have been dismissed so lightly," Frazier said.

Horvath said she misunderstood what he meant.

"It's only a moot point in that we can't build a building today. Don't become adversarial because I talked about a moot point as related to cost. I don't believe in 'can't' or 'never.' I don't think I'd ever give anybody the impression that I'm not willing to listen," Horvath said.

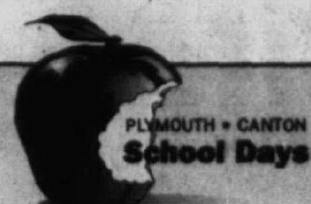
In other meeting news the board approved:

■ The retirement of Lucy Morris, a 40-year district veteran and Fiegel Elementary teacher.

■ Tenure for Dan Young, a Pioneer teacher.

■ Appointing Ken Jacobs, assistant principal at Canton High School to director of maintenance and operations.

■ Hiring Jan Eggers, now a Salem High School English teacher.



**EXTRA MILER**  
Starkweather Center's Independent Study instructor Irene Ras received the Extra Miler Award Feb. 10 from the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education.

Ras is described as an instructor who consistently goes beyond job expectations. She is frequently asked by her supervisor to represent the Plymouth-Canton Community School District at professional seminars on adult education. She also volunteers to share with her peers information learned at seminars.

Ras is also described as an innovative instructor, always seeking new ideas and methods to challenge her students. She develops new classes and modifies those she currently teaches to remain an innovative teacher.

**HONORED**  
Elizabeth Fick, a senior at Plymouth Christian Academy in Canton, has received one of the most prestigious awards given by the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution.

Elizabeth and her parents, John and Peggy Fick of Canton were honored at a luncheon Feb. 14, at the Farmington Hills Public Library by members of the John Sackett Chapter, DAR.

The DAR Good Citizen Award winners were chosen by their high school for possessing outstanding qualities of dependability, community service, leadership and patriotism. In addition, each student composed an original essay on the theme, "Our American Heritage and Our Responsibility to Preserve it," using no reference material in a room monitored by either a teacher or a DAR member.

Elizabeth will now become a contender for the Michigan state competition to be held at the Kellogg Center of Michigan State University in East Lansing on April 1. The state winner will automatically qualify for entry in the East Central Division, where the winner will qualify for entry in the National DAR Good Citizen competition in Washington, D.C. The national winner will receive a \$3,000 scholarship to their school of choice and a silver bowl engraved, "DAR Good Citizen

1998." The second-place winner will receive a \$1,000 scholarship and the third-place winner will receive a \$750 scholarship.

### WHO'S WHO

Jennifer Janelle Gless, a student from Southern Adventist University, daughter of Joel and Rita Mathis, St. Augustine, Fla., and Frand and Tammy Gless of Plymouth is included in this year's edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

Gless will graduate with a degree in health, physical education and recreation. While at Southern, she participated in intramurals as a player and a captain.

Gless, a member of Phi Delta Kappa, the professional educators honor society, plans to earn a master's degree and teach physical education and health classes, eventually on the college/university level.

Campus nominating committees and editors of the annual directory chose Gless and 42 other students based on academic achievement, community service, leadership in extra curricular activities, and potential for success.

### GRANT AWARDED

MichCon has awarded a \$250 grant to Michael Slaughter of Plymouth Salem High School. The grant will be used to fund the "Radioactivity-Beneficial Uses and Safety Principles" project.

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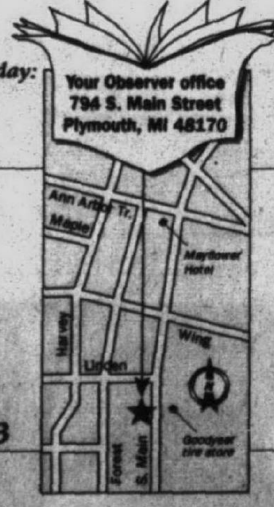
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# Looking back

## July 4 parade has '50s theme

BY KEVIN BROWN  
STAFF WRITER

Get ready, Daddy-o - this year's July 4 parade will have a 1950s theme.

"I'm thinking of poodle skirts and black leather jackets," said parade organizer Fred Hill.

It's not too early to begin organizing floats, said Hill. After all, he started organizing this year's parade last June.

Floats can depict historic events of the 1950s, or show how families in that decade celebrated July 4.

Three top local '50s-theme bands will perform on parade floats - Steve King and the Dittlies, the Teen Angels and the Laredos.

Hill said he got involved last year "because the parade needed to be reinvented and rejuvenated."

Along with the Plymouth-Canton Jaycees, he recast the parade as "Good Morning USA." That name will return and so will the unique parade start time, 7:30 a.m.

Hill got the idea for the early start time in Canton, Ohio, home of the Pro Football Hall of Fame. His Briefcase Drill Team has performed in the Hall of Fame parade, which draws 100,000 at 7:30 a.m. "If they can do it there, we can do it here," he said.

Hill also put to use other

things he learned on the road with the Briefcase Drill Team, about how to do a parade right.

Like last year, he's signing up a range of entertainment - giant balloons, Navy F-16 airplane flyovers, Detroit Tigers and Pistons team mascots, skydivers, Miss Michigan, bagpipers and more.

And don't forget the W.P. Cyclone Magnificent Highwheel Band, featuring 15 musicians performing on old-fashioned high wheel bikes.

In a parade, Hill explained, "every entry should be entertaining."

"We're certainly looking for groups who want to participate with floats," Hill said. "We are happy to help them with ideas."

Those interested in participating or providing parade sponsorships - it costs \$30,000 to pay for the parade - should call (734) 459-3733.

Other entertainment includes the Just For Kicks line dancing group, two fife and drum corps units, the Fred Hill Briefcase Drill Team and the interactive parade section.

At bleachers erected at Penn and Main and Church and Main - the parade will be announced at both locations - "bleacher creatures" who pay \$10 for tickets will get a bag of goodies.

The bags are filled with items



Planning: Fred Hill is again planning the early morning July 4 parade in downtown Plymouth.

including masks and noisemakers. Participants pull out items appropriate for the parade act that's passing.

There are about 750 seats. "We'll take anybody's reservation for them right away," Hill said.

"My hope is that everyone who attended last year comes back and brings a friend or two and we'll just wow them," he said.

# Trains: 'No, not again!'

**Editor's note:** We asked our readers to let us know their particular experiences with trains and train crossings in the Plymouths. The first account is from Barbara Worosz, a Plymouth-Canton Community Schools bus driver. The second is from Kristen Drauss and the third from Diann Micol.

### As soon as it moves ...

Trains are a big part of my life. Sitting two or three times a day waiting for the gates to go up. Just when there is hope the end is near, a second train starts going by.

Imagine sitting in a metal hollow shape, about a half-block long, when you look in your overhead mirror. The sound at times is like loud machinery piercing your ears.

As you stare in the overhead mirror, you gaze at the 70 or 80 precious heads that are bouncing, poking, screaming, writing on seats, and just plain and simple being a kid.

You are captain of your ship and responsible for your crew. You end up sitting at the tracks, sometimes over 20 minutes at a time.

Have you guessed it? I'm a bus driver! As the crowd gets loud, you call base and let them know you're running late because you're on a tight schedule, which then makes you late the rest of your trip. You have several schools to service. Your dispatcher radios you back. When are you going to arrive at the school you service? How would you know, the train has now stopped on the track. Seventy-three cars, three engines and one caboose is stopped dead on the tracks!

Your dispatcher radios you again, can you make that half-a-block long, metal, hollow bus turn around? (Even though there is a stream of cars, trucks and whatever, one inch behind your bumper).

Bus drivers are capable of doing amazing things and doing them safely so they can deliver their precious cargo. Whatever you do when your talking to a Plymouth-Canton bus driver, Don't mention trains!!!

### A hero

It was a snowy February night, about two years ago. My best friend and I were headed to a local coffee shop to relax and chat. It had been snowing for the past few days, and there was quite an accumulation on the ground.

As we were driving northbound on Haggerty, north of Plymouth Road, we joined about a dozen people who were stopped for a train. The only problem was that there was no train, but the gates were down. My best friend and I had nothing to do so we waited. A few cars waited with us, but everyone else drove around the closed gates.

About five minutes later, we noticed a minivan driving in the wrong lane toward the tracks. We watched the driver slam on the brakes, put the van into a 360-degree turn in the snow, and stop by the control box. A man jumped out of the van, faced us and took a bow. Everyone clapped and cheered!! He was a hero! A few minutes later the gates were open and we were back enroute to the coffee shop.



### The best-laid plans

The most recent train story comes for this previous Christmas season.

I had it all planned: Wash the vehicle, go to the store, go back home make Christmas cookies, in time to go to the show at 1 p.m.

Everything was going like clockwork, while in the store a coal train started going by. Just as I came out of the store, the train stopped. I went to Ann Arbor trail crossing, got stopped there and the main part of town was backed up to almost Church Street. So, I went down to Sheldon and finally across the tracks only to get stopped at Mill Street.

A two-minute wait there, and then home. A 20 minute trip took me almost 45 minutes!

# Kindergarten registration to begin the week of March 23

Kindergarten registration for the 1998-99 school year will be held in all elementary schools the week of March 23.

Children are eligible to attend kindergarten if they will be five years old on or before Dec. 1. While registration can be made anytime during the year, parents are urged to register their chil-

dren during this period in order to permit adequate planning for fall kindergarten classes.

To register, parents need to bring the following items to the elementary school in the child's current attendance area: (If the attendance area is unknown, parents should contact Ginie Murdoch, pupil

accountant at (734) 416-4842:

Child's birth certificate, proof of residency, child's social security number, child's record of immunizations. Department located on Merriam Road near Michigan Avenue in Wayne. The phone number for the Wayne County Health Department is (734) 467-3319.

# Court from page A1

depend a lot more on court revenues," said Tom Yack, Canton Township supervisor.

Yack is referring to the money each community gets from the

court in unused operating funds from tickets, court fees and other assessments, which can be a significant part of a community's budget.

There is discussion that each community would give up half its revenue in order to support construction of a new courthouse.

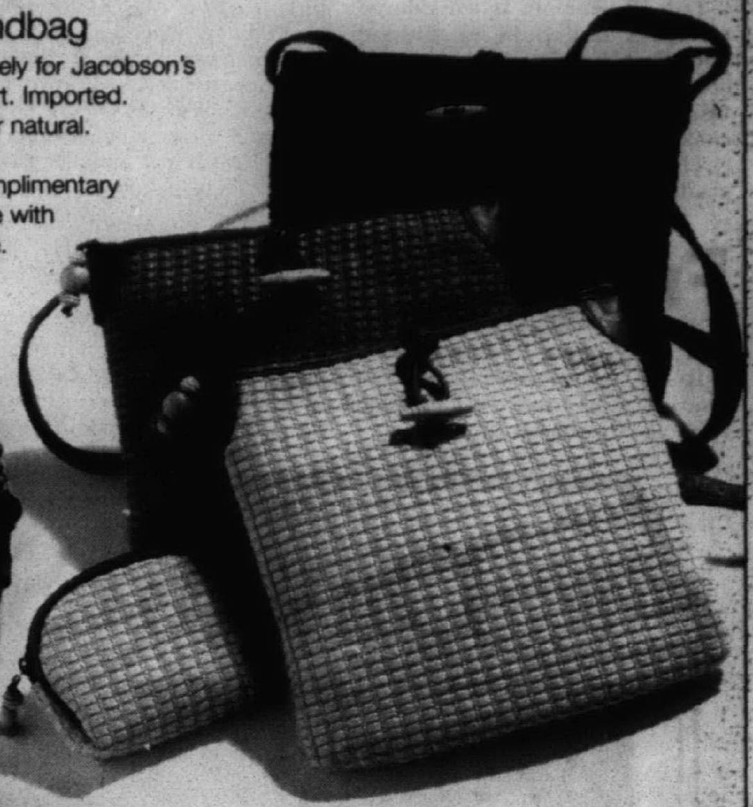
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# Rape from page A1

assistant principal of general administration and discipline at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park (PCEP).

"The detectives have finished their investigation and made a warrant request to the (Wayne County) Prosecutor's Office. It's up to the prosecutor to decide what the charges will be," said Capt. Laura Golles.

"The 17-year-old is considered an adult and could be charged with first-degree criminal sexual conduct and/or having sex with a minor. The legal age of sexual consent is 16.

The alleged attacker is a new student to the school district this

semester. The two students apparently left the lunch room to talk when the boy coaxed her to hide under a stairwell so that they wouldn't be caught by security officers.

The conversation turned to sexual advances, which the girl declined several times, she told police. After a brief struggle, the boy pinned her arms to the ground and allegedly raped her.

Even more surprising was the reaction of two unknown girls who apparently went to the stairwell to smoke cigarettes and saw the sexual assault taking place. They asked if they could

stay there to smoke. The boy told them to leave, according to police reports.

After the attack, the victim went outside and saw the two girls standing there. One asked the victim if she "got f-----."

"I don't know if (the two girls) realized what was actually happening," said Golles.

Jacobs said the school is talking to various students, but declined to say whether the two possible witnesses have been found.

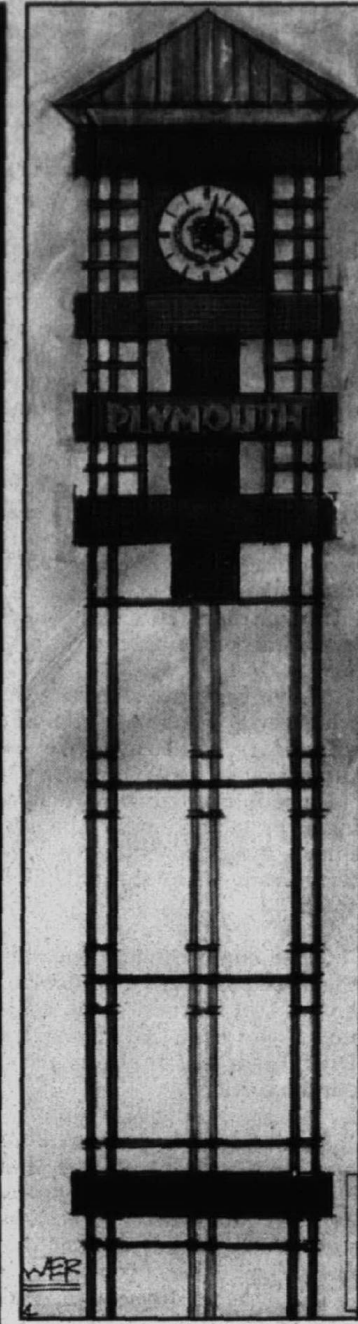
"This is a big place. If something like this happened, it's a

real tragedy," he added.

The district employs two security guards for each high school (four in all) who patrol the hallways. Two others are stationed in both student parking lots to enforce the "closed campus" policy. A seventh security officer patrols between the two schools outside.

"Do I think the school is too big? Yeah. But, do I think the school is to blame? No... Yes, it concerns me, but it could happen anywhere," Peterson said.

She added, "If (the victim) had been following the rules she wouldn't have been in that situation."



Tall: This is an artist's rendering of what the tower will look like.

# Tower from page A1

of his property. What the township gets is a long-awaited, powerful visual symbol to announce entry to the Plymouth community, at a major entrance.

"This gives us the focal point that was suggested along the Ann Arbor Road corridor," Anulewicz said, adding there will be no cost to residents.

"Having the clock tower on Massey property gives him some visibility from the expressway," Anulewicz said. The auto dealer has tried and failed to convince township officials to place signs facing the freeway.

The design will be coordinated with Massey's nearby buildings and a Cadillac logo is incorporated in the clock face design.

"That gives him some sense of visibility and marketing. He can advertise he is under the clock tower, but it will say 'Plymouth,'" Anulewicz said.

Air Touch Cellular is interested in the tower to boost cell phone signals. "This is a poor reception 'dead area' for them," Anulewicz explained.

Equipment used to boost cell phone calls will be not be visible from outside the tower.

A clock with a sweep hand will be placed on all three sides, along with the name "Plymouth."

Talks to make the tower project a reality took place over two years. While talk was initially about a brick tower, Anulewicz the cost was too great, around \$800,000. The structure is to be made of metal in shades of light and dark brown.

# Funeral from page A1

In all, there were three busloads of students from both high schools. Cars also lined Cherry

Hill Road, between Lilley and Morton Taylor, and that of a neighboring subdivision across

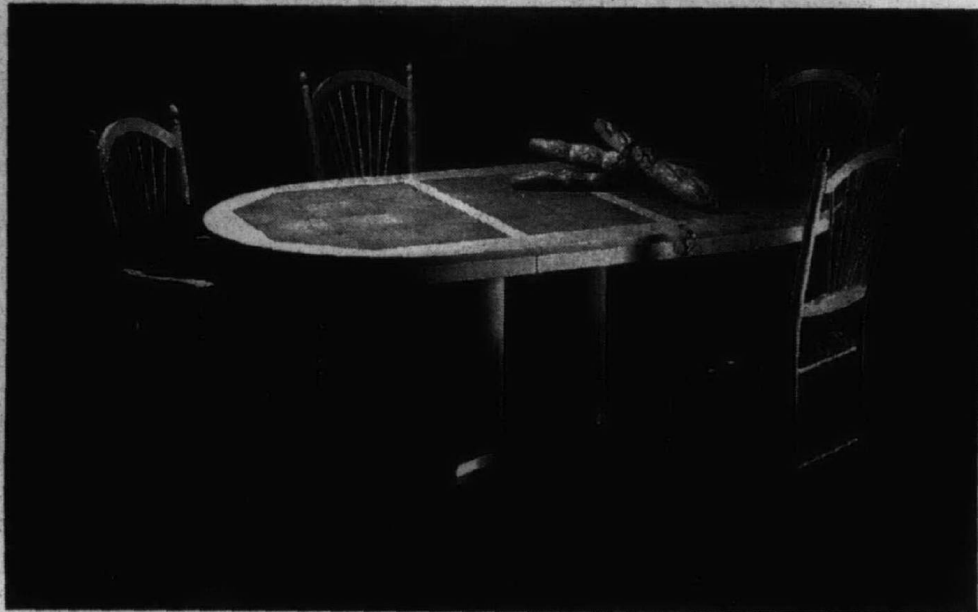
from the church. Canton police officers were on hand to direct traffic.

Kilgore was an honor student and athlete who competed in the Rocks' last swim meet of the season the night before he died of a heart attack in his home March 4. The results of an autopsy are pending.

About two years ago, the teen was diagnosed as having a heart murmur, but was given a clean bill of health by doctors last year. His parents found him on his bedroom floor unconscious. He had been there about 45 minutes. Numerous attempts were made to save him, but to no avail.

"Barb (Kilgore) said to me in the emergency room that night, 'Why couldn't he have fallen into my arms?' He has fallen into the arms of the Lord," said the Rev. Roger F. Aumann.

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# Bond from page A1

and possibly a year, from being settled.

Meanwhile, the district will have to hold up plans to build a new elementary school and a new high school.

In his lawsuit, Vorva claimed that 716 voters were denied their "fundamental right to vote" because the touch-screen voting

machines failed to record their ballots. The special bond issue passed by only 96 votes.

"In essence, the Court of Appeals has rejected the school district's claims, and instead desires to hear the case on its merits," said Vorva. "I am fighting for the fundamental right to vote, while they are fighting for

the ability to continue to illegally manipulate elections. This will be a long and expensive fight, but the people will win."

Schools Superintendent Chuck Little said he's not surprised.

"Maybe now we can move forward," said Little. "Millions of dollars are being lost because of the delays."

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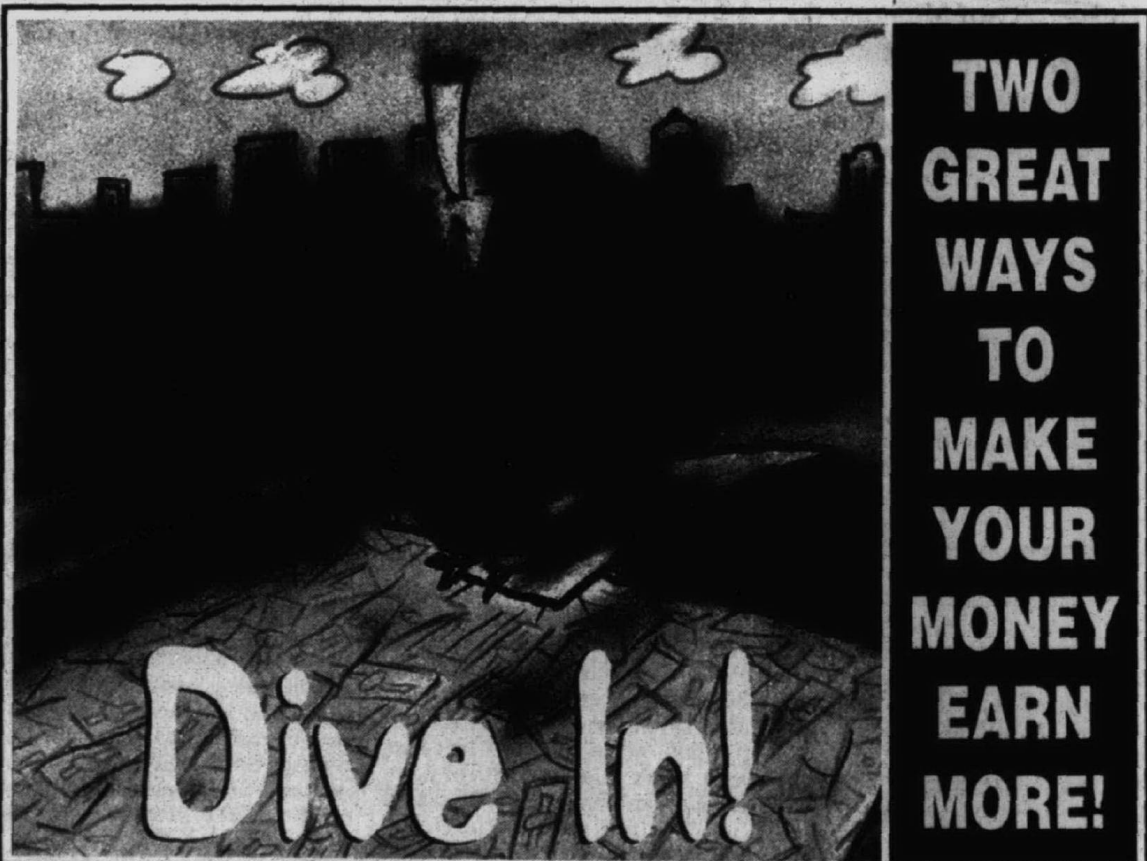


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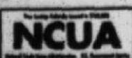
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# 911 appeal

## Judicial panel hears opening arguments on telephone charges

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK  
STAFF WRITER

Are the 48-cent charges on telephone bills for Wayne County residents for 911 services a fee or a tax?

Three Michigan Court of Appeals judges will rule on that question after they listened to opening arguments Tuesday in Detroit.

An attorney for the Wayne County Taxpayers Association argued that he believed the charges were a tax.

"There is no rationalization here (to allow the fees), because these persons pay the four percent charge whether or not they use the service," said Brian Richtarcik. Richtarcik represented the tax group in the appeal of a suit against Wayne County and the Wayne County Board of Commissioners.

The charge represents 4 percent of the highest monthly flat rate charged by a service supplier — Ameritech — for a one-party access line within the 911 district or about 48 cents a month. In western Wayne County, that district's area is represented by the Conference of Western Wayne, including Canton, Garden City, Livonia, Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Redford and Westland.

### Was state law violated?

Richtarcik argued the money collected by Ameritech in 911

surcharges was a tax, which would make any Legislative action raising the surcharge in violation of the Headlee Amendment since voters were not asked for approval.

"In present case, if in fact what is being charged is a true 'user fee' then persons should have the option not to receive the 911 service. However no such option is available and in fact, the alleged user fee is really a mandatory user fee, and thus, a tax."

But attorney John Allen, who represented the Downriver Community Conference, a party amended to the lawsuit, one of the telephone districts that receives reimbursement from the surcharge from Ameritech, argued that Richtarcik had not met the burden of proof.

"It is a case of private individuals who want to use the judicial system to change state law to redefine the term 'tax,'" Allen said. He called it a "sincere but wrongheaded attempt."

The Wayne County Taxpayers Association originally filed a lawsuit in September 1995 seeking an injunction to prevent Michigan Bell, Ameritech, Wayne County and the Wayne County Board of Commissioners from collecting an "impermissible tax" outlined in the Emergency Telephone Service Enabling Act. County commissioners had adopted resolutions

in August 1994 which provided for an increase in the fee charged to telephone subscribers for emergency 911 phone service.

In August 1996 a Wayne County circuit judge sided with the defendants, so the tax group appealed that decision.

Tuesday's arguments were heard by Michigan Court of Appeals Judges Robert P. Young Jr., Martin Doctoroff and Michael Kelly.

### Issue called 'political'

Richtarcik raised issues on whether the money collected was a tax, whether that money collected violated the Headlee Amendment, whether the tax group was entitled to a judgment as a matter of the law, and whether the trial court's decision was erroneous.

"Taxes are exactions — or involuntary contributions — of money, the payment of which is mandatory or compulsory by law. In contrast, a fee is a voluntary payment in exchange for a special service, benefit or privilege, not automatically conferred upon the general public."

Allen called the issue "a political, not a legal, question."

Ernest Essad, an attorney representing the Conference of Western Wayne, a legislative consortium of 18 communities,

Please see 911, A7

# Candidates gearing up for state education seats

State conventions are five months away, but candidates are lining up for nominations to statewide education post. Here is their status:

### University of Michigan

**Democrats** — Phil Power, an incumbent, announced he will seek a new eight-year term. Power, 59, of Ann Arbor is chairman of HomeTown Communications Network Inc., parent company of this newspaper. He was appointed in 1986 to fill a vacancy. Twin priorities: "moving research findings from the lab to the marketplace" and tuition aid.

So far, no one has announced to be his running mate. Two persons are elected for eight-year terms. Incumbent Shirley McFee, R-Battle Creek, is retiring.

**Republicans** — State Rep. Jessie Dalman, 64, of Holland announced she will seek a nomination. Former chair of the House Education Committee, she is being term-limited out. Priority: making the university affordable for middle-class families.

David Brandon, 45, CEO of the Livonia-headquartered Valassis Communications and GOP fund-raiser, announced his candidacy for U-M regent during legislative budget hearings. Brandon, a Plymouth Township resident, chairs the board of Central Michigan University, an appointive position.

Gov. John Engler has announced Dalman and Brandon will be the nominees, putting former regent Deane Baker, 72, on notice not to try a comeback.

Democrats have a 5-3 majority.

Michigan State

**Democrats** — No announcements yet.

**Republicans** — Incumbent Delores (Dee) Cook, 65, of Greenville, has Engler's backing for a second term. The second incumbent, Jack Shingleton, 75, is retiring.

Engler is backing Dave Porteous, 45, of Reed City; Porteous received an appointment to the MSU board in 1996 but lost his re-election bid in the Democratic sweep.

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### Wayne State

**Democrats** — No announcements yet.

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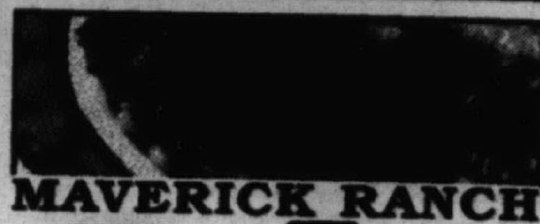
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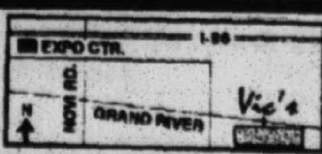
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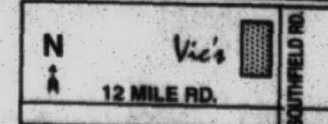
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ments yet.  
**Republicans** - Incumbent Elizabeth Hardy, 42, of Franklin, is expected to seek a new term. Ditto for incumbent appointee Vernice Davis-Anthony, 53, of Farmington Hills; she's a former Wayne County and state public health director.  
*Democrats have a 5-3 majority.*

**State Board of Education**  
**Democrats** - Barbara Roberts Mason, 57, of Dimondale, hasn't indicated whether she'll seek a third term. She ran unsuccessfully for state representative two years ago. She is an official of the Michigan Education Association.

**Republicans** - Gary Wolfram, 47, a Hillsdale College economics professor, is expected to seek a full term. He is an Engler appointee and strong advocate of privatization.

*The board is split 4-4 on party lines. On ideological lines, there are five supporters of public schools and three of private and charter schools.*

## Supreme Court

Officially, the seven-member high court is nonpartisan officially. In practice, there are four Democrats and three Republicans.

**Democrats** - Justice Patricia Boyle, 60, of Detroit, announced she won't seek a new term. Justice Michael Cavanagh, 57, of East Lansing, is expected to seek a new eight-year term.

She hasn't announced, but look for Court of Appeals Judge Kathleen Jansen, a Macomb County resident in her early 40s, to try again for a Democratic nomination.

**Republicans** - For a full term, Court of Appeals Judges Jane Markey, 46, of Grand Rapids, has Engler's blessing.

Justice Clifford Taylor, 55, of East Lansing, is expected to run for the last two years of a term to which he was appointed (replacing the retired Dorothy Comstock Riley). No Democrat has announced for the post.

# How to improve MEAP

## Educators offer feedback on state tests

BY TIM RICHARD  
 STAFF WRITER

One year the Riverside Middle School fifth graders scored 70 percent proficient on the Michigan Education Assessment Program writing test, and eighth graders scored 76 percent proficient.

Next year the fifth grade boosted its score to 78.7 percent and the eighth grade to 96.3 percent.

"We took those who weren't proficient and sent them to remediation for five days," writing teacher Judi Kulchar told a state House Education subcommittee March 9 in Dearborn Heights. "We diagnosed their weaknesses and remediated that. Only one parent refused (permission for remedial work)."

That remedial group consisted of about 44 fifth graders and 40 eighth graders of about 200 in each grade. "We gave them strategies in writing," she said, such as outlining, following through and sequence.

Kulchar said she wrote her own version of the MEAP writing test, calling it a "pre-MEAP. I did not copy anything.

It gives the kids practice. This is the way to go. If you want proficiency, you've got to spot it (problems) before.

"This year there were only 20 in remediation," Kulchar said.

Bill McFarland, assistant superintendent in Crestwood School District, told lawmakers that Kulchar conducted "extensive in-service programs for teachers" as the western Wayne County district boosted its MEAP scores.

Rep. Bob Brown, D-Dearborn Heights, asked whether she wasn't "teaching the test." No, she replied, because the district concentrated on teaching skills and remedying weaknesses, not teaching the test.

Added Sam Ewing, MEAP coordinator for the Wayne County Regional Service Agency (intermediate district): "We make sure we're not teaching the test but the curriculum behind the test."

### Some throw up

But Paula Long, a Taylor district staff development coordinator for the science and writing MEAP tests, took a dim

view of the pressures put on kids by the whole testing process. She cited a suicide attempt, a runaway, gang incidents, and kids "so worried about taking the test they get sick and throw up."

A better evaluation of a school's performance, Long said, would be to ask kids: "Do you love to read? Do you love literature? Do you love art?"

"A lot of parents tell me their children aren't having fun in school any more," Long said.

Subcommittee chair Rose Bogardus, D-Davison, a former music teacher, agreed: "We've heard this in other schools - children are stressed out by MEAP."

Started by the state in 1969 and developed more fully in the 1980s and 1990s, MEAP rates children three times in reading, writing, science, math and soon social studies. MEAP tests are geared to measure student outcomes rather than how many hours a student sat in a class.

Bogardus' panel was following up on 1996 changes written into state law. The changes were designed to shorten the

tests, give faster feedback, and place them closer to the times when students were taking the appropriate courses.

### How to improve

Kulchar and a group of administrators suggested improvements the state Department of Education could make:

■ Detroit gets its MEAP scores a week later than other districts. "That causes the media to distrust us. We have nothing to hide," said Bette McIntosh, a Detroit administrator.

■ "Cut" scores make many schools and kids look bad. They may be one point below a "proficient" rating, but the labels make them look as if they've flunked entirely, said McIntosh.

■ Some schools encourage all to take the MEAP tests while others freely grant exemptions and even solicit exemption requests from parents. Those with high rates of participation run the risk of poor overall scores.

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said it was the nature of the emergency service that dictated the fee be spent around the district to have the 911 system available.

"You can't send out a bill for each user of service," Essad said. When Doctoroff responded that that did not respond to question of whether the 911 charge was a user fee or a tax, Essad responded that the fee was collected to defray expenses.

Harretha Jarrett, Wayne County's attorney, concluded that the taxpayers' group had "no evidence...to overturn the lower court."

The appellate court can rule on the issues at any time.

Rose Bogaert, chair of the Wayne County Taxpayers Association, hoped the panel would rule in favor of her organization. She calls 911 a "necessary and admirable service" but disagrees with the way the surcharge was imposed on county residents.

"It's illegal without a vote. It's a tax, not a fee."

"The Legislature passed a law that is unconstitutional. Nobody should be allowed to levy a tax without a vote of the people."

BY TIM RICHARD  
STAFF WRITER

A state Court of Appeals panel has upheld a law merging Detroit Recorder's Court with Wayne County Circuit Court.

The law took effect last Oct. 1. The 29 incumbent recorder's judges, who heard only criminal cases, became circuit judges. They now hear civil and family cases as well as criminal cases.

The 29 judges may fill out the terms of the Detroit court to which they were elected, but then must run countywide to keep their posts, the state law says.

"We find that the manner in which the Legislature provided

**The appellate panel found Oakland County Circuit Court Judge Richard D. Kuhn lacked standing to file the suit because he "cannot establish that he will suffer an injury or that there is a likely chance of immediate injury different from the public ..."**

for the election to fill the newly-created Wayne Circuit Court judgeships was within the discretion recognized by the Supreme Court," said appellate Judge Hilda Gage, Maureen Pulte Reilly and Kathleen Jansen.

"Plaintiffs have not, under the

circumstances, established that the Legislature has exceeded its constitutional authority," they added.

Loser was Oakland Circuit Judge Richard D. Kuhn, who in 1961-62 was a delegate to the Constitutional Convention that designed the court system. Rul-

ing against him was a former Oakland Circuit Court colleague, Gage.

The appellate panel found Kuhn lacked standing to file the suit because he "cannot establish that he will suffer an injury or that there is a likely chance of immediate injury different from the public ..."

"Judge Kuhn, as an Oakland County resident, is neither a Wayne County resident, a voter registered in Wayne County, nor a potential candidate for one of those 29 newly-created judgeships."

"Furthermore, his status as an Oakland County Circuit Court

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Tests now given in mid-January should be moved back to March, said Kulchar, because "that Christmas break is a killer."

In one history test question, the founder of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals banged together the heads of two drivers who had treated animals badly. Jerry Maiorano, a Warren Consolidated district administrator, said, "I take offense. Violence was taught."

Students' socioeconomic and family backgrounds influence test results, said Maiorano. So do pupil-teacher ratios, teacher experience, teachers with master's degrees and other factors. Test results should be correlated with these factors instead of being reported raw. "District to district comparisons cannot and should not be reported," he said.

County administrator would

be helped if they could receive more than just test numbers. "I would like to see the (scorers') annotations on about 20 tests with a range of scores," said Wayne RESA's Ewing.

Some questions are poorly written. Crestwood's McFarland blistered a social studies question with a map of the Underground Railroad in Michigan, the routes used to smuggle slaves out of the pre-Civil War South. Detroit is shown as a point, but the map fails to indicate whether Detroit is a point or origin or a destination. One question asks why Michigan was such an important part of the Underground Railroad. The answer was that it was close to Canada, "but the map doesn't even show Canada!" McFarland said.

Jim Orme, a Romulus science teacher, said a geology

question discusses a spring and groundwater. "Most of our kids have city water," he said.

