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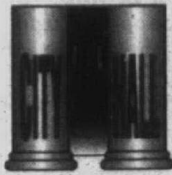
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Final 3: City pares candidate list



The search for a new city manager has narrowed to three finalists. City commissioners interviewed eight candidates on Saturday and pared down their list of hopefuls. A new manager could be selected by next week.

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The Plymouth City Commission has narrowed its search for a new city manager to three finalists.

Commissioners interviewed eight candidates Saturday, and then came to a consensus on three finalists.

They include D. Wayne O'Neal, who

is currently the interim Howell city manager; Robert Block, a former city administrator in Southfield; and David Rich, city manager of Grand Ledge.

"In my discussions with other commissioners, we would feel comfortable with any of the three," said Mayor Don Dismuke. "They are excellent candidates and extremely qualified."

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D. Wayne O'Neal



Robert Block

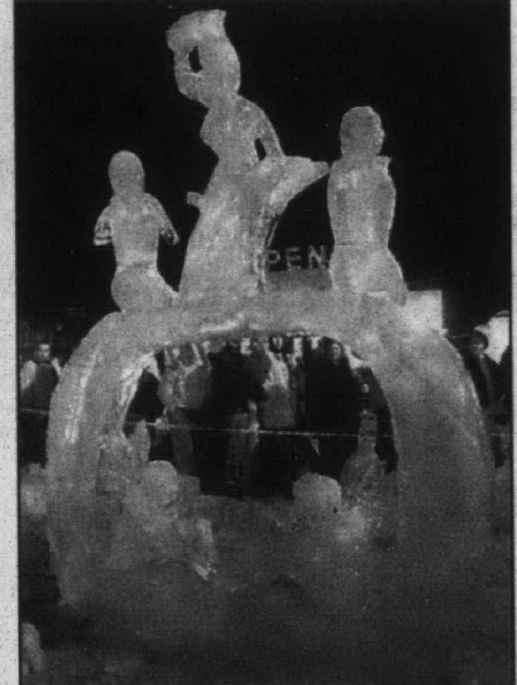


David Rich



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Headless warrior: Travis Dale of Chesterton, Ind., works on his carving of a warrior during the Professional Individual two-block competition at the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular on Sunday in the downtown Central Parking Structure. The protection from the sun in the covered parking structure helped preserve most works of art unlike others in Kellogg Park that withered away quickly.



Ice night: Visitors parade past crumbling ice sculptures along Pennington at the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular Saturday night.

Weather cuts into carvers' works of art

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After 17 years, organizers of the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular are prepared for almost anything Mother Nature dishes out. This year, the years of experience paid off.

First, snow plows were needed to clear away the 16 inches of snow from Kellogg Park to make room for all the ice sculptures. Then, temperatures escalated Saturday and Sunday afternoons nearing a sunny 40 degrees. Luckily, the rain storm held off until Sunday night. Most of

what was left standing was swept away.

Not surprisingly, a sturdy replica of Noah's Ark was one of a few that held up through the changing weather.

"That's what makes this event unique. It's a temporary art form and you have to get down here to see it, or else it may be gone," said organizer Mike Watts of Watts Up Inc.

The weather was perfect for those watching the carvers. Businesses reported record sales. However, ice carvers weren't as fortunate.

Many watched in horror as their sculptures came crash-

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Garage fire scorches classic car

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A garage fire at 9295 S. Main in Plymouth Township Tuesday morning destroyed a 1965 AMC Rambler American and a 1981 Mercury Cougar, both parked inside.

The garage, which was not connected to the house, was also destroyed.

According to Bob Peck of Peck's Show & Go in Farmington, who deals in classic vehicles, the Rambler was worth approximately \$3,500-4,000.

The homeowner, Norman Bagley, was inside having coffee with his wife, Helen, when the blaze started.

He was warming up the Mercury in the garage in an attempt to use jumper cables to start his daughter's Toyota Tercel.

"I was in the dining room and my wife asked me 'Do you see smoke?' and I said 'Yes,'" he said. "I went outside and the darn (garage) was on fire."

According to Norman, his wife called 911 while he entered the garage and removed several gasoline cans from inside. He also said that he did not know how the fire started but initially saw flames under the Mercury and on several shelves that held camping equipment.

"I don't know how or where it start-

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STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHMANN

Garage fire: A 1965 AMC Rambler American and 1981 Mercury Cougar were inside a garage that went up in flames Tuesday morning on Main Street. The owner was working on one of the cars prior to the blaze.

Fires keep officials hopping

BY DUNCAN E. WHITE
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Fire officials estimated a total loss of nearly \$1 million for Glassline Inc. after a blaze destroyed the company's Plymouth facility at 199 W. Ann Arbor Trail.

According to fire department officials, \$750,000 is the estimated property loss with an additional \$200,000 damage to the facilities contents.

"That's close to a \$1 million fire," said Plymouth fire Chief Larry Groth. "Those are not common at all around here and we've had two in about a month's time."

On Dec. 13, a fire destroyed much of the facility that housed the Document Processing facility, at 13101 Eckles Road, causing an estimated \$5 million in damage.

Fire investigators have not yet

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Community Hospice receives accreditation

Community Hospice & Home Care Services Inc. announced its recent Accreditation with Commendation from the Joint Commission of Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations. This is the highest level of accreditation by the joint commission, which is the nation's oldest and largest accrediting body.

"We are extremely pleased to have achieved this designation," said Maureen Butrico, executive director of CHHCS. "Everyone here goes the extra mile every

day to provide the best possible health care to our patients. Receiving Accreditation with Commendation is just the icing on the cake."