Orme said test results fail to show how many times a student was absent from class. "Our (teachers') heads are on the chopping block," he said. "A lot of kids go on Christmas vacation and can't remember their locker numbers when they come back."

Bogardus said her subcommittee has concluded its hearings and will write a report to the Legislature.

Meanwhile, if there was any doubt the MEAP tests are gaining in importance, a legislative proposal shows they're here to stay. On the House calendar is HB 5096, which would require the Michigan Higher Assistance Authority to consider MEAP high school scores in granting college scholarships.

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# Community joins forces to help family in need

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI  
SPECIAL WRITER

Garry and Lou Johnson were always the first to raise their hands when there was a call for volunteers to fill a need. Now, friends are trying to make sure their needs are filled.

Garry Johnson, 51, learned he had colon cancer almost three years ago. Since then, the cancer has spread through his stomach, took a kidney and most recently has manifested as brain tumors that were removed three weeks ago.

Friends are planning a bowling and silent auction fund-raiser for Garry, his wife, Lou, and their daughters, 17-year-old Amanda, a student at Plymouth Salem High School, and Molly 14, a West Middle School student.

"He's been fighting this fight for 2 1/2 years and he's been very fortunate," Lou said. "Up until this last fall you would have never known anything was the matter."

Along with surgeries and the many side effects of cancer, Garry Johnson has driven weekly to Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit for treatments. "He worked the whole time," Lou said. "He was just an amazing man and he never complained about it."

Garry has been unable to work since the beginning of the year. So he and his family will depend on Social Security benefits, which aren't expected for at least six months and won't be retroactive. The fund-raiser is designed to pay bills until he starts receiving those benefits.

"Whenever anyone has a disease like this everyone says: What can I do?" Lou said. "Mostly there's nothing you can do, because you can't take away someone else's pain, but they came up with this idea to help us out. One of my girlfriends said: 'Short of making the world right for you, this is

what we'd like to do.'"

## Good attitude

After he was diagnosed with cancer, Garry, a 13-year Plymouth resident, remained upbeat. "Garry has always been very, very positive about this whole thing — that he would be OK and that he could fight this," his wife said.

Garry worked for a large company as an accountant until about eight years ago when he was terminated during a downsizing effort. Johnson worked for a temporary agency for the last five years and Lou works full time as a bookkeeper at Telcom Credit Union.

"The people who I work with have been very understanding and generous in giving me time off for the surgeries," said Lou, adding that co-workers have been thoughtful in many ways, like bringing her meals.

If there's a bright spot in this ordeal, Lou said, it's to see how kind people can be. The Johnsons are in awe watching their friends organize the Bowling/Silent Auction at 8:30 p.m. Saturday, March 21, at Vision Bowling Lanes on Ford Road, just east of Hix. The cost is \$15 per person, which includes three games of bowling.

Terry Kocoloski-Young brainstormed the idea and has been helped tremendously by the Jerry Gibson family of Canton, the Phil Venables family, the Jim Hardy family and the Bill Applegate family, who came to know the Johnsons through the Steelers.

"At this point, he just breaks down in tears when he hears about the fund-raiser," Gibson said. "People have been very generous with donations for the auction and neighbors have brought over dinners. It's been overwhelming for him. He's been one of those people who has never had to lean on anyone before and now he does and to see all this outpouring of giving has been overwhelming for him."

## Something for all

The fund-raiser includes a 50-50 raffle, mystery game, men and women's highest game, highest over average and more. Some of the items that will be auctioned are an autographed picture of Minnesota Vikings running back Robert Smith; a Red Wings hockey puck with Kevin Hodson's No. 31 signature; meals at vari-

ous restaurants; movie tickets; one year free of basic cable television; and Red Wings, Pistons and Viper tickets, jewelry; art work; rounds of golf; ski trip packages; gift certificates; a handmade afghan; and Beanie Babies including a \$5 raffle for a Princess Di Beanie Baby, which was donated by Gabriela's Shop in downtown Plymouth.

Call Gibson at 453-0555 if you're interested in attending the fund-raiser.

"My husband and I are so touched by everything that everyone has done," Lou said. "A day doesn't go by that tears don't come to our eyes. It's wonderful to know that there's that many people in our lives who care about us."

Apparently, the Johnsons earned that love. "Garry and Louie volunteered to be in the (Steeler) organization and put in ungodly hours," Gibson said. "They were always there. Whenever there

was a need for people to come out and do some work they were the first to put their hands up. They're a very deserving family and without any requests. They're not the type who have moaned and whined and groaned about how tough things are. But they have always been supportive of other people and it would be nice if people would support them."

Lou explained her family's gratitude simply: "I was telling Garry, 'You know how the Eskimos have 500 words for snow?' There should be that many words for thank you. There aren't enough words to tell them enough how much we appreciate that they're doing this for us. It's a very, very, special group of people. Once we are able to get Social Security we will be able to squeak through this."



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**A help:** Friends hold items up for auction to help the Garry Johnson family. In the foreground, Lou Gibson shows a bear and a handmade quilt, Bev Venables with Beanie Babies, featuring the Princess Di Bear, and Bill Applegate, holds a Lions autographed football. Standing, Terri Kocoloski-Young, a hockey puck signed by Red Wing No. 31 Kevin Hodson and a photograph of and signed by Minnesota Viking Robert Smith, Karol Hardy has a Thomas Kinkaid lithograph from Wild Wings, and Phil Venables, a Carhartt jacket.



**Family:** Garry Johnson is pictured here with his daughters Molly, 14, left, and Amanda, 17. His wife, Lou, is not pictured.

**Celebration:** Cardinal Adam Maida meets Kevin Jaskolski, a third-grader at All Saints Catholic School, following the dedication Sunday. Meanwhile, the kindergarten class of 1999 leads the All Saints procession. From left is Veronica Livingstone and Luke and Emily Petersen, who are holding their class banner for the ceremonies at the school, the first built in the Detroit Archdiocese in more than 30 years.

PHOTOS BY DIANE HANSON



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## All Saints is dedicated

BY DIANE HANSON  
SPECIAL WRITER

"Build it and they will come." The modified phrase from the movie, "Field of Dreams," was on the minds of many at Sunday's dedication of All Saints Catholic School in Canton.

More than 500 students, teachers, parents, friends and clergy filled All Saints' gym as Cardinal Adam Maida blessed and dedicated the first new Catholic school built in the Detroit Archdiocese in more than 32 years.

Mary Rita Allen, a 19-year resident of Canton and principal of All Saints, said that Lyndon Johnson was president then, the Ford Mustang was introduced that year "and I'm sorry I didn't buy one," she admitted. "Flower children were blooming and I was not one of them," she added.

"I feel ecstatic because this is such a wonderful day, not only for the people of western Wayne County and our four parishes but also for Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Detroit," said Allen.

Attending pastors of the supporting parishes were the Rev. Richard Peretto, Resurrection; the Rev. George Charnley, St. John Neumann; the Rev. William Pettit, retired pastor, and the Rev. Joseph Malia, current pastor, St. Kenneth. The Rev. C. Richard Kelly Jr., St. Thomas a Becket, was unable to attend.

"It's a job well-done," said Peretto. "The major credit goes to all the families and the parents who really worked. They're the main movers."

Malia added: "It's hard not to get all wrapped up in the excitement of it and the future looks very good. It's obvious that we need more schools in the area anyway and good Catholic schools are always welcomed by everyone."

"It's a great school and Mary Rita Allen is a great principal," added Charnley. "The four parishes are really proud to be part of the school."

## Cardinal praised

Allen praised Cardinal Maida for his insightfulness and dedication in bringing Catholic education to the western end of the archdiocese. "This is really a breath of fresh air coming into the Archdiocese of Detroit," Allen said.

"It's a dream come true," said Maida. "We're very proud of the school and very proud of the support given by parents. When I look to the future I just see many, many wonderful things happening."

The students, seated on bleachers near Maida, sang with enthusiasm (including a verse of "Sto Lat" in honor of his upcoming birthday) and answered the cardinal's questions with equal enthusiasm.

When Maida asked for a show of hands on how many liked the school, it was unanimously affirmative.

"You know what?" Maida queried. "You are the most important thing in this whole school. You are more important than the teachers, the computers, and the books. God bless you and

**It shows the power of prayer because every step of the way we felt the school was humanly impossible to get.**

Michael Mitchell  
—Parent

know that I love you and someday I'm going to come back. Will you invite me back to your graduation?" he asked. He received a resounding, "Yes."

The "field of dreams" that became All Saints was on the property of Resurrection Catholic Church — south of Warren Road, between Beck and Ridge roads.

Kathryn Kristoff and her husband, Michael Mitchell, Plymouth Township residents and members of St. Kenneth parish, initiated a major push for a new Catholic school more than four years ago. ACCESS (The Action Committee for Catholic Educational School Systems) was established by a group of concerned parents in the Plymouth and Canton areas seeking quality parochial education for their children.

## Tough going

But the going wasn't easy. Getting families to commit to a \$2,500 one-time building/maintenance fee along with a \$2,500 per student per year tuition was a major hurdle.

The desired enrollment had not yet been reached when Maida took a leap of faith and gave the go-ahead to break ground in September 1996. But once the school was built, students certainly did come.

Doors opened to the first 128 kindergarten through fourth-grade students last August.

Enrollment for fall 1998 is already more than 230 with the addition of a fifth grade. Plans are to add grades six, seven and eight in the next three years. Enrollments will be accepted until classes are full.

"It shows the power of prayer because every step of the way we felt the school was humanly impossible to get," said Mitchell. The couple has three children; Elizabeth, 6, is in this year's kindergarten class. Mary Kate is 3 and Stephen is 18 months.

"It's so nice to be able to share it with Cardinal Maida," said Kristoff. "To have him actually come out now and see the children that he has been able to help and their shining little faces and how much love they have in their own hearts for the school too."

Kevin Jaskolski is a third-grader in Diane Ponaga's class and his sister, Michelle, will be in the kindergarten class of 2001.

Jaskolski has a lot of school pride. "It's a beautiful school," he said. The 3-year-old's favorite subject is science and he said he likes to go to Mass at school. Why? He answered simply, "I got to be with Jesus."

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# Madonna offers summer program for high school grads

Approximately 20 1997-98 high school graduates, who are eligible for financial aid at the college level, will have an opportunity to complete six college credit hours at Madonna University in Livonia beginning in June. Tuition and registration fees

for these courses will be funded through institutional funds.

The high school graduates must be student applicants interested in attending Madonna University in the 1998 fall term and demonstrate an economic need. All participants must be admitted to Madonna

University before acceptance to the Summer Start Program.

"We are proud to offer economically disadvantaged students a jump start on their education," said Sister Nancy Marie Jamroz, Madonna University vice president for student life. "This is Madonna University's second

year providing this program. It is a great opportunity for these students as they will participate in learning seminars as well as develop a learning community with other first-year college students."

Classes will be held three days a week from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Students will attend two classes, English 101 and Computer Science 208. The courses will incorporate writing and math/computer skills to assist future academic success.

Lunch will be included with the program and one lunch period each week will be designated

"Lunch and Learn Session" which will cover such topics as time management, self-integrity and study skills.

For information, students may contact their high school counseling office, or call Madonna's Admission Office at (734) 432-5541.

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judge does not grant him standing because this statute does not dilute the power or integrity of his position."

### Kuhn rebuked

The appellate panel even bawled out Kuhn and friends for filing his case so late in the game. "Plaintiffs waited for almost one year after the statute was passed to allege that it was unconstitutional. They filed their complaint three months before the effective date of the merger, after much of the work necessary to effect the merger had been accomplished."

"Even after the circuit court (Judge Robert Colombo Jr.) issued its opinion and order, plaintiffs waited two weeks to file an emergency motion for leave to appeal, which was filed only 12 days before the merger took place."

For more than 140 years, Detroit was the only city in Michigan to have its own crimi-

nal court. In the other 82 counties, criminal cases were decided by countywide circuit court judges and juries.

Gov. John Engler, fighting the growing number of courts and costs, threatened in 1993 to veto all new judgeships until the Legislature worked out better ways to deploy resources. Merging Recorder's and Wayne Circuit courts was one of several legislative responses.

Kuhn and two other plaintiffs hired attorney Lawrence Bunting to challenge the law on two grounds:

First, they objected that the Legislature transferred judges of the limited jurisdiction Recorder's Court to the general jurisdiction Wayne Circuit Court.

Second, they said the 29 new circuit judges should be elected by voters rather than transferred from the lower court.

The Court of Appeals, howev-

er, looked into "Convention Comment" from the 1961-62 convention and found the Legislature may abolish statutory courts (such as recorder's) to transfer their duties elsewhere.

Kuhn has filed a similar suit in U.S. District Court for eastern Michigan.

### Reason for hope?

But at one point, the Court of Appeals gave Kuhn reason to hope the state Supreme Court might find in his favor. It cited a 1974 opinion which upheld grandfathering in Berkeley municipal judges as state district judges.

"Were we to decide Schwartz (the Berkeley decision) today, we would not be so willing to grant the Legislature the same degree of discretion" in filling new judgeships. "Nonetheless, we are bound by the precedential effect of this Supreme Court opinion and obligated to follow it holding" in deciding Kuhn's suit.

Source: CA case 206199, Kuhn vs. Secretary of State.

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# Safe boating

## State lawmakers consider bill package that toughens safety laws for young boaters

BY TIM RICHARD  
STAFF WRITER

Young boat and personal watercraft operators will have to pass tests, be closely supervised and obey stricter safety laws under a package of bills heading to the House of Representatives.

Details aren't final. For example, Rep. Bob Brown, D-Dearborn Heights, wants to clean up rules about operating boats in narrow channels where divers are at work.

The bills require 200-foot clearance on either side of a diving marker, said Brown, but what if the channel is narrower than 400 feet?

After a three-hour meeting March 4, the House Conservation Committee moved the bills to the House floor with the possibility that many amendments still could be made. Chairman Tom Alley, D-West Branch, explained why.

"We have an agreement with the Senate (committee). They won't let our bills go through unless there's action on theirs."

The bills are on the calendar and could be voted on this week.

The Michigan Boating Industries Association opposed the bills, arguing that "the need to create a license for operation has never been statistically substantiated or proven to increase safe-

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ty." But Rep. Jessie Dalman, R-Holland, sponsor of two of the bills, prevailed when she argued: "Of the U.S. boating fatalities in 1992, 40 percent involved operators with no formal boating safety instruction." Her bills would require young motorboat operators to pass a course and carry a certificate.

Patrick McCullough, former state senator from Dearborn, said on behalf of boat manufacturers that the Michigan bills are "very close" to national model bills the industry is promoting.

McCullough also favored use of videotape instruction for youngsters in rural areas who can't get parental transportation to formal boat safety classes.

Sharolyn Zagurny, an Oakland deputy representing Sheriff John Nichols, voiced strong support for "educating more students" on boat safety. Oakland has 450 lakes.

Dalman's House Bills 4247

and 4248 cover motorboats. Here are some main provisions as of March 4:

■ Effective this May 22, a person 19 or younger would have to pass a mandatory safety course. (The bill's earlier version placed the age at 30 and younger.)

■ No fee may be charged for the course or certificate. (McCullough argued for a small fee.)

■ A person under age 14 may not operate a motorboat without a boating safety certificate and supervision of someone 16 or older, and the motor is under 35 horsepower.

■ Persons 14-17 may operate a motorboat if they possess a boating safety certificate issued after taking a safety course. The operator must carry the certificate and present it on demand to a peace officer. Peace officers may stop an operator for "probable cause" but not just to check for safety certificates.

■ Youngsters 7 and under must wear type I or II life jackets that will hold their heads above water even if they are unconscious.

A separate bill, HB 5426, governs personal watercraft, or "jet skis," and is sponsored by Rep. William Callahan, D-St. Clair Shores. Its main provisions:

■ Persons 19 and under must complete a boating safety course and carry a certificate. Operators, passengers and persons they tow must wear life jackets.

■ Hours are confined to 9 a.m. to one hour before sunset.

■ PWC operators may not cross within 150 behind another vessel, operate in waters less than 2 feet deep, weave through traffic, jump the wake of another vessel, or play "chicken."

■ PWC operators must observe a "slow - no wake" speed limit within 100 feet of a dock or raft.

■ They may not operate within 200 feet of a submerged diver or underwater diving activities that display the international diving insignia.

Refer to House Bills 4247, 4248 and 5426 when writing to your state representative, State Capitol, PO Box 30014, Lansing 48909.

## Madonna to host open house

Madonna University in Livonia is holding an open house for prospective students from 1-4 p.m., Saturday, March 28, in the Take 5 Lounge on campus.

Those attending will tour the campus, meet with faculty, staff and students, and

learn about the more than 50 career-oriented programs offered during the day, evenings and weekends.

For information, call Madonna University's Admissions Office at (734) 432-5339 or e-mail: [muintfo@smtp.munet.edu](mailto:muintfo@smtp.munet.edu).

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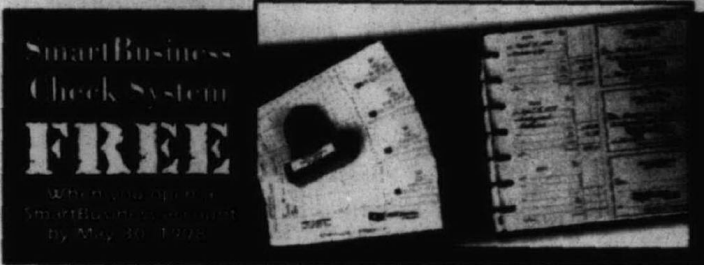
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# Reclaim from page A1

end cleanup project will be the beginning of the end for bathroom filth and graffiti in their school.

More than 40 students spent last Saturday cleaning and painting two bathrooms near the Salem auditorium.

"A lot of kids are disgusted by the dirtiness of the restrooms in the high schools," said Jill Armstrong, 17, a Salem junior who helped organize the cleanup effort. "We've gotten some compliments from students and staff. Now, we hope the bathrooms can stay clean."

Armstrong, a member of Salem's Executive Forum, which plans all non-athletic activities, is hoping the group will be able to paint the remaining bathrooms in the high school if these two remain untouched by graffiti artists.

"We painted the girls' bathroom dark blue, and used gold spray paint to make the sun, moon and stars," said Armstrong. "We also painted the stalls black to keep graffiti to a minimum."

"The boys' bathroom was painted Salem blue, with the stalls painted white."

There's no doubt in Armstrong's mind which gender is the hardest on school bathrooms.

"Girls trash the bathrooms more than the guys," admitted Armstrong. "Girls plug the toilets, stick makeup down sink drains, write on the mirrors with lipstick, and write more graffiti. Guys, for the most part, just

**'Now, we hope the bathrooms can stay clean.'**

*Jill Armstrong*  
—Student

walk out when they're done."

The Executive Forum spent \$300 for the project, which is an effort to inspire school spirit.

"The students are trying to make a difference," said Salem activity director Gerda Burnside. "We hope the student population will respect that."

Burnside said the project was the result of an inspirational student leadership conference.

"Some of the students went to the conference and were asked what they could do to make things better in their own schools," said Burnside. "The students came away from the conference motivated to do something, and they targeted the bathrooms and teachers' lounge."

Their school spirit may have already been spread.

"There were some students from a quiz bowl visiting from another school who saw us painting the bathrooms, and they were really impressed," said Armstrong. "They were going to take the idea to their own schools."

Armstrong has a message for those who feel the need to trash the bathrooms.

"We're hoping this will stop students from writing graffiti all over the school," she said. "Maybe they'll learn to grow up."



PHOTO BY JERRY MENDOZA

**Brush by brush: Eleventh-grader Jill Armstrong organized friends to clean and paint bathrooms at the high school.**

**AWARDED**  
Kathy Keenon, a Plymouth-Canton resident, received the 1997 Salesperson of the Year Award from the Building Industry Association (BIA) of Southeastern Michigan. The award recognizes outstanding achievement in sales of housing.

Keenon has been a sales associate with the Charles Reinhart Company since 1994. She is sales manager for Berger Realty Group (BRG) at Ann Arbor's Polo Fields Golf Course & Country Club Community, a development of 350 homes. Kathy also holds the BIA's Certified New Home Sales Professional designation, in recognition of the extensive training she has undertaken.

**ELECTED**  
The board of directors of Community Federal Credit Union unanimously elected Michele D. Kelly as vice chair at their November, 1997 meeting. As a board member for three years, Kelly participated in several committees, including the Scholarship Committee and Committee for the Novi and Plymouth expansion.

Kelly is a partner in the law firm of Kelly & Kelly, P.C., 4232 E. Main Street, Northville, where she specializes in family law, criminal law and mediation.

Kelly is married to John P. Kelly and the mother of four children. In her spare time, she coaches competitive soccer and is an avid quilter.

**CERTIFIED**  
Five staff members of the Michigan Peer Review Organization's Center for Health Outcomes and Evaluation have received the prestigious credential of Certified Professional in Healthcare Quality (CPHQ). The newly-certified staff include: Connie Gilman of Plymouth and Marthe Sawicz of Plymouth.

Certification was granted following a written exam designed to assess each candidate's knowledge, skills and abilities in healthcare quality and in case, utilization, and risk management.

Qualifications to attempt the CPHQ exam include at least two years of experience in health care quality management with minimum educational requirements. Over 6,500 health care professionals in the U.S. have achieved the CPHQ certification.

## Don't forget planning session

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

The first session will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 14 at board offices, 454 S. Harvey St.

**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, April 6, 1998, in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

**LOCKARD/JABARA REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NO. 017 99 0018 000 FROM RR, RURAL RESIDENTIAL, TO R-1, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL.** Property is located on the north side of Gyde Road between Beck and Ridge Roads. Rescheduled from March 2, 1998.

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: March 12 and 26, 1998

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

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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 therefore 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, Township Clerk

Publish: March 12 and March 19, 1998

**CANTON TOWNSHIP ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS**

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

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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

Sealed proposals will be received by the Pheasant Run Golf Club, 46500 Summit Parkway, Canton MI 48188 until 5:00 p.m., March 26, 1998 for the following described project:

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS** to provide **ENGINEERING CONSULTING SERVICES** for the preparation of a Comprehensive Storm Management Run-off and Best Management Design for the Nine Hole Expansion of Pheasant Run Golf Club.

Request for Proposal documents are available to be picked up at the Finance and Budget Dept, 3rd floor, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd, Canton, MI 48188. 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.

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

Publish: March 12, 1998

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BOARD PROCEEDINGS**

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, March 3, 1998 the Canton Public Works Building, 4847 S. Sheldon Road, Canton, MI. 48188. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:15 P.M.

**ROLL CALL**  
Members Present: Bennett, Burdziak, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Sheffery, Yack  
Members Absent: None  
Staff Present: Durack, Machnik, Santomauro, Dingledey, Fox, Mills, Olson, Voyles, Weyer, Wrublewski

**ITEM 1 FLEET MAINTENANCE**  
After a brief tour of the Department of Public Works offices, the Board moved to the fleet maintenance area. Aaron Machnik, Director of Municipal Services gave an overview of the Public Works facility. The facility was first occupied in 1980 to service seven vehicles. It has since grown to service the vehicles of twelve township divisions, Public Safety, Public Works and Grounds Maintenance being the largest groups in terms of vehicle maintenance needs. Mr. Machnik noted that with the move from Basic Life Support (BLS) vehicles to Advanced Life Support (ALS) an increase in service would be expected from the Fleet Maintenance division. He noted that many departments have a high degree of interface with the community, which required vehicles to be in the best condition mechanically and physically as they reflect on the township and its employees. Mr. Machnik presented the total amount spent by departments on maintenance of their vehicles and equipment including vehicle set-ups, outside repair costs, vehicle replacement equipment, accident/incident repairs and refurbishing for the last three (3) years. In 1995, the township total for all departments spent on fleet maintenance was approximately \$288,000. In 1996, the figure rose to approximately \$350,000, and the 1997 total amount came to approximately \$430,000.

Karen Fox, Finance and Budget Accountant, explained the process for requesting vehicle maintenance and the charge back billing to the requesting division.

Ed Olson, Fleet Maintenance Foreman, led the group on a tour of the fleet maintenance area of the facility. He explained how they purchase vehicles and parts through the State of Michigan, Oakland County or through the Wayne County competitive bid program. He noted that when the prices were competitive, he sought local vendors. In response to a question by Trustee LaJoy, Mr. Olson said that items purchased through bid programs had the same warranties as if purchased through any other vendor. He added that body work was not done at the facility due to the OSHA's environmental requirements. They purchase tires solely through the State and the township must pay to recycle old tires.

Mr. Olson introduced Rob Webster, Gary Michalak and Colin Duty, Canton's fleet maintenance mechanics. He added that John Baublitz was stationed at the public works building at the Proctor Road site. He said that each mechanic worked primarily on a specific division's vehicles, but could cover one another's duties. Mr. Olson said that 25 percent of repairs were outsourced. For obvious liability reasons, Fleet Maintenance gives special consideration to on-site tire and brake inspection and repair.

Director Machnik noted that the facility was designed in 1978 and occupied in 1980. He said that the facility was not designed for the volume of services it currently rendered. The needs of the township continue to grow, requiring expansion of the Public Works facility in the future.

The above is a synopsis of actions taken at the Regular Board meeting held on March 3, 1998. The full text of the approved minutes will be available following the next regular meeting of the Board on March 24, 1998.

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

Publish: March 12, 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, April 6, 1998, in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

**RAY REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PART OF PARCEL NO. 068 99 0012 000 FROM RR, RURAL RESIDENTIAL, TO R-2, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL.** Property is located on the west side of Beck Road between Cherry Hill and Saltz Roads. Rescheduled from March 2, 1998.

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: March 12 and 26, 1998

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**GRIFFINCANTON TOWNSHIP REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NO. 098 99 0028 001 FROM O-1, OFFICE, TO RP, RESEARCH PARK.** Property is located on the east side of Haggerty Road between Palmer Road and Michigan Avenue.

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: March 12 and 26, 1998

**MARJORIE STEWART**  
Services for Marjorie Stewart, 100, of Livonia, Michigan, will be held on Wednesday, March 11, at the St. Ignace Funeral Home, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan. Burial was at St. Ignace Cemetery in Livonia.

She was born in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, and died on March 7, 1998.

Mrs. Stewart was a member of the Canadian Women's Club and a secretary in the office of the late Mr. Stewart. She was a member of the Faith Church of Christ.

She was predeceased by her husband, John Stewart, who died in 1978. She is survived by her sons, Robert and John, and her daughter, Mary. She has a great-grandchild, Matthew, and a great-great-grandchild, Michael.

Memorials may be made to the charity of your choice.

**CARLOS M. SYMON**  
Services for Carlos M. Symon, 75, of Canton, Michigan, will be held on Wednesday, March 9, at the St. Ignace Funeral Home, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan. Burial was at St. Ignace Cemetery in Livonia.

He was born in Livonia, Michigan, and died on March 7, 1998.

Mr. Symon was a member of the St. Ignace Church of Christ and a member of the Livonia Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1150. He was a member of the Livonia Elks Lodge 1786 and the Livonia Moose Lodge 47 F & A M.

He is survived by his wife, Mary, and his children, Robert and John. He has a great-grandchild, Matthew, and a great-great-grandchild, Michael.

Memorials may be made to the charity of your choice.

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On Thursday, March 12, 1998, at 10:00 a.m., the Canton Township Board will hold a public hearing on the proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance regarding the rezoning of parcel 068 99 0012 000 from RR to R-2. The hearing will be held in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan. Written comments will be accepted up to the time of the hearing.

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OBITUARIES

MARJORIE STEWART

Services for Marjorie Stewart, 100, of Livonia were Wednesday, March 11, at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Dr. Ryan Skimins officiating. Burial was at Parkview Memorial Cemetery in Livonia.

She was born Nov. 8, 1897 in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada. She died March 7 in Plymouth.

Mrs. Stewart was a homemaker most of her life. She worked for the Canadian government prior to being married. She was a secretary in the deputy minister's office. She came to the Plymouth community about eight months ago from Livonia. She was a member of the Presbyterian Faith Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John, and her son, John. Survivors include three sons, Robert Bruce (Mary Jane) of Livonia, Richard (Patricia) of Connecticut, Harold (Carol) of Illinois; 10 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Memorials may be made to the charity of your choice.

CARLOS M. SYMONS

Services for Carlos M. Symons, 75, of Canton were Monday, March 9, at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth with the Rev. David A. Davis officiating. Burial was at Crestwood Cemetery in Flint.

He was born Jan. 21, 1923 in Flint. He died March 5 in Ann Arbor.

Mr. Symons was a general foreman with Fisher Body in Livonia, retiring after 34 years of service. He came to the Plymouth-Canton community in 1954 from Flint. He was a former member of First Presbyterian Church in Plymouth. He was a member of the Plymouth Elks Lodge No. 1780 and the Plymouth Rock Masonic Lodge No. 47 F & A.M. He was also a member of the Plymouth Mayflower-L. Gamble Post No. 6695 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He served in World War II. He was treasurer and coach of Little League baseball in Plymouth. He played fastpitch softball for local Plymouth teams.

He was preceded in death by his brother, William.

Survivors include two sons, Gregory (Susan) Symons of Lincoln Park, Gary (Kelli) Symons of Canton; six grandchildren, Ryan, Melissa, Joseph, Jenna, Jessica, Kaitlyn; and one sister, Norma Hill of Linden, Mich.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association of Michigan.

TERESA STOWELL

Services for Teresa Stowell, 59, of Plymouth were Wednesday, March 11, at St. Kenneth Catholic Church with the Rev. Joseph Mallia officiating. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth. Local arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

She was born Dec. 24, 1938, in Plymouth. She died March 8 in Plymouth.

She was a homemaker. She was a lifelong Plymouth resident. She was a member of St. Kenneth Catholic Church. She graduated from Ladywood High School in 1956. She enjoyed crafts and volunteered as a room mother for her grandchildren.

Survivors include her husband, Wendell E. of Plymouth; three sons, Steven Stowell of Iowa, Michael (Kathleen) Stowell of Plymouth, Daniel (Sandra) Stowell of Dearborn Heights; one daughter, Elizabeth Foote of Plymouth; five grandchildren, Joshua Foote, Jeremy Foote, Sean Stowell, Emily Stowell, and Danielle Stowell.

Memorials may be made to Angela Hospice.

WILLIAM CURTIS HANN

Services for William Curtis Hann, 63, of Northville Township will be at 4 p.m. Thursday, March 12, at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Steve Baker officiating. Visitation will be 1-4 p.m. Thursday, March 12.

He was born July 19, 1934, in Northville. He died March 9 in Ann Arbor.

He was the owner/operator of the Mayflower Beauty Salon, the Total Image Beauty Salon and the Classy Lassie Beauty Salon. He was a longtime Plymouth resident, from birth to 1985, then he moved to Northville.

He was a member of the First

United Methodist Church in Plymouth. He enjoyed shooting sports and being outdoors.

Survivors include two sons, Curtis (Ruth) Hann of Northville, Craig Hann of Pontiac; one daughter, Amanda Hann of Pontiac; three grandchildren, Tanner Hann, Marin Hann, Charlotte Hann; his mother, Esther Hann Le Pore of Plymouth; and his loving friend, Donna Blumer of Northville.

WYNNETTE A. HAWKINS

Services for Wynnette A. Hawkins, 36, of Canton were Monday, March 9, at the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home. A second service will be Thursday, March 12. Burial was at Warren Cemetery in Gurnee, Ill.

She was born Aug. 9, 1961, in Jamaica. She died March 5 in Canton. She was a mortgage counselor in the banking industry.

Survivors include her husband, Robert; one daughter, Lauren Slusser; stepfather, John Taylor; and three brothers, Michael Coke, Mark Rainford and Wayne Peart.

DORIS M. BENTLEY

Doris M. Bentley, 85, of Ann Arbor, formerly of Plymouth, was born Aug. 17, 1912. She died Feb. 26 in Ann Arbor.

Mrs. Bentley was a homemaker. She came to the Plymouth community in 1930. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Carvell Bentley, former principal of Plymouth High School, in 1993.

Survivors include her son, Michael M. Bentley of Alberta, Canada.

No funeral services were held. Local arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth.

IRENE I. TAYLOR

Services for Irene I. Taylor, 82, of Plymouth were March 7 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Tamara Seidel officiating.

Mrs. Taylor was born July 4, 1915, in Plymouth. She died March 4 in Ann Arbor. She was

a homemaker. She and her husband, Elvin, had been married 60 years. Elvin Taylor was the former owner of the Plymouth Stamping company on Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth.

Mrs. Taylor was a lifelong Plymouth resident. She graduated from Plymouth High School in 1933 and the University of Michigan in 1959 with a liberal arts degree. She was a former member of the First Presbyterian Church in Plymouth, the Plymouth Study Club, and the Plymouth Symphony. She was an avid traveler.

Survivors include her husband, Elvin A. of Plymouth; one daughter, Mary E. Taylor of Plymouth; one son, Richard (Irene) Taylor of Plymouth; five grandchildren, Craig (Kim) Meyers of Pinckney, Mark (Marie) Meyers of Westland, Merrill (John) McArdle of Canton, Kristal (David) Smith of Canton, Geoffrey (Maureen) Taylor of Pittsburgh, Pa.; and seven great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Karmanos Cancer or the Alzheimer's Disease Association.

WILLIAM J. SCHULZ

Services for William J. Schulz, 68, of Plymouth were March 7 at St. Kenneth Catholic Church, Plymouth Township. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth.

Mr. Schulz was born Jan. 26, 1930, in Saginaw. He died March 4 in Plymouth.

He was self-employed most of his life. He was born in Saginaw, then moved to Detroit and later to Livonia where he lived until he moved to Plymouth in 1965. He was a member of St. Kenneth Catholic Church in Plymouth Township. He graduated from St. Andrew's High School in Saginaw. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean conflict, stationed in Panama.

He was married to his first wife, Roselyn (Rose), Aug. 11, 1956, to December 1981. He then married Mary Ellen.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Howard, in 1980.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Ellen of Plymouth; three sons, William J. Jr. (Karen) of Midland, Mich., Stephen L.

(Linda) of Plymouth, Leland M. of Farmington Hills; and one grandson, William III (B.J.).

Memorials may be made in the form of Mass offerings.

MARY MATERIA

Services for Mary Matera, 74, of Canton were Feb. 24 at R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, Garden City, with the Rev. Alberto Bondy officiating.

Mrs. Matera was born March 24, 1923, in Altoona, Pa. She died Feb. 22. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Samuel Matera. Survivors include three daughters, Alma Trackwell, Roberta (Larry) George, Betsy (Craig) Jueckstock; two sons, Luke, Kenneth (Carol); 12 brothers; one sister; eight grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to St. Joseph Mercy Home Care.

JOHN PAUL (JACK) BELLMORE

Services for John Paul (Jack) Bellmore, 78, of Northville, formerly of Plymouth, were March 4 at St. Colette Catholic Church, Livonia. Visitation was at the Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home, Plymouth Township. Private entombment was at Glen Eden Memorial Park, Livonia.

Mr. Bellmore was born Sept. 11, 1919, in Houghton, Mich. He died Feb. 28 at University of Michigan Hospital, Ann Arbor.

He retired in 1987 from Ford Motor Company after 50 years of service. He was employed as a manufacturer's representative 1987 to 1998. He lived in Plymouth for many years. He was an Army veteran, serving during World War II.

Survivors include three daughters, Camille (Buzz) Elliott, Susan (Michael) Mikail, Mary Lou Ely; one son, Christopher (Laura Jane); one brother, Ivan Bellmore of Florida; one sister, Olive Oldfield of Novi; nine grandchildren, Jeffrey, Molly, Max, Amanda, Carl, John, Christopher, Christine, Zachary; and many nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to Karmanos Cancer Institute, Plymouth region, 485 S. Main, Plymouth, Mich. 48170 or as Mass offerings to the church.

JAMES A. SURLIS, SR.