CHHCS, a Michigan nonprofit agency, has offered care to the terminally ill in western Wayne, eastern Washtenaw and southern Oakland counties since 1981. For more information on CHHCS, home health care or hospice care, call (734) 522-4244. Community Hospice

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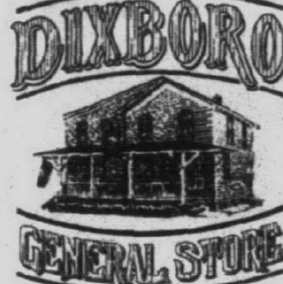
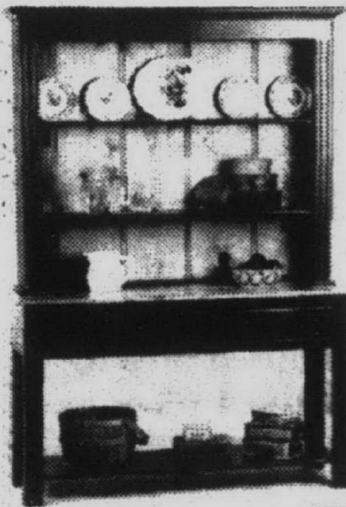
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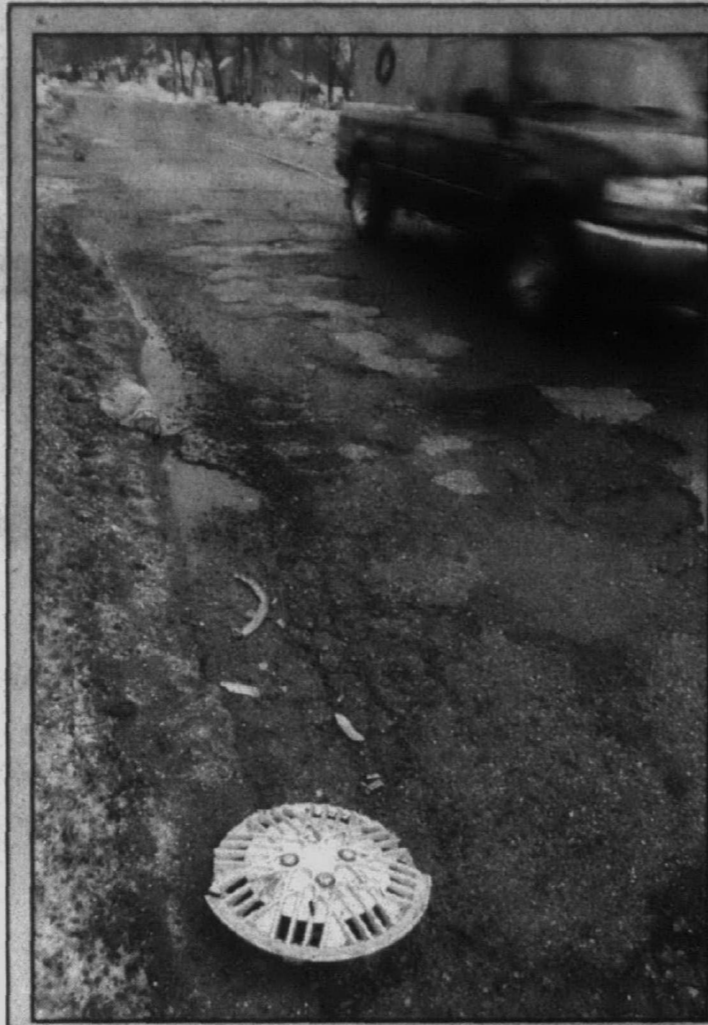
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Look out: Potholes have been gobbling up cars since the snow cleared. One motorist already lost a hubcap on Harvey, near Wing.

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Snow clears path for pothole patrol

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Plymouth city crews, who last week were working overtime plowing snow, are now on pothole patrol.

"There is a lot of water in the ground that keeps freezing and thawing. And what starts out as a little pothole sometimes can expand and become a big pothole problem," said Acting City Manager Paul Sincok. "I expect our crews will be out most of the week trying to cold patch them."

Sincok said there are no guarantees to the short term fix, but he's hoping it will last until a more permanent paving solution is scheduled for the roads.

"We have the city divided into four sections, and the patching crews take one at a time," added Sincok. "They drive around looking for the potholes, and also fix ones that are called in by residents to the Municipal Services Department."

Sincok said the city budgets about \$15,000 to repair potholes.

Damage to your car from falling into the roadway craters can cost a week's paycheck.

"We see bent rims and blown

Luckily for motorists, damage from potholes is covered by car insurance.

tires from potholes all the time," said Larry Pichini, the manager of Belle Tire on Ann Arbor Road. "Depending on the damage, it could cost several hundred dollars."

"A couple of weeks ago we had a customer who hit a pothole and blew a tire, bent a rim, plus bent a control arm and a strut. It cost about a thousand dollars."

Luckily for motorists, damage from potholes is covered by car insurance.

"If you have collision coverage, insurance will take care of the costs, minus your deductible," said State Farm Insurance agent Mike Kovach from his Main Street office. "It's the same coverage as if you were hit by another car."

"I once handled a claim in which a pothole ripped out a car transmission. The bill for that was about two thousand dollars."

Visiting conductor leads PSO concert

The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra has invited Margery Deutsch to conduct the Chamber Concert scheduled for 8 p.m. Jan. 30 in the Plymouth Canton Little Theatre, 8415 N. Canton Center Road.

Deutsch is one of the seven candidates for the position of Music Director/Conductor of the PSO, a position retiring Maestro Russell Reed has held for 13 consecutive years.

Deutsch holds a master's degree in orchestral conducting from SUNY Stony Brook, a Master of Arts degree in musicology from University of California Santa Barbara and a bachelor's degree in flute and vocal performance from SUNY Buffalo. Deutsch and her husband, Dr. Eric Weiner, a family therapist and professor of medical education, are the parents of Eli Harrison Weiner.

Also featured on the Chamber

Margery Deutsch is one of the seven candidates for the position of Music Director/Conductor of the PSO.

Concert will be the Youth Artist Competition winners plus ensembles highlighting the talents of PSO woodwind principal players. The concert will conclude with

two works for Chamber Orchestra by Strauss and Respighi.

Immediately following the concert, an afterglow will be held at the Willow Brook Inn, 44255 Warren Road, just east of Sheldon Road. This concert is supported by the Japanese Business Society of Detroit, the Plymouth Symphony League and the Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs.

Tickets for the concert are \$12 for adults, \$10 for Senior or College Students and in conjunction with the educational program, students through grade 12 are admitted free of charge. Group rates are available upon request.

For additional information or ticket purchases, call the symphony office at (734) 451-2112.

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Students chose to support this organization when they learned a PCEP staff member had a child with Cystic Fibrosis.

The class donated several Beanie Babies throughout the year and were recently notified by the Detroit Chapter that from the donations, the foundation was able to auction them at several events and the bids raised nearly \$2,000.

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 John Adamaki, Eastpointe
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- 3rd-Place Diploma**
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Time out: Visitors check out the ice clock created by Virtual Engineering of Plymouth in The Gathering at the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular Saturday. Below, Chef Tony Maggio of Portabella in the Somerset Collection in Troy lies down on the job while carving his version of "Spiderman" during the professional individual two-block competition.

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ing down - in some instances only minutes after Saturday's judging for the 20-hour professional team competitions.

The first place ballerina sculpture, chiseled by Matt Williams and Jeff Stahl, of Cincinnati, Ohio, posed beautifully for judges and even for a few hours afterward. By late Saturday, the ballerina lost an arm and half of a leg, and by Sunday, the ice sculpture was a quadriplegic.

It was so warm, the sun - an ice sun built in the northwest portion of Kellogg Park - actually melted away and crashed to the earth with an alarming thud. By Sunday afternoon, one high school carver in the two-person student competition peeled off his coat and sweatshirt and finished the contest wearing a t-shirt and sunglasses.

Monroe Community College carvers didn't have to worry about icebergs as they sculpted the Titanic. It was the sun that posed a bigger problem.

"The sun just eats it away," said Tim St. Peter of Eastpointe.

St. Peter won first place in the amateur individual division Sunday afternoon. His sculpture, an intricately-cut eagle, held up under the Central Parking Structure, just as others under The Gathering kept form.

It wasn't the warm temperatures that carvers feared.

Warm weather on an overcast day isn't as much an obstacle as the sun on a cooler day, said Eric Pfaff, a chef from Columbus, Ohio, who assisted the very amateur Observer team in the celebrity carving competition Thursday. It's the sun that cracks the ice and makes it unworkable, he said.

"Business was great. We usually close Sunday, but we stayed open for the festival," said Bruce Carroll, co-owner of the Breadsmith on Ann Arbor Trail.

"I wish Milford would do something proactive like this (for the Breadsmith's other location)..."



It's a means to expose customers to our store so that they will become long-term customers," he added.

According to Watts, attendance was down Thursday and Friday due to the bitter cold and media reports that a Thursday morning fire at Glassline, Inc., a fiberglass products facility, was billowing toxic fumes.

"It was not our best year by any means but attendance was good," he said. "There were great

carvings in the competitions and kids loved the insects under The Gathering. There were continuous lines to see those and people weren't disappointed when they came out."

For anyone wondering about the ice clock being built by a group of engineers from Plymouth-based Virtual Engineering, it was ticking away at 10 a.m. Sunday - until the ice gears melted making it inoperable only minutes later. But it worked.

Chillin' out: Carolyn Doyle, 5, of Garden City stays warm and cozy during her first visit to the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular Saturday. The "Insects Inside" the Fantasyland exhibit in The Gathering was a popular spot for kids.



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

Designers: Winners in the Observer Middle School Ice Carving competition are (from left): Brandon Wilcox, Central; Stephanie Sobick, East; Jenna Harlund, East; Manjula Jayabalan, Central; Chris Hall, Lowell; Adam LeFevre, Lowell; Laura Bowers, Pioneer; and Kristen Holden, Pioneer.

Spectacular designs led to 8 special ice sculptures

BY VALERIE OLANDER
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For eight middle school students, the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular was something very special to see.

Their own designs - carved by a professional carver - were on display in Kellogg Park. The students had won the Observer Newspapers Middle School Design Contest.

On Monday, all eight winners met in Kellogg Park to be awarded \$50 savings bonds offered by The Observer. Most of the sculptures already had melted away from the weekend's warm-up, although many of the students and their families went to the festival to see their works of art. The students saw a video on the history of the ice festival.

"There was no theme, they were just told to draw something that would be of interest to kids their age. Many of them are cartoons," said Dianne Sproul of Central Middle School, who annually coordinates the event with festival organizer Sandra Watts of Watts Up Inc. and The Observer.

The only requirement was to make designs that could be carved into one block of ice - about the same size as a file cabinet. The proposed designs were submitted as black and white drawings.

Four of the five Plymouth-Canton Community middle schools participated this year. Two drawings from each school were selected by professional carvers. The carvers chose designs that they thought would

make good ice sculptures.

Winners from East Middle School were eighth graders Jenna Harlund and Stephanie Sobick, both of Canton. Harlund designed "Heimlich" and Sobick designed "Daffy." From Central Middle School, winners were Manjula Jayabalan and Brandon Wilcox, both of Canton. Jayabalan designed "Tweety" and Wilcox designed "Angelica." Lowell Middle School winners were Christopher Hazz and Adam LeFevre, both of Canton. Hazz designed "Thunder Bunny" and LeFevre designed "Penguin." Pioneer Middle School winners were seventh graders Laura Bowers of Plymouth and Kristen Holden of Canton. Bowers designed "Frosty" and Holden designed "Cat."