Graveside services for James Surlis, Sr., 79 of Kinston, N.C. were Feb. 5 at Devotional Gardens, Dunn, N.C. Officiating was the Rev. Jerome Pope. Arrangements were made by Howard-Carter & Stroud Funeral Home, Kinston, N.C.

Mr. Surlis died Feb. 2. He was a member of the Elks Club.

Survivors include his sons, James Surlis, Jr. and wife, Gail of Fayetteville, N.C., Jack Surlis and wife, Terry of Phoenix, Az., and Jerry Surlis of Plymouth; brother, Woodrow Surlis and wife, Helen of Richland, Ga.; former wife, Ethel Howey of Novi, mother of Jerry of Plymouth; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Lenoir Memorial Hospital Emergency Medical Services, P.O., Box 1678, Kinston, N.C. 28501.

SHURGARD OF CANTON. Notice is hereby given that the following units will be sold to the highest bidder by open auction on April 14th, 1998 at approximately 9:30 a.m. at Shurgard Storage located at 2101 Haggerty Rd., Canton, MI 48187. (313) 981-6900. #5245 Guidot - 4 folding chairs, 8 chairs, weed wacker, ladder, misc. boxes, misc. clothing, shovels, rags, suitcase, bowling bag. Publish: March 12 and 19, 1998

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON PUBLIC HEARING. 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 1997 Canton Township Block Grant (CDBG) Program. All interested citizens are invited to attend and comment on the following: Reprogramming of Harrison Drain improvements and Contingency funds to Canton Place enclosed walkway. The amount to be reprogrammed is approximately \$60,000. The reprogramming will not cancel or delay any of the affected projects. It will not create a new project. 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, (734) 397-5392. TERRY BENNETT, Clerk

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# Resignation

## Farrow choice handled poorly

We know the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools board isn't a private club. Now if only some trustees would recognize that as well.

What else can be made of the almost cloak-and-dagger resignation last week of Jack Farrow, who chose to "announce" his decision to other board members and school administrators during a legally closed meeting? (The meeting was held to discuss the expulsion of a student.)

Admittedly, Farrow was in a tight spot. He was applying for a position within the district - executive director for research and technology - which meant he had to give up his board seat by Friday's application deadline. The school board had no regular meetings scheduled until this week.

But with a little ingenuity he could have served two masters well, the district and the public.

Farrow could have submitted a letter of resignation at any time, and ask that the district make his decision public. Or he could have submitted a letter with his application saying he intended to resign his board seat at the next public meeting, scheduled for Tuesday, March 10.

So what's the big deal here? First, think of the message Farrow's action sends to district residents. A school board vacancy is certainly more than a routine business matter - one that can be handled behind closed doors, at that. Remember, Plymouth-Canton officials are already suspect in the eyes of some with the ongoing legal battle over last year's bond election.

Second, there's a rather short timeline involved here. The board faces a March 17 deadline to appoint someone to replace Farrow until the June election. The sooner the public becomes aware there is an opening, the wider the field of interested applicants is likely to be. Anyone filling the seat capably for the next two months would likely gain an advantage in the June 8 election.

Which brings us to the makeup of the school board. Three seats will be up for grabs this spring, including the final two years of Farrow's term and the four-year seats currently held by President Mark Horvath and Susan Davis.

We urge the school board to appoint someone who has nothing to gain by being on the board. Someone who has a lot to offer, namely interest in students rather than their own political career. And someone who is not a member of



School trustee Jack Farrow

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the insider's ring or the private club. New blood is needed. New perspective is needed.

Among some of the community residents who should be considered for this post are those who ran in recent elections, such as Carol Bollman and Suzanne Dershem of Canton, not to mention former candidate Paul Schrauben, also of Canton. Their hearts are in the right place.

Tapping into PTOs is another good idea. Who is more in tune with what's actually happening in the schools? Or how about those involved in the Class-Size Action Partnership, such as Sheryl Khoury? There's also former Plymouth Mayor Bob Jones, a constant audience member, who consistently asks the tough questions and often prompts the school board to think.

There are plenty of community residents who care about the schools and especially the children who would make fine board members.

Again, we urge the school board to look into the community - rather than in their own inside ring - for a new board member to serve for a couple of months until the June election. What the community needs on the board of education is a cross-section of residents, with varying interests and strengths.



### Which season is it, anyway?

What gives? Hines Drive near Plymouth was closed Monday due to flooding, which is a common occurrence during heavy rains. Of course by Monday night, the Plymouth area was hit with strong winds and blanketed with a thin layer of snow, still much less than other spots in the Midwest and western portion of the nation. But you can't blame residents if they're confused. One day it's warm, the next day it's warmer, the next day it's cool, and the next day winter has returned to bless us all again. Don't forget that the first day of spring is Friday, March 20. We hope by then Mother Nature will figure what she wants to do.

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### LETTERS

#### Get a federal grant

According to recent articles in the Plymouth Observer the future staffing of the Plymouth Township police department is open to anyone's "wish list." The issue dated Jan. 11 mentioned 18 additional officers, by Jan. 25 the number nine was being mentioned and by Jan. 29 the numbers ran from 4 to 18.

As a resident and a taxpayer I sure would like to see a demonstrated need identified for more police officers in lieu of a blanket "nice to have" request.

The department previously indicated that a weighmaster should be added to the department. After acquiring the necessary equipment and training personnel my understanding is that option is currently not deployed.

One document that has been considered in reaching an optimum number of officers is a Michigan State Police study of current police staffing levels and 1990 census populations. Review of this information provides the following township data: Brownstown Township, 35, 18,811, 1.86; Bloomfield Township, 69, 42,473, 1.62; Redford Township, 75, 54,387, 1.38; Waterford Township, 85, 66,692, 1.27; Northville Township, 21, 17,313, 1.21; Sumpter Township, 13, 10,891, 1.19; Northfield Township, 8, 6,732, 1.19; Canton Township, 65, 57,040, 1.14; Van Buren Township, 23, 21,010, 1.09; Plymouth Township, 25, 23,648, 1.06.

The number in the right hand column is the ratio of police officers per 1,000 residents. Taken in the aggregate, the average of the aforementioned 10 township departments is 1.31. This would seem to indicate that Plymouth Township is short 6 officers and Canton is short 10 officers for comparison purposes.

Canton and Chesterfield Townships have recently addressed their police personnel situations by utilizing federal grant monies available through the 1994 crime bill which promised to add 100,000 additional police officers on the streets of America.

Is anyone in Plymouth Township exploring a federal grant rather than a tax increase on its citizens? The grant would pay 75 percent of the officer's first-year salary and lower percentages in succeeding years. Additionally the state of Michigan also has police grants that begin the first year at 20.5 percent.

The bottom line is that alternative means are currently available to offset the additional cost of increased police staffing rather than increased mileage of Plymouth Township residents.

Hopefully someone in the "seat of government" along Ann Arbor Road is working the federal grant issue.

Roger L. Kehrer  
Plymouth

#### Designate a driver

St. Patrick's Day gives everyone a chance to kiss the Blarney Stone and celebrate our country's rich Irish heritage. As many of us here in Michigan raise a toast to St. Patrick on March 17, we should also take a moment to honor the contributions of those who volunteer to be designated drivers.

Why? Because designated drivers help in doing what even the luck of the Irish cannot: stop drunken driving. In fact, designated drivers have contributed to a 36 percent decline in drunken driving deaths nationwide since 1982.

This St. Patrick's Day, Central Distributors of Beer, along with several of the most popular St. Patrick's Day gathering places in Michigan, will be working to continue that positive trend by reminding customers to use a designated driver and drink responsibly.

As the Irish and would-be Irish honor St. Patrick with a toast, let's all remember to look out for each other and volunteer to be designated drivers.

Bill Ventola  
Central Distributors of Beer, Inc.  
Romulus

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Letters should be mailed to: Editor, The Plymouth Observer, 794 South Main Street, Plymouth 48170.

# Let's appreciate SEMCOG

If you look at a multi-colored map of southeast Michigan, you see seven counties and some 400 municipal governments, not to mention scores of school districts.

Politically, local officials view their governments as independent territories with little relationship to each other.

But in fact, those 400-plus municipalities - ranging from large urbanized cities to small villages and rural townships - are linked together by a series of geographical, historical and social factors.

An excellent example is the Rouge River and its three branches - left over from the Ice Age. But that geographical history links western Wayne County and southern Oakland County when it comes to flooding problems as well as recreational and transportation potential.

All this comes to mind with the 30th anniversary this year of the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, which was born in controversy and has matured into a responsive organization helping plan the present and future of the sprawling region.

Regionalism was born with a 1964 federal highway act that required metropolitan areas to do multi-community planning in order to obtain highway money. This region's response was TALUS (Transportation and Land Use Study).

The Metropolitan Fund Inc., a private non-profit regional affairs organization, was a key player and through money and staffing it created SEMCOG.

Initially, SEMCOG was viewed by many local officials as "big brother government" in a move to supersede the responsibilities of local officials.

Those fears never materialized. Over the years, SEMCOG has provided more information and cooperation to local officials as well as a voice on how the region should approach

**When a motorist struggles in a traffic jam while trying to commute from Plymouth or Plymouth Township to Troy, the person isn't thinking "locally." The motorist wants a solution to the traffic gridlock ...**

long-range, mutual problems.

Some of the problems facing the region in 1968 when the organization was formed are still with us today. But at least officials on all levels of government are better equipped to study the problems, analyze information, discuss alternatives and come up with an action plan.

When a motorist struggles in a traffic jam while trying to commute from Plymouth or Plymouth Township to Troy, the person isn't thinking "locally." The motorist wants a solution to the traffic gridlock - and SEMCOG, working with the county road commissions and state transportation department, is in a position to help.

With the recent flooding in many communities following heavy rain, SEMCOG has the ability to work with drain commissioners and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in coming up with plans to alleviate the problem.

Although SEMCOG has less success in slowing down the urban sprawl of non-connected subdivisions across seven counties, the organization's accomplishments far outweigh its failures.

In reflecting on the history of SEMCOG, the Observer hopes that the four million-plus residents in the region appreciate its efforts. In the long run, SEMCOG has clearly been a major factor in improving the quality of life for everyone in the region.

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POINTS OF VIEW

# Let's try reason, resilience and reconciliation

In regard to the tiresome topic of Lower Town Grill's inconsideration for their neighbors the judge remarked "How is somebody to know what is too loud and what is not too loud?" Gee, thanks a lot Solomon.

Is that like one of those Zen riddles? With all due respect, straddling the fence on this is just as uncomfortable as it sounds so excuse my presumption while I take a stab at it. I happen to adore peace and quiet along with a penchant for some pretty outrageously loud music.

A brief history of my sound experience would include being born into a family of five daughters to the sound of waves along the ocean in a crowded neighborhood of triple-decker tenements where the traffic and trauma of city life was inescapable. As if four sisters were not enough, we are a musical and melodramatic brood

given freely to bursting into both song and tears, comedy or tragedy at any given moment in time.

Ironically, I would set out on a path to inner peace that would involve 20 years of physically slamming and being slammed into a mat. This sound and sensation combined would not be unlike the chronic nightclubbing I also enjoyed for a sizable chunk of my youth as a dancing fool.

The soundtrack of my existence is made up of bombastic opera, joyous chorus, numbing rock of all sorts, the soulful blaring of bagpipes, the droning of television, sickeningly sweet soaring musicals, somber symphonies, the rasping of radios, mighty military music, and of course, those strange voices in my head.

Did I build up a steely tolerance for chaotic cacophony? Perhaps my being

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DOROTHY MATSU

blind as a bat has something to do with it but my husband can attest to the fact that someone has got to go when his spoon clanks repeatedly against the cereal bowl; or when I find the methodical munching of chips to produce seizures. We all have quirks, so he understands having to pull over and rearrange groceries because the

wind is rattling the hateful plastic bag. I honestly do not believe I have ever known one decent night sleep until I moved to Old Village. In fact, I often found such unfamiliar silence most unnerving for a time but the bustle of business and traffic during the day more than made up for it. Still in awe at having a real home for the first time in my life it is still dawning on me the many new responsibilities that come with the rights too many of us take for granted.

Coming from Salem, Mass., I've got something fairly bristled with information and opinions about my new community. I could not help but be fascinated by the current enthusiasm which included a cool club such as Lower Town Grill. How clever and terrific it would be to stroll over and enjoy a bit of camaraderie and music at such a swell place kitty-corner to

our house! How disappointing to discover that they did not take care of the proper sound and acoustic logistics before they thundered opened! It is terrible.

Of course no one dares mention how drink dulls the senses and judgment of patrons, musicians and perhaps even the staff. We have the room to rearrange and escape it somewhat, but my heart truly aches for my less fortunate neighbors. I'd love to be a patron, but I can not in good conscience. Respect, reason, tempered with resilience and reconciliation rather than litigation, might bring about an artful compromise to the satisfaction and enjoyment of both business and residents.

Dorothy Matsu lives in Old Village and writes about life in Plymouth.

## Ameritech workers victims of 'business as usual'

"Your Feb. 26 column," said the caller, "said Ameritech had three options (to settle a customer lawsuit). Option B was to lay off another 1,560 employees. Well, it looks like they're taking Option B."

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

The caller was Anne Lovrenich, a Howell resident and 18-year Ameritech Michigan employee. She used to work in Livonia until that operation was closed, and she was transferred to Lansing.

Her message: Last week, Ameritech told 395 workers in the Lansing customer care center their office would be closed by June 1. At the same time, Ameritech Wisconsin axed 399 workers. That's almost 800

workers, already half of what I had predicted.

Customer care workers handle your changes of address, requests for change of phone numbers and long-distance provider requests. Lovrenich and her friends are pondering demotions and transfers to other states.

One doubts Ameritech's business judgment because the staff had just received new computers, training in same, new chairs and a new batch of hires - a strange series of steps for a company about to trash 395 people.

My Feb. 26 column was about the class action lawsuit in Madison County, Ill., circuit court that Ameritech was proposing to settle for \$76.1 million to Line Backer customers and \$1.9 million for their attorneys' fees.

In it, I made one small mistake. I said all Line Backer customers must file a claim to get their money. Actually, current Line Backer customers

will get theirs automatically. Only former Line Backer customers must file a claim.

They must use the "proof of claim" form, write out their name address, zip code, Ameritech telephone number with a signature and mail it, along with a copy of a bill showing a Line Backer charge, to: Ameritech/State Bell Companies IWMS Settlement; PO Box 9454; Garden City, N.Y. 11530-9454.

Thanks to the callers who pointed it out. Most thanked me for bringing the settlement to their attention. "You're the only one noticed it," said a gentleman from Birmingham and a lady from Brighton.

I missed that fine point because it was the last paragraph in a notice of more than 4,000 words printed on both sides of a 6 1/2-by-12-inch sheet. The type was half as high as this newspaper's type, and half as wide - therefore, about 25 percent of the size

our type. Ameritech designed the legal notice, under court order, to discourage readership.

In my February phone bill was an advertisement for Voice Mail 98. It was on a 7-by-9 1/2-inch sheet with fewer than 200 words. Compare that with a 4,000-word payout notice on a similar sheet.

My State Capitol press room mailbox is so full of attacks on Ameritech that I junk most, but I saved two recent ones:

■ The Michigan Competitive Telecommunications Providers Association has a long list of complaints against Ameritech's blocking of competition. I cite just one: "Ameritech's charging of \$100 per hour 'escort fees' when competitors must enter leased space in an Ameritech central office."

■ Attorney General Frank Kelley complains that Ameritech, instead of fixing its 911 emergency system mess in Southfield, has gone to the state



TIM RICHARD

Court of Appeals to overturn a Public Service Commission order requiring a fix. Kelley summed it up: "Ameritech has chosen to focus its time and resources on court battles instead of helping to protect the public."

There is more about how Ameritech prefers to hire lawyers to bleed plaintiffs to death in the appellate courts, but it must wait for another day.

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

## News story hits close to home

From time to time, I devote this column to examples of how hometown newspapers make a big difference in the daily lives of our readers in ways that other news media can't. Here's another example:

Last December, the 30 or so senior citizens who for some 20 years have been playing pinochle every Monday morning in Fire Station No. 4 in West Bloomfield faced eviction. The township Parks and Recreation Department told the group it would have to move its weekly game to the Recreation Activities Center.

Enter the West Bloomfield Eccentric, part of the HomeTown Communications Network. Staff writer Greg Kowalski heard about the problem and started asking questions.

How come the senior pinochle group had to move? Since 1990, the township has had a policy of not renting space to groups not directly associated with township operations. (Rent, in this case, was \$7.50 a week.)

Did the seniors want to move? Certainly not. The Recreation Activities Center, near Town Hall, is a long way, according to Joan Feldman, spokeswoman for the group. "Many of us are unable to drive that far. And none are adjacent to where they can be picked up by buses."

So the matter went to the West Bloomfield Township Board. Kowalski covered the meetings.

Renting space to the pinochle-playing seniors could force the township into renting space to all kinds of terrible groups, some trustees said.

"I'm not willing to open up that policy. It could snowball," said one township trustee. "If we set a precedent to allow a private group to use township facilities, we have a number of groups who want to use Town Hall. It would be difficult to deny them," said another. To such minds, proper public policy is to be determined by precedent, not by common-sense fairness.

Like elected officials the world over, others disagreed. "Why couldn't an exemption be allowed?" asked another trustee.

"This group has been in existence since prior to the policy. I think it's an isolated group, and I don't see it coming back to bite us. They're even willing to pay rent."

And like program managers the world over, township parks and rec officials asserted consolidating the pinochle game into the Recreation Activities Center was good for the seniors. "It's always been our goal to have senior citizen programs under one roof. For the good of the senior program, they are much better off centrally located," explained one official.

Late in December, the township board decided that the Monday morning pinochle game could stay in Fire Station No. 4, at least until



PHILIP POWER

the next March. But a continuing power struggle on the township board has paralyzed most local business, including where the pinochle game was to take place.

So in February, the pinochle players went on the offensive. As Kowalski's story put it, "The 30 or so club members have been going door-to-door and standing at shopping centers collecting signatures of support. They have 300 so far and expect to have 600 by the March meeting of the West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation Commission."

And what happened? Ta, da! The commission decided the Monday morning pinochle club could stay put in Fire Station No. 4 for the duration. Parks and rec will pay the \$7.50 a week rent for use of the space. But the authorities will not have a program coordinator on site, and the seniors will be responsible for providing their own refreshments and for setup and cleanup.

As in the world over, the combination of a bunch of citizens grumpy at pettifoggery governmental rules, hundreds of petitions and extensive coverage in the local newspaper got results.

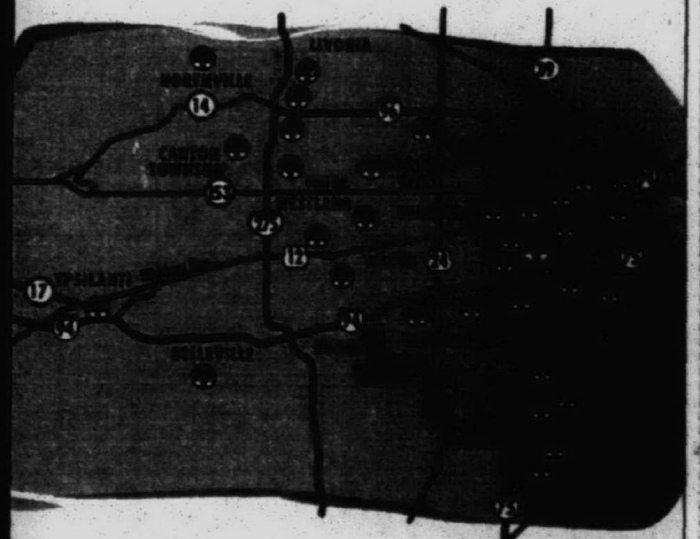
Is this a big deal, the kind that will change forever the course of Michigan history? Of course not.

But the course of history ultimately is determined by the outcomes of millions and millions of little deals just like this one. Certainly, for the seniors who have been playing pinochle on Monday mornings in Fire Hall No. 4, staying put was a big deal.

And it's exactly the job of home town newspapers like this one to contribute to countless deals - whether you think them big or little - because they are relevant and therefore important to the daily lives of our readers. It's a wonderful job!

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

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# Call ahead for Metro parking lot information

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK  
STAFF WRITER

Air travelers are advised to call Detroit Metro Airport to check on parking conditions before driving to the airport.

Airport officials cited increases in pleasure travel during school winter breaks — coupled with the normal business travel — creating crowded parking conditions at the airport.

"Airport staff has researched the mid-winter break schedules of the public schools and the

spring break schedules of the colleges and universities," said David Katz, airport director. "We expect demand will remain heavy from now throughout the Easter holiday period (April 12)."

Barbara Hogan, airport spokeswoman, said air travel has increased over the past two years.

"We're seeing a lot more families flying," Hogan said. "Fares are affordable and their time together is at a premium."

While parking is available

## Detroit Metro's parking hot line is staffed 24 hours a day

most of the time, Wednesdays and particularly Thursdays, are peak periods and parking can reach capacity. Local passengers are advised to call the airport's parking hot line at (800) 642-1978 before leaving for the airport.

Parking conditions change,

Hogan said. "We have the parking management firm monitoring the surface lots in the deck. They monitor changes constantly. If five vehicles leave a full lot, they will let five in. If the lot is full, customers will be directed to the next lot."

"We don't want them to be sit-

ting in a line in their cars waiting for a place in a parking lot."

Airport management has opened two overflow lots. A red lot is located east of the east service drive in a corner of the airport near the rental cars. A blue lot is located almost directly across the street from the red lot, on the west side of the service drive.

Detroit Metro's parking hot line is staffed 24 hours a day. Callers can ask for up-to-minute parking information and learn

which lots are open and available. Those staffers do not have flight information, which is available by calling the airlines.

Calling ahead will give customers time to arrange other rides to the airport if necessary. Airport officials are recommending that, during this busy time, domestic passengers arrive at the airport at least two hours in advance of their scheduled departure. International departing passengers should allow three hours.

## Ex-gov to address new group for young Democrats

James Blanchard, former Michigan governor and former U.S. ambassador to Canada, will speak at the inaugural speaker's forum on Saturday of the Young Democrats of the 13th Congressional District.

Blanchard will speak on "The Role Young People Can Play and Contributions Young People Can Make to Public Service and Public Policy." Young people between the ages of 18 and 35 are invited to attend.

The forum is scheduled for 10-11:30 a.m. at Washtenaw Community College in the College Theater - Liberal Arts Building, 4800 East Huron River Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48106. Coffee and doughnuts will be served at 9:30 a.m.

Blanchard currently is practicing law in Michigan and Washington, D.C., and is a partner in the Washington firm of Verner, Liipfert, Bernhard, McPherson and Hand. Blanchard recently formed a political action committee called Next Century Michigan in an attempt to stimulate future leadership in the state of Michigan.

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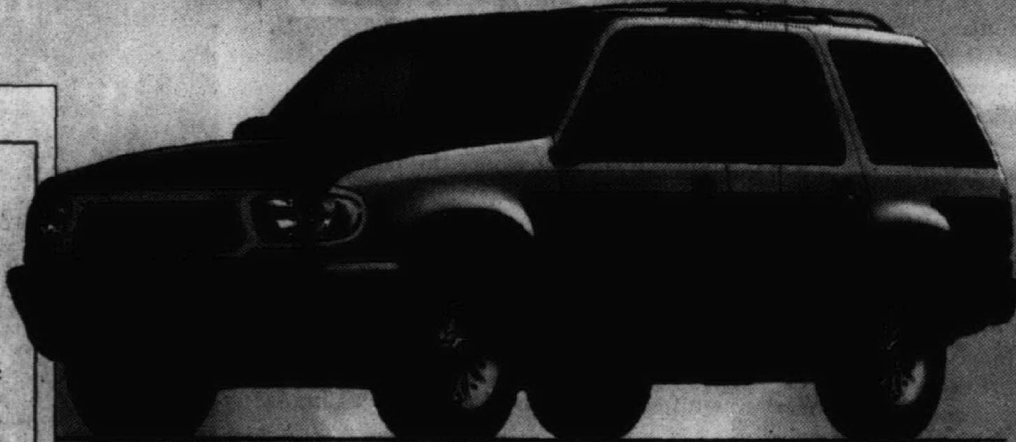
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## PARENTING AWARENESS MONTH



JANET TROST

### Similarities between teens, 2-year-olds

As a new mom, I can remember gently holding my newborn baby, feeling great joy and hope for the future. But I encountered friends, family members and strangers who warned me to enjoy my baby now because when she turned 2 she wouldn't be so easy. I refused to heed their warnings, believing that my child would be different.

Then she began to grow and have a mind of her own. As she approached 2, I realized that even the best of intentions could not prevent us from experiencing the challenges that come from a child growing. And as she approached the teen years, we again encountered strains on our relationship as she worked toward adulthood.

These very dilemmas of independence versus dependence between a parent and child result in the complex experience of the terrific twos and teens.

"I can do it myself ... but I might need you to lend a hand."

Around the age of 2, your child begins to learn that he is capable of acting independently of you. This knowledge is a cause for celebration and a source of fear. He may rejoice while darting away from you in the mall to hide under clothes racks until he is overcome with fear that you may not find him.

In many ways, a teen experiences the same phenomena. She feels independent as she prepares for her first day of summer camp, but then wants you to stay with her until she has checked in, found her bed and met her camp counselor.

The terrific twos and teens are challenging, but they are also times of tremendous growth and cause for celebration. With every new achievement, your children gain confidence and a stronger sense of their own abilities. However, the accompanying defiance of these periods in your child's life can cause struggles, and so I recommend the following guidelines for survival.

**"Just say no" to saying "no."** As you attempt to set limits for rebellious 2-year-olds and teens, you may feel like the "bad guy." Avoid this guilt by giving children choices rather than saying "no."

Say that your 13-year-old son and his dad built a skating rink in the back yard, and the neighborhood boys play hockey every day after school. One day, you won't be home. You've always held a "no friends without parents" rule.

Suggest to your son that he can have only one trusted friend over for hockey or that he makes arrangements with a nearby adult neighbor to provide supervision. Perhaps your son will have some acceptable options as well.

Toddlers also want choices. Your little one can decide if she wants to wear the red shirt or the blue shirt, or wants a story or a song before napping.

By giving your children choices you will not find yourself always having to say "no" to their requests.

**Choose your battles.** Decide which issues are worth fighting for, and let go of some of the other concerns. Whether or not your 2-year-old dismantles his peanut butter and jelly sandwich before eating may not be as important as whether or not he jumps up and down in the slippery bathtub.

Your daughter and son piercing their ears may not be worth fighting about, but insisting on school and homework is important. By deciding what is truly important, you send a clear message to your child while preventing every interaction between the two of you from resulting in conflict.

**Set clear limits on expected behavior.** During the toddler and teen years of your child's life, there is tremendous confusion. Children want to grow up and feel scared at times. They will rely on you to be their

Please see PARENTING, B2

### 12 plus 1 ways to overcome your superstitions

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO  
STAFF WRITER

Triskaidekaphobes should take tip from psychic medium Wendy Fraser-Bailey.

She doesn't fear the number 13 or Friday the 13th. Fraser-Bailey said she believes 13 gets a bad rap.

"Thirteen is the luckiest day of the year. People spend too much energy fretting over the number 13. It's always been a lucky number for me," said Fraser-Bailey, who works at Mystiques West in Westland Center.

The good news for Fraser-Bailey is that there are three Friday the 13ths this year. One - in February - has already passed, but there's still ones in March and November to go.

The Friday the 13th hat trick reflects the changes that Fraser-Bailey sees in 1998.

"There's a lot of changes going on this year with the planets like with El Nino. It's a nine year in numerology. The Friday the 13ths being here has a lot to do with resembling those changes."

In the spirit of Fraser-Bailey's thoughts, here are 13 things to do on Friday the 13th to keep your spirits up.

#### ONE

**Adopt a black cat.** As of Tuesday, March 10, the Michigan Humane Society's Westland Shelter at 37255 Marquette had two black and white cats available - the closest you'll get to black. According to James Byrne, the branch's assistant manager, black cats make great pets: "A lot of black cats are a lot sweeter; that's just my own personal opinion." For more information, call (734) 721-7300.

#### TWO

**Rent or see horror films.** A good choice is "Scream" or its sequel "Scream 2," both of which purposely inject humor into the plots.

#### THREE

**Scare your friends.** Visit a local costume shop, rent a "Jason" mask and sneak up on a buddy. At least you'll get a good laugh.

#### FOUR

**Carry a good luck charm.** Search through the numerous knick-knack stores around the area to find a good luck charm and carry it around on Friday. Remember - rabbit's feet are un-



TAMMIE GRAVES/STAFF ARTIST

### Where it all started is unclear

The fear of 13 has long been a superstition, but its roots are vague.

According to Compton's Encyclopedia, it is based in religion. At the Last Supper of Jesus and his disciples, there were 13 persons, one of whom was Judas, the traitor.

The avoidance of black cats also religion-based. During the Middle Ages, it was believed that witches could turn themselves into black cats.

Wendy Fraser-Bailey, a psychic medium at Mystiques West in Westland, related a similar story. In the Middle Ages, there was a goddess named Fria who was a practicing

witch. Every Friday, she and 11 fellow witches would form a circle.

At one of the cult meetings, a witch gave her a cat. Because cats are "very unpeople like" they considered this cat a witch as well. Therefore, the circle expanded from 12 to 13 witches.

"Friday is considered an unlucky day anyway so by having to put the number 13 makes it doubly unlucky. What they have found through past research is that plays have been postponed, critical things happen, accidents, death. Putting the two together intensifies the effect."

- Christina Fuoco

politically correct.

#### FIVE

**Donate blood.** Instead of letting the bad guys get your blood, donate some to help out those who really need it. Call or visit the American Red Cross's local service center at 29691 Six Mile Road in Livonia or call (734) 422-2787.

#### SIX

**Support the local arts.** The Trinity House Theatre is hosting "Around the House," a variety show featuring comedians, dancers, musicians, actors, storytellers and multi-media performers in a cabaret-style environment. Showtime is 8 p.m. Friday, March 13, (and Saturday, March 14), at the theater, 38840 W. Six Mile Road (at I-275), Livonia. For more information, call (734) 464-6302.

The Theatre Guild of Livonia and Redford is having a Festival of One-Act Plays at 8 p.m. Friday, March 13 (and 8 p.m. Saturday, March 14, and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 15, at the theater, 15138 Beech Daly, south of Five Mile



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## Jack Russell pup among 'stars' at auction

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO  
STAFF WRITER

Parents of children who watch the PBS television show "Wishbone" can buy their kids the ultimate present - a Jack Russell terrier puppy just like Wishbone - at the Plymouth Christian Academy "Celebration of Excellence Auction."

The eighth annual auction will be 6 p.m. Friday, March 20, at Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft, west of Inkster Road, Livonia. The Jack Russell, born Monday, Jan. 26, will be donated by the school's librarian, Jan Walter, and her husband, Plymouth veterinarian Kermit Walter. Jan Walter said the dogs make good family pets.

"They're small; they're easy to care for, but they're muscular," said Walter. "They can take a lot of rough treatment from kids. They're big enough and tough enough. They're real easy. It's not like having a great big dog around. They have a lot of energy and they

like to run.

"If someone's looking for a lap dog, Jack Russells won't do that. They do that in the evening. They curl up next to me and we have a good time."

Tickets for the black-tie event, dubbed "Puttin' on the Ritz," are \$50 and include a dinner of soup, salad, a duet of beef tenderloin and chicken piccata, oven-roasted potatoes, buttered baby carrots, warm rolls, chocolate eclairs and coffee or soft drinks. Tickets are available by calling Sandra Oswald, auction secretary, at (734) 459-3505, Ext. 48.

Trips to Mexico and Chicago, fine furniture, electronics, autographed memorabilia, artwork, the use of a Jaguar for a week, a signed and framed Charles Woodson jersey, the 10 brand new Beanies in a collector box, and Princess, the Princess Diana Beanie Baby, will also be up for bid. Oswald is setting up several different packages this year, including a "Queen for a Day" package where women will be pampered with a house-cleaning service, a facial and

a new hairstyle.

"We have some other things in the works ... Things are still coming in. It's going to be an elegant, very well-done event," Oswald said.

New this year is the location of the auction.

"In the past, we had the auction at Laurel Manor; this year it's at Burton Manor," she said. "Since it's newly remodeled we thought it would blend well with our theme of 'Puttin' on the Ritz.' It's very exciting to have it at a new place."

The auction helps fund capital improvement projects at the 22-year-old private, nonprofit school located behind Calvary Baptist Church in Canton. This year's enrollment will exceed 800 students in preschool through 12th grade.

During the last seven years, "Celebration of Excellence" has raised more than \$750,000, allowing the school to add a new gymnasium, lunch room and a

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Road in Redford. Tickets are \$10, or \$9 for students and seniors. Call (313) 531-0554 for more information.

#### SEVEN

**Experience the Mexican culture.** Mexicans consider Tuesday the 13th unlucky, so to avoid the curse eat at a Mexican restaurant or visit the Mexican Village area of Detroit. Remember, no meat, if you're Catholic.

#### EIGHT

**Hear some good music.** Matt Watroba, an English teacher at Plymouth Canton High School and the host of WDET's "Folks Like Us," celebrates the release of his CD "Live at the Ark" with a performance from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, March 13, at Borders Books and Music, 34300 Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Call (248) 203-0005 for more information.

Other options include Marcy Playground at the 7th House in Pontiac, (248) 335-8100; Third Eye Blind and Smashmouth at the State Theatre, (313) 961-5451; Puff Daddy and his family at Joe Louis Arena, (248) 645-6666; or the big Elvis show at The Palace of Auburn Hills, (248) 377-0100.

#### NINE

**Support the fallen Wings.** Sergei Mnatsakanov and Vladimir Konstantinov were severely injured in a limousine accident on Friday, June 13, 1997. Fans can make donations to the Family Trust Fund for their families, which will help ensure the financial security for the purpose of education for their children and for the expenses incurred in their further recovery/rehabilitation. For more information, call the Detroit Red Wings at Joe Louis Arena, (313) 396-7444.

#### TEN

**Get something pierced.** Many cultures believe that spirits enter through the mouth or the nose. So head over to a tattoo/piercing parlor and get your lip or nose pierced to ward off evil spirits.

#### ELEVEN

**Take care of those fangs.** Visit the dentist to make sure your teeth are healthy just in case you encounter a vampire. Don't forget garlic, crucifixes and stakes.

#### TWELVE

**Look at the cards.** If you're still fretting about Friday the 13th, visit or call a psychic today and find out what kind of a day you'll have tomorrow.

#### THIRTEEN

**Go to church.** If psychics don't do the trick, visit a local church and pray for your sanity.

So cute: Jan and Kermit Walter donated one of their Jack Russell terrier puppies for the academy's auction. Bids will start at \$300 while the remaining pups, born Jan. 26, will be sold for \$375 for males and \$425 for females.



### Generous support



For 'Walk Home': Community Hospice and Home Care Services Inc. was on the receiving end of \$1,000, presented to Susan Hibbler, director of finance, by Richard Hess, president of the Flatlander's Bow and Gun Club of Westland. The money continues the club's support of CHCS and its "Walk Home," an annual walkathon that will be held on Oct. 3 at the Nankin Mills area of Hines Park. For more information about sponsorships for "Walk Home," call (734) 522-4244.

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anchor when they are most out of control. Clearly set limits about what behaviors you will accept and what consequences will occur when limits are violated.

Many teens begin to feel that they know more than their parents. It may be important to remind your teen that you don't like being corrected in front of others for every little mistake you make. The two of you may agree that you will extend this respect toward each other and only correct one another in private for the most serious of errors.

For toddlers, you may want to set safety limits about how close he can go toward the street when he plays outside. If he crosses that line, immediately put him in the house. These rules provide children with a sense of security that comes from understanding and respecting boundaries.