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Best: Award-winning international storyteller Debra Christian of Plymouth reaches children through her unforgettable tales.



Storyteller spins tales with the best

BY LILLY A. EVANS
STAFF WRITER

Pst ... let me tell you a story, are you ready? Then pull your family away from television, computers, and video games Saturday, Jan. 23, and expose them to the art of storytelling at the first Storytelling Festival sponsored by the Canton Project Arts at Summit on the Park in Canton.

Award-winning international storyteller Debra Christian of Plymouth will be there to present you with an art she says you will become enthralled with.

"I think it will be a delightful, high-quality event full of fun, laughter and good story because everybody wants to hear a story," she said.

At the afternoon workshops, children can listen to stories while adults are learning how to tell a story. There will also be an evening family show.

Christian said storytelling brings the family together.

"Storytelling is a way to pass down information from generation to generation and teach character building," Christian said.

Storyteller Debra Christian of Plymouth will be featured Saturday at the first Storytelling Festival at Summit on the Park in Canton.

Christian is a speech pathologist in the Garden City Public Schools by profession and the daughter of a Michigan history teacher. She has traveled the U.S., South Africa, Eastern and Central Europe and the Mediterranean, researching and storytelling. She has been storytelling for 13 years.

Along with Christian, professional storytellers Mountain Man Marc LeJarret of the west side of Michigan, 35th District Court Judge Ron Lowe of Canton and Judy Sima of Southfield will be performing to stimulate your imagination and put folklore in your day.

LeJarret will be sporting his mountain gear and telling tall tales, Lowe will share children's tales with a moral and Sima, who

is a librarian, will share current children's literature.

There will be afternoon workshops and/or evening entertainment.

The children's workshops will include: Storytelling Fun and Games and Animal Tales, Fables and Stories for Kids. The adult workshops will consist of Building Character Through Story and Weaving the Family Together.

The afternoon events will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. with an hour of children's storytelling before lunch. Lunch will be sold on site. The evening family show will start at 7 p.m.

Volunteer Coordinator Kathleen Salla said after storytelling went over so well at the Liberty Festival the Canton Project Arts is looking forward to making this an annual event at the Summit.

The event appeals to families with elementary or middle school-aged children, Christian said. Tickets for both sessions are \$3 single or \$8 family, tickets for the day or evening event are \$2 single or \$5 family. For more information or tickets, call (734) 397-6450.

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ed," he said. "It was under the car and there was a bunch of camping equipment in there that belongs to my daughter that was on fire on the shelves in the back ... I don't know how that started on fire."

Investigators believe the fire was sparked by the running Mercury.

The garage floor was covered with corrugated cardboard, according to fire officials who have traced the fire to the north-

west corner of the building where they found telephone books and newspapers stored for recycling.

"It appears to be accidental but the true cause is undetermined," said Detective Kevin Lauterwasser of the Plymouth Township Police Department. "Because of the integrity of the structure, we weren't able to get in there and do some digging."

Firefighters responded to the call at around 11 a.m. and found

the garage engulfed in flames upon arrival, according to Plymouth fire Chief Larry Groth.

"It was heavily involved when we got here," he said.

Robert Johnson, who lives next door to Bagley, was at home when the fire started.

"I was in the basement and my wife said that Norm's garage was on fire," he said. "I came upstairs and it was going pretty good."

According to Johnson, Bagley

spent a good portion of time working in his garage.

"I know he was out earlier working on his daughter's car, trying to get it to start," he added. "I don't know if that was the cause but, yeah, he's a putterer."

As firefighters were wrapping up the fire, Helen Bagley reported having chest pains and signs of a heart attack. She was taken to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital by emergency rescue personnel.

CANTON TOWNSHIP ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ADVERTISEMENT TO BID

Sealed bids will be received by the Charter Township of Canton Clerk's Office, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, MI 48188 until 10:00 a.m., Thursday, February 4, 1999, at which time the bids will be opened and publicly read aloud for the following:

PURCHASE OF 13 MOBILE RADIOS

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

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

Published January 21, 1999

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held on Monday, February 1, 1999 at 7:00 P.M. in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road to consider a request for the following special land use as provided in Section 27.03 of the Canton Township Zoning Ordinance.

PLYMOUTH CANTON MIDDLE SCHOOL SPECIAL LAND USE - CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR A PUBLIC INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL, AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 11.02B.4 ON PARCEL NO. 039 99 0001 704. Property is located on the south side of Hanford Road east of Canton Center Road.

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

VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

Published January 21, 1999

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.

HONORS PROGRAM

Local student Theron Stinar has been accepted into the honors program at Albion College. Stinar is the son of Kyle J. Sti-

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WOMEN'S HEALTH ISSUES TODAY

OBSTETRICS & GYNECOLOGY

GENDER-BASED DIFFERENCES

The Society for the Advancement of Women's Health Research recently released an analysis of diseases and their treatments that shows a few of the many ways women are different from men.

Among the most important of the findings: Women are three times as likely as men to develop autoimmune diseases such as lupus and rheumatoid arthritis. Women are twice as likely as men to contract a sexually transmitted disease, and ten times as likely to become infected with HIV. Women smokers have a greater risk for developing lung cancer than men smokers. And women who have heart attacks are more likely than men to die as a result, as well as to have a second heart attack within a year.

One reason women seem to fair so poorly in regards to larger health issues is their tendency to place other's needs ahead of their own. Whether your caretaking takes place at home or in the office, you need to make time to ensure your continued good health, for the benefit of all concerned. Pick up the phone today and call 313-565-9510 to schedule your annual exam with caring professionals in a relaxed and understanding environment. You'll find our offices located at 1711 Monroe.