**Give them rope, but don't let go of the other end!** Allow your child to try new experiences that are age-appropriate. When

they have gone past their abilities, help them to learn from their mistakes and encourage them to try again when they feel ready.

Asking a girl out and being turned down may feel awful, but it doesn't mean your teenage son should never try again. Your 2-year-old may want to pour her own drink, but misses the cup. Minimize the problem while encouraging her to try again when she is a little bigger.

Be the safety net for your kids — a place where they can talk about their experiences without feeling judged or ridiculed.

**Prevention is best.** Someone told me once that you can predict what teenagers will be like by remembering them as 2-year-olds (just factor in years of experience and improvement of their physical and verbal skills). In other words, temper tantrums at 2 can become a few slammed doors as teens! This may also mean that a complacent child gives a parent little trouble as a teen.

The key is to think about your

child's characteristics and help him or her to positively build on those traits throughout childhood.

Work to build a good relationship before the teen years hit, which surprisingly strikes some children as young as 10 or 11 years old. A good foundation of trust, nurturing and support will go a long way in surviving this challenging time in your child's life.

Janet Trost is a local parenting educator and the manager of After Baby Comes (ABC), a program that provides support to first-time parents who deliver at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. ABC is a project of Youth Living Centers, a private nonprofit organization serving children and families from throughout southeastern Michigan.

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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computer network system, and to renovate the library. The academy needs to add classroom space for the secondary school and a large area to support multi-purpose student activities.

This year's goal is to raise \$170,000.

"The school is growing and we need to keep one step ahead," Oswald said.

To preview the auction-dinner, the school is holding the "Mini-Live Auction," formerly called the "Thursday Walk-Through," a free family event at the PCA activity center at 6 p.m. Friday, March 13.

The "Walk-Through" will feature items made and donated by each class. The children's choirs will provide the entertainment.

"It's shaping up to be a great event," Oswald said. "All the kids get to participate in it. It gives the feel of a live auction. It's a good introduction to auctions."

"There's something for every-

one. Last year, a dad made an Aspen chest and the class filled it with Beanie Babies."

Children and parents will also have the opportunity to be a principal for a day, have free lunches in the school cafeteria for a year, sit in the front row for the school's concerts, or to park in a front-row parking space.

In 1996, more than 800 people attended the preview night.

Since its inception, "Celebration of Excellence" has become an increasingly popular event, Oswald said. Last year, tickets sold out prior to the event.

"We have had a lot of fun with it in the past. It's fun. The purpose is fund-raising, but it's done in such a fun way that people really enjoy it."

### 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. 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. For more information, call Jane Palmer at (313) 953-5914.

**LIVONIA CHURCHILL**  
The Livonia Churchill High School PTSA will have its juried spring arts and crafts show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 21 at the school, 8900 Newburg Road, Livonia. Admission will be \$1; strollers and wheelchairs welcomed. For more information, call Diane at (734) 422-4507 or Garrett at (734) 464-7425.

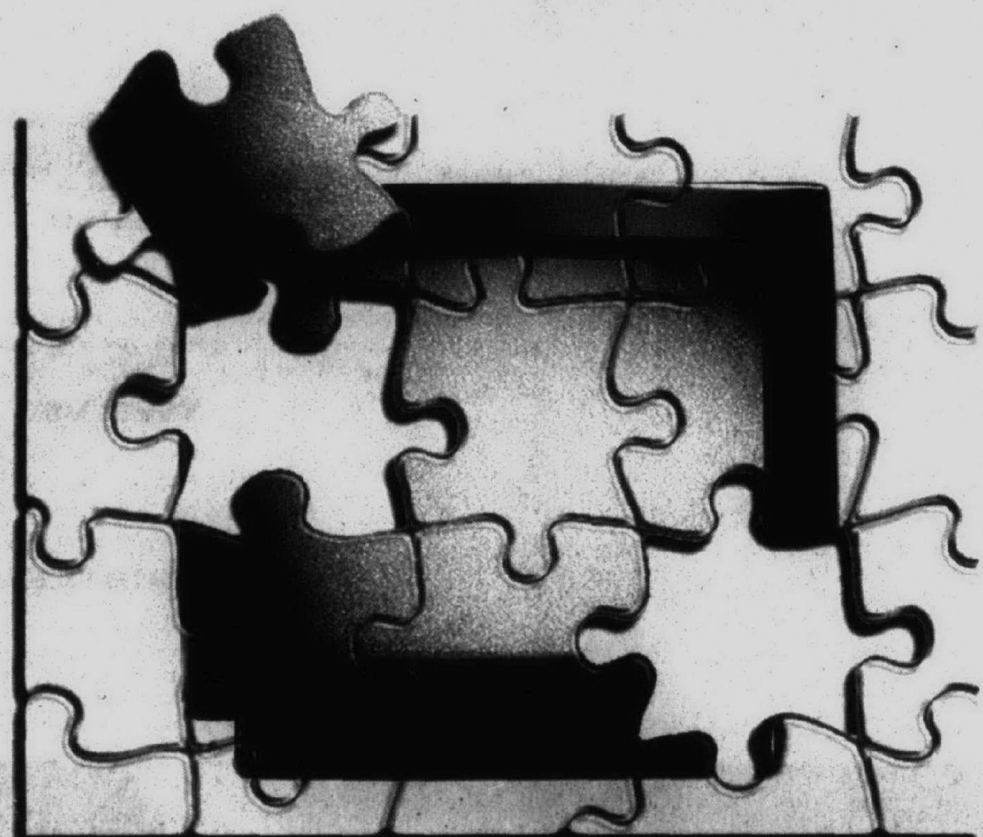
**ST. DAMIAN'S**  
St. Damian's Church will have a collector's sale 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 21, at the church, 29891 Joy Road, Westland. Admission will be \$1, children under age 12 free. Table space, costing \$25, is available. Proceeds will benefit Christian Service. For more information,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

**LIVONIA FRANKLIN**  
The Livonia Franklin High School Patriots Club will have a craft show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 21 at the school, 31000 Joy Road, Livonia. More than 175 crafters will be featured. Admission will be \$1 for those older than 5 years of age. No strollers will be permitted, however, people in wheelchairs will be admitted at 9:30 a.m.

**LIVONIA STEVENSON**  
Crafters are needed for the Livonia Stevenson High School Booster Club's Spring Spectacular craft show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 28 at the school, 33500 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia. Spaces — 10 feet by 10 feet or 5 feet by 16 feet — cost \$50. Limited electricity is available at no additional cost, and chairs (no tables) are available upon request. For an application or more information, call (734) 464-1041 or (248) 478-2395.

**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. No strollers will be permitted, and babysitting will be available. Admission will be \$2.

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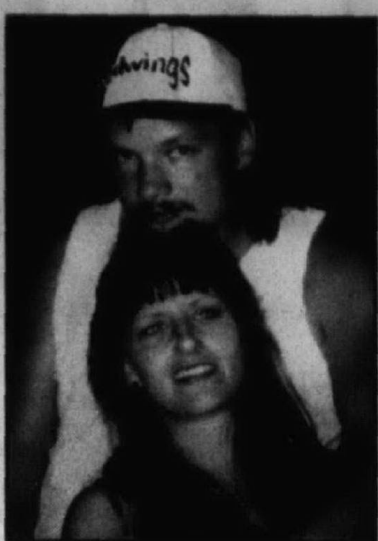
Losh-Harris

Gloria Hofer of Detroit announces the engagement of her daughter, Michelle Rene, to D. Scott Harris, the son of Willard and Diane Harris of Westland.

The bride-to-be is a 1981 graduate of Redford High School. She is employed as the accounts receivable manager for D & D Landscaping Inc.

Her fiancé is a 1981 graduate of Livonia Franklin High School. He is the owner of Harris Painting.

A March wedding is planned in at the Flamingo Hilton Chapel in Las Vegas, Nev.



Mackenzie-Moellering

Anne Elizabeth Moellering and Dean Norman MacKenzie were married Oct. 18 at St. James Lutheran Church in Grosse Pointe Farms. The Rev. Troy Waite officiated.

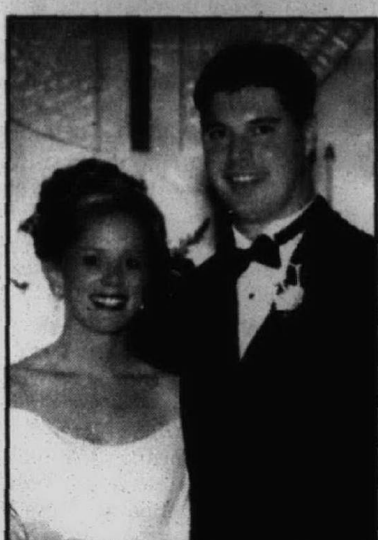
The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard E. Moellering of Grosse Pointe Park. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Hawley A. Mackenzie of Livonia.

The bride is a graduate of Central Michigan University and Wayne State University, where she received a master's degree. She is employed as a teacher for Warren Consolidated Schools.

The groom is a graduate of Central Michigan University. He is employed as a sales representative for Wausau Insurance Co.

The bride asked Suzanne Wilson to serve as her maid of honor with Mrs. James Fets, Laurie Helin, Mrs. Neil Crane, Suzanne Saad and Christine Jerzy serving as bridesmaids.

Martin Kopera served as best



man with Scott MacKenzie, Jonathon Cerne, Thomas Moellering, Richard Moellering and Gregory Herman serving as groomsmen.

After greeting guests at the Lochmoor Club in Grosse Pointe Woods, the couple honeymooned at Walt Disney World in Orlando, Fla. They are making their home in Royal Oak.

Schumacher-Kautz

John and Clemelia Schumacher of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Sarah Catherine, to Franz Andrew Kautz, the son of Franz and Elizabeth Kautz of Southampton, Pa.

The bride-to-be is a 1988 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and a graduate of the University of Michigan, where she earned a bachelor of arts degree in 1991 and a master of business administration degree in 1995.

Her fiancé is a 1992 graduate of Pennsylvania State University with a bachelor of science degree in engineering and a 1995 graduate of Ohio State University with a master of electrical education degree.

A May wedding is planned in Dayton, Ohio.



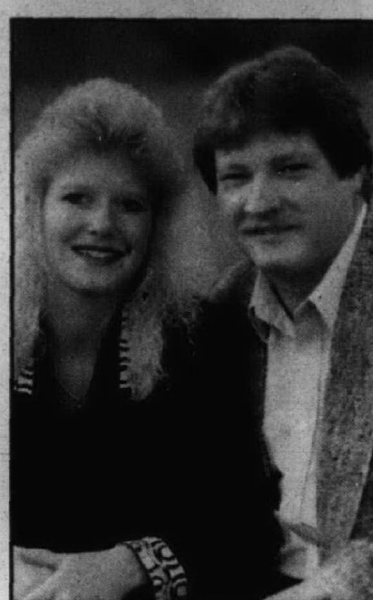
Harvey-Pace

David and Janet Harvey of Lambertville and Doris Harvey of Dearborn announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Gina Patricia, to Craig Joseph Pace, the son of Dennis and Wanda Pace of Canton and Jim and Nancy Magyar of Westland.

The bride-to-be is a 1988 graduate of Bedford High School in Temperance. She is employed as a human resources manager at Marshall's Department Store in Ann Arbor.

Her fiancé is a 1984 graduate of John Glenn High School in Westland. He is employed as a welder at CCI Corporation in Imlay City.

A March wedding is planned.



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 partner at Gehringer Printing in Redford.

An April wedding is being planned.



Norquist-Lyndrup

Jerry and Susan Norquist of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Stacia, to Steven Lyndrup, the son of David and Barbara Lyndrup, also of Canton.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University. She is employed as an occupational therapist by the St. John Health System.

Her fiancé is employed as chief of security at General Motor Powertrain Plant in Warren.

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



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## WEEKEND

### ANTIQUITY SHOW

The Great Lakes Chapter of the Coca-Cola Collectors Club will hold its annual Antiquity 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 advertising 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, on the corner of West Cross Street and College Place in Ypsilanti. Tickets are \$5 for general admission, \$3 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.

### DAD'S NIGHT OUT

There will be a "Dad's Night Out" 7-9 p.m. Saturday, March 14, at Youth Living Centers' Community Center, 30000 Hively Road, just south of Cherry Hill and just west of Middlebelt in Inkster. There will be open basketball, card games and board games, food and beverages, interactive theater presentations on topics relevant to dads, and door prizes. Space is limited to first 50 dads. To register, call J. Trost at (734) 728-3400. Child care by request only during preregistration.

### BEANIE BABY SHOW

There will be a Beanie Baby show from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 14, at the Plymouth VFW Hall, 1426 S. Mill St. (Lilley) in Plymouth. Admission is \$3 for those age 12 and older, children under 12 admitted free with paying adult. There will also be a Princess Di Beanie raffle. Call (734) 544-0050.

## AROUND TOWN

### 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, 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.

### REGISTRATION

Kindergarten registration for the 1998-99 school year will be held in all elementary schools the week of March 23. Children are eligible to attend kindergarten if they will be 5 years old on or before Dec. 1. While registration can be made anytime during the year, parents are urged to register their children during this period in order to permit adequate planning for fall kindergarten classes. For more information, call Ginie Murdoch at 416-4842.

### 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, 7630 Chichester, Canton, Mich. 48187. For more information, call (313) 455-8446.

### BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Blood pressure screenings are held at 1 p.m. every third Monday of the month at the Summit in Canton. No appointments are necessary, just check in at the Senior Desk in the Parkview Room. This free service is provided by the Senior Advantage Program of Beyer Hospital.

### PHARMACY PRESCRIPTIONS

Free prescription drugs to middle-income seniors if you qualify will be available by appointment only at the Plymouth Township Hall Clerk's Office 1-4 p.m. For more information, call 455-7526.

### EMU

Campus Life Programs will host the Winter 1998 Leadership Conference 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, March 13, in McKenny Union, on the Ypsilanti campus. More information is available at Campus Life Programs at (734) 487-3045.

To offer an alternative for students wanting to celebrate St. Patrick's Day, EMU will host Go For the Green Campus Challenge and Pancake Breakfast from 7:30-10:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 17. Beginning with check-in at 7:30 a.m., the event is a fun, challenging course requiring

## Wish you were here



*Vacationing: Plymouth friends vacationed in Barbados, West Indies in February. And they took along their Plymouth Observer. The friends, Ferol and Nancy Vernon, Bill and Diane Soules and Ken and Linda Rowe, stayed at a private villa, Alhambra, a Moroccan-style facility on the Sandy Lane Golf Course. Activities during their week away included golf at the Royal Westmoreland Golf Club and the Sandy Lane Club, a tour of a sugar cane factory and a visit to a number of small villages on the island.*

students to acquire designated objects or complete assigned tasks at 10 locations on campus. Students can register by donating a single nonperishable food item to a local charity. Participants will be given paper shamrocks with a list of 10 campus locations they have to visit. Upon finishing, the shamrocks will qualify them for a big prize giveaway. Participants will then be treated to a free pancake breakfast with all the trimmings. For more information, call (734) 487-2226.

### LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

The League of Women Voters is presenting a program, "Erosion of Abortion Rights," with Jenna Wiersma of Planned Parenthood

Inc. speaking. It will be held at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 19, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington Road in Meeting Room A. The public is invited. For more information, call Paula Bowman at (734) 455-4726.

### DINNER

The VFW Post No. 6695 is hosting a corned beef and cabbage dinner from noon until food runs out Tuesday, March 17, at the VFW Hall No. 6695, 1426 S. Mill St., Plymouth. Price is \$5.50. Public welcome. For more information, call 459-6700.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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 422-1176. 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 start. 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.

### 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 (734) 207-5224. Playgroup meets every other Tuesday; call Sue at (313) 459-9324.

### HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Canton Historical Society will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 12, at the Canton Historical Museum, Canton Center Road at Proctor Road in the former Canton Center School. The meeting is open to members and the public. The program will be "An Antiquity Show and Tell." Bring an antique or two, or several items from something you collect that you would like to share. Refreshments will be served. The society is looking for new members and this meeting would be an opportunity for newcomers to see the historical museum and perhaps join the society. Parking is at the rear of the museum. For more information, call (734) 453-5297.

### 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 19-20. 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. Baby-sitting 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.

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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.

### WALSH GRADUATES

Walsh College announced that the following students recently graduated with undergraduate or graduate degrees: Sandra Andre, Viswanath Narayan, and Kurt Wilhelm of Canton; also Tammy Croxall, Heidi Lipp, Kevin Lipp, and Jacqueline Pascarella of Plymouth.

### KETTERING UNIVERSITY

Twenty-seven students from Kettering University will be included in the 1998 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. Among the 27 students included is Robert Ford, son of Robert and Irene Ford of Plymouth.

### TAYLOR UNIVERSITY

Taylor University announced that Ryan Jefferies, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Jefferies, has been accepted to Taylor University for the fall 1998 term. Ryan attends Plymouth Christian Academy.

### SCHOLARSHIPS

Walsh College announced that the following Walsh students have been awarded a scholarship based on merit and/or financial need for the winter 1998 semester: Canton residents Amy Tolstyka, Joseph Stevens, Lila Gould, Lynn Cannon, Olen Nee, and Therese Tyler.

### ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Walsh College is proud to recognize the academic achievement of students during the fall 1997 semester who attained a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.5 or better, and have completed at least 12 semester credit hours at Walsh College. These students include Canton residents Danielle

Sugg, Dawn DeBarr, Kurt Wilhelm, Lila Gould, Lynn Cannon, Michael DeBarr, Reid Cameron, Richard Florence, Shelley Schroeter, and Therese Tyler. Also, Plymouth residents Kevin Lipp, Tammy Croxall, and Terry Hoffman.

### OUTSTANDING STUDENT

Joshua Schneider, a 1994 graduate of Salem High School, has been chosen as one of two Outstanding Students representing Grand Valley State University at the Michigan Association of Governing Boards Awards Convocation April 7. He is the son of Ray and Peggy Schneider of Plymouth. He is studying education.

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Rev. Edward C. Coley

**Worship**

8:00 a.m. - Contemporary, Basic  
9:30 a.m. - Contemporary, Family  
11:00 a.m. - Traditional, Full Choir

**WORSHIP PREVIEW:**  
From the Supper To The Cross  
Emphasis: Betrayal in the Garden  
Scripture Focus: Luke 22: 39-53  
Rev. Diana, preaching  
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# Zonta Club 'steps out' in style to help First Step

BY SUE MASON  
STAFF WRITER

Easter will be in the air and the fashions will emphasize spring when the Zonta Club of Farmington/Novi Area presents its annual "First Step - Stepping Out in Style" benefit Sunday, March 29.

Slated for 6-9 p.m. at Parisian in Laurel Park Place, Livonia, the fashion extravaganza will raise money for the programs offered by First Step, western Wayne County's Project on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault.

The evening will include a strolling dinner, fashion show with an expanded segment on men's fashions, informal modeling throughout the store, free makeovers at the cosmetics counter, raffles and entertainment.

"There'll be enough activity to please everybody," said Beverlee McAllister who once again is at the helm for the fund-raiser. "There'll be a good variety for men, women and children."

More than 20 restaurants and caterers will provide food samples, ranging from barbecued ribs by Catering by Sayers/BBQ Man, chocolate-dipped strawberries by the Country Epicure, seafood tamales by D. Dennison's of Livonia, creme brulee by the Schoolcraft Culinary Gourmet Club, pasta station and mini cannoli by Villa De Roma of Livonia and smoked salmon pate by the Water Club Seafood Grille

of Plymouth.

Also providing food will be the Outback Steakhouse of Livonia, TGI Friday of Novi, Carlson's Catering in Taylor, the Botsford Inn of Farmington Hills, Michigan Star Clipper Dinner Train of Walled Lake, Coffee Beanery, Macaroni Grille of Livonia, Great Harvest Bread of Northville, Schulz's Cap 'N' Cork and Rio Bravo Cantina of Livonia.

"Everything is donated," McAllister said. "Continental Paper has supplied all the paper products every year. The Star Clipper told us, 'Count me in any year you do this.'"

Entertaining guests will be Silver Sounds, a professional DJ, caricaturist Chuck Borshanian, Sweete Harmony, vocals and guitar, and Jamboree, a Sweet Adelines group.

## Feel lucky?

There will be several raffles, including a special one for a TY Co. Princess Bear Beanie Baby, donated by the Dixboro General Store. The second raffle will have a first prize of \$500 cash, with a second prize of a \$300 gift certificate from travel from AAA Travel and a third prize of a \$250 Parisian gift certificate.

Additional prizes include a \$100 gift certificate from Knightsbridge Antique Mall, dinner for two at the Relish Grill, a weekend lease of a Lincoln Continental from Varsity Lincoln Mercury, weekend lease of a Cadillac from Don Massey

Cadillac, a Detroit Tigers autographed baseball and autographed Detroit Lions shirt, to name a few.

Raffle tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5. Tickets for the fashion benefit are a \$25 tax-deductible donation to First Step, redeemable with a \$150 purchase at Parisian. Both tickets are available by calling McAllister at (734) 453-0824.

This is the fourth year the Zonta Club has staged the fashion benefit for First Step. The agency, based in Canton, provides services to 35 communities in out-Wayne County and is celebrating 20 years of service later this year.

The nonprofit agency offers a shelter for women and children who are victims of domestic violence, individual counseling, support groups, court advocacy, information and referrals for victims, a 24-hour helpline, violence intervention program, non-residential children's program and legal advocacy program.

The club had staged several benefits for First Step and was looking for something that would raise considerably more than \$2,000-\$3,000. The club teamed up with Parisian for the fashion benefit, attracting some 400 people and raising \$19,000. Last year, close to 800 people turned out, generating \$30,000 for First Step. Hopes are for a turnout of 1,000 this year.

"We were looking for something that would make a difference, so we were thrilled when



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

**What's your style?:** Claudia Ruloff (left) of Farmington Hills shows off a Evan-Picone three-piece career separate while Laverne Eady of Redford displays a special occasion dress, which will be among fashions modeled at the Parisian store at Laurel Park Place in Livonia as part of the Zonta Club of Farmington/Novi Area's annual fund-raiser, "First Step - Stepping out in Style," March 29.

we made \$19,000," McAllister said. "I truly think a lot of the support is because of the cause. The incidents at Johnson Controls and the Ford (Visteon-Sheldon Road) plant have made people more aware of violence in the

community." The club is part of Zonta International, a worldwide service organization of business women devoting their time, talent and energy to assist women with their personal development,

health, education and cultural needs. The club meets at 6 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of the month. Women interested in attending can call (313) 538-8043 for more information.

## ANNIVERSARIES

### Fawkes

Thomas and Christine Fawkes celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at family dinner at Ernesto's Restaurant in Plymouth.

Twenty-three-year residents of Livonia, they met while attending Detroit Cooley High School and were married on Feb. 7, 1948 in Detroit. She is the former Christine Rollo.

The Fawkes have four married children - Dale and wife Linda, Janis Murfey and husband Chris, Gary and wife Bonnie and Kathy Vacca and husband Augie, all of Livonia. They also have 10 grandchildren.

He is retired from Citizens Insurance Co.

Their interests include spending the summer months at their cottage in Caseville.



### Murfey

Chris and Janice Fawkes Murfey of Livonia will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary on March 16.

The couple married in Detroit and then moved to Seattle, Wash., where Chris played hockey. The Murfey's have lived in Livonia for 20 years.

They have two daughters, Erin, a pre-medical student at Hillsdale University, and Lindsay, an engineering student at Michigan State University.



## League needs books for sale

The Livonia League of Women Voters is looking for a few or a lot of good books.

The group is hard at work to make its April book sale a success and is in need of used books. Donations of hard cover and paperback in different categories of nonfiction and fiction for readers of all ages are welcome.

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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.

FREE LIFE ASSEMBLY

Free Life Assembly is sponsoring more than 50 public school assemblies throughout the Detroit metropolitan area this week as part of the Free Life Assembly Tours. Free Life has five different speakers visiting the school, including Livonia Churchill, Livonia Stevenson, Redford Union, Clarenceville, Garden City and Plymouth Salem high schools.

The speakers include Anthony Clark, weightlifter and holder of the "World's Strongest Man" title, youth speakers Mark Muirhead and Reggie Dabbs, former Harlem Globetrotter Dexter "Loveboat" Williams and the high school assembly team, Team Rage.

In addition to the assemblies, Free Life is sponsoring Freedom '98, The Crusade Friday and Saturday, March 14-15, at Detroit World Outreach, 23800 W. Chicago, Redford. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. each night. Dabbs will be the keynote speaker with special appearances by Clark, Williams and Muirhead.

For more information, call (313) 794-5153.

OPEN HOUSE

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.

Northville Christian School will offer tours of the facility 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 25. The school, at 41355 Six Mile Road, west of I-275, has an enrollment of 450 students in preschool through the eighth grade. Classes have a minimum of 24 students. Parents interested in visiting the school can call the office at (248) 348-9031 to schedule a tour.

INFORMAL MEETING

Jackie Oesch, founder and president of the Christian Women's Ministries, will meet informally with women at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 12, in Room 4 of Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington



In concert: The Chapels - Bobby Crumpler, Ron Newsome and Jimi Talbott Jr. - will present their southern gospel music and testimonies at Riverside Park Church of God Sunday, March 15.

Chapels perform at Riverside Park Church

The Chapels will bring their southern Gospel music and testimonies to the Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh Road, at Plymouth Road, Livonia, at 10:45 a.m. Sunday, March 15.

Bobby Crumpler, Ron Newsome and Jimi Talbott Jr formed the group with the thought of helping the church fulfill God's command of winning the lost, edifying the church and bringing honor to the name of the Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Crumpler, a Plymouth resident, is following in the footsteps

of his father, the late Denver Crumpler who sang with the legendary Rangers and Statesman Quartet in the 1950s.

He is continuing the tradition with a classic southern gospel sound and also has written songs for several of The Chapels' albums.

Newsome lives in Allen Park and is the son of Buck Newsome for the Detroit-based Good News Quartet. He recorded his first album with The Keynotes at the age of 14.

He has recorded two more albums and in 1974, performed

with The Keynotes at the Grand Ole Opry.

Talbott is a Redford resident whose father James is a former piano player for The Toney Brothers Quintet. The younger Talbott, who recently sang baritone and played the piano for the group Crimson, counts quality song writing, arranging and piano playing among his many musical skills.

The is for people of all ages. Nursery care will be provided for children up to age 4. For more information, call the church at (734) 464-0990.

Road, Livonia. Director of Women's Ministries at St. John's Lutheran Church in Orange, Calif., she will be discussing contemporary women. For more information, call Suann Dibble at (734) 522-6830.

LENTEN DINNERS

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.

The Senior Youth for Christ at St. Matthew Lutheran Church are serving Lenten dinners 5-6:30 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.

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.

AFTERNOON RETREAT

Risen Christ Lutheran Church will host an afternoon retreat at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 14, at the Marriott Hotel at Laurel Park, Six Mile west of Newburgh Road, Livonia. Diana Pintar will speak on the topic of Christ as Lord in your life. There is a \$15 charge that includes Lunch. For more information and reservations, call (734) 453-5252.

BREAKFAST/BAKE SALE

The Open Arms Church will have a breakfast/bake sale 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 14, at the church, 33015 W. Seven Mile Road, east of Farmington Road, Livonia. The cost of the breakfast is by donation. Baked goods will be marked. The money raised will help some of the youth go on a mission trip to Belize. For more information, call the church at (248) 471-5282.

PRAYER SEMINAR

The Rev. Anthony M. Coniaris, noted theologian, author and publisher, will speak during a

Lenten seminar on prayer and its role in helping us answer the following questions: "Why am I here?" "What is my purpose in life?" and "Where am I going?" from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, March 14, at Sts. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church, 36375 Joy Road, Westland.

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

WOMEN'S AGLOW

"How to have Breakthroughs in Families" will be the topic when Women's Aglow of Westland/Canton meets 9:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 14, in the Community Room of AutoNation, 39600 Ford Road, Canton. There will be short testimonies on answered prayers to help build faith. Participants should bring a written list of immediate family members and prepare their hearts to receive God's word, encouragement and practical applications to get that breakthrough in their families. For more information, call Penni at (734) 261-5268. Complimentary child care will be available for children ages 3-12.



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Holy Cross Lutheran Church (30650 Six Mile Rd., E. of Merriman)  
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\* T/TH/F 9:30 A.M. \*\*Hi/Low Impact March 24 J. Stec  
Sat 9:00 A.M. Hi/Low Impact March 28K. Treatwell-Smith  
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Farmington Community School (30415 Shawwassee, bet. Tuck & Orchard Lk. Rd.)  
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## OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

### Seidelman sparkles

Eric Seidelman, a 1995 graduate of Plymouth Salem who is now a sophomore at Eastern Michigan University, helped the Eagles recapture the Mid-American Conference Men's Swimming Championship last weekend at Ohio University.

Seidelman placed in the top eight in three individual events and scored in three relays, helping EMU accumulate 715 points — enough to nip second-place University of Toledo, which finished with 709. Defending MAC champion Miami University (Ohio) was third with 615, followed by Ohio University (488), Bowling Green State (392), Ball State (262.5) and Northern Illinois State (213.5).

Seidelman placed second in the 200-yard freestyle (1:39.98), sixth in the 100 freestyle (20.83) and eighth in the 50 freestyle (46.36). The 200, 400 and 800 freestyle relays which Seidelman swam on each finished second.

Seidelman's efforts earned him second team all-MAC honors. He was responsible for scoring 41 points.

EMU had won 17-straight MAC championships until last year, when Miami finished first.

### Division III gymnasts

Last Saturday, the MHSAA-sponsored Region II State Gymnastics Meet was hosted by Plymouth Canton. A day earlier, Canton also hosted a Division III gymnastics final, sponsored by the Michigan High School Gymnastics Coaches and Judges Association.

Several local athletes excelled at the meet. Canton's Kathy Bak was first in the vault, with teammates Lori Burleson third and Kristin Brooks fifth.

In the balance beam, there were two Chiefs in the top six. Heather Zawol took second, and Rachel Demsky placed sixth.

### Hawks place second

The under-13 Michigan Hawks premier girls soccer team finished second at the North American Indoor Nationals, a tournament that featured teams from Ohio, Iowa, New York, Illinois and Pennsylvania.

Members of the Hawks are Marissa Sarkesian (Canton); Katie Ales and Nikki Herman (Novi); Erin Doan (Dearborn); Bethany Dobbyn and Melissa Dobbyn (Livonia); Caitlin Gill (Rochester Hills); Jessie Jandesak and Andrea Tyler (Brighton); Nicole Cauzillo and Whitney Guenther (Northville); Kathryn Cumming, Jamie Poole and Jennifer Szymanski (Troy); and Jillian Kehler (Grand Blanc).

The team is coached by John Buchanan.

### Salem boosters to meet

The Plymouth Salem Linebackers Football Booster Club will have its monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 28, in the Salem HS cafeteria.

Parents of any boy playing, or wishing to play, Salem football are welcome and encouraged to attend. Among the upcoming events to be discussed are the golf outing, picnic and fund-raisers.

For more information, call club president Joe Mestrovich at (734) 459-1122.

### Softball sign-up

Registration for adult softball leagues sponsored by the Canton Parks and Recreation Services — men's, women's and co-ed teams — are now underway.

Men's returning teams may register through March 13, while men's new teams may sign up from March 16-27.

Women's teams may register through April 3.

Returning co-ed teams may sign up through March 13, with new co-ed teams registering March 16-27.

All registrations may be completed 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the Canton Parks and Recreation Services, located at 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton.

Cost is \$290 per men's team, \$360 per women's team (which includes a \$50 refundable forfeit fee), and \$320 for co-ed teams (which includes a \$50 refundable forfeit fee). The co-ed and women's leagues are run jointly with the city of Plymouth.

For further information, call (734) 397-5110.

## Taken to the limit! Salem survives Canton's late charge

BY C.J. RISAK  
SPORTS EDITOR

The history between these two rivals is brimming with fantastic finishes and unbelievable upsets. Last night in the state district basketball semifinals, Plymouth Salem narrowly averted adding this season's team to that list.

The scene was so familiar, particularly to any fans of either schools' basketball programs who may have been in the very same Novi HS gym last November when Salem's and Plymouth Canton's girls basketball teams battled down to the final possession.

Remember? An off-balance shot by Canton's Melissa Marzolf missed everything, but Kristen Mayer picked off the rebound and looped in the game-winning shot at the buzzer.

Now: fast-forward to present day. Salem, the heavy favorite, fritters away a 16-point first-half lead, eventually allowing the Chiefs to tie it on a (get this) off-balance shot from the lane by Dan McLean with 1:54 left to play.

The Rocks manage to regain the lead, thanks to Bhavin Patel's two clutch free throws with 29 seconds remaining. The Chiefs bring the ball downcourt, the ball in Joe Cortellini's able hands.

Same gym, same end of the court, and there goes Cortellini, putting up an off-balance shot from in the lane with eight seconds left that bounces out, and there's a Canton teammate — Eric Larsen — grabbing the loose-ball rebound not two feet from the spot where Mayer scored the game-winner last November.

Only Larsen, nearly falling out of bounds, couldn't convert. His desperation shot hit the side of the backboard, Salem's Jeff McKian boarded the miss, and the buzzer sounded.

Salem 44, Canton 42.

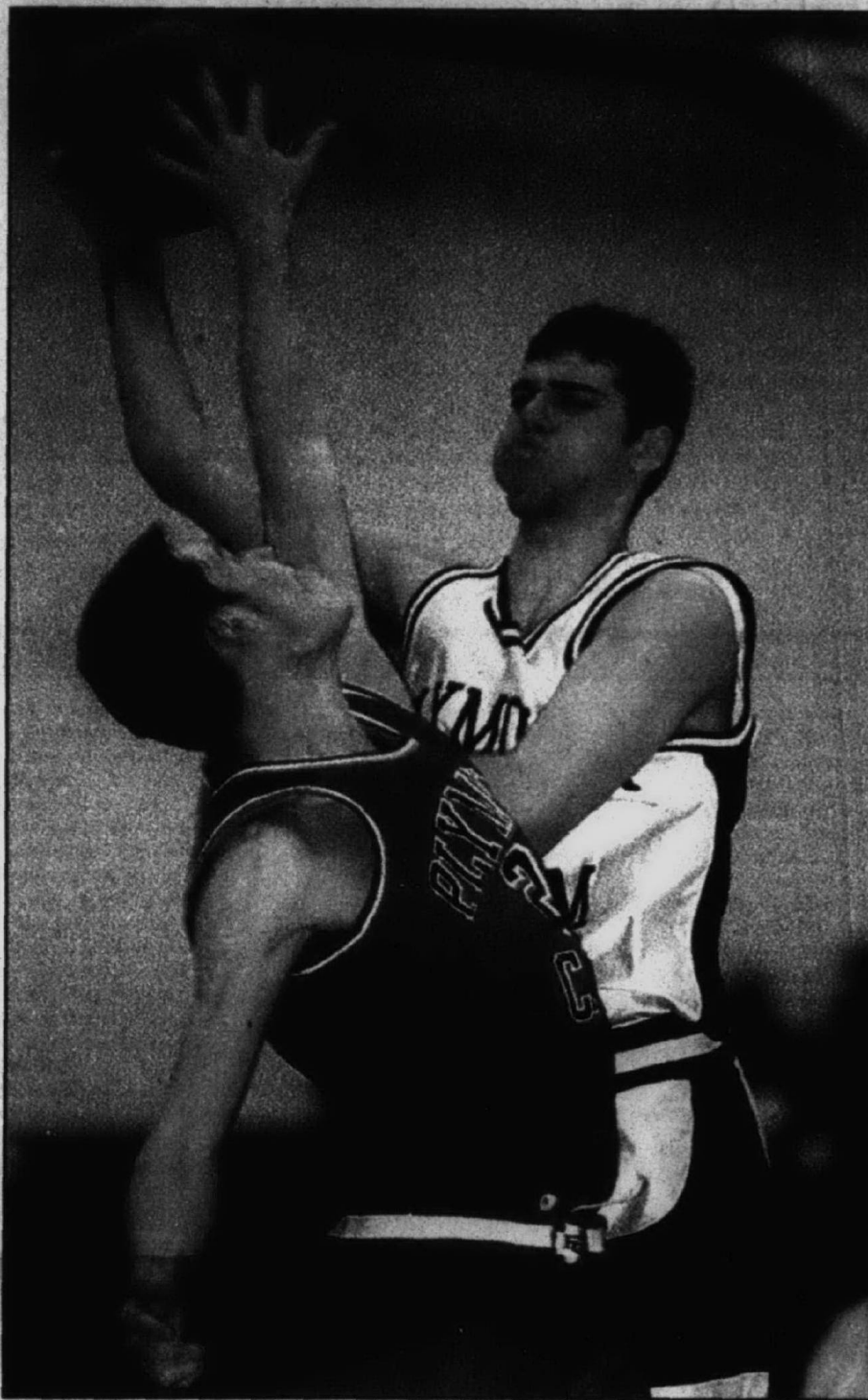
The result allows the Rocks to take a 19-3 record into the district final against Northville (11-10), which defeated Livonia Churchill 63-61 in the other district semifinal Wednesday at Novi. The final is at 7 p.m. Friday at Novi.

Canton finishes at 7-14. "I don't think we played very well," said Salem coach Bob Brodie, adding that Canton's determination had a lot to do with that. "We got the lead, then we just tried to put our finger in the dyke and hold them off. But Canton kept on coming after us."

There was nothing in the first half to indicate a barn-burner was in the making. Salem scored the game's first 12 points and led 16-3 after one quarter, allowing Canton just one Cortellini three-pointer (the Chiefs were 1-of-10 from the floor and 0-for-2 from the line in the first, and they had five turnovers).

There were less than five minutes left in the first half when Canton reached double-figures in points. Jimmy Reddy's two free throws made it 24-11 with 4:48 left.

Salem's lead reached 30-14 on a Matt Mair basket with 2:11 to go in the half. Only poor free-throw shooting by the Rocks (6-of-12 in the quarter) enabled the Chiefs to keep it relatively close; they trailed 31-18 at the half.



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Then Cortellini took over in the third quarter.

"We didn't change anything," said Canton coach Dan Young. "They just decided to come out and play."

"Salem's a good team — they're hard to guard. But it wasn't me doing any-

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**Hard-fought: Salem's Tony Jancevski found little room to operate against Canton's Erik Larsen (above). But in the end, two free throws by Bhavin Patel (below) provided the difference for the Rocks.**



## Regional rematch is awaiting Rocks

BY C.J. RISAK  
SPORTS EDITOR

The preliminaries are over. "Am I anxious?" Plymouth Salem co-coach Allie Suffety asked rhetorically. "Yeah, I am. To be honest, I've been waiting for this week all year. I really wanted to get back to the regionals."

And that's just where the Rocks will be come Saturday, when they host Farmington Hills Mercy, Ferndale and — their ultimate nemesis — Livonia Ladywood in a Class A state regional tournament, starting at 10 a.m.

Salem takes on Mercy (32-20 for the season) in the opening match at 10 a.m., with Ladywood (51-8-1) battling Ferndale at 11:15 a.m. The regional championship is scheduled for 12:30 p.m.

And getting to the final, to play Ladywood, is the Rocks' ultimate aim. For three-straight seasons, the Blazers have eliminated Salem from the state tournament.

"I keep telling the girls that we can't look past Mercy," said Brian Gilles, who shares the Salem coaching duties with Suffety. "They've got some great athletes."

But so does Salem. In fact, both Gilles and Suffety have said throughout the season that this is their best team ever — and they have had several good ones.

The team featuring Shellye Sills (among others), now a standout at Ohio State, was one of those. But last Saturday, when the Rocks defeated Northville 15-10, 15-7 in the district final at Novi, they broke the team record for wins in a season set by Sills' 1994-95 squad.

Salem takes a 46-5-1 record into the regionals. The previous team record for wins: 45-8-3.

The Rocks are ranked sixth in Class A in one statewide poll and eighth in another. Ladywood is third in both polls.

The two teams have met once

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## GYMNASTICS

### Chiefs 2nd at regional

BY C.J. RISAK  
SPORTS EDITOR

Going into last Saturday's MHSAA Gymnastics Region II Championships, hosted by Plymouth Canton, the Chiefs knew it would require some sort of miracle for them to catch Northville-Nov, the reigning Western Lakes Activities Association champion and a favorite to win the state title.

When Amy Driscoll went down with a severe ankle sprain two days before the meet, Canton coach John Cunningham knew his team's goals would have to be altered.

"I was thinking (Driscoll) could maybe be state champ in the Division II vault, or maybe the floor exercise," he said. "She was getting better and better. Now she'll have to wait until next year."

The same could be said for any slight aspirations the Chiefs may have entertained regarding a regional title run. "I had no hopes — none," said Cunningham. "Once Amy went down, I just said to the girls, 'Let's make it to states.'"

That they did, and with relative ease. Yes, Northville-Nov finished first, scoring 146.10; but Canton rolled to a second with a 136.35. The third team qualifier for the state final, which begins at 4 p.m. Friday at Rockford, is Hillsdale (134.95), which edged Saline (134.55). Plymouth Salem placed 10th (122.60) in the 15-team field.

"We didn't have a good meet," said Cunningham. "We had an exceptional meet. You've heard the phrase, 'Who's going to step up for the big meet' . . . Well, they all stepped up."

"Performance-wise, we weren't perfect, but we were certainly exceptional."

Canton's leaders all season — Liz Fitzgerald and Marcie Emerick — again led the Chiefs in the regional. Fitzgerald turned in a superb performance, taking second in the Division I all-around (35.85); Emerick was equally magnificent, taking fifth (34.95) in the all-around. Both qualified for all events at the individual state championships.

Fitzgerald's best individual-event finish came in the uneven parallel bars, in which she was second (9.15). But she was steady throughout, placing third in the balance beam (9.0), fourth in the vault (8.55) and fifth in the floor exercise (9.15).

Emerick's best showing was a second in the vault (8.85). She was also fourth in beam (8.9), ninth in bars (8.55) and 10th in floor (8.65).

In Division I competition, Salem had one scorer: Alison Bracht, who finished fifth in the vault (8.45), sixth in the floor (8.95) and 12th in the beam (7.2). Bracht qualified for the individual state finals in both the vault and floor.

In Division II, Canton had one state qualifier: Holly Graham, who was sixth in the beam (8.55). Graham also tied for 12th in the floor (8.6).

Also among the top 18 placers for Canton was Nicole Vaagenes, who was 15th in the all-around (32.35), with a tie for 11th in the bars (8.6) and a tie for 17th in the floor (8.45).

Salem's Beth Steinhelper finished ninth in the floor (8.8) — one place out of qualifying for state — and the Rocks' Kate Deroche tied for 13th in the beam (7.95).

"Liz just had an excellent day," summarized Cunningham. "You know, the ultimate team performance that I talked about before . . ."

There was always that 'If only we had done this' or 'If only we had done that'.

"In this meet, there was just nothing like that."

Northville-Nov, which featured three of the top four all-arounders in Division I, will be a challenge to beat at the state final. Holland, which has won the last four Class A championships, figures to relinquish the crown to Northville-Nov or one of five other challengers: Troy Athens, Rochester, Rochester Adams, Hartland or Freeland. All scored in the 140s at their respective regionals.

And Canton? "We'll be pleased to be sixth or seventh," said Cunningham. "If we match what we did at the regional at state, I'll be very, very happy."

The state individual gymnastics finals will start at noon Saturday at Rockford.



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**Job well done: Salem's Ellen Stemmer is congratulated by teammate Wendy Donica. The Rocks have reached the state regionals again.**



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previously this season: at the Schoolcraft College Invitational Feb. 7. They split their two-game, pool-play match, Ladywood winning 15-11 and Salem answering with a 16-14 victory.

"There's no doubt about it, they're a good team," said Suffety. "We're going to have to be at our best to beat them."

"But I know we can." There are several things the Rocks must do to accomplish that, most of them very basic. "We have to create chaos," said Suffety. "We'll have to vary our offensive attack, from both the outside and the middle, and we'll have to do what we can with free balls — while not giving them any."

"They're a good serving team, so we're going to have to step up big in our serve receive."

After three "heartbreaking" losses, as Suffety described them, to Ladywood the last three seasons in the state tournament, it's easy to understand why one might look beyond the first match to the final.

Like Gilles, Suffety is trying not to. "We can't overlook Mercy," he said. "They're too good a team."

The Rocks didn't play their best in the district tournament, but it didn't seem to matter. After a first-round bye, they faced an injury-plagued Plymouth Canton in the semifinals and won easily, 15-3, 15-0.

"To be truthful, I didn't think they were very competitive," said Suffety, noting three Canton starters were sidelined with injuries. "But our kids played pretty well. We wanted more out of our blocking, instead of one kid doing it all, and that was Angie Sillmon."

"Hopefully, that will get better this week."

Amanda Abraham's five kills paced Salem against Canton, with Sillmon adding four kills, two solo blocks and a block assist. Kelly Street also had four kills, Jenny Trott collected three kills and three digs, Kari Flynn got nine assists to kills and four digs, and Amanda Suder finished with three service aces.

The final against Northville was much more difficult. "It forced us to play hard, which was good for us," said Suffety.

Abraham had six kills, while Trott totaled five kills and four digs, and Street, Amanda Pruett, Stemmer and Sillmon each got two kills, with Sillmon collecting three solo blocks. Suder added four aces and seven digs, Flynn got seven assists to kills, and Laine Sterling contributed six assists to kills.

Northville reached the district final by beating Livonia Churchill 15-13, 17-15 in the semis, after the Chargers had upended Novi 15-10, 15-7 in the opening round.



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BREESLER

Key defender: Salem's Jenny Trott is the best at serve reception among the Rocks — which means much will be expected of her if they are to advance.

# CC 2nd in league

## SWIMMING

Second place in the Catholic League Swim Meet Sunday at Royal Oak Dondero was something Redford Catholic Central coach Danny Knipper expected from his swimmers.

Birmingham Brother Rice, the four-time defending Class A state champion, finished first, more than 100 points ahead of the second-place Shamrocks. "They placed everywhere," Knipper said.

As for the upcoming state meet, to be held Friday and Saturday at Eastern Michigan University's Jones Natatorium, Knipper said the Shamrocks' performance is more unpredictable.

Knipper expects Rice to win for an unprecedented fifth straight year with Ann Arbor Pioneer probably headed for second place. Knipper feels the order of teams after that is up for grabs, although it's unlikely the Shamrocks will finish in the top five.

"I think Rice is going to win it, Pioneer will finish second, will give Rice a little bit of a run but I don't think they're going to take it from them," Knipper said. "Third, fourth and fifth is going to be a big fight. Sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth and 10th — it's all going to be a race for the money. I look for us to stay as close as possible to ninth or better."

Qualifying for the state meet as individuals are seniors Nick Sosnowski, Matt Baran and Paul Connolly. Sosnowski has qualified in three events, but will swim in only the 200 yard individual medley and 100 backstroke. His best time in the 200 IM is 2:01.67 and his best time in the 100 backstroke is 55.91.

Baran has qualified in the 100 butterfly (55.00) and Connolly the 100 breaststroke (1:02.84).

A junior, Ryan Meekins, is also a double qualifier. He will swim the 200 freestyle (1:48.97) and the 100 freestyle (49.25).

Sosnowski placed ninth in the 200 IM and 10th in the 100 backstroke last year. Connolly was ninth in the 100 breaststroke.

"I look for personal best times out of every one of them and feel each one should place (among the top 12)," Knipper said.

Sosnowski, Connolly, Baran and Meekins have qualified in the 200 medley relay (1:42.66) and Baran, Markou, Meekins and Sosnowski have qualified in the 400 freestyle relay (3:20.71).

The Shamrocks finished their dual meet season with a 6-4-1 record and was clearly the second-best team in the Catholic League, Knipper said.

## BEST BOYS SWIM TIMES

- 200-YARD MEDLEY RELAY**  
(state cut: 1:43.19)  
Livonia Stevenson 1:39.93  
North Farmington 1:41.47  
Plymouth Canton 1:42.39  
Redford Catholic Central 1:42.66  
Plymouth Salem 1:42.95
- 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 Garringer (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  
Matt Baran (Redford CC) 1:49.54  
Jim Gabriel (N. Farmington) 1:50.74
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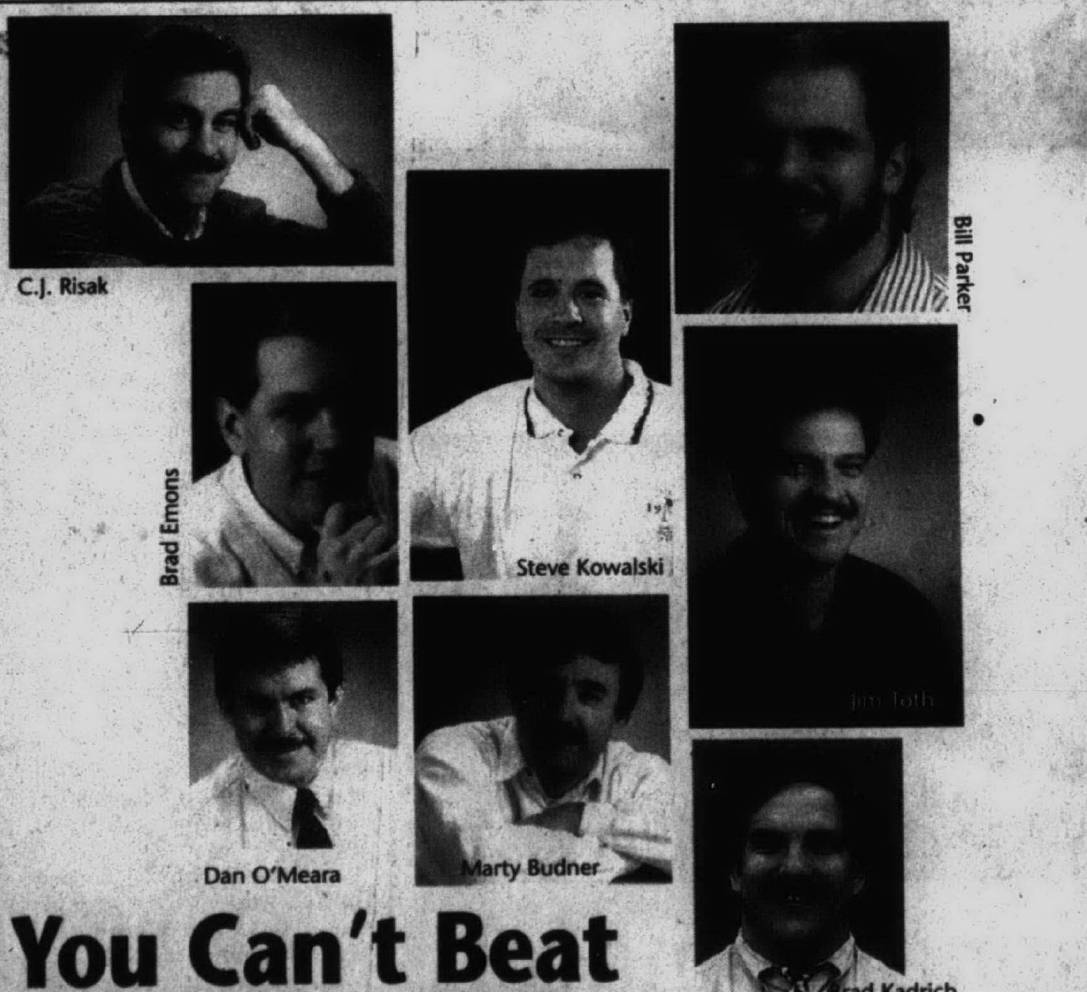
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Mike Malik (Stevenson) 2:05.14  
Steve Domin (Stevenson) 2:05.49  
Aaron Reeder (Canton) 2:07.32  
Dan Gabriel (N. Farmington) 2:07.36
- 50 FREESTYLE**  
(state cut: 22.59)  
Steve Domin (Stevenson) 21.47  
Matt Zaid (N. Farmington) 21.88  
Nick Corden (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  
Joe Lebovic (N. Farmington) 255.45  
Chris Totten (Garden City) 250.55  
Jeff Phillips (John Glenn) 242.95  
J.T. Svok (Harrison) 242.30  
Mike Belyitch (Salem) 231.90  
Chris Cameron (Salem) 223.00  
Dave Sutton (Redford Union) 205.15  
Greg Brazunas (Redford CC) 205.05  
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  
Matt Baran (Redford CC) 55.00  
Keith Falk (Stevenson) 55.38  
Nick Sosnowski (Redford CC) 55.66

- Paul Perez (Salem) 56.34  
Mike Dempsey (Canton) 56.79  
Steve Schwedt (Harrison) 57.31
- 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
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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  
Jim Gabriel (N. Farmington) 55.83  
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

- Brent Mellis (Salem) 56.77  
Josh Duffy (Harrison) 58.03
- 100 BREASTSTROKE**  
(state cut: 1:03.19)  
Paul Connolly (Redford CC) 1:02.84  
Matt Walker (Harrison) 1:02.85  
Ryan Zoumaris (John Glenn) 1:03.26  
Matt Heiss (Canton) 1:03.55  
Keith Falk (Stevenson) 1:03.94  
Jody Gomez (Franklin) 1:04.00  
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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  
Redford Catholic Central 3:20.71  
Plymouth Canton 3:23.44



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COLLEGE SPORTS

# Long road home

## Crusaders end spring trip with a victory

The journey south for their annual spring trip at least ended on a positive note for Madonna University's baseball team — a good thing, since the Fighting Crusaders absorbed a few thumpings en route to their 5-8 record.

Last Saturday, Madonna closed out its trip with a 5-3 triumph over King College in a game played at Lake Wales, Fla. Bob Mason went all seven innings for the Crusaders, tossing a five-hitter with two walks and five strikeouts to improve to 1-2. Two of the runs he allowed were earned.

Kevin Foley sparked Madonna's six-hit attack with two hits and two runs batted in. J.R. Taylor added a run-scoring double and Bob Hamp had an RBI single.

On Friday, the Crusaders were bounced around twice, losing 9-0 to Bethel College

### MADONNA BASEBALL

and 18-13 to Milligan College. Both games were played in Lake Wales.

Mark Serra started and took the loss against Bethel; he lasted four innings, allowing nine runs (five earned) on 10 hits and three walks in falling to 0-2. Nick Newman followed Serra to the mound and tossed two scoreless innings of relief.

Daryl Rocho had two of Madonna's five hits.

In the slugfest against Milligan, the Crusaders battled back from a 9-4 deficit to take a 10-9 lead with a six-run fourth. But Milligan tied it with a run in the fifth, then won it with an eight-run seventh.

Kevin Bilbia was the first of four Madonna pitchers to see action. He lasted just one inning, surrendering four earned runs. The loss, however, went to reliever Jason Carter (0-1), who gave up eight unearned runs on six hits in one inning of work.

Rocho had two hits, including a home run, and three RBI to pace Madonna's offense. Todd Miller (from Farmington Hills/Birmingham Brother Rice) had three hits and an RBI, Pete Quinn (Redford Thurston) had a hit and three RBI, and Foley contributed a hit and two RBI. Eric Marcotte (Plymouth Canton) got one hit, stole two bases and scored three times.

Four errors proved costly to Madonna. In their last three games, the Crusaders committed nine errors and surrendered 13 unearned runs.

### COLLEGE ROUNDUP

Five different Lady Crusaders were singled out for honors when the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference women's basketball teams were announced.

Chris Dietrich, Madonna University's leading scorer, was named to the all-WHAC first team. A sophomore guard from Monroe Jefferson HS, Dietrich averaged 13.3 points, making 78 percent of her free throws and 41 percent of her three-point shots.

In addition, Lori Enfield was named to the all-WHAC rookie team. The freshman center from Williamston HS shot 56 percent from the floor, averaging eight points and 5.5 rebounds a game.

Madonna's greatest representation came on the WHAC all-academic team. Katie Cushman (Flint Powers HS), Mary Murray (Dearborn Divine Child) and Angie Negri (Flint Powers HS) were all selected to the team, which requires members to be a junior or senior with a cumulative grade-point average of 3.25.

#### MCCAA's best

The final statistics for the

Michigan Community College Athletic Association's Eastern Conference in basketball have been released, and for the men Schoolcraft College's Kevin Melson was the leading scorer (28.8 points), second-leading rebounder (9.5), second-leading shooter (60.3 percent from the floor) and seventh-best free-throw shooter (77 percent).

But the Ocelots, who enjoyed their best season in their history, finishing 24-7 overall and 13-3 in the conference (second to Mott CC), had others who sparkled.

Like Derek McKelvey, who ranked third in the conference in scoring (18.6 points), second in three-point shooting (46.8 percent, with a conference-best 119 three-point baskets), 12th in shooting (51.3 percent) and 14th in free-throw shooting (73 percent).

And Emeka Okonkwo, who tied for 13th in scoring (13.9 points), tied for third in steals (2.6), placed seventh in three-point shooting (42.4 percent) and ninth in floor shooting (53.7 percent), and was 14th in rebound-

ing (6.2).

And also Pete Males (from Garden City), who was second in assists (5.9), fourth in three-point shooting (45 percent) and 16th in free-throw shooting (72.2 percent).

Melson was named to the all-Region 12, all-state and all-conference teams. McKelvey was chosen to the all-state and all-conference teams, and Males and Okonkwo were both honorable mention selections.

In the MCCA Eastern Conference women's statistical race, SC's Theresa Cooper finished 12th in the conference in scoring (12.4 points), with Lady Ocelot teammates Amber Tackett (11.7) and Chrissy Harmon (11.1) placing 14th and 15th, respectively.

Cooper was also first in the conference in steals (3.6), second in rebounding (12.8), second in shooting (51.7 percent) and 19th in assists (2.3), while Tackett placed fourth in steals (3.1), ninth in assists (3.4) and 14th in free-throw shooting (62.1 percent).

Other Lady Ocelots listed:

Stacey Cavin tied for first in free-throw shooting (75.5 percent) and Harmon was fifth in three-point shooting (33.5 percent).

SC finished tied for fifth at 9-7 in the conference, and went 13-14 overall.

Kristi Fiorenzi, a Plymouth Canton grad playing at Henry Ford CC, led the Hawks (who tied for the regular-season conference championship at 12-4) in scoring (15.0 points) while placing fourth in the conference. She also tied for fifth in steals (3.0), was 11th in assists (3.0), and finished 12th in free-throw shooting (64.6 percent).

Becky Vachow, also from Canton HS and another HFCC standout, tied for second in three-point shooting (37.3 percent), took 10th in free-throw shooting (65.3 percent) and was 12th in assists (2.9).

Fiorenzi was a second-team all-conference selection, while Vachow was honorable mention.

SC's Cooper, Harmon and Tackett were all honorable mention picks.

### OHIO HOCKEY

# Ambushed

## Greyhounds stage rally, jolt Whalers in overtime



Win the games you're supposed to. That's been Plymouth Whalers' coach Pete DeBoer's sermon since the season's start.

But on Sunday, the Whalers let another slip away — and with it, the chances for an Ontario Hockey League West Division title got slimmer.

A win over the Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds, the last-place team in the division, at Plymouth's Compuware Arena would have allowed the Whalers to forge a tie with the London Knights for first in the division.

And it was easily within their grasp. Plymouth had a 2-0 lead after two periods; when David Legwand poked in a power-play goal (his 53rd score of the season) at 4:57 of the third, the Whaler lead was at 3-0.

But in a 2:08 span of that period, the Greyhounds turned the game around, scoring three quick goals — the last two, by Dan Passero and Nick Grady, on the power play to tie it at 3-3 before the period was half over.

Then came the heartbreaker for Plymouth. With 3:48 elapsed in overtime, Chad Spurr scored a third-consecutive power-play goal for Sault Ste. Marie to give it a 4-3 victory.

The loss kept the Whalers two points behind London for first in the West (going into Wednesday's game against visiting Windsor). On Friday, Plymouth concludes its regular season with a game at London.

Eric Goody got the Whalers' first goal against the Greyhounds at 9:18 of the opening period. Shaun Fisher made it 2-0

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE STANDINGS (Through March 9)				
Team	W	L	T	Pts.
East Division				
Ottawa 67s	39	17	9	87
Bellefleur Bulls	40	22	3	83
Kingston Frontenacs	35	26	4	74
Oshawa Generals	24	31	9	58
Peterborough Petes	19	35	10	49
Toronto St. M. Majors	14	40	9	37
West Division				
London Knights	38	21	5	81
Plymouth Whalers	36	23	7	79
Sault Ste. Marie	31	20	13	75
Erie Otters	33	28	4	70
Windsor Spitfires	19	40	5	43
SSM Greyhounds	18	38	7	43

with a power-play score at 1:46 of the second. Jesse Boulerice and Steve Wasylo each assisted on both goals; Fisher picked up an assist on Legwand's third-period score.

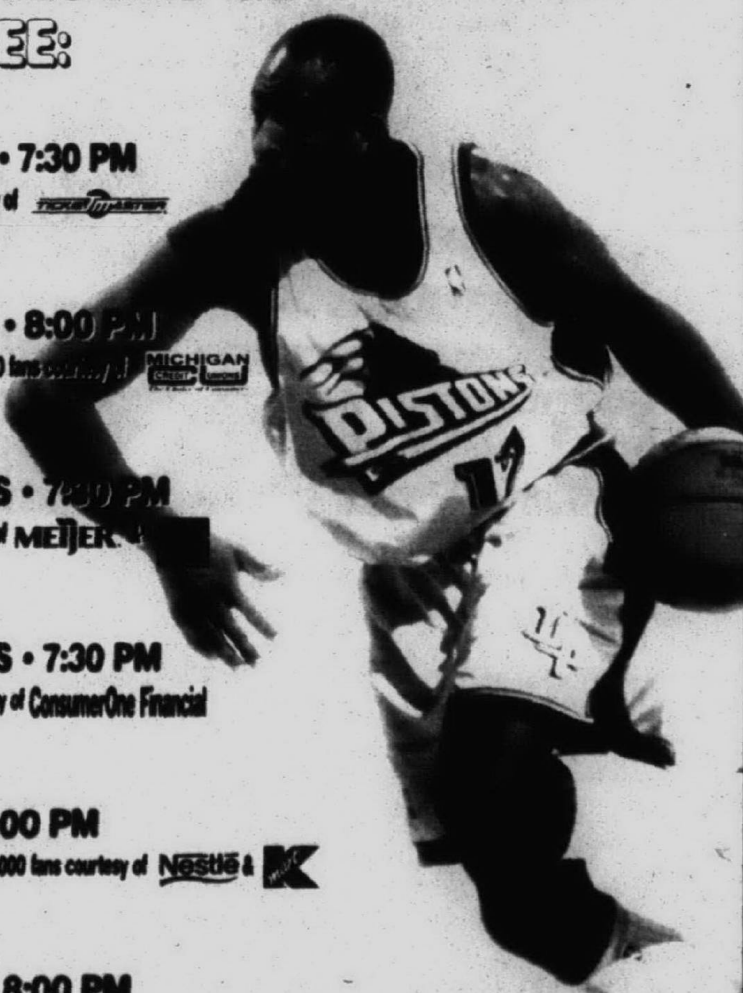
Spurr assisted on all three third-period Greyhound goals, before netting the game-winner in OT.

On Saturday, the Whalers didn't have nearly as much trouble with the Greyhounds. Goals by Boulerice and Legwand in the first period put them in front, and third-period scores by Nik Taelios, Kris Purdy and Brian Passmore assured the 5-1 triumph at Compuware. Purdy also had an assist in the game.

Robert Esche was in goal for both games for Plymouth. He made 19 saves on Saturday and had 22 Sunday.

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# Salem overcomes slow start to sideline Novi

BY C.J. RISAK  
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It looked like a tough draw to begin with for Plymouth Salem's basketball team. The occurrences of last Friday multiplied that difficulty.

Well, at least the Rocks overcame the obstacles piled in their state tournament path long enough to win their first game, 47-34 over Novi Monday at Novi.

A cursory examination of the competition in Salem's district prior to the tournament draw could only have generated optimism. After all, Salem was 17-3; no one else in the district was above .500.

But then, stuff started to happen. The Rocks-reached the final of the Western Lakes Activities Association

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playoffs. Which was good news.

However, the title game against Westland John Glenn — the only WLAA team to beat Salem this season — was played last Friday. That was bad news.

Because it meant whatever happened (Salem won 65-64), the Rocks could not dwell on it. Two days later they would be playing in the state tournament, where one loss means elimination. Season over.

And they had the hardest draw of any team in their district. Salem must win three games in five days to take the title, starting with the host team, Novi,

on Monday. More bad news: Salem's leader and leading scorer, Andy Power, sprained his ankle late in the game Friday. He would not be available against Novi, for certain.

Fate was not favoring the Rocks, or so it seemed. And the way Monday's game started, Salem's chances seemed to be sinking fast.

The first two shots Novi attempted were three-pointers. Both were on target. The game was barely 90 seconds old and the Rocks were down six points.

"There were a lot of factors involved (in our slow start)," said Salem coach Bob Brodie. "Losing Andy, coming off a big game Friday, then they start off by hitting their first two shots, and right

away we're back on our heels. "In the second half, we played the way we're capable of playing. In the first half, it was like we stood around and watched a lot."

What Salem does have is senior leadership and depth. The guys that stepped up and filled Power's void best were Matt Mair and Jeff McKian.

Mair kept the Rocks in the hunt until they got their collective game on track. The 5-foot-11 senior guard knocked down two three-pointers of his own in the first quarter and scored eight points as Salem rallied to take a 12-11 advantage into the second period.

After Novi scored six straight in the first four minutes of the second to take a 17-12 lead, the Rocks got it going.

They finished the half with six consecutive points, taking an 18-17 lead at the break.

McKian took over in the third quarter as Salem outpointed the Wildcats 16-9. The 6-4 senior forward had seven points in the period, with Mair contributing five more.

A 9-2 Salem surge to start the fourth upped the Rocks' advantage to 43-28. Novi, which made just 1-of-12 floor shots in the last quarter and was 4-of-20 (20 percent) in the second half, could get no closer than 10 after that.

Mair finished with 17 points, while McKian totaled 14. Kyle Sneath's 11 points paced the Wildcats; next best was Larry Drury with eight.

## District hoops from page C1

thing, it was just a great effort by our guys."

Cortellini, Canton's junior guard and leading scorer, drilled his first two shots of the second half, and the chase was on.

Salem did not just lay down and surrender. Although Cortellini rattled them for two three-pointers and all 10 of his team's third-quarter points (he finished with 16 in the game), the Rocks still led 38-28 entering the final eight minutes.

But the offense that had seemingly scored at will in the first half was unable to do anything against Canton in the second. The Rocks managed just six

points in the final period, and four of those came at the free-throw line.

Everyone contributed for the Chiefs as they rallied to tie the game. A Cortellini triple trimmed the deficit to 40-36, and Jason Waidmann followed with a basket to bring Canton to within two with 4:05 left.

There was one difference between the two teams down the stretch, however. Salem, which had made just 9-of-19 free

throws to that point, converted 4-of-4 in the last four minutes. Canton was 0-for-2, both times missing the front end of one-and-

ones. Two free throws by McKian upped the Rocks' lead to 42-38 with 3:02 left, but a short jumper by Larsen preceded McLean's game-tying shot.

Salem was in trouble, especially when Larsen picked off a pass from McKian. However, McLean missed a one-and-one with 55 seconds left that would have given Canton its first lead of the game.

Patel, who bedeviled the Chiefs in the first half by scoring 10 points (he had 14 in the game), got the ball inside and went up for a shot. Scott Samul-

ki fouled him and, with 29 seconds left, Patel drilled the eventual game-winning points.

"Anytime you play Canton, it's going to be a tough game," said Brodie afterwards. "All I can say is, we made it."

Patel (for Salem) and Cortellini (for Canton) were the only ones to score in double-figures. Mair got nine for the Rocks, and McLean had seven for the Chiefs.

The Rocks were without their leading scorer, Andy Power, still sidelined with an ankle injury suffered last Friday against Westland John Glenn.

## CC's final-second surge shocks Southfield, 74-72

BY STEVE KOWALSKI  
STAFF WRITER

Redford Catholic Central junior guard Nick Moore made two free throws with 3.5 seconds left Wednesday to tie host Southfield, 72-72, in a Class A boys basketball district semifinal game.

Before anyone could say overtime, Moore provided an encore.

Incredibly, Moore made a steal from a Southfield guard at half-court, turned and heaved the ball before the buzzer sounded straight through the basket to give CC a 75-72 win.

Being an 80 percent free throw shooter, his two swishes at the free throw line were far more predictable than the half-court shot.

"A shot like that is once in a lifetime," Moore said. "When I let it go I see it on the line and I just kept running to the baseline (before getting mobbed by his teammates). I knew I could hit the free throws and I went to the line calmly. We're glad to get it in regulation. The crowd was rowdy and they were feeding off it."

CC senior guard Joe Jonna,

who had to leave the game with a groggy head after a first-half collision, returned late in the fourth quarter and finished with 10 points after making a three-point shot during the Shamrocks' rally.

The win sends CC, 17-4 overall, to Friday's district final to play Detroit Redford. Redford eliminated the Shamrocks in last year's district final and lost in the Class A title game to Grand Rapids Ottawa Hills.

Moore and senior center Chris Young (from Plymouth) led CC with 17 points each. Don Slankster had 13 and Jonna 10. Rob Sparks contributed nine.

Southfield guard Joe Shephard, a Central Michigan signee, had a game-high 26.

CC enjoyed a 12-point first-half lead but Southfield caught the Shamrocks after Young went to the bench with foul trouble in the second quarter.

Southfield held a 49-48 lead through three quarters and led for 7 minutes 56.5 seconds of the fourth.

Young scored seven points in the final two minutes, including two dunks, to rally the Shamrocks back from a 68-63 deficit.

## Jackson Baptist drops PCA

Plymouth Christian Academy was outscored 24-17 in the decisive final quarter Wednesday as host Jackson Baptist advanced in the Class D boys basketball tournament with a 75-65 victory.

Jackson Baptist, which plays Grass Lake for the district title Friday, improved to 7-15.

PCA finishes at 14-7.

Tim Walz, a 6-foot-4 senior center, led the victorious Royals with 28 points. John Hunsberger, a 6-2 swingman, added 25, including four 3-pointers.

Jackson Baptist held on for the win by hitting four 3-pointers late in the game.

Four PCA players scored in double figures led by senior forward Chris Brandon's team-high 24 points.

Sophomore forward Derric Isensee, who was saddled with three second-quarter fouls followed by a fourth foul early in the third period, scored 16.

Scott Carty, a senior guard, and Jordan Roose, a sophomore guard, each chipped in with 11. Carty nailed three triples.

Foul shooting also figured in the final outcome as PCA was just nine of 19 (47.3 percent), while Jackson Baptist was 16 of 21 (76.1 percent).

## BASKETBALL DISTRICT DRAWS

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at SOUTHFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

Friday, March 13: Redford Catholic Central vs. Detroit Redford, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals at Dearborn Fordson vs. Detroit Cody district champion.)

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Friday, March 13: Plymouth Salem vs. Northville, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals at Plymouth Salem vs. Detroit Mumford district champion.)

at BLOOMFIELD HILLS LANSER

Friday, March 13: Farmington vs. Farmington Hills Harrison, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals at Plymouth Salem vs. Southfield-Lathrup district champion.)