ES: The above-mentioned analysis also revealed that women, whose brains produce less of the neurotransmitter serotonin, are two to three times more likely than men to become chronically depressed.

Dr. Duane Krel, M.D.

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Each of the Ten Commandments will be discussed at CCC's weekly Sunday services at 9:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. January 24th through March 28th Visit CCC's Website www.cantoncommunitychurch.org

PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN SECTION 00010 ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids for Bid Package 1 Plymouth-Canton Community School will be received until 11:00 A.M. local time on Monday, February 8, 1999 at which time they will be opened and read publicly at Plymouth-Canton Community School, E.J. McClendon Educational Center. Bids received after this time and date will be returned unopened.

Faxed proposals will not be accepted.

This Bid Package will consist of a separate sealed bid for the following Bid Divisions:

- 101 Earthwork to Rough & Finish Grades
- 103 Site Utilities

Bidding documents prepared by Fanning/Howe Associates, Inc. will be available for public inspection at the office of the Construction Manager, McSIEV, 25001 West Five Mile Rd., Redford, MI 48239; the FW Dodge Plan Room, Southfield; the Construction Association of Michigan Plan Room, Bloomfield Hills; and the Daily Construction Reports Plan Room, Madison Heights.

Bidders may obtain a set of bidding documents by contacting the Construction Manager (313) 636-1140. Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope supplied by the Construction Manager, McSIEV. The bid division(s) being bid is (are) to be identified on the outside of the envelope. There will be a Pre-Bid Meeting held on Tuesday, January 26, 1999 at 10:00 a.m. at the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, E.J. McClendon Educational Center, 454 S. Harvey Street, Plymouth, Michigan. All bidders are encouraged to attend.

Each bid shall be accompanied by a Bid Bond in the amount of at least five (5) percent of the amount of the bid, payable to Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, as a guarantee that if the proposal is accepted, the bidder will execute the contract and file the required bonds within ten (10) days after notice of award of contract.

If awarded a contract, the successful bidder will be required to furnish a Performance Bond and Labor and Material Payment Bond. Plymouth-Canton Community Schools reserve the right to reject any or all bids received and to waive any informalities and irregularities in the bidding.

This project is to be bid at the prevailing wage rate.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BOARD PROCEEDINGS

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, January 12, 1999 at 1150 South Canton Center Road. Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly, to move from an open session to a closed session at 6:02 P.M. for the purpose of discussion of property purchase, employee negotiations and pending litigation. All Ayes.

ROLL CALL - CLOSED SESSION

Members Present: Bennett, Burdziak, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Shefferly, Yack
Members Absent: None
Staff Present: Durack, Ager, Ron Witthoff, Township Counsel

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to return to an open session at 7:05 P.M. Motion carried unanimously. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL - OPEN SESSION

Members Present: Bennett, Burdziak, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Shefferly, Yack
Members Absent: None
Staff Present: Durack, Machnik, Minghine, Santomauro

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

General Calendar Item 10, Purchase of 1999 Pontiac, Grand Prix, SE for use as an Administrative Vehicle for Public Safety, was deleted from the agenda.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to adopt the agenda as amended. All Ayes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to approve the Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of December 15, 1998 as presented. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to approve the Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of December 22, 1998 as presented. All Ayes.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by McLaughlin, to pay the bills as presented. All Ayes.

Expenditure Recap

General Fund	101	\$256,183.10
Fire Fund	206	57,512.13
Police Fund	207	159,764.90
Community Center Fund	208	32,365.27
Golf Course Fund	211	4,308.14
Street Lighting Fund	219	16,917.16
Cable TV Fund	230	824.98
Community Improvement Fund	246	72,335.43
E-911 Emergency Funds	261	1,701.82
Federal Grants Funds	274	9,474.07
State Projects Fund	289	689.87
Downtown Devel. Auth.	294	25,594.00
Retiree Benefits	296	7,305.06
CAP Proj-Road Paving Fund	403	18,584.35
Bld. Auth. Construction Fund	469	488,742.41
Water & Sewer Fund	592	313,451.63
Trust & Agency (Trailer Fees)	701	6,675.00
Construction Escrow	702	195,425.73
Tonquish Creek Storm Drain	804	21,751.05
Koppernick Corp Park	812	416,980.25
Recreation Checking Act	Dec 98	1,662.50
Total-All Funds		\$2,108,250.85

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to set the public hearing for January 26, 1999 to consider the industrial facilities exemption application of Greenfield Die & Mfg. For their new facility located at 8301 Ronda Drive. All Ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to authorize the Treasurer's Department to enter into an agreement for collecting 1999 school taxes in July 1999 as follows: 100% Plymouth/Canton, Van Buren and Wayne-Westland at a charge of \$3.55 per tax bill. All Ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to reappoint Jeffrey Smith and Marcel Loosbrock to the Canton CDBG Advisory Council for additional two-year terms ending December 31, 2000. All Ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, that the request from CLUB CANTON, INC. to transfer all stock in 1998 Class C licensed business with Dance Permit, located at 39651 Michigan, Canton, MI 48188, Canton Township, Wayne County, from Jean Hunt, deceased, to new stockholder, Jean Hunt Trust; Emmett H. Hunt, Trustee (50,000 shares) (Step I) be considered for APPROVAL; it is the consensus of this legislative body that the application be recommended for issuance. Further that the request from CLUB CANTON, INC. to transfer all stock in 1998 Class C licensed business with Dance Permit, located at 39651 Michigan, Canton, MI 48188, Canton Township, Wayne County, through transfer of 50,000 shares of stock from existing stockholder, Jean Hunt Trust; Emmett H. Hunt, Trustee to new stockholder, Emmett H. Hunt (Step II) be considered for APPROVAL; it is the consensus of this legislative body that the application be recommended for issuance. All Ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to adopt the resolution in observance of the International Year of Older Persons 1999. All Ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to transfer \$1,660.60 from purchase order 8911 for Waterland Trucking, Inc. to purchase order 9761 for Testing Engineers & Consultants in order to pay them for testing on the Michigan Avenue Water Main Project. All Ayes.

GENERAL CALENDAR

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to adopt the resolution granting tentative approval of the preliminary plat for Cherry Blossom Estates Subdivision. All Ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to adopt the resolution to approve the rezoning of certain property identified by property tax EDP #077-99-0005-000, 077-99-0006-000, 077-99-0007-000, 077-99-0008-000, 077-99-0009-000, 077-99-0010-000, 077-99-0011-000, 078-99-0001-000, 078-99-0002-000, 078-99-0003-000, and 078-99-0004-000 from RR, Rural Residential to R-2, Single-Family Residential. All Ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to adopt the resolution to approve the special use for the proposed Kirkway Subdivision. All Ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to waive the formal bidding and to award the contract for design work on the MIS office expansion to Siegal/Toumaala Associates in the amount of \$7,250.00. All Ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly, to approve the FCC Form 394 application request to transfer the Ameritech New Media, Inc., Cable Franchise to SBC Communications Inc. conditioned upon Federal Communication Commission and Justice Department approval of the SBC/Ameritech merger and conditioned upon SBC's compliance with Section 104 of the Multi-Channel Service Provider Regulatory Ordinance. All Ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve the contract between Canton Township and the Canton Police Lieutenants and Sergeants (POLC) union to run from 1/1/99 through 12/31/2001. All Ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly, to award the Utility Coverage Component of the GIS Round 1 Project Grant to Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment in accordance with their proposal for \$47,514.00 with a 15 percent contingency of \$7,127 for a total amount not to exceed \$54,641.00. All Ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to award the Public Education Component of the GIS Round 1 Project Grant to Sigma Associates in accordance with their proposal for \$10,611.00 with a 15 percent contingency of \$1,592 for a total amount not to exceed \$12,203.00. All Ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to authorize the Township Supervisor and Clerk to execute the Intergovernmental agreement with Wayne County for the paving of Beck Road, from Ford to Cherry Hill Road and upon bidding to pay \$180,000.00 to Wayne County. All Ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak, to approve payment of an additional \$522 to CDPA Architects, Southfield, MI for providing architectural drawings for the renovation of the Public Safety booking room at a total cost of \$2,522.00. All Ayes.

ADJOURN

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 P.M.

The above is a synopsis of actions taken at the Regular Board meeting held on January 12, 1999. The full text of the approved minutes will be available following the next regular meeting of the Board on January 26, 1999.

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

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Finals from page A1

Dismuke said the one-hour interviews allowed commissioners to get enough information about the candidates to discount the need for additional interviews.

The three finalists were contacted this week, with all still expressing a desire to take the position if chosen. City commissioners will now have to decide which one to offer the position, and begin negotiations for a contract.

"We have made contact with members of the communities where the three have been employed, checking on their backgrounds," added Dismuke. "I would hope we would have a person selected by sometime next week."

Dismuke would only say the three candidates are equally qualified, and gave no hints as to which might be the commissioners' top choice.

Only one of the eight finalists, Chris Kukulski, the village manager of Jonesville, took his name out of the running after interviewing Saturday.

City officials listed the qualities they liked about each of the three remaining candidates.

In D. Wayne O'Neal, commissioners liked his experience with financial turnaround plans, streetscape development and his involvement with cable franchise negotiations.

O'Neal served as city manager in Clawson for 13 years, manag-



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HIRSCHMANN

Interviews: City commissioners interview candidates for city manager Saturday.

ing 60 full-time and 40 part-time employees.

Commissioners were also impressed with O'Neal's knowledge of Plymouth's general, recreation and water fund problems.

For Rich, who has been city manager of Grand Ledge for seven years, commissioners list his experience with budget preparation and analysis, personnel management and labor relations as top qualities.

The also like the fact Rich has significant grant writing experience, bringing in an average \$1 million annually.

He currently manages 56 full-time and 35 part-time employees

in Grand Ledge.

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Fire from page A1

determined the cause of last week's fire but do not suspect foul play.

"We're still in the process of interviewing the employees that were there at the time of the fire," said Groth. "But there is no question in our mind, and preliminary indications are that it was accidental."

According to Groth, four other departments (Northville, Northville Township, Canton and Livonia) were called in to help with the blaze with a total of 52 firefighters involved in the run.

"Under the mutual aid pact, we requested an engine and a rescue unit from Northville Township to fill in for our Station No. 1 and an extra engine from the City of Northville to fill in for our Station No. 3," he said. "We had 18 other runs that day ranging from accidents to fire alarms to heart attacks."

"There was no fire sprinkler system in the building and none was required under the grandfather clause.

"There are a lot of buildings like that in the community," said Groth. "The only way you can (force them to install a system) is

■ According to (fire Chief Larry) Groth, the Plymouth Fire Department averages about 200 runs a month but earlier this week the department already surpassed that number.

if they add on to the building ... then you could require them to install a sprinkler but they didn't do that there."

Plymouth Fire Department received the call at 8:29 a.m. and did not clear the scene until 6:30 p.m.

Glassline Inc. was a manufacturer of fiberglass parts, according to Groth.

"My understanding is that they made anything that you would want made out of fiberglass," he said. "They were in business for about 35 years and did specialty projects."