CLASS C  
at REDFORD BISHOP BORGESS

Friday, March 13: Redford Bishop Borgess vs. Southfield Christian, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals at Dundee vs. Riverview Gabriel Richard district champion.)

CLASS D  
at WATERFORD OUR LADY

Thursday, March 12: Bloomfield Hills Roeper vs. Auburn Hills Oakland Christian, 6 p.m.; Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest vs. Redford St. Agatha, 7:30 p.m.

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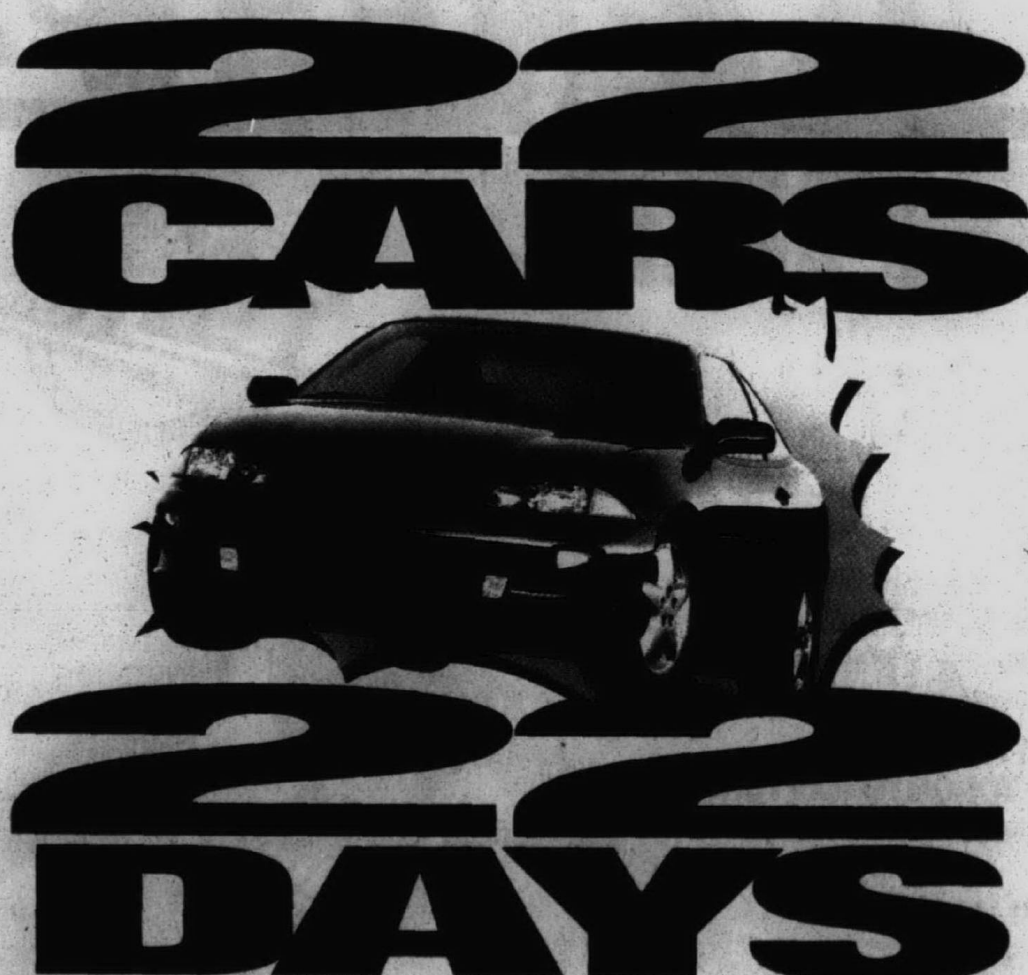
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# Deadeye: Juziuk wins NCAA shooting title

BY NEAL ZIPSER  
STAFF WRITER

Karyn Juziuk returned to Xavier University Saturday to see an exuberant campus.

The Xavier (Ohio) student body was excited, anticipating a berth in the NCAA basketball tournament, which was going to be announced Sunday evening.

The student body didn't have to wait until the end of the month, however, to discover they already had a NCAA champion in their midst.

Juziuk, a 1995 graduate of Livonia Churchill, became the school's first Smallbore Individual National Champion at the NCAA Rifle Championships. The junior won the title Friday in the championships held at Murray State University in Kentucky.

Juziuk also captured All-American honors in air rifle by placing sixth with a score of 386.

"I came back to a lot of fanfare for the basketball team, but not too many people knew what happened at the shooting championships," Juziuk said. "You might feel a little slighted that the basketball team gets all the attention, but all small sports have to go through that."

Juziuk outperformed 47 other competitors with a score of 1,169 points (out of a possible 1,200), beating out her two closest competitors by two points. She also finished a mere three points ahead of her cousin, Jacksonville (Ala.) State's Lucinda Roddy, a Livonia Clarenceville alumna.

Juziuk shot a personal-best

score of 385 in the standing position which may have been the difference. Her total score was based on her total points in the prone (laying on stomach with gun in a sling), standing and kneeling positions.

"I didn't consider myself one of the favorites because there were some shooters in the competition who posted phenomenal scores at the sectionals," she said. "But I wasn't nervous going in because I didn't have to defend a high score. I think that contributed to the win."

Juziuk also became the third woman ever to win the NCAA title which pits the women against the men. She was also selected by the coaches as the "Athlete of the Championship."

"Gender is not an issue in this sport," Juziuk said. "Men are allowed to use extra equipment on their rifles for better support, and that add-on equipment was just made available to women last year. But I chose not to use any extra equipment. Skill won this title and not technology."

The championship allows Juziuk to compete in tournaments overseas and in Europe which begin the stages toward an Olympic tryout. Shooting is a major sport in Europe as Germany dominates many of the competitions.

"In Europe, unlike the U.S., shooting is a spectator sport and



Right on target: Karyn Juziuk brandishes one of the weapons she used to win a pair of NCAA medals with. The Livonia Churchill graduate finished first in the smallbore division.

Juziuk, who shot archery at the age of five, began her rifle shooting at age 10. Her mother, Elizabeth, returned to shooting after an absence and soon began taking her to the Livonia Junior Rifle Club.

Juziuk increased her training as she entered her teens and her mother became her coach. Still, her shooting prowess was virtually unknown during her days at Churchill.

"Churchill has good hockey and soccer programs and I didn't play any varsity sports, so only my friends knew about my shooting — and they thought it was cool," Juziuk said.

She also was able to get some good competition going at the club with her cousin, mother and her younger brother, Karl, a promising shooter at Tennessee Tech.

Juziuk chose Xavier because it was one of the few universities that had a competitive rifle team while offering a respected biology program.

Juziuk has enjoyed a great career at Xavier, as she earned first team All-American

honors in air rifle in 1996 and 1997. She also competed in the 1996 Olympic Trials in Atlanta (seventh-place finish).

For those unfamiliar with shooting, air rifle uses air pressure to propel pellets while smallbore utilizes a 22 caliber rifle that uses gun powder to propel bullets.

"It's a safe sport," Juziuk said. "Before you learn to shoot, you learn safety. And then after learning to shoot, you gain a respect for the equipment. You learn the power a rifle has and you learn to keep it in control."

"It's a good sport because it's a lifelong sport; you can shoot at any age. It's also a sport where gender doesn't matter and it's a sport that stresses the mental aspect."

"I come out of competition feeling fine physically, even though my back hurts every now and then. But I'm mentally exhausted when a competition is done. It's three hours of focusing on goal. You have to learn to focus your mind."

After Juziuk completes her career at Xavier, the Observerland area will still be well represented. Shari Jedinak, a 1997 graduate of Westland John Glenn, is considered one of the team's most promising shooters.

it's somewhat like what football is over here," she said. "Europeans are trained at an early age

to shoot and that doesn't happen as much over here."

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PREP HOCKEY

# Goalie's efforts not enough for Shamrocks

BY STEVE KOWALSKI  
STAFF WRITER

Redford Catholic Central senior goaltender Rick Marnon probably had Grosse Pointe South's Charlie Braun feeling more like the cartoon character Charlie Brown during most of Saturday's Class A hockey regional at Plymouth's Compuware Arena.

Remember how Lucy used to pick the ball up just as Charlie Brown was going to kick it?

Marnon had the same effect on Braun and his Blue Devils' teammates, steering away 23 shots, including several that required spectacular moves.

"We knew his glove hand was awesome and we had to score in the five hole or low," said Braun, a junior forward. "He's great, the best in the league (Michigan Metro Hockey League), but we knew what we had to do."

## CATHOLIC CENTRAL

They did just enough to beat the Shamrocks, 2-1, using a short-handed goal by Braun in the third period to break a 1-1 tie.

Marnon came into the game red-hot, recording consecutive shutouts over Birmingham Brother Rice and sharing another against Redford Union with teammate Tom Monnier.

Marnon's finest save, perhaps, came in the third period when the score was 1-1 and he robbed South's Brad Balesky with a glove save while the Blue Devils enjoyed a 4-on-3 advantage.

"It hurts," said Marnon. "I'd rather come out on top. I don't care if I have to make all the saves at the end or not. South was ready to play. That's all it was. I'll always miss the guys."

The Blue Devils broke Marnon's scoreless string with a goal by Matt Moran, assisted by Adam Whitehead and Ben Weaver, at 6:40 of the first period.

The Shamrocks tied the score when David Moss picked up a rebound off a shot by Keith Rowe and scored with 9:06 left in the second period. Todd Bentley also assisted on the goal.

The Blue Devils scored the game-winner with 7:53 left when Braun took a pass from Pat Manion in the slot and buried the puck between the legs of Marnon.

It came less than a minute after Marnon made consecutive stops on Manion and Braun from point-blank range.

South defenseman Dave Bilbrey made a key move leading to the goal, keeping the puck in at the point and knocking a CC player on his behind in the same

motion.

"I think we were leaning toward getting in the other zone, neglected to take care of responsibilities in our zone and it cost us," CC coach Gordie St. John said. "Marnon was outstanding, we just couldn't get another one for him. I thought we had some momentum going in the second period and I thought we'd be stronger in the third but give them credit. They're a very quick team."

The Shamrocks pulled Marnon for an extra attacker in the final minute and generated three face-offs in the Blue Devils' zone and a couple scoring chances.

South senior goalie J.C. Tibbitts was up to the challenge, finishing with 18 saves. His coach, Bob Bopp, feels as blessed as St. John is with Marnon to have him.

"Marnon may be the best in the league - I know we're pretty happy with

number 27 (J.C. Tibbitts)," South coach Bob Bopp said. "Both were very good today."

Bopp advanced to the quarterfinals for the first time with a 24-3 record. This was the first time South has beaten CC in the state tournament in Bopp's six years as coach.

"Every year we have CC, Rice or Trenton (in the regionals) and it's tough to move on," Bopp said. "We've beaten CC (in the regular season) and done pretty well against Rice but we've never beaten Trenton. We want another chance to beat them and if we do it would be the last game of the year."

This was the final high school game for CC seniors Ian Devlin, Monnier, Greg Berger, John Hunt, Dan Morrell, Jason Tardif, Dave Turner, Jim Melton, Joe Beaudoin, Tony Keshishian and Marnon.

"They'll be missed," St. John said.

# Late goals lift Trenton to regional victory over Chargers

BY BRAD EMONS  
STAFF WRITER

Livonia Churchill's hockey season ended on a sad note, but not before giving Trenton a scare in the Class A regional final Saturday night at Kennedy Ice Arena, falling 5-3 to the host Trojans in front of a standing-room only crowd.

The Chargers finished the year 19-5-3 overall, while Trenton moved into Wednesday's quarterfinal at the Ann Arbor Ice Cube at 22-3-2.

(Ironically, in the second game of the season, Churchill lost 5-3 on Nov. 22 at Trenton.)

After a somewhat flat second period by Churchill which resulted in a 3-2 deficit, the Chargers stepped up their game in the final period and evened the count at 3-all on Matt Grant's unassisted backhand with just 6:55 left.

But Trenton, a six-time state champion and last year's runner-up, answered with two quick goals to earn the win.

Off a scramble in front of Churchill netminder Dwaine

## CHURCHILL

Jones, Trenton's Nate Schmoekel scored the game-winner from Pat Maloney and Ken O'Connor with only 4:07 to go.

The Trojans then made sure with 3:02 left when Angelo Petrucco banged home a rebound from Brian Hancock and Adam Youngblood.

"We're an experienced team and we've been in this situation before," Trenton coach Mike Turner said. "We didn't panic (after Grant's goal), we just kept working."

For the game, the Trojans only outshot the Chargers, 21-20.

Churchill, in fact, had a 7-2 advantage in the final period. But Trenton made both shots count.

It was 1-1 after one period.

Churchill's Chuck Leight redirected a shot from the point with Antti Kervinen and Jason Turri assisting to put the Chargers on top, 1-0, at 4:15.

Petrucco countered for Trenton at 9:45 on a backhand after Han-

cock broke through the Charger defense.

The Trojans then scored at 6:07 and 9:48, both goals by Derek Nykiel to take a 3-1 lead. Nykiel's second was caused by traffic in front of the Churchill net.

"We haven't scored a lot of goals this year in comparison to past years so we have to create intensity down low," Turner said.

After Nykiel's second goal, Churchill coach Jeff Hatley immediately called a timeout to regroup his troops.

"They (Trenton) play the grinding style and that little let-down in the second period hurt us," said Hatley, a former Trojan goalie and alum. "We had trouble because of the stick-handling in our zone and we were making a lot of soft passes. If we had continued to play like that, we were going to get blown out."

"But to the credit of our team, we got the next goal and then tied it up."

At 10:02 of the second, B.J. Tehan off a pinpoint pass from

Dan Cook, brought the Chargers to within one.

The rangy Grant then tied it up at 8:05 of the third.

"We knew they (Churchill) were a very good team and all they wanted was a chance to beat us and it only takes one," Turner said. "They've got to be proud of their effort because we gave it everything we had."

The loss marked the final

games for a quartet of four-year senior varsity players at Churchill - Anton Sutovsky, Brandon Martoia, Matt Wysocki and Jason Hendrian.

"They're just good kids and fun to be around," Hatley said. "And the parental support we got made all the difference. No egos got in the way this year. Everybody put the team first."

"And as a coach, you can't ask

## THE WEEK AHEAD

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**CLASS A**  
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Championship final: 12:30 p.m. (Winner advances to the state quarterfinals 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 17, at Ann Arbor Huron vs. Temperance Bedford regional champion.)

**CLASS B**  
at CARLETON AIRPORT (Friday, March 13)  
Semifinals: Redford Thurston vs. Riverview, 5 p.m.; Carleton-Airport vs. Tecumseh, 6:30

p.m.  
Championship final: 8 p.m. (Winner advances to the state quarterfinals Tuesday, March 17, at Parma-Western vs. Fowlerville regional champion.)

**CLASS C**  
at NEW HAVEN (Saturday, March 14)  
Semifinals: Redford Bishop Borgess vs. Harper Woods Bishop Gallagher, 5 p.m.; Almont vs. Southfield Christian, 6:30 p.m.  
Championship final: 8 p.m. (Winner advances to the state quarterfinals Tuesday, March 17, at Almont vs. Bath regional champion.)

**CLASS D**  
at WATERFORD OUR LADY (Saturday, March 14)  
Semifinals: Redford St. Agatha vs. Taylor Light & Life Christian, 10 a.m.; Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes vs. Ottawa Lake-Whitford, 11:30 a.m.  
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**OUTDOORS CALENDAR**

**ACTIVITIES**

**COTTON IS OUT**

Eric Stockinger, a veteran kayaker and backpacker will bring participants up to date on the latest and newest new fabrics during this program, which begins at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 12, at REI in Northville. Call (248) 347-2100 for more information.

**WHAT'S IN DAVE'S PACK**

Dave Tate, a veteran backpacker, alpine skier and outdoor photographer and an Eagle Scout will present a clinic on backcountry must haves and everyday backpacking necessities during this program, which begins at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 19, at REI in Northville. Call (248) 347-2100 for more information.

**SPRING WALK**

Bill Graig will lead a spring walk beginning at noon on Saturday, March 21, at the William P. Holliday Nature Preserve in Westland. Participants should meet at the parking lot at Newburg Road, north of Warren. Call (313) 522-8547 for more information.

**LIFE LINKS**

Learn about some of the fascinating connections between plants and animals and their habitats during this program, which begins at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 28, at U-M Dearborn. Call (313) 593-5338 for more information.

**LAND NAVIGATION**

The School of Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation (SOLAR) presents a class on land navigation on Saturday, March 28, at the Waterloo Recreation Area. Call Linda Burke at (248) 471-9185 for more information.

**ARCHERY**

**JUNIOR OLYMPICS**

The Oakland County Sportsman Club in Clarkston offers a Junior Olympic Archery Development Program beginning at 1 p.m. on Sundays. Call (810) 623-0444 for more information.

**JUNIOR ARCHERS**

A weekly program for junior archers begins at 9 a.m. Saturdays at Detroit Archers in West Bloomfield. Call (248) 661-9610 or (313) 835-2110 for more information.

**CLASSES**

**HUNTER EDUCATION**

Wayne County Sportsmen's Club

will hold several hunter education classes in the upcoming months at its clubhouse and grounds in Romulus. These classes will be taught by certified instructors. Students must be present for both days of their respective class. All equipment will be provided. Classes will be offered March 28-29, Aug. 29-30, Oct. 3-4, Oct. 17-18 and Nov. 7-8. Cost is \$10.50 and includes lunch both days. To pre-register call (313) 532-0285.

**YOUTH FLY FISHING**

The Michigan Fly Fishing Club will hold a Youth Fly Fishing School, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, April 4, at the Walled Lake Outdoor Education Center. The school is open to youths age seven to 15 accompanied by a parent or adult guardian. Admission is \$5 and includes pizza, donuts, pop and hot chocolate. Call Dale Ross (734) 420-2233 or Tony Yuhus (248) 478-7461 to register and for more information.

**CLUBS**

**SOLAR**

The School for Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation, a non-profit organization interested in promoting the appreciation of outdoor activities, meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Colony Hall in Southfield. Call (248) 988-6658 for more information.

**METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS**

Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the cafeteria at Garden City High School. Call Dominic Liparoto at (248) 476-5027 for more information.

**MICHIGAN FLY FISHING**

The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Junior High School. Call (810) 478-1494 for more information.

**FOUR SEASONS**

The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Senior Citizen's Center in the Livonia Civic Center. Call Jim Kudej at (313) 591-0843 for more information.

**FISHING BUDDIES**

Fishing Buddies Fishing Club meets monthly in Rochester Hills. The meetings are open to all anglers. Call (248) 656-0556 for more information.

**CLINTON VALLEY BASS**

Clinton Valley Bass Anglers is seeking new members (boaters and non-boaters are welcome.)

The club meets monthly at Gander Mountain in Waterford. Call Mike Daly at (248) 666-8910 for more information.

**BASS ASSOCIATION**

The Downriver Bass Association, a non-tournament bass club, meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Gander Mountain in Taylor. Call (734) 676-2863 for information.

**MEETINGS**

**NRC**

The monthly meeting of the state Natural Resource Commission will be Wednesday and Thursday, March 11-12, at the Kellogg Center in East Lansing.

**SEASON/DATES**

**RABBIT**

Rabbit season runs through March 31 statewide.

**PIKE**

Pike season ends March 15 on inland lakes statewide. Spearing season ends Feb. 28.

**SMELT**

Smelt netting season runs March 1-May 31 south of M-72 and April 1-May 31 north of M-72.

**SEMINARS**

**BEAR SEMINAR**

The Michigan Big Game Hunter's Association presents

Karl Hosford, retired chief of the DNR's wildlife division, who will give a seminar on bear hunting, beginning at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 19, at the Gander Mountain store in Taylor.

**SHOOTING RANGES**

**BALD MOUNTAIN**

Bald Mountain Recreation Area in Lake Orion has shotgun (skeet & trap, sporting clays, 5-stand), rifle, pistol, and archery shooting facilities. Range hours are 10 a.m. to dusk on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays. Bald Mountain is located at 1330 Greenshield Rd. (three miles north of the Palace of Auburn Hills). Call (810) 814-9193 for more information.

**PONTIAC LAKE**

Pontiac Lake Recreation Area in Waterford has rifle, pistol, shotgun, and archery ranges. Range hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesdays through Sundays. Pontiac Lake Recreation Area is located at 7800 Gale Rd. Call (810) 666-1020 for information.

**ORTONVILLE RECREATION**

Ortonville Recreation Area in Ortonville has rifle, pistol and shotgun shooting facilities. The Ortonville Recreation Area is located at 5779 Hadley Rd. Call (810) 693-6767 for information.

**SHOWS**

**FLY FISHING**

The Michigan Fly Fishing Club presents the Midwest Fly Fishing Expo on Saturday and Sunday, March 14-15, at the Southfield Civic Center. Featured speakers include Jason Borger (Reading the Water and Bait Presentation), Ernest Schwiebert (Rivers of Patagonia), and Trey Combs (Fly Fishing for Steelhead). Show hours are 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday. Adult admission is \$8 and children 12 and under will be admitted free. Call (810) 486-4967 for more information.

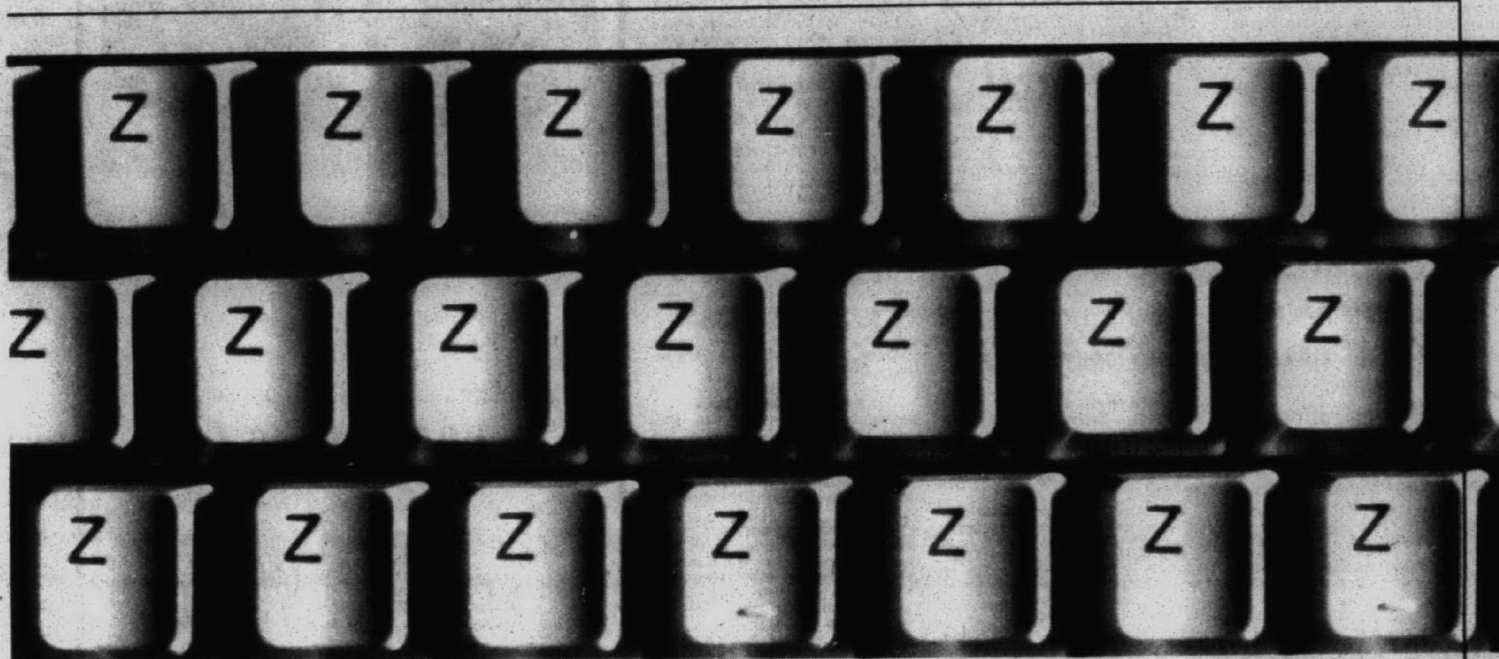
**WILDLIFE ART FESTIVAL**

The 15th annual Michigan Wildlife Art Festival, sponsored by the Michigan Wildlife Habitat Foundation will take place March 27-29 at the Southfield Pavilion. The show features the Midwest's largest juried show of wildlife and environmental art; 60 nationally acclaimed artists; thousands of affordable paintings, prints, photos, carvings, etchings, sculptures, stained glass pieces, batiks, scratchboards and more; exhibits by Michigan's leading conservation organizations, seminars on Michigan wildlife topics, a celebrity decoy painting contest and more. Show hours are 4-9 p.m. March 27, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. March 28, and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. March 29. Admission is \$6 and children under 12 will be admitted free.

**TOURNAMENTS**

**SALMON STAKES**

The 20th annual River Crab Salmon Stakes benefit fishing tournament will be held Saturday, May 2, in St. Clair. Proceeds from the tournament will be used to support the Blue Water Mental Health Clinic and other programs across the state that serve troubled children, adults and their families. Raffle/entry tickets are \$10 each and enters the holder into a raffle and the fishing tournament. Raffle prizes include a four night cruise for two adults and two children in Cape Canaveral, Florida; use of a private suite at a Tiger baseball game; a weekend for two in Chicago; gift certificates, and a charter fishing trip. Tickets are also redeemable for \$10 off dinner for two or Sunday brunch at any Chuck Muer restaurant. Anglers can win \$250 cash for the heaviest total catch in one boat as well as \$250 for the largest fish in each of four categories - king salmon, steelhead, brown trout and coho salmon. Tickets are available at Charlie's Crab in Troy, Muer's Seafood Tavern in West Bloomfield, Meriwethers in Southfield, Big Fish in Dearborn, Big Fish Toq in Madison Heights, and Gandy Dancer in Ann Arbor or by calling the River Crab at 1-800-468-3727.



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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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**PLYMOUTH DISTRICT LIBRARY PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Plymouth District Library Board will hold its REGULAR meeting Tuesday, March 17, 1998 at 7:30 p.m. at 705 S. Main Street, Plymouth, Michigan, 48170.

The Plymouth District Library 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 seven (7) days notice to the Plymouth District Library. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Plymouth District Library by writing or calling the following:

Barbara Kraft, Library Secretary  
Plymouth District Library  
705 S. Main Street  
Plymouth, MI 48170  
313-453-0750  
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**Western Townships Utilities Authority Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting Synopsis 4:00 p.m., Monday, February 23, 1998**

Regular meeting called to order at 4:00 p.m.  
Present: Thomas Yack, Karen Woodside, Kathleen A. Keen-McCarthy  
Agenda - adopted as presented.  
Minutes - regular meeting of December 22, 1997 - approved as presented.  
Minutes - regular meeting of January 26, 1998 - approved as presented.  
Schedule of operating expenses totaling \$790,825.71 - approved.  
Operations and Maintenance Monthly report - received and filed.  
Operations Manager's Report - received and filed.  
O&M 1998 Goals Report - received and filed.  
Audit: Fiscal Year 96/97 - accepted.  
Bid Award-Middle Rouge Office Expansion - approval to award bid to Davenport Brothers Construction Co., of Belleville, Michigan.  
Ayres, Lewis, Norris & May, Inc., Settlement Agreement - approved.  
Mechanical Seals Purchase (Lower Rouge) - approved.  
Sewer Cleaning & CCTV Inspection Contract; Phase 2 - approval to advertise for bids.  
Operations Manager's Contract Amendment - approved.  
The regular meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

THOMAS Y. JACK, Chairman

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

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# Entertainment

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## FRIDAY

At 8 p.m., "1964 - The Tribute" brings the music of the early Beatles to Varner Recital Hall, on the campus of Oakland University. Tickets \$12, with discounts for students, senior citizens, call (248) 370-2020 or (248) 370-3013.

## SATURDAY

Henry Ford Museum on Oakwood, just west of the Southfield Freeway, in Dearborn, celebrates Family Fun Month with hands-on activities and entertaining programs, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Included with museum admission, \$12.50 adults, seniors \$11.50, children 5-12, \$7.50, (313) 271-1620.

## SUNDAY

Viola (Ivana Grahovoc of Bloomfield Hills), and Sebastian (Dusan Dean Chevala) in "Twelfth Night" 2 p.m. at Wayne State University's Bonstelle Theatre, 3424 Woodward, Detroit. Tickets \$8 to \$10, (313) 577-2960.



**Hot Tix:** "Elvis - The Concert" 8 p.m. Friday, March 13 at The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr., features a 16-piece orchestra and the King's original tour cast performing live on stage with Elvis singing lead vocal via the magic of video. Tickets \$25 and \$17.50 reserved, call (248) 645-6666 or (248) 377-0100 for information.

### Celebrations of Irish Music

- **The 12th Annual St. Patrick's Day Irish Fest** - 4 p.m. Tuesday, March 17, at The Hellenic Cultural Center, 36375 Joy Road, (east of Newburgh Road) Westland. Admission \$6 at the door, children free, call (313) 537-3489 for information.
- **Cattle Ryan** - 7:30 p.m. (doors open) 8 p.m. (concert) Tuesday, March 17 at The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor, (313) 761-1451. Tickets \$13.50.
- **St. Patrick's Day Brew and View Party (The Day After)** - 8 p.m. (doors open) Wednesday, March 18 music by The Young Dubliners 9 p.m. followed by the film "The Commitments," at 10 a.m., Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Tickets \$5, at the box office 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday, or Ticketmaster (248) 644-6666. Call the event hot line (248) 544-3030 for information.
- **The Clancy Brothers** - 8 p.m. Saturday, March 21, Magic Bag, tickets \$20. Call number listed above.

## St. Patrick's Day Fest

# CELEBRATES Irish MUSIC, SONG & DANCE

STORIES BY KEELY WYGONIK

A musician and a family man, Mick Gavin wanted to present the music of his beloved Ireland in a place where families could enjoy it together on St. Patrick's Day.

Most of the celebrations are held in pubs, and Gavin who lives in Redford, had something else in mind.

In 13 years, the Irish Music Song & Dance Fest he helped organize has outgrown two locations. About 300 people came to the first one at Bonnie Brook Banquet and Conference Center. Last year's event at The Hellenic Cultural Center drew over 1,200.

"It's an annual thing now. We couldn't stop it if we tried, a lot of people would be mad if we did," said Gavin. "We get a lot of families. It's music to celebrate the day."

As the years go by, the festival gets easier to organize, but Gavin and crew are still learning and trying to improve it.

"This year we'll have better seating with tables," he said. Food will also be available for purchase including corned beef and cabbage dinners, Scottish meat pies, Irish soda bread, and hot dogs. A cash bar, Guinness on tap, coffee and other beverages will be sold as well.

More than 60 musicians and dancers from the United States, Canada and Ireland, will be performing including Gavin, Glenarry Road, Ed McGlinchey, John Sands, Dawn Moskovich, Terence McKinney, and Paul Cusack, All-Ireland Champion Dancer, the Kitty Heinzman Ceili Dancers, and dancers from the O'Hare School of Irish Dance.

"It's a huge cross section," said Gavin. "From Celtic pipes, Scottish to Irish, ballads and fiddle music."

With "Riverdance" has come a renewed appreciation for all things Irish, and not just on St. Patrick's Day. "People are becoming much more aware of what it's all about," said Gavin who has been playing fiddle and accordion since he was 10. "There was always music in our house, it's really part of my soul. Growing up in County Clare, Ireland, there

were no other musical influences. We didn't have TV, just one radio, and kids weren't allowed to touch it."

When Gavin moved to the United States no one was playing traditional Irish music - jigs, reels, set dances and slow airs. "Every Tom, Dick and Harry was singing pub songs," he said. "Now there are hundreds of people playing old-time music."

Gavin is self-employed - Mick Gavin Floors and Remodeling -

but continues to play the music he loves performing at parties, pubs and even the Ark in Ann Arbor. His son Michael will also be performing at the Festival on St. Patrick's Day.

"Last Saturday I spent three hours teaching a young man the Irish fiddle style," he said. "I do it for the love of the music. I don't charge, but I'm compensated in other ways - in my heart."

Like Gavin, Kitty Heinzman raised her children with Irish

music and dance. It's important to continue the culture.

"There are no immigrants," she said. "In order for the culture to continue it has got to be taught. It's very important."

Her son John, 32, and daughter Liz, 21, teach dancing also. "There's no generation gap," said Heinzman. "We have children and grandchildren. There are a whole bunch who are not Irish, but love the music and tradition, and some who missed out, because they didn't grow up in an Irish community."

Heinzman began teaching Irish dance in 1976. On Fridays she teaches a Ceili - folk dance class at the Gaelic League in Detroit.

"It's very casual," she said. "They're neat people, welcoming, we have fun."

She's participated in the festival with Gavin since it started. "The dancers really enjoy it," she said. "There's all types of great Irish music and dance. It's a festival, and a lot of fun."

At 17, Paul Cusack of Plymouth, All-Ireland Champion Dancer, is doing his part to keep the rich traditions of Ireland alive.

"I started dancing when I was five," said Cusack. "I love to compete in contests. My two older sisters were also involved in dance, but they quit."

Cusack loves dance, and the travel that goes with competing in dance contests. He has friends all over the country. When he used to tell his friends about dance, they dismissed it as just folk dance. "Riverdance" changed that.

"Now they think it's pretty cool," said Cusack. "It's become popular worldwide."

A junior at Catholic Central High School, Cusack dreams of joining the cast of "Riverdance" when he graduates, and plans, of course, to go to college, too.

"Irish dancing will always be a part of my life," he said. He's looking forward to the festival. "The audience is really great. There's Irish music, dance and food. It's a chance to see what Irish culture is all about."

## Clancy Brothers tour stops at Magic Bag

Be prepared to sing your heart out when the Clancy Brothers come to the Magic Bag on Saturday, March 21. They'll thank you for it.

"It's a lovely feeling when you hear the whole house singing," said Paddy Clancy. "There's a sense of involvement. It's a great feeling for us, that's the enjoyment."

Since 1958, the Clancy Brothers have been entertaining audiences with their music. They have over 50 albums to their credit.

"Folk music has been edited

over the years by the sort of subconscious of the people," said Clancy. "Time does a great editing job. People stop singing the bad ones and we're left with the good ones."

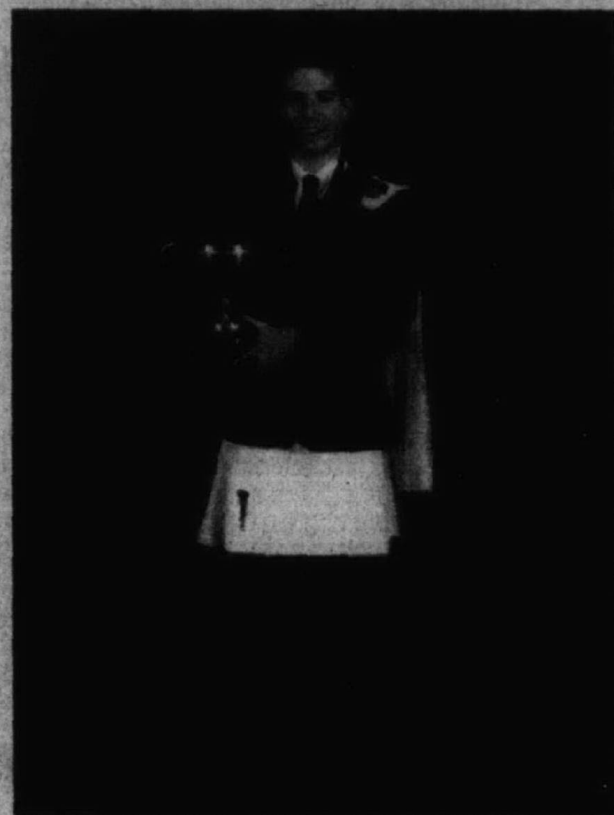
Clancy's not so confident today's songwriters will survive the test of time. "People are writing Tin Pan Alley songs to make money," he said. "There's a big difference between that and writing songs you feel. 'Finnegan's Wake' was written as a music

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Family folk group: The Clancy Brothers, Paddy Clancy, Bobby Clancy, Eddie Dillon and Finnbar Clancy.