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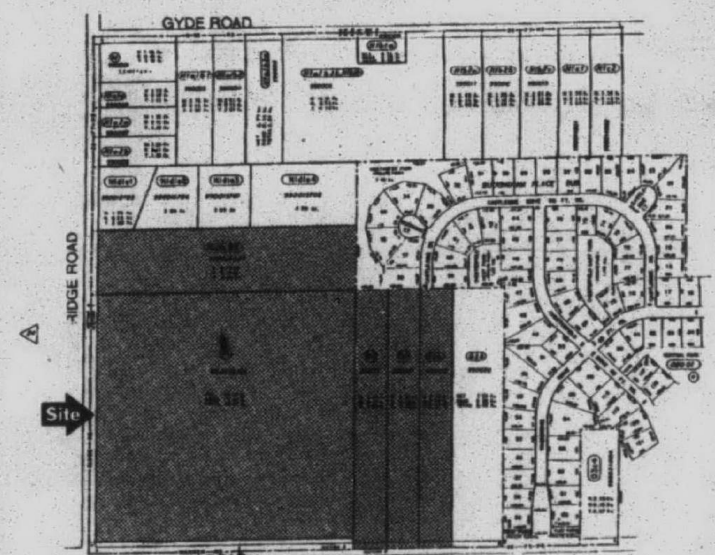
CANTON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, February 15, 1999, 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:

PHEASANT RIDGE PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PDD)- PRELIMINARY PLAN - CONSIDER REQUEST TO ESTABLISH A PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27.04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE INCLUSIVE OF PARCEL NOS. 019 99 0015 004, 019 99 0016 701, 019 0017 000, 019 99 0018 000, 019 99 0019 000. Properties are located on the northeast corner of Warren and Ridge Roads. (First public hearing)

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



VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

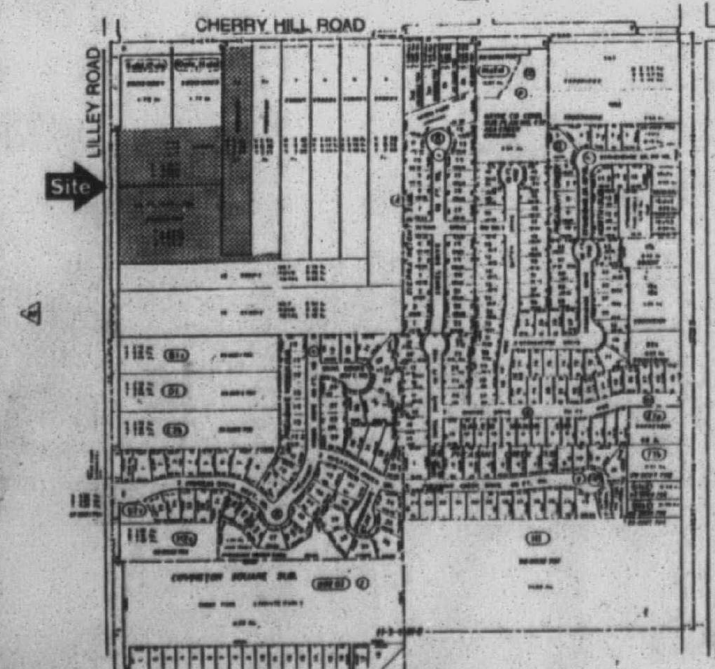
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ST. THOMAS A'BECKETT CHURCH EXPANSION SPECIAL LAND USE - CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR A RELIGIOUS INSTITUTION AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 11.02B.3 ON PARCEL NOS. 089 99 0008 002, 089 99 0009 001, 089 99 0011 000. Property is located on the east side of Lilley Road between Cherry Hill and Palmer Roads.

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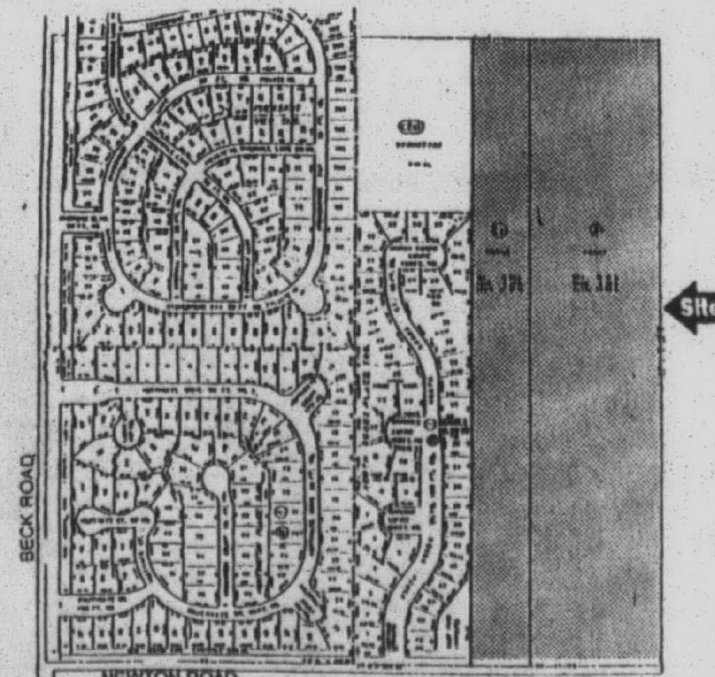
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THE LINKS OF PHEASANT RUN WEST PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PDD) - CONSIDER REQUEST TO ESTABLISH A PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27.04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE, INCLUSIVE OF PARCELS 110 99 0001 000 AND 110 99 0002 000. Properties are located on the north side of Newton Road east of Beck Road. Final Plan-2nd Public Hearing

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



VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

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Ruling may spur future suits on tax vs. user fee

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER
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Tax foes hailed a Michigan Supreme Court decision that declared Lansing's storm water service charge is really a tax that violates the Headlee amendment to the state constitution.

"Because Lansing did not submit Ordinance 925 to a vote of the people as required by the Headlee amendment, the storm water service charge is unconstitutional and, therefore, null and void," said Justice Elizabeth Weaver in a 4-3 decision.