**Champion dancer:** Paul Cusack, All-Ireland Champion Dancer, will be participating in the St. Patrick's Day Irish Fest at Hellenic Cultural Center.



## FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT

**The Shrine Circus**  
What: A 90th anniversary gala celebration features a recreation of the Wallendas Family's seven person pyramid, the Garza Brothers Living Statues, and the Flying Pages, plus clowns, horses, dogs, elephants, acrobats, aerialists, and Ada Smieja from the Polish State Circus with her tigers, including one that walks a tight rope.  
When: Through Sunday, March 22. Performance times are noon and 7 p.m. Mondays to Fridays, 10:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturdays, and 1:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Sundays.  
Where: Michigan State Fair Coliseum, Detroit.  
Tickets: \$6, \$10, \$12, \$14, and available at all Ticketmaster outlets, or by calling the Shrine Circus Ticket Office at (313) 531-1620/299-9200. Discount tickets for select performances available by calling (248) 644-9494.

## Leaders master art of the circus ring

LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

Southfield Mayor Donald Fracassi never tires of parading elephants, flying trapeze artists and clowns. More than 20 years ago Mayor Fracassi began volunteering his time to serve as a guest ringmaster whenever the Moslem Temple Shrine Circus is in town just to experience the magic. He takes to the spotlight 7 p.m. Friday, March 20, to lead circus performers such as Ada Smieja from the Polish State Circus with her tigers, including one that walks a tight rope.

"We all get excited about the circus, about all the children they've touched," said Mayor Fracassi. "I'm always amazed. It's a spectacle you can't see

every day, the trapeze and the animals and the clowns. My children used to look forward to it and now my grandchildren look forward to it. They love the circus. I don't think we ever grow out of it."

This year's Shrine Circus celebrates 90 years of entertaining metro Detroit crowds. Mayor Fracassi is one of more than a dozen guest ringmasters, including Bloomfield Township Police Chief Jeff Werner, who will lead Jorge and Lou Ann Barreda's mighty African elephants, the Garza Brothers Living Statues, the Flying Pages, horses, dogs, elephants, acrobats, and aerialists into the ring.

"You just get into it and then you get involved and see all the work that goes into the circus," said Mayor Fracassi.

"Then you understand where the money goes and you want to see that that tradition goes on. So many traditions go by the wayside, but this is an important one. The Shriners do a lot of great things for our young people and hospitals. They touch our community."

The star attraction of the 90th anniversary gala celebration is the Flying Wallendas. For the third time since 1962, members of the family will perform their 7-person pyramid act. More than 35 years ago, two of the Wallendas were killed and another paralyzed after falling from the wire during a Detroit performance. First performed in 1948, the 7-person pyramid involves four men

Please see CIRCUS, E2



Fun for all: The Shrine Circus celebrates 90 years of entertaining metro Detroit crowds by featuring a recreation of the Wallendas 7-person pyramid



## THEATER

## Golden 'Dreamgirls' comes up short on glitter

"Dreamgirls" continues at the Detroit Opera House, 1525 Broadway, downtown Detroit, through Sunday, March 22. Performances 8 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, matinees 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. Tickets \$24-\$49, on sale at all Ticketmaster outlets, the Fisher Theatre and the Opera House box office. To charge by phone, call (248) 645-6666.

BY KELLY WYONIK  
STAFF WRITER

The March 3 opening night performance of "Dreamgirls" was a lot like show biz - lots of ups and downs.

Overall entertaining, there are some wrinkles that need ironing out before this Tony, Grammy Award-winning musical, based on Motown's Supremes, returns to Broadway.

Line fumbles in the first act can be excused to opening night jitters, but not slow pacing. Inappropriate giggles near the end of Act 2, and quick glances at watches, were signs of an audience anxious to leave the "girls" for "Dreamland."

Pacing was also a problem for the orchestra, which often lagged behind performers on stage by a measure or two. Not only did the music drag, but it was sometimes too loud and brassy, not at all what Motown is supposed to be.

That's not to say there's not a lot to like about "Dreamgirls," which received a standing ovation opening night.

With music by Henry Krieger, book and lyrics by Tom Eyer, "Dreamgirls" opened on Broadway in 1981, making history with its Motown sounds and simple set design relying on costumes to define time period. Four metal towers, moved about the stage for various scenes, suggest everything from backstage to recording studio. There is no other scenery, just colored backdrops, and a few pieces of furniture.

Tony Stevens, director and choreographer, recreates the original staging by the late Michael Bennett of "A Chorus Line" fame, and reunites the team of scenic designer Robin

Wagner. Costumes by Theoni V. Aldredge are authentic 1960/1970s. Lighting is by Tharon Musser.

B.J. Crosby, Tonya Dixon and La Tanya Hall are believable as the "Dreamettes" Effie Melody White, Lorrell Robinson and Deena Jones, singers from Chicago determined to win a talent contest at The Apollo Theatre. They lose but win a contract to tour as backup singers with the soulful James "Jimmy" Thunder Early (Kevin-Anthony). Effie's brother C.C. White (Gary E. Vincent) writes a hit song for James, and with guidance from manager Curtis Taylor Jr. (Brian Evart Chandler) the girls are on their way to making "Dreams" come true.

"You could be a star, but you've got to trust me," says Curtis, and the girls do. He makes the American dream come true for the Dreamettes, whom he renames "The Dreams," and Jimmy, too, taking R&B to the pop charts, breaking racial barriers in the process.

Heartbreak and pain are part

of the price they pay, but in between, there's a lot of great music and dancing. Fame changes all of the characters requiring them to be good entertainers, and good actors. Everyone in the cast meets this challenge, but there are some standouts.

La Tanya Hall evolves from the school teacher her mother wants her to be, to glamorous superstar. It's hard not to think of Diana Ross and the Supremes when Hall sings "Hard to Say Goodbye, My Love." The similarities between that scene, and Ross' "Never Can Say Goodbye," are striking.

Crosby, steals the show more than once as Effie. Even though she's upstaged by the others, pushed from lead to back-up singer, and eventually fired, she's truly the star of this show. Effie is funny, she wins our sympathy, and her strong voice, commands attention, especially "And I Am Telling You I'm Not Going."

Jimmy's got to have soul, and there isn't any in the 1970s. Curtis cuts him loose. You can't



Posed for stardom: Kimberly Jujan (left to right), La Tanya Hall, and Tonya Dixon in a scene from the national tour of "Dreamgirls."

"Fake Your Way to the Top," and Kevin-Anthony shows he's a great performer and actor as he changes from superstar to has-been.

Michael Goddard, who is staying with his sister and her fami-

ly in Birmingham during the run of the show, appears as Frank, the press agent. Although it's not a major part, Frank plays a pivotal role in getting "The Dreams" press they need. Goodman is believable as Frank, and plays a solid supporting role.

## Company formed to organize a classical music station

BY FRANK PROVENZANO  
STAFF WRITER

Every Friday, former WQRS-FM host Dick Wallace would play Dvorak's "Carnival Overture." It was a popular weekly rite of passage to kick off the weekend for the station's classical music listeners.

After an unceremonious and controversial change in format in November, however, that kind of on-air conviviality has been

silenced.

But former WQRS listeners haven't stopped hoping for a revival.

And now, there are signs that it might be time to strike up the band, revive the orchestra and recall those virtuosos in waiting. Setting the dial, however, will have to wait.

With the formation of the Detroit Classical Radio Corp. in mid February, the legal and

organizational structure has been put in place to eventually operate a full-time classical music station.

Board members' estimates range from three months to one year before a new classical music format will debut in metro Detroit.

Currently, four stations have entered into tentative talks with the Detroit Classical Radio Corp., a non-profit with a three-

member board and one full-time employee, longtime on-air talent Wallace.

"Nine out of ten who call are people volunteering, from stuffing envelopes to offering legal services," said Wallace, who also hosts a pops music program on WYUR-AM (1310) 6:30 p.m. Sundays.

Basically, the Detroit Classical Radio Corp.'s idea is to convince a current radio station to switch

its current format to a classical music format.

In essence, Detroit Classical Radio Corp. would pay a leasing fee to the station's owner, and handle the day-to-day operations, from programming to promotions.

The lease-management agreement isn't an unproved arrangement in the local market. Currently, WYUR leases the 1310 AM frequency from WNIC, which formerly operated a Motown Gold format in its place.

There is no full-time classical music station based in metro Detroit. Windsor's CBC-FM (89.9) is the only classical format in the market.

What: Detroit Classical Radio Corp.

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For information: Call Dick Wallace, (313) 965-8600 or Maria Marcantonio, (248) 348-9735.

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## Clancy from page E1

hall song, but it became a great ballad. James Joyce saw a whole circle of life in it."

Clancy came to the United States with his brother Tom, an actor. "He did a play in Greenwich Village, and it was a flop. We had to pay the rent, so we gave folk music concerts at midnight. At midnight Greenwich Village was alive. Pete Seeger would perform. That was before he was anybody. Half of the money we collected went for the rent, the rest we divided equally."

Tom said he'd give it a year, and give up acting if the singing went well. At the end of that year, they gave it another year.

"I said to Tom, 'This thing could go on indefinitely. I can see us as old men in 1972.' As the new millennium approaches, Clancy looks back and thinks about all the fun things. "We were very lucky," he said. "I was asked to do a record, and decided to start my own record company. I knew all the performers. I borrowed \$6,000 and started Tradition Records."

It's still going."

Clancy retired and lives on a farm in Ireland near the place he grew up. "I love living in Ireland," he said. "It's a place I knew as a child. Near my grandmothers. I can walk, fish."

Joining Paddy, Bobby Clancy and Eddie Dillon on tour is Finnian Clancy, Bobby's son.

"He keeps the rest of us on our toes," said Clancy. "He's a very talented lad, and has formal music training, which none of the rest of us had."

Their tour, which began Thursday, March 5, in Pittsburgh ends at the Magic Bag.

"I can pick up some money and help educate my grandchildren," he said when asked why he'd want to leave his farm in Ireland to tour. "It's worthwhile doing. I would have loved to have gone to college, but I was never able."

Then there are the fans. A whole new generation is enjoying his music. "People will say, 'Learned your songs because my parents and grandparents had your records,'" said Clancy. "It's good fun."

## Circus from page E1

standing on a wire, 35-feet in the air. The two pairs are yoked together by shoulder bars. Two men, yoked together on the second level, stand on top of the first level's shoulder bars. A woman sits and then stands on the third level.

The tragic accident on Jan. 30, 1962 in Detroit happened when the front man on the wire lost

his grip and the pyramid collapsed causing three men to fall to the ground. The act is performed without safety devices.

Karl Wallenda's grandchildren Tino and Delilah; Alida, a seventh generation Wallenda family member, and Nick Wallenda-Troffer will be among the performers reviving the trick.

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COMMUNITY THEATER

# 'Trinity House' cabaret makes a warming diversion

Trinity House Theatre presents "Around the House," a cabaret of music, poetry, dance, drama and art. Gourmet coffee and baked goods are served. Remaining performances 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, March 13-14, call (734) 464-6302 for information.

BY SUE SUCHYTA  
SPECIAL WRITER

Trinity House Theatre takes a bite out of winter with its warm reception, and the delightful diversion of their mid-winter cabaret offering - "Around the House." Music, drama and dance form a rich tapestry of visual and auditory delight, and pro-

vide food for the soul as well.

Dell and Rough Cuts, a band led by Idell Smith and inspired by Peter, Paul and Mary open the first act with "Blowing in the Wind," encouraging the audience to sing along. They followed with "If I Had A Hammer," and "Runaway," warming up the audience as much as the mugs of delicious gourmet coffee. Trinity House regular Dan Gumina revealed his talent on the harmonica.

The opening band was followed by the stirring story of Mac Vanden Brink's survival in occupied Holland during World War II. His simple yet eloquent word picture recreated a young boy's terror and will to survive

during an aircraft strafing raid.

The Gumina family revealed another of their musically talented members as Greg Gumina expertly coaxed enchanting melodies from the dulcimer. Young Jenna Vanden Brink and seasoned veteran Carl Dumas followed with humorous monologues.

Teenager Matthew Judge showed a maturity beyond his years in his deeply moving dramatic solo, "In Deep." The story of a young man trapped alone in a pit was rich in spiritual personal choices, and his cries for help representing the yearning for a spiritual awakening.

The first act closed with the

amazing imagery of "White Glintings." Ocean surf was captured in the modern dance of choreographer and dancer Susan Vanden Brink with dancers Anessa Thompson and Beth Temple and poet Ann Horn.

After an intermission and more of the aromatic coffee, the band "Love Bucket," an "America" or "Supertramp" sound-alike, performed five numbers. Their soft rock sound was pleasant listening, but the group performed way too long for a cabaret setting.

A comic delight followed the band, as Trudy Mason landed in the dentist chair and Mark Barera clasped a drill in the short

sketch "Drill" directed by Laura Gumina. The physical humor invoked side-splitting laughter.

The female equivalent of Mr. Wizard, science teacher Kathy Kitzmann, entertained with water-filled beakers that changed colors more frequently than a chameleon. It would have been a nifty touch if she had coaxed a tune out of the water-filled glass vessels as well.

Elizabeth Ladd Lee's character study, "Emotional Perceptions" had her switching rapidly between personalities during a series of monologues. Comic and pensive photos were projected behind her - photos reinforcing

each character's quirks. Lee's performance clearly indicated her ability to take on more challenging roles in future Trinity House productions.

Susan Vanden Brink took to the stage for another modern dance, and captivated the audience with her strength and presentation in, "Don't Forget to Breathe."

Trinity House Theatre closed their performances with the band "All Saints Day." While young, enthusiastic, and very centered in their religious beliefs, their lyrics were impossible to follow, let alone understand, over the amplification.

## One-acts alternately funny, insightful

A Festival of One-Act Plays - presented by the Theatre Guild of Livonia Redford, continues 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, March 13-14; 2 p.m. Sunday, March 15, at the theater, 15138 Beech Daly (south of Five Mile Road), Redford. Tickets \$10, \$1 discount for students and seniors, call (313) 531-0554.

BY BOB WEIBEL  
SPECIAL WRITER

The Theatre Guild of Livonia-Redford "Festival of One Acts" gets off to a laugh-a-minute start with Christopher Durang's "The Actor's Nightmare." Director Tony Lawry has great fun with this farce, and shows why Durang has been described as America's most ferociously funny playwright.

Ed Howell is terrific as a confused actor who doesn't know his role, his lines, or what play he is doing. Is it Noel Coward's

"Private Lives?" Shakespeare's "Hamlet?" When out of ad libs, Howell does the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, and even confesses an Act of Contrition.

Lisa Melinn is hilarious as an actress who gives new meaning to method acting, as she reads lines like a robot (including stage directions) and burlesques a gaggle of gestures. Jason Smith is a scream as a scene-eating Shakespearean actor. Maxine Parshall is elegantly witty in a variety of roles. Tiffany Bedwell adds to the merriment as a stage manager prompting the harried actor.

Also on the playbill are four delightful unpublished plays, and a discussion at the end of the evening with the writers and directors.

Writer/director Del Johnson, for example, used the relationship of some friends as a model

for his play "Metamorphosis." It is an interesting vignette about a wife (Marie Majewski), who is a nature lover, and a husband (Donald Lee) who complains about the expenses of bird houses, etc.

Paul Kittinger, a freshman at Harrison High School in Farmington Hills, got his idea for "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to Africa," one rainy Saturday afternoon. Director Matthew Ripper, has taken a simple idea (packing for a trip) and fashioned an illuminating look at opposite personalities. One partner (Trisha Ali) packs the night before, leaving nothing to chance. The other (Drew Parker) frantically scurries about the next morning, stuffing his suitcase.

Writer/Director David MacGregor's "The Waiting Room" is a revealing story about a father and son. Kurt Kinde convinc-

ingly portrays a middle-age man about to marry for the second time. Keith Prusak is equally good as a son, painfully working out some unresolved conflicts regarding his dead mother and father. This play is well written with first-rate performances.

Pat Feldt's "Town Meeting" has a "Twilight Zone" quality. It started as a drama, but director Rob Papineau encouraged Feldt to add a comical twist.

An attorney shows up (played expertly by Jeff Walters) to advise a town about the will of a wealthy resident who died. It provides for a substantial donation if, by midnight, the town can determine how to use the money. The engaging cast includes Dennis Day, Annette Hissong, Sean Kelley, Fred McKenzie, Maxine Parshall, Mark Ripper, Lisa Shaw and Fay Sommer.

## Players Guild shines in 'Crimes of the Heart'

The Players Guild of Dearborn presents "Crimes of the Heart" 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays March 13-14 and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, March 15 at the theater, 21730 Madison (near the southeast corner of Monroe and Outer Drive), Dearborn, (313) 561-TKTS.

BY SUE SUCHYTA  
SPECIAL WRITER

Set in the small Southern town of Hazelhurst, Miss. in 1974, Beth Henley's Pulitzer Prize-winning comedy, "Crimes of the Heart" is the story of three sisters hastily reunited by a family crisis. The sisters' emotional baggage far outweighs their suitcases, and we laugh and sympathize with their reminiscences of the past and their struggles with their current predicament.

Babe, the youngest sister, has just shot her husband, "because she didn't like his looks." He survived the ordeal, but whether the sisters will be reunited is another story, as they discover what really happened. Their annoying, social climbing cousin Chick lends comic relief to the story. Middle sister Meg's reunion with a long-lost love, Babe's lawyer's desire for her, and Lenny's liaison with a lonely hearts club suitor fill the story with romance.

The female actresses are the strength of the show. The impetuosity of Meg, the middle sister, was skillfully captured by Kim Donovan of Farmington

Hills. Meg, who lost her dream job as a singer in L.A. and is stuck in a dead-end office job, comes face-to-face with the lover she deserted years before.

The Players Guild of Dearborn actresses had strong Southern accents, and let the characters pace their lines with the slowness inherent to the dialect.

Vicki Briganti was deeply moving in her portrayal of Babe, the youngest sister, whose years with an abusive husband have left her emotionally vul-

nerable. Her eyes were like a doe caught in the headlights, and she moved about the stage with an unfocused, nervous energy.

Lenny, the older sister, who has stayed behind to care for their ailing grandfather, is the most inhibited of the three sisters, and a challenging character to win over the audience's sympathies. Nancy Valentini of Livonia made the most of the role becoming stronger in the second and third acts.

Michael Sametz did not have the stage presence needed to

give the young lawyer in this production the confidence and poise needed to convince the audience of Barnett's romantic feeling for Babe. He was uneasy with his accent and role.

The set was rich in detail such as running water and hissing gas, and very functional. The costumes were a delightful throwback to the 1970s, when miniskirts and polyester reigned. Playgoers should note that smoking is integral to the plot and will be noticeable to anyone sitting close to the stage.

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**DETROIT REPERTORY THEATRE**  
"Fences," through Sunday, March 22, at the theater, 13103 Woodrow Wilson, Detroit. 8:30 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays, 3 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sundays. \$15. (313) 868-1347

**7TH HOUSE**  
"A Closer Walk with Patsy Cline," 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 12 and Saturday, March 14; 7:30 p.m. Sunday, March 15, downtown Pontiac, tickets \$22 and \$27, discounts for seniors, students and groups, dinner packages available with Bacii Abbraoci Restaurant, (248) 335-3540.

**PURPLE ROSE THEATRE COMPANY**  
"Julie Johnson," Wendy Hammond's poignant story of an uneducated young mother who seeks a better life for herself and her two children, 8 p.m. Thursday, March 12 (\$20), 8 p.m. Friday, March 13 (\$25), and 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, March 14 (\$25), at the theater, 137 Park St., Chelsea. (734) 475-7902, group sales 475-5817

### OPERA

**NEW YORK CITY OPERA NATIONAL COMPANY**  
Donizetti's "Daughter of the Regiment," 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, March 12-13, 2 p.m. 75-minute family show Saturday, March 14, and 8 p.m. Saturday, March 14, Power Center for the Performing Arts, 121 Fletcher St., Ann Arbor. \$22-\$44, (800) 221-1229 or <http://www.ums.org>

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**EMU THEATRE**  
"Anne of the Thousand Days, Maxwell Anderson's epic tale of the lives of Henry VIII and Anne Boleyn, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, March 12-14, Quirk Theatre on Eastern Michigan University campus, Ypsilanti. \$7 Thursday, \$12 Fridays and Saturdays, and \$10 Sunday matinee. \$2 discount for tickets purchased in advance. (734) 487-1221

**ST. MARY'S COLLEGE**  
"Love Letters," a touching and often humorous play about a relationship between two people from childhood to middle age based on letters, a Skarga Society production of J.R. Gurney's play, 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 20-21, at the college, 3535 Indian Trail, Orchard Lake. \$7, \$4 students. (248) 683-0324

**WSU BONISTELLE THEATRE**  
"Twelfth Night," by William Shakespeare, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 13-14, 2 p.m. Sunday, March 15, at the theater, 3424 Woodward Ave. on the campus of Wayne State University, Detroit. (313) 577-2972

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"Two Gentlemen of Verona," by William Shakespeare, 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, March 12-13; "A Woman of No Importance," by Oscar Wilde, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, March 14, at the theater, 4743 Cass Ave. on the Wayne State University, Detroit. (313) 577-2972

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"Big River," the adventures of Huckleberry Finn, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, March 12-14, and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 15, and Sunday, March 15, at the theater, 2275 Platt Road, Ann Arbor. \$18, \$16 seniors/students. (734) 973-AACT

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**THE NEW THEATERS**  
"Giver" the musical, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 13-14, and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 15, at the Novi Civic Center Stage, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi. (248) 947-0400

**PAPER SHED PRODUCTIONS**  
"The Wizard of Oz," Saturdays and Sundays through Saturday, April 11, Historic Players Club, 3321 E. Jefferson Ave., Detroit. Noon lunch and 1 p.m. show Saturdays, and 1 p.m. lunch and 2 p.m. show Sundays. \$7.50 includes lunch. (313) 862-8118



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"Crimes of the Heart," a story of three sisters in Hazelhurst, Miss., in the early 1970s, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 13-14, and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, March 15, at the theater, 21730 Madison (south-east of Monroe and Outer Drive), Dearborn. \$10, \$8 for students younger than age 18 with proper ID. (313) 561-TKTS

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"Brigadoon," 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 12, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 13-14, and 3 p.m. Sunday, March 15, at the theater, 205 W. Long Lake Road (1/4 mile west of Livernois Road), Troy. \$13, \$12 Thursday and Sundays for students and seniors, coffee and sandwich afterward included. (248) 988-7049

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Featuring 50,000 square feet of boats, trailers, fishing equipment and water-sports and information about charter services and marinas, noon to 9 p.m. Friday, March 20, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, March 21, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, March 22, Gibraltar Trade Center, 15525 Rancho Road (Eureka Road and I-75), Taylor. (734) 287-2000

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With more than 25,000 tulips, daffodils and hyacinths, Steve Thomas, host of PBS's "This Old House," "America's Master Gardener" Jerry Baker, and PBS's "Victory Garden" guest host Gary Kotler, Home and Garden Television's "Fix-it-Up!" host Pat Simpson, how-to clinics, Michigan Kitchen and Bath Show, Pool, Spa and Recreation Show, 2-10 p.m. Thursday-Friday, March 12-13, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, March 14, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, March 15, Cobo Hall. \$6.50, \$4.50 seniors, \$4 children ages 6-12, free for children ages 6 and younger. Family tickets for two adults and accompanying children are \$9 at Farmer Jack. Discount admission coupons at The Home Depot, Target and Hudson's stores. (248) 737-4478 or <http://www.builders.org>

**THE CHENILLE SISTERS**  
8 p.m. Saturday, March 14, Varner Recital Hall, Oakland University, Walton Boulevard and Adams Road, Rochester. \$25, \$15 students, \$35 patrons, \$50 benefactors, benefits Birmingham Musicale's scholarship and philanthropic programs. (248) 651-2316

**COCA-COLA COLLECTORS ANTIQUE ADVERTISING SHOW**  
More than 50 dealers from four states provide collectors an opportunity to buy sell and trade Coca-Cola and other soda related advertising items, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, March 15, at the Livonia Elks Club, 31117 Plymouth Road, Livonia. \$2 adults. (313) 284-2943

**COMPUTER AND TECHNOLOGY SHOW**  
Featuring new and used computers, hardware including modems, printers, keyboards, CD-ROM drives, scanners, shareware, computer furniture and more, noon to 9 p.m. Friday, March 13, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, March 14, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, March 15, Gibraltar Trade Center, 15525 Rancho Road (Eureka Road and I-75), Taylor. (734) 287-2000

**TROY NIGHT AT THE OSCARS**  
The Troy Public Library is offering the chance to win prizes for correctly guessing the Oscar winners, with help from Kurt Eli Mayry, president of the Motion Picture Institute of Michigan, and film critic John Monaghan of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 12, Troy Public Library, 510 W. Big Beaver (east of I-75), in the Civic Center Complex. (248) 524-3538

### FAMILY EVENTS

**BLUEBIRD FESTIVAL & WILDLIFE ART SHOW**  
The 14th annual festival includes guided walks to the bluebird habitat, art, food, storytellers and guest speakers, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 14, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, March 15, on the campus of Jackson Community College, 2111 Emmons Road, Jackson. (517) 762-3453

**MARINERS' CHURCH OF DETROIT**  
Presents a series of organ concerts with Kenneth Sweetman and Kevin Blyama playing the music of Bach, Brahms, Franck, and Pachelbel during Lent, 12:35 p.m. Thursdays, March 12, 19 and 26, and April 2, following 12:10 services, 170 E. Jefferson, Detroit. Free parking in Ford Auditorium Underground Garage at the median of Jefferson Avenue at the foot of Woodward Avenue. (313) 259-2206

**MICHIGAN CHAMBER PLAYERS**  
March 15, Jewish Community Center, Jimmy Prentis Morris Building, 15110 W. 10 Mile Road, Oak Park. \$4, \$3 child members, \$5 adult non-members, \$4 child non-members. (248) 967-4030

**SHRINE CIRCUS**  
Noon and 7 p.m. Mondays-Fridays, 10:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturdays, and 1:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Sundays, through Sunday, March 22, Michigan State Fair Coliseum, Detroit. \$6-\$14. (313) 831-1620/(313) 366-6200

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**BIRMINGHAM MUSICALS**  
"Crusade for Strings," 1 p.m. Thursday, March 12, Birmingham Community House, 360 S. Bates St., Birmingham. (248) 475-5978

**PENELOPE CRAWFORD**  
Classical pianist, 8 p.m. Thursday, March 12, Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. \$25 rows 1-5, \$15 rows 3-5, \$10 general seating. (734) 769-2999 or <http://www.peus.com/kch>

**DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**  
With conductor Yuri Temirkanov performs Elgar's "Enigma Variations" and Rachmaninoff's "Symphony No. 2," 8 p.m. Friday, March 13, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, March 14, and 3 p.m. Sunday, March 15; With Conductor Erl Kias and pianist Grigory Sokolov performing Mussorgsky/Rimsky-Korsakov's introduction to "Khovanshchina," Rachmaninoff's "Piano Concerto No. 3," and Prokofiev's "Romeo and Juliet" excerpts, 8 p.m. Thursday, March 19, 10:45 a.m. Friday, March 20, and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, March 21, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$17-\$60. (313) 576-5111 or <http://www.detroit-symphony.com>

**EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY**  
Eastern Michigan University's Department of Music presents a performance of Johannes Brahms' "A German Requiem," performed by the EMU University Choir, EMU Festival Choir, First Presbyterian Church Choir of Ann Arbor and the EMU Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Kevin Miller, associate professor of music, soloists are faculty members Glenda Kirkland, soprano, and Donald Hartmann, bass-baritone, 8 p.m. Friday, March 13, in Pease Auditorium, corner of West Cross Street and College Place in Ypsilanti. \$5, \$3 students/seniors, and available at the Quirk Box Office (734) 487-1221, or Pease Auditorium one hour before the performance.

**DEMARRE MCGILL**  
Flutist performs as part of Detroit Chamber Winds' Nightnotes series, 8 p.m. Friday, March 20, Hagopian's World of Rugs, 850 S. Old Woodward Ave., Birmingham. \$16 includes performance and refreshments. (248) 362-9329

**MADONNA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**  
Presents "DanceXotica" featuring pianist Leszek Bartkiewicz and tap dancer Scott Johnson, 8 p.m. Friday, March 13, at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, 44575 Garfield Road (at M-59), Clinton Township. \$15, \$12 seniors/students. (810) 286-2222/(248) 645-6666

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**ARELL RAY QUARTET**  
9 p.m. and 11 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 20-21, and 6 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Sunday, March 22, Serengeti Ballroom, 2957 Woodward Ave. (at Charlotte, six blocks north of the Fox Theatre), Detroit. \$15. (313) 832-3010

**STANLEY GLASK**  
With Larry Carleton, Jeff Lorber, Lenny White and Phil Perry, 7:30 p.m. and 11 p.m. Saturday, March 14, Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit. \$17.50, \$27.50 and \$37.50. (313) 730-3490/(313) 963-2366

**URSULA WALKER AND BUDDY BUDSON**  
With Dan Kolton, 9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Thursdays and Fridays at Forte, 201 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 594-7300

**PAUL VORNHAGEN TRIO**  
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**POPS**  
**TONY BENNETT**  
Concert 7 p.m. Sunday, March 15 at the Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward, Detroit, to benefit the J.P. McCarthy Foundation. Tickets start at \$35 and available at Ticketmaster (248) 645-6666. Special seats can be reserved for \$250 by calling (248) 355-7575.

**PINO MARELLI**  
Sings international pop standards and originals in English, Italian and Spanish, 6 p.m. Tuesdays through March, Ardo's Grill N' Chill, 27900 Hoover Road, Warren. Free. All ages; 7 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays and 8 p.m. Fridays, through March 27 at Luciano's, 39031 Garfield, Clinton Township. (810) 582-0080/(810) 263-6540

**BOB MILNE**  
Plays ragtime 2 p.m. Sunday, March 15, at the Livonia Civic Center Library Auditorium, 32777 Five Mile Road (east of Farmington), Livonia. Free. (734) 421-7238

### AUDITIONS/WORKSHOPS

**DETROIT SHOCK**  
Open auditions for ages 13-17 for its first Dance/Spirit Team, 4 p.m. Thursday, March 12, at The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr., Auburn Hills. Semifinalists invited back for interviews 5 p.m. March 17 or 19, final auditions 8:30 a.m. March 21. Team will be introduced at the Detroit Vipers games vs. Cleveland Lumberjacks 7:30 p.m. March 21, at The Palace. The Detroit Shock opens the 1998 WNBA season June 13 at The Palace. (248) 377-0199

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**DENNIS MCCOTTER & FRIENDS**  
8 p.m. Tuesday, March 17, at D. L. Harrington's Roadhouse, 2086 Crooks Road, Rochester Hills. (248) 852-0550

**MARIANNE MURPHY**  
8:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 17, Royal Oak Brewery, 215 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (Celtic) (248) 544-1141

**KAREN NEWMAN**  
Detroit Red Wings "National Anthem" singer performs along with traditional Irish bands, and a traditional Irish buffet will be served, 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 17, JD's Macomb Theatre, 31 N. Walnut St., Mount Clemens. Cover charge, benefits Muscular Dystrophy Association of Michigan. Detroit Red Wing jerseys and other items will be auctioned off. (810) 465-5154

**ROSIE O'GRADY'S**  
The Ron Coden Show, 1-5 p.m. Tuesday, March 17, 175 Troy St., Ferndale. (248) 399-8888

**O'MARA'S RESTAURANT**  
Entertainment by Irish singer John Hyaduck from 2:30-5:30 p.m. and Ron Coden from 6:30-9:30 p.m., and a menu of Shepherd's Pie, corned beef and cabbage, fish and chips, roast leg of lamb and Irish stew (\$9.95), 2-10 p.m. Tuesday, March 17, Coden also appears 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 13-14, O'Mara's, 2555 W. 12 Mile Road (at Coolidge Highway), Berkeley. All ages. (248) 399-6750

**CATHIE RYAN**  
Lead singer of Cherish The Ladies, 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 17, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$13.50. All ages. (Irish) (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>

**TANGERINE TROUSERS**  
8 p.m. Tuesday, March 17, Coyote Club, 1 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. \$3. 21 and older. (248) 332-HOWL

**TRANSMISSION**  
With The Grip and Explosion Cerebral, 9 p.m. Tuesday, March 17, as part of Mood Indigo night at Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley, Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 21 and older. (avant jazz/Irish) (734) 662-8310

**THE YOUNG DUBLINERS**  
Perform at 9 p.m. followed by the 10 p.m. screening of the film "The Commitments," Wednesday, March 18, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$5. 18 and older. (Irish rock) (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com>

**LES BARKER**  
7:30 p.m. Sunday, March 15, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$12.50. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>

**PATTY LARKIN**  
With Sister Seed, 8 p.m. Friday, March 20, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$13 in advance. 18 and older. (folk/pop) (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.961melt.com>

**THE HELDS**  
With Greg Greenway, 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 20, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$11. All ages. (folk/rock) (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>

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**MATT WATROBA**  
Celebrates release of CD "Live at the Ark," with a performance, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, March 13, Borders Books and Music, 34300 Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. All ages. (248) 203-0005

**ANN ARBOR COUNCIL FOR TRADITIONAL MUSIC AND DANCE'S INTERNATIONAL DANCE AND DINNER**  
An afternoon of international dancing, and live music and dance instruction by Galata (2-4:30 p.m.), and a homemade community dinner of Eastern European food (4:30-6 p.m.), Sunday, March 29, Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Road (1/4 mile south of I-94), Ann Arbor. \$12. Reservations by Friday, March 20, (248) 698-9527 or [rbartle@bizserve.com](mailto:rbartle@bizserve.com)

**DETROIT DANCE COLLECTIVE**  
"Countdown," favorite works from the dance company's modern dance repertoire, end preview of "The Unknown Sequence," 8 p.m. Friday, March 20, the Adray Theater, Mackenzie Fine Arts Building, Henry Ford Community College, on Evergreen Road, south of Ford, Dearborn.

**ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCING**  
Led by Eric Arnold and Don Theyken, with live music by David West and Donna Baird, 7-9:45 p.m. Tuesday, March 17, Chapel Hill Condominium Clubhouse, 3350 Green Road (north of Plymouth Road), Ann Arbor. \$4. (734) 663-0744/(734) 662-5158

**GENDER-FREE CONTRA DANCE**  
With the Ann Arbor Rainbow Contra Dancers and caller Joseph Pimentel, 2-5 p.m. Sunday, March 15, Fellowship Room, Ann Arbor Friends Meeting House, 1420 Hill St. (west of Washtenaw Avenue), Ann Arbor. \$6, \$5 students. (734) 764-6958 or [yusuf@umich.edu](mailto:yusuf@umich.edu)

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**BIOHAZARD**  
7 p.m. Saturday, March 14, The Palladium Music Club, 17580 Frazho Road, Roseville. \$10 in advance. 18 and older. (metal) (810) 778-6404

**BIZER BROTHERS**  
9:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays in March, Pages, 23621 Farmington Road, Farmington. Free. 21 and older. (pop) (248) 477-0099

**BACK DOOR BLUES BAND**  
9 p.m. Friday, March 20, Soup Kitchen Saloon, 1585 Franklin St. (at Orleans), Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (313) 259-2643

**BAD JUJU**  
9 p.m. Thursday, March 19, Moby Dick's, 5452 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rock) (313) 581-3650

**BUGS BEDDOW BAND**  
9:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 18, Fifth Avenue Billiards, 105 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 542-9922

**NORMA JEAN BELL AND THE ALL STARS**  
9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays through June 27, Bacci Abbracci, 40 W. Pike St., Pontiac. Free. All ages. (variety) (248) 253-1300

**BENNY AND THE JETS**  
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Jeff Simms ("Simbo the Magic Dude Man") and Jesse Lunde, Friday-Saturday, March 13-14; Rob Haney and Ken Dumm, Friday-Saturday, March 20-21, inside Mr. B's Roadhouse, 595 N. Lapeer Road (M-24), Oxford. Cover charge. (248) 628-6500

**JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB**  
Third Level and Joey Bielaska, Thursday, March 12 (free), and Friday-Saturday, March 13-14 (\$10); Billy Garan, Moody McCarthy and Joey Bielaska, Thursday, March 19 (free), and Friday-Saturday, March 20-21 (\$10), at the club above Kicker's All American Grill, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia. 8 p.m. Thursdays, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, and 8 p.m. Sundays for new talent/Third Level improv. (734) 261-0555

**JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAISANO'S**  
Gilbert Gottfried, 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 13-14 (\$17.50, \$29.95 dinner show package); Leo Dufour, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, March 19 (\$8, \$18.95 dinner show package), 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 20-21 (\$10, \$20.95 dinner show package), at the club, 5070 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

**MAINSTREET COMEDY SHOWCASE**  
Taylor Negron, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, March 12 (\$9), and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 13-14 (\$12); Totally Unrehearsed Theatre, 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 18 (\$4); Jim Dailakis, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, March 19 (\$9), and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 20-21 (\$12), at the club, 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 996-9080

**SOUPY SALES**  
7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 13-14, Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall, 108 E. Main St., Northville. \$50 includes seven-course, family-style Italian dinner. (248) 349-0522

**SECOND CITY**  
"Down River Dance," 8 p.m. Wednesdays (\$10), Thursdays (\$10) and Sundays (\$10), and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Fridays (\$17.50) and Saturdays (\$19.50), through spring, at the club, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. (313) 965-2222

**MUSEUMS AND TOURS**

**"BEHIND THE SCENES"**  
Formerly known as "Pubs and Clubs" provides adventures in dining and opens the doors to some of metro Detroit's landmarks, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 12, Detroit Athletic Club, Detroit. \$50 Detroit Historical Society members, \$60 non-members. (313) 833-1405

**CRANBROOK ART MUSEUM**  
"Five Dresses from the Collection of Diana, Princess of Wales," on display 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. through Sunday, March 15, at the museum, 1221 N. Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. \$10 adults, \$7 children ages 12 and younger, for "timed tickets" to the exhibit. (248) 645-3361 or <http://www.cranbrook.edu/> (248) 645-6666

**HENRY FORD MUSEUM AND GREENFIELD VILLAGE**  
"Family Fun Month" featuring hands-on activities such as a family radio show where they can produce and perform a radio play, classic cartoons and/or serials as part of "Automobile in American Life" exhibit's drive-in theater, "Making Do and Having Fun" with puppet-making, shadow puppetry, cat's cradle and paper airplane-making, and "Take a Trip Down Memory Lane" treasure hunt, weekends throughout March at the complex, 20900 Oakwood Boulevard (at Village Road, just west of the Southfield Freeway, south of Michigan Avenue), Dearborn. \$12.50 adults, \$11.50 seniors 62 and older, \$6.25 for kids ages 5-12, and free for children younger than 5 and members. Group rates available. Museum open 9 a.m.-5 p.m. daily. (313) 271-1620

**POPULAR MUSIC**

**BACK DOOR BLUES BAND**  
9 p.m. Friday, March 20, Soup Kitchen Saloon, 1585 Franklin St. (at Orleans), Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (313) 259-2643

**BAD JUJU**  
9 p.m. Thursday, March 19, Moby Dick's, 5452 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rock) (313) 581-3650

**BUGS BEDDOW BAND**  
9:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 18, Fifth Avenue Billiards, 105 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 542-9922

**NORMA JEAN BELL AND THE ALL STARS**  
9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays through June 27, Bacci Abbracci, 40 W. Pike St., Pontiac. Free. All ages. (variety) (248) 253-1300

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**BLUECAT**  
10 p.m. Friday, March 13, Library Pub, 35230 Central City Parkway, Westland. Free. 21 and older; 10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 20-21, The Roadhouse, 24276 Hall Road, Clinton Township. \$2. 21 and older. (blues) (734) 421-2250/(810) 463-7133

**BLUE EYED SOUL**  
With Vietnam Prom, 9 p.m. Friday, March 13, Rivertown Saloon, 1977 Woodbridge, Detroit. \$5. 18 and older; 9 p.m. Saturday, March 14, as part of a Detroit Music Awards showcase, at Holbrook Cafe, 3201 Holbrook, Hamtramck. Cover charge. 18 and older. (rock) (313) 567-6020/(313) 875-1115 or <http://www.blueeyedsoul.com>

**BLUE HAWAIIANS**  
9 p.m. Friday, March 20, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 644-4800

**BLUE SUIT WITH ALBERTA ADAMS**  
9 p.m. Thursday, March 19, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 644-4800

**BLUE OYSTER CULT**  
With Tiles, 10:30 p.m. Thursday, March 12, Palladium Music Club, 17580 Frazho Road, Roseville. \$15 in advance. 19 and older. (rock) (810) 778-6404

**"THE BLUES PARADE"**  
With Johnnie Taylor, Clarence Carter, Dorothy Moore and Latimore, 8 p.m. Friday, March 20, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$26 and \$32.50. All ages. (blues) (248) 433-1515

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**THE FRINGE**  
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**FUNKTELLIGENCE**  
With Sugarbuzz, 9 p.m. Friday, March 13, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 19 and older. (funk) (734) 485-5050

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**CATCH 22**  
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**CHAIN REACTION**  
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**CONSOLIDATED**  
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**DANNY COX**  
8:30 p.m. Thursday, March 12, Royal Oak Brewery, 215 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older; 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 20, The Coffee Beanery, 307 Main St., Rochester. Free. All ages. (acoustic rock) (248) 544-1141/(248) 650-3344

**CROCODILE**  
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**THE DAMNED**  
8 p.m. Monday, March 16, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$18 in advance. 18 and older. (punk) (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com>

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**"ELVIS - THE CONCERT"**  
Featuring Elvis's original tour cast with musical director/conductor Joe Guercio and a 16-piece orchestra performing live on stage with a video-projected Elvis, 8 p.m. Friday, March 13, The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr. (I-75 and Lapeer Road), Auburn Hills. \$25 and \$17.50. All ages. (Elvis) (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacenet.com>

**5 TON CREEK**  
10 p.m. Friday, March 13, Kodiak Grill,



**Aiding benefit: The Neville Brothers (pictured) and Take 6 perform during the Ann Arbor Summer Festival's annual Winter Warm-Up Benefit at 8 p.m. Saturday, March 14, at Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University, Ann Arbor. The evening begins with 6 p.m. dinner at the Trueblood Theatre in University of Michigan's Frieze Building, continues with the concert at 8 p.m. and a champagne afterglow. Tickets are \$150 for pre-concert dinner, priority concert seating, champagne afterglow and a \$70 tax-deductible donation; \$65 for a \$45 center main floor concert ticket and a \$20 tax-deductible donation; or \$15-\$45 for the concert only. For more information, call (734) 647-2278.**

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MOVIES

# Performances lighten burden of 'Iron Mask'



JOHN MONAGHAN

"All for one and one for all!" It used to be the battle cry of The Three Musketeers, Alexander Dumas' chivalrous creations keeping France whole during the tumultuous 17th century. It could also be the marketing campaign for "The Man in the Iron Mask."



Spirited adventure: Athos (John Malkovich, rich) teaches Philippe (Leonardo DiCaprio) how to be king in "The Man in the Iron Mask."

Romance! Intrigue! Comedy! Action! If the new movie doesn't have all of its popular elements spinning in orbit, it does have something else going for it: superb performances.

Gabriel Byrne as D'Artagnan. John Malkovich, Jeremy Irons, and Gerard Depardieu as the aging Musketeers. You'd have to be a complete dunderhead to botch a movie with this much

talent. Yet writer/director Randall Wallace almost does. The early scenes especially lack spark, as forced dialogue serves to introduce the devout Aramis (Irons) and the earthy Porthos

(Depardieu) as they touch upon their key character concerns of forgiveness and farting.

Leonardo DiCaprio plays the dual role of twin kings. His Louis is a horrible womanizer who lets his people starve in the "let them eat cake" tradition of French nobility. When he eyes a beautiful woman in the crowds, he immediately sends her fiancé to the front lines and certain death.

This is Louis' big mistake. The dead boy is the son of Athos (Malkovich), the most hot-headed of the Musketeers, who now becomes a sworn enemy of the King and anyone else who stands in his way.

When the Musketeers discover that the King's twin brother Philippe is alive and locked in a tower, his face concealed by an iron mask, they hatch a plot to switch them. Of course, they'll need the help of old buddy D'Artagnan, who stubbornly heads the King's security force.

The conflict is a good one because you know deep down D'Artagnan hates Louis as much

as we do. But he also made a pledge to protect, saying more than once, "I keep hoping that Louis will grow into the king we all wish him to be."

Wallace, who also wrote "Braveheart," struggles with a sometimes unwieldy script. The revelations aren't all that revelatory. Even Porthos cries out at one point for more action and less plotting.

But, as with his earlier work, Wallace has a nice way of infusing fact and fiction. He almost puts over Dumas' fanciful theory that The Man in the Iron Mask (a real-life French prisoner incarcerated from 1669-1703) was the brother of Louis XIV, the last of the great French kings.

If you had asked me before whether the Musketeer actors would impress me, I would have said Gabriel Byrne. Yet he's the actor with the most presence in "The Man in the Iron Mask," you can barely take your eyes off of him when he's on screen.

There's also some clever acting in the role of Athos' son Raoul. Young actor Peter Sarsgaard has picked up on many of Malkovich's mannerisms, from his world-weary eyes to his slightly nasal voice which bubbles with intensity even in whispers.

And Leonardo? Despite some viewers' belief that the 22-year-old actor is too cute to be truly evil, he certainly engages in some nasty behavior. He also does an admirable job in the "Patty Duke" department where he must talk to himself during key scenes.

While the "Titanic" heartthrob will deliver the female fans, the movie has enough male bonding and swashbuckling action, or at least the promise of it, to make "The Man in the Iron Mask" a good old-fashioned date movie.



CHRISTINA FUOCO

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## GUIDE TO THE MOVIES

### SCREEN SCENE

A sampling of what's playing at alternative movie theaters across metro Detroit as reviewed by John Monaghan.

**The Birmingham Theatre**, 211 S. Woodward (south of Maple, downtown Birmingham). Call (248) 644-FILM for information.

**Second Annual Best of the Academy Film Festival**, Friday, March 13 through Monday, March 23. Ten day festival leading up to the Academy Awards honors the best films of the year as nominated by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences. "The Full Monty," "LA Confidential," "Titanic," "As Good As It Gets," and "Good Will Hunting."

The festival will also honor several Academy Award nominated documentaries including "The Long Way Home," and "Ayn Rand: A Sense of Life."

**Detroit Film Theatre** Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Call (313) 833-2323 for information. (\$5.50; \$4.50 students/seniors)

"Fireworks" (Japan-1997). Friday-Sunday, March 13-15 (call for showtimes). The Grand Prize winner at last year's Venice Film Festival focuses on a former police detective who embarks on a daring criminal plan. Written, directed, and starring Takeshi Kitano.

"For Ever Mozart" (France-1996). 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 16. French legend Jean-Luc Godard fashions a trio of shaggy dog tales that evolve into stream-of-consciousness poem about art, politics, war, and the nature of cinema itself.

**Magic Bag** 22918 Woodward, Ferndale. Call (248) 544-3030 for information. (\$2)

"Year of the Horse" (USA-1997). 9:30 p.m. Thursday, March 12. Critic Roger Ebert called this the worst film of last year, and he may be right. When director Jim Jarmusch turns his lens on Neil Young's recent tour with Crazy Horse, it's like watching from the cheap seats with a pair of out-of-focus binoculars.

"The Commitments" (Britain/Ireland-1991). 10 p.m. Wednesday, March 18. In celebration of the day after St. Patrick's Day, a concert with The Young Dubliners followed by this spirited story of some rag-tag



Oscar nominee: An acid-tongue romance novelist (Jack Nicholson) and a cafe server juggling the responsibilities of single parenthood (Helen Hunt) form an unlikely bond in TriStar Pictures "As Good as it Gets."

musicians who try to bring soul to Dublin. Directed by Alan Parker, based on the novel by Roddy Doyle.

**Main Art Theatre** 118 N. Main Street (at 11 Mile Road), Royal Oak. Films play through at least Thursday, unless noted otherwise. Call (248) 542-0180 for information. (\$6.50; \$4 students, seniors and matinee; \$3 twilight)

"Live Flesh" (Spain-1997). The latest from Pedro Almodovar ("Women in the Verge of a Nervous Breakdown") is a well-drawn but surprisingly ordinary tale of murder, obsession, and unrequited love.

"The Apostle" (USA-1998). Robert Duvall served as writer, director, and star in this story of a preacher who finds his personal road to salvation, helped in part by his wife (Farrah Fawcett).

"Afterglow" (USA-1997). Julie Christie topped a Best Actress Oscar nomination for this tale of two couples whose troubled marriages become intertwined. Nick Nolte co-stars. Directed by Alan Rudolph ("Choose Me," "The Moderns.")

**Star Southfield** 12 Mile Road (west of Telegraph), Southfield. Call (248) 372-2222. (\$6.50; \$4.50 before 6 p.m.)

"Goodwill Hunting" (USA-1997). Matt Damon and Ben Affleck co-wrote and now star in this story of a young math prodigy who befriends his therapist (Robin Williams). Gus Van Sant ("To Die For") directs.

"The Apostle" (USA-1997). See Main Art Theatre listing above.

**Windsor Film Theatre** 2135 Wyandotte Street West, Windsor, Canada. Call (519) 254-FILM for specific film information. (\$5.25 Canadian; \$4 U.S.)

"Wings of the Dove" (Britain-1997). 7 p.m. through Sunday, March 15. First it was Jane Austen. Now the novels of Henry James seem ripe for the retelling. Here a couple attempt to manipulate love for purely selfish reasons.

"Jackie Brown" (USA-1997). 9:15 p.m. Thursday-Sunday, March 12-15. Quentin Tarantino's latest, based on the Elmore Leonard novel "Rum Punch," has impressed as many viewers as irritated for its relentlessly slow-pacing and intentional lack of action. The cast is uniformly great, but Oscar was wise enough to single out Robert Forster in his low-key performance as a bail bondsman who knows the ropes.

### COMING ATTRACTIONS

Scheduled to open Friday, March 13

"THE MAN IN THE IRON MASK" Based on Alexandre Dumas' classic novel, the story tells of the Four Musketeers who try to bring down young King Louis XIV and replace him with his twin brother. Stars Leonardo DiCaprio, Jeremy Irons, John Malkovich. Scheduled to open Friday, March 20

"WILD THINGS"

A tale of revenge, lust and murder played out in the murky swamps of the Florida Everglades and the tony yachting enclave of the Blue Bay. Passion ignites passion, mystery uncovers mystery, as the lives of four cunning characters twist and turn amid a bizarre labyrinth of truth and illusion. Stars Kevin Bacon, Matt Dillon, Bill Murray.

"PRIMARY COLORS"

Based on Joe Klein's best-seller about how a Presidential hopeful, with the help of enthusiastic young Democrats, lands himself in the White House. Stars John Travolta, Emma Thompson, Kathy Bates, Billy Bob Thornton.

"NO MORE MR. NICE GUY"

Action comedy about a TV reporter chased down after being discovered videotaping a crime lord's illicit activities. Stars Jackie Chan. Scheduled to open Friday, March 27

"MY GIANT"

Comedy about a third fate talent agent who discovers a seven foot seven-inch giant that he thinks could be his ticket to the top. Together they set off on a road that leads them to the most unexpected of happy endings. Stars Billy Crystal, Kathleen Quinlan.

"THE NEWTON BOYS"

The true life chronicle, set in the 1920s, of four Newton Brothers who arguably were the most prolific bank robbers in American history. Their "magnum opus" - the \$3 million heist of a mail train, which was also their downfall. Stars Matthew McConaughey, Ethan Hawke.

"RIDE"

A rag to riches comedy that chronicles the adventures of a group of inner city kids struggling to change their fate and find stardom. Stars Malik Yoba, Julie

Brown and Snoop Dog.

"WIDE AWAKE" Story of a boy on a mission filled with comedy, adventure, mystery and romance, asking the questions only a child would be brave enough to ask, and helping everyone he encounters what it's like to really experience life. Stars Denis Leary, Rosie O'Donnell.

Scheduled to open Friday, April 10

"THE BIG ONE"

Michael Moore has returned to America's heartland to try to figure out why our corporations post ever higher profits, yet continue to downsize. Stars Michael Moore, who also directed, Garrison Keillor, Studs Terkel.

"CITY OF ANGELS"

A restless angel must choose between Eternal life and passionate love. Stars Nicolas Cage, Meg Ryan, Dennis Franz.

"3 NINJAS: HIGH NOON AT MEGA MOUNTAIN"

An action comedy about the unstoppable ninja brothers. They're on vacation to Mega Mountain.

#### General Cinemas

Bargain matinee daily plus \$3.25 (Two-Lite) show daily

#### Canton 6

Ford Rd., 1 Mi west of I-275\* 981-1900  
Advanced same-day tickets available  
\*Denotes VIP restrictions.  
Friday thru Thursday

- AS GOOD AS IT GETS (PG13)
- KISSING A FOOL (R)
- TWILIGHT (R)
- GOOD WILL HUNTING (R)
- TITANIC (PG13)
- U.S. MARSHALS (PG13)
- HUSH (PG13)

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- NP SENSELESS (R)
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- TITANIC (PG13)
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- THE WEDDING SINGER (PG13)
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- NP DANGEROUS BEAUTY (R)
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- United Artists 12 Oaks Inside Twelve Oaks Mall 248-349-4311
- TWILIGHT (R) NV
- KRIPPENDORF'S TRIBE (PG13) NV
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- HUSH (R) NV
- THE WEDDING SINGER (PG13) NV
- GOOD WILL HUNTING (R) NV
- KISSING A FOOL (R) NV
- SENSELESS (R) NV
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STREET SCENE

James Wailin draws inspiration from secret journal



CHRISTINA FUOCO

A Kangol-topped, corduroy-wearing bluesman James Wailin opens his journal. In it he reveals his insecurities, his loves and his inner-most thoughts.

However, we're going to have to take his word for it. While in his 20s, he created his own, Oriental-style alphabet after getting into trouble with a girlfriend who read through his journal.



Celebrating release: Wailin - from left, bassist Kevin Floyd, guitarist Brett Lucas, drummer Skeeto, singer James Wailin, and guitarist Anthony Muston - recorded its live CD at Memphis Smoke in West Bloomfield.

These books, which Wailin has kept since he was 17, had a profound effect on her and his fans as well. From these journals, the singer/harmonica player culls lyrics for his band Wailin.

Listeners can tap into Wailin's thoughts on "Wailin Live," a rollicking romp through blues and funk, recorded at the now-closed Memphis Smoke in West Bloomfield last fall. He and his band - guitarist Anthony Musto, bassist Kevin Floyd, drummer Dylan McCarty and guitarist Brett Lucas - will celebrate its release Saturday, March 14, at the Magic Bag in Ferndale.

Wailin recorded the album with New York-based producer George Racile, whose credits include The Neville Brothers, Keith Richards and James Brown.

"We really got a lot of good energy working with George. We come from the same kind of background - real roots-based music. He was the perfect guy for us to work with."

Racile "simplified a lot of things" for Wailin.

"He made us look within ourselves and the songs. He made us look at the cores and the foundations of the songs. He said it's like building a house. You have to have a good foundation for a song."

It was during those sessions that Wailin wrote "Monday Morning," which he calls one of

his best songs. It will appear on Wailin's next studio album. The recording dates for that album are contingent upon several issues.

"George is making some contacts for us in New York. We're gonna approach some people and see what they think and see if we can get some kind of a budget from a record company," Wailin said.

The live album is the band's first since 1994's award-winning release "Rhythm of Life."

"Our first CD is out of print. It's been frustrating playing big shows and being on the road and

not having product to leave with them."

Since "Rhythm of Life" Wailin has made several lineup changes. Most notably the addition of drummer McCarty, the son of Jim McCarty of Mystery Train and 21-year-old guitarist Lucas.

"When I met Brett he was very well versed in the blues. When other kids were listening to rock, he was listening to B.B. King or Albert King," said Wailin of Lucas, who is studying jazz at Wayne State University.

"When I first heard him play I was impressed. He still listens to new music though. He's really diligent about furthering himself musically."

Each band member brings in a different musical style. Bassist Floyd listens to the Weather Report and Tower of Power. Musto, Wailin's guitarist, "is the blues aficionado of the group. He kept us on the blues path when we wanted to stray."

Wailin's aunt and uncle, whom he describes as '60s hippies, played a large part in creating his musical style.

"They were hippies, but they listened to a lot of hard-driving R&B like War or the Spencer Davis Group. I am also influenced by Motown and Stevie Wonder. Stevie Wonder is my No. 1 influence. It's not like I try to sound like him. He's just an influence," Wailin explained.

Wonder is still a presence in Wailin's life. The soul singer's

music frequently fills his carriage-style Royal Oak home. A deacon's bench inside the doorway holds a book about Wonder.

One of Wailin's first gigs was with a jazz band in Ann Arbor. From there he went on to a rock/reggae band. It was during the making of that industrial film he was introduced to the blues through Floyd, one of his co-workers.

"I was singing jazz and R&B, and I thought I had to have a huskier, rougher voice (to sing the blues). But it actually does work because I've always been fond of being expressive and emotional."

Besides his influences, Wailin doesn't reveal much else about his childhood. He keeps his age and the name of the high school he graduated from to himself.

"I've lived all around - Macomb County, Ann Arbor," he said coyly.

The Royal Oak resident will, however, tell of living in Mexico.

"It's part of my heritage. I'm half Mexican. It gave me a connection with my heritage."

The rest is buried in his journals.

Wailin celebrates the release of its live CD with a party and performance, with special guest Susan Calloway, at 8 p.m. Saturday, March 14, at the Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Tickets are \$6 for the 18 and older show. For more information, call (248) 544-3030 or visit http://www.themagicbag.com

The founding members of Redford-based pop band St. Ashley have decided that 1998 is the year to take its music seriously.

"We released a cassette and an EP but we didn't do much with it," said bassist Jared Styles of Royal Oak. "This one we're putting together packages for clubs and contacting the press."

He is speaking of "Driving Music For One," a collection of eight upbeat pop songs, recorded at The White Room studios in Detroit with Al Sutton and Robert East, and The Hardiman House in Highland with Kirk and Eric Bleau.

Styles described it as an album that St. Ashley can be proud of thanks to the addition of drummer Brian Perrone, formerly of the bands Downer's Grove and Vietnam Prom, and guitarist and Rochester resident, Eric Cojocari.

Since solidifying the lineup last year, the band has improved even more, he added.

Saint Ashley celebrates the release of "Driving Music for One" with a party and performance, 10 p.m. Saturday, March 14, in the Burns Room at St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. Tickets are \$5 for the 18 and older show. Call (313) 961-961MELT or visit http://www.961melt.com for more information. The band also performs an 18 and older show with The Krinkles at 10 p.m. Friday, March 27, at The Sardine Bar, 1548 Franklin St., Detroit.

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Such is the case this week on Backstage Pass. We're smack in the middle of the Spring Festival '98 pledge drive at Detroit Public Television. Of course, they keep

track of the funds that are raised during a program - experience shows that audiences support the shows they value. During last spring's pledge drive, not many people called to support Backstage Pass. Maybe it was because we had only been on for three weeks, but the phones weren't ringing.

So this year, we're going to pull out the stops and do some serious testifying. Starting with a very special show: we're breaking format with three music-related segments. First, Kim Hunter talks with a quartet of Detroit jazz's greats about our city's unique reputation for mentoring in jazz. Young sax man James Carter fronts the quartet, which is rounded out by Harold McKinney on piano, Don Mayberry on bass and "Pistol" Allen on drums. Each of these men made indelible impressions on James, who is now one of the jazz world's top young stars. They'll talk about the importance of handing down hard-won

knowledge.

Have you noticed that in all the hoopla over Motown Record's 40th Anniversary, people have forgotten about Motown itself? The Super Bowl halftime show in San Diego trotted out a bunch of stars with no mention of the city where it all started. Ditto ABC's two-part special. Think about it: the music that was the soundtrack for an entire generation's coming of age was created right here in Detroit! We sent our cameras to the Motown museum to see the humble beginnings of one of the biggest musical phenomena of the century.

And two of the metro area's hottest acts - Jill Jack and Stewart Francke - prepared two special duets just for our pledge program. How's that for a show.

But wait ... there's more! We have CDs to give to callers who pledge from Jill, Stewart and James. And Backstage Pass alumnus Devin Scillian, the talented news anchor at WDIV-

Channel 4, will be live in the studio with me during the pledge break right after our special program airs.

Backstage Pass was created to increase support, patronage and attendance of the visual and performing arts in Southeast Michigan, and according to the acts and organizations we've covered, it's working. We have a stack of letters from organizations like the Detroit Institute of Arts, Meadow Brook Theatre, Wayne State's Hilberry and Bonstelle Theatres, Ann Arbor's Walk & Squawk Performance Project, the Rackham Symphony Choir - the list is too long to recount here - all saying how the show worked for them, increased interest in and attendance of events.

We're not on tonight at midnight. Our pledge special airs tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. Give it a look. Perhaps give a call. We truly feel supporting our show supports all the arts in our city.

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DINING

O'Grady's Irish Pub brings a bit of Ireland to Troy

EATING OUT IN THE SUBURBS

BY ELEANOR HEALD SPECIAL WRITER

With a "things Irish" fascination sweeping the nation, it was only a matter of time until it hit Troy in a big way. Big Beaver Road, the city's main corridor, became home to O'Grady's Irish Pub on Wednesday, March 4, with a grand opening benefiting the Boys and Girls Club of Troy.

In addition to Irish addiction is the escalating trend toward neighborhood pubs - informal gathering places for families and friends with good food at moderate prices. O'Grady's in Troy combines the best of both with an Irish-American twist.

Irish specialties such as Corned Beef and Cabbage, Mrs. O'Grady's Irish Lamb Stew, Shepherd's Pie, and homemade Crock-a-Leekie soup, a spin on the standard, have star billing. But the rest of the menu includes house-made items Americans like to eat.

This and more is the half-million dollar transformation of the former Hershel's Deli into a neighborhood pub seating 190. Friendly waitstaff questioned, "Doesn't this look like an Irish pub?" I had to say, "No." But that's not negative. This is not Dublin and Americans want more in "their" pub atmosphere.

However, there are many appealing "things Irish" about O'Grady's. Guinness and 15 other beers on tap get top billing. To complement, is a large 25-seat wooden bar, two double-sided fireplaces accenting cozy side rooms with polished wood floors and three dart boards in a game room, also housing two pool tables.

Some Dublin pubs have a TV for soccer fans. O'Grady's has 18 fed by five satellite dishes. Eight different sports events can be watched on-premise simultaneously! Table seating is comfortable at wood high tops or standard-size. A large portion of the

O'Grady's Irish Pub Where: 685 W. Big Beaver, Troy, (adjacent to the Drury Inn) (248) 524-4770. Hours: 11-2 a.m. Monday-Saturday; noon to 1 a.m. Sunday. Menu: Irish theme, emphasis on fresh is best. Over 75 menu items from Irish specialties to Hebrew National award-winning corned beef to deep-dish Chicago-style pizza with crispy crust are homemade. Cost: Starters and soups \$3-\$7; burgers and sandwiches \$6-\$8; Irish specialties \$10; chicken, seafood, beef and ribs \$8.50-\$15. Reservations: Not accepted. Credit cards: All majors accepted.

floor is carpeted in dominantly green plaid accenting warm wood furnishings and a wide-open feeling.

The brainchild behind this gathering place is Brian Kramer, partner and president of O'Grady's with his father, Stuart. Mom Diane is anxious to greet patrons and brother David is learning the pub business. This is a family-owned and operated pub where an owner will be on-site at all times.

Since 1992, Brian has worked his way up from dishwasher to a vice president of Duggans, partner in Payne's Woodward Inn in Berkley and Woody's in Royal Oak. Stuart, recently retired from corporate life in Blue Cross Blue Shield, said he "always wanted to own his own business."

Jim Bolton, Oakland Community College culinary grad and former executive chef at Embassy Suites in Livonia, directs O'Grady's kitchen turning out 1,500 pounds of corned beef weekly. His recipe recently



STAFF PHOTO BY JOHN STORMZAND

Gathering place: David Kramer (left to right), Chef Jim Bolton, Stuart Kramer, Diane Kramer, and Brian Kramer at O'Grady's Irish Pub. Family-owned and operated, O'Grady's offers good food at moderate prices with an Irish-American twist.

won top award in Hebrew National's contest on "how best to cook corned beef" conducted in New York.

Menu items showcasing the Guinness-flavored corned beef are on the sandwich board. They are served with creamy cole slaw and a pickle spear. English fries can be added for 95 cents. A cup of soup with any sandwich is \$2.25. A traditional corned beef Reuben can be turned into lighter fare with turkey. Whole turkeys are house-roasted and meat is pulled from the bone to make all turkey sandwiches.

"Just like the day after Thanksgiving," Bolton quipped. A number of menu items appeal to those preferring meat-less selections. Bolton also lays claim to the "best pizza in town." His three-flour dough crust is handmade daily as is the pizza sauce from a recipe originating in Fano, Italy. One topping not to be missed is hand-cut pepperoni. A five-topping large pizza is \$15.

Chef Jim is particularly proud of his perfected recipes for barbecued baby back ribs, original orchestration of Salmon with Honey Mustard and Planked White Fish. If imitation is the best form of flattery then the white fish makes the adage true. Bolton credits his chef friend Randy Emert, executive chef at

Paint Creek Cider Mill & Restaurant, for all the pointers on making it to perfection.

On St. Patrick's Day, Tuesday, March 17, it won't be leprechauns you'll see at O'Grady's. Neighborhood folks will be leavin' to the music from WCSX-FM 94.7 from 6 p.m. to midnight. A live Irish band will also perform. A limited menu of corned beef and cabbage with mushroom potatoes, Irish stew and the highly-touted O'Grady Pub Burger will be offered.

An old Irish proverb states, "Laughter is brightest where food is best." In a new-age, that's O'Grady's Irish Pub in Troy.

Just in case you missed it, or lost the paper. Here are some of the restaurants we've recently visited:

Mesquite Creek - Two locations, 45250 Ford Road, Canton (734) 414-0100; and 7228 Ortonville Road, Clarkston, (248) 620-9300. Open 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday-Thursday; 11:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday-Saturday. Menu: Steakhouse fare with great seafood. Mesquite Creek takes a Tex-Mex spin on everything they do, and uses Certified Angus Beef. Reservations: Sunday-Thursday for parties of eight or more. Credit Cards: All majors accepted. Cost: \$5-\$12 lunch; \$9-\$27 dinner. Children's menu available. Entertainment: Canton location - 7-11 p.m. Wednesdays, The Hits plays soft pop rock favorites. They perform 7-11 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at Clarkston location.

Eating out is a treat, and if you're hungry for steaks or seafood, comfortable Mesquite Creek aims to please. Owned by Brian Hussey of Ann Arbor and Mark Laramie of Plymouth, they just opened a second location in Canton and are celebrating their fifth anniversary in Clarkston.

Marvin's Bistro - 15800 Middlebelt, (between Five Mile and Six Mile roads) Livonia, (734) 522-5600. Open 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday-Friday; 4-11 p.m. Saturday, Bar stays open to 2 a.m.; closed to the public Sundays, open for banquets. Menu: American regional cuisine with an Italian/French influence. Cost: Lunch ranges from \$4.95-\$6.95; dinner \$6.95 to \$13.95. Credit Cards: All majors accepted. Reservations: Not necessary, but advised on Fridays and Saturdays. Carryout: Available. Entertainment: Carl Larson and Ernie Horvath at the piano bar, 12:30-2:30 p.m. Monday-Friday; 7-10 p.m. Monday-Tuesday; 7 p.m. to midnight Wednesday-Saturday. Like her father, comedian Marvin Welch, Susan Anastasiou, who named her restaurant Marvin's Bistro in his honor, enjoys entertaining, but she's a food person.

RESTAURANT SPECIALS

Restaurant Specials lists menu specials, anniversaries and other special events. To be included, fax or send information to Keely Wygonik, Entertainment Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI or call (734) 953-2105. You can also e-mail information to kwgyonik@oe.homecomm.net

DINE OUT DETROIT Will give metro Detroit area residents the opportunity to fight AIDS by doing something they frequently do: going out to eat.

Over 100 metro Detroit area restaurants from nearly 40 cities will participate in the third annual "Dine Out Detroit" benefit Friday, March 13. Local restaurants will donate 10 percent of that day's lunch and dinner sales to the Midwest AIDS Prevention Project, Michigan's largest non-profit AIDS education organization. Participating restaurants include Sweet Lorraine's in Southfield, Fonte D'Amore in Livonia and Hawthorne Valley Country Club

in Westland. For more information about "Dine Out Detroit," or a complete list of participating restaurants, call (248) 545-1435, or (800) 627-7769.

BEVERLY HILLS GRILL Will mark their 10th anniversary on Monday, March 16. The restaurant on Southfield Road (just north of 13 Mile Road) in Beverly Hills will serve complimentary hors d'oeuvres in the evening to celebrate their anniversary, and owners Bill and Judi Roberts will meet customers. Call (248) 642-2355 for information. The Beverly Hills Grill serves breakfast, lunch and dinner seven days a week. The Roberts also own 220, Edison's and Streetside Seafood, all in downtown Birmingham.

BOTSFORD INN St. Patrick's Day buffet featuring Irish soda bread, roasted lamb, chicken and ham pie, fish cakes, Colcannon and other Irish specialties served 5-8 p.m. Tuesday, March 17, 28000 Grand River (at 8 Mile Road) Farmington Hills, (248) 474-4800. There will be entertainment. Cost

\$19.95. A deposit will be required for a reservation.

MARVIN'S BISTRO St. Patrick's Day specials, corned beef & cabbage, Irish stew, spinach fettuccine with sauteed shrimp, old-fashioned cabbage soup, green beer and Irish creme cheese cake. Entree prices range from \$9.95 to \$13.95. Piano bar will be open during lunch and dinner, 15800 Middlebelt, Livonia (734) 522-5600.

HERC'S ROAST BEEF & SPIRITS St. Patrick's Day specials include corned beef & cabbage, corned beef sandwiches, Irish stew, 36685 Plymouth Road, Livonia, (734) 425-1830.

ARRIBA RESTAURANT New restaurant opened March 10 in the former Maude's in downtown Ann Arbor on Fourth

Ave. (between William and Liberty).

The restaurant serves moderately-priced Mexican regional specialties, and is open for seven days a week, and is scheduled to begin offering lunch soon.

"People will see; our new place is vibrantly different," said owner Dennis Serras. The private party room is gone, and an immense tree dominates Arriba's larger dining area. "It's like being in the courtyard of a Mexican villa," said Serras. For reservations and information, call (734) 662-8485.

HENRY FORD COMMUNITY COLLEGE "Yesterday's Memories and Tomorrow's Dreams," an evening of dining and entertaining Saturday, April 4 in the Student Center, 5101 Evergreen, Dearborn. Fund-raiser for the Hospi-

tality Studies student scholarship. Event begins 5 p.m. followed by dinner at 6:15 p.m. Tickets \$35 per person, call (313) 845-9651.

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