"We've been watching this case for three years," said a pleased Bill McMaster, Birmingham-area public relations man and chair (voluntary) of Taxpayers United.

McMaster did the p.r. work in 1978 when Richard Headlee,

then a Farmington Hills insurance executive, led the committee that won voter approval of a tax limitation amendment. The six-section package now is commonly called the "Headlee amendment." Headlee is now retired in Utah.

Weaver was joined by Justices James Brickley, Clifford Taylor and Marilyn Kelly.

The legal question was whether the charge was a "user fee" or a "tax" that is subject to the Headlee amendment. Headlee's Sec. 31 prohibits local units from increasing a tax rate not authorized by the charter "without the approval of a majority of the qualified electors."

Dissenters said Weaver's opinion "subjects these (other) cities to future legal challenges and wreaks havoc with the state's water sewage and water disposal system."

Justice Elizabeth Weaver said the Headlee amendment has no clear line or test to distinguish a tax from a user fee. She urged the Legislature to write one. Dissenters agreed that the distinction is murky.

Weaver said the charge is not a fee because there is no regulatory purpose and wasn't proportionate to the costs of the service. Lansing sought to fund 50 percent of a \$176 million program to control combined (storm and sanitary) sewer overflows over 30 years.

Because 63 percent of the cost was a capital expenditure, she wrote, "This constitutes an investment in infrastructure as opposed to a fee designed simply to defray the costs of a regulatory activity."

Weaver added that "the charges imposed do not correspond to the benefits conferred,"

hence the charge wasn't a fee. The program assessed all property owners, but only 25 percent would get the benefit of the CSO program. "A true 'fee,' however, is not designed to confer benefits on the general public, but rather to benefit the particular person on whom it is imposed."

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Lansing's council passed Ordinance 925 in 1995 to abate pollution of the Grand and Red Cedar

rivers. The suit was brought by Lansing resident Alexander Bolt in the Court of Appeals, where Judges Henry Saad of Birmingham and the late Myron Wahls of Detroit ruled against him. Bolt then appealed to the Supreme Court.

Dissenting were Justices Patricia Boyle, Michael Cavanaugh and Chief Justice Conrad Mallett Jr. They agreed with the Court of Appeals that the charge is a fee.

They noted that Lansing was required under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination Standards program to obtain a federal permit. They found the city had power under the state Revenue Bond Act to make public improvements, including sewers.

Boyle said the charge doesn't raise general fund revenue and

is based on parcel size and "hydraulic area." She quoted the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in saying "cities deserve some flexibility and leniency when courts define 'user' to compensate for the storm water systems." And she noted that the city granted 100 percent credits to some landowners who showed they contributed no rainwater to the CSO system.

The court split across party lines. The majority included Republican nominees Weaver, Brickley and Taylor and Democratic nominee Kelly. Dissenters Boyle, Cavanaugh and Mallett are all Democratic nominees.

The Michigan Municipal League and city of Ann Arbor contributed amicus briefs on behalf of Lansing. Bolt's view was supported by Citizens to Abolish the Rain Tax Ordinance.

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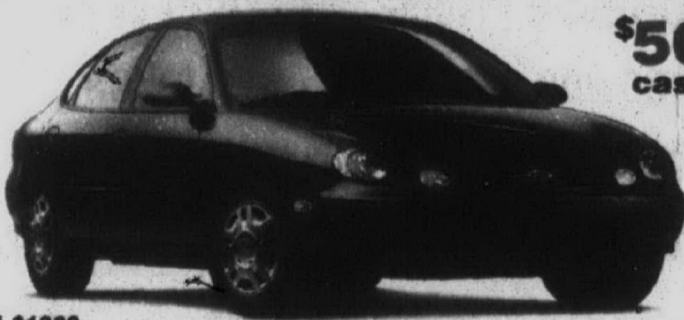
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Revenue sharing is top issue for Livonia mayor

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Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey realizes suburban mayors and township supervisors don't always agree on changes to the state's revenue sharing formula - money distributed to Michigan cities, villages and townships generated by the state sales tax.

Even though state lawmakers revised the formula in December, that issue remains a top priority this year for the Conference of Western Wayne, an 18-member legislative consortium which Kirksey now chairs after he was chosen Friday by CWW board members to lead the group for the next two years. He replaces Westland Mayor Robert Thomas.

"We want to look for ways to improve the formula or something that would create a better flow of dollars to local governments," Kirksey said.

The CWW includes the cities of Belleville, Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Garden City, Inkster, Livonia, Northville, Plymouth, Romulus, Wayne and Westland, and the townships of Canton, Huron, Northville, Plymouth, Redford, Sumpter and Van Buren.

Kirksey wants to let the CWW's 650,000 constituents become informed of the CWW's positions on issues and what the

conference is doing. Kirksey hopes the CWW "speaks as a single voice on issues affecting Wayne County."

On revenue sharing, Livonia realizes less than 3 percent revenue increase in the new formula, less than the 4 or 5 percent increase in the "cost to do business," Kirksey said.

"It's not locked in the constitution, so it is subject to change by a simple majority. We might not see some changes for the next two or three years. Unless we make it known, no changes will occur."

CWW members worry state lawmakers will look at phasing out personal property taxes, a significant source of income for local governmental units.

Kirksey also expected the CWW will continue to work for an accurate count of billable access lines from Ameritech this year and study legislation concerning wireless telephones.

Last year, the Michigan Senate considered legislation that would tack a 47-cent-a-month surcharge onto cellular users' bills to pay for the implementation of the new technology required to grid the calls. The bills died, but a revised version should resurface this year, which the CWW will be watching, Kirksey said.

"Our executive director (Marsha Bianconi) does an outstanding job, and she is particularly knowledgeable and skillful on this issue."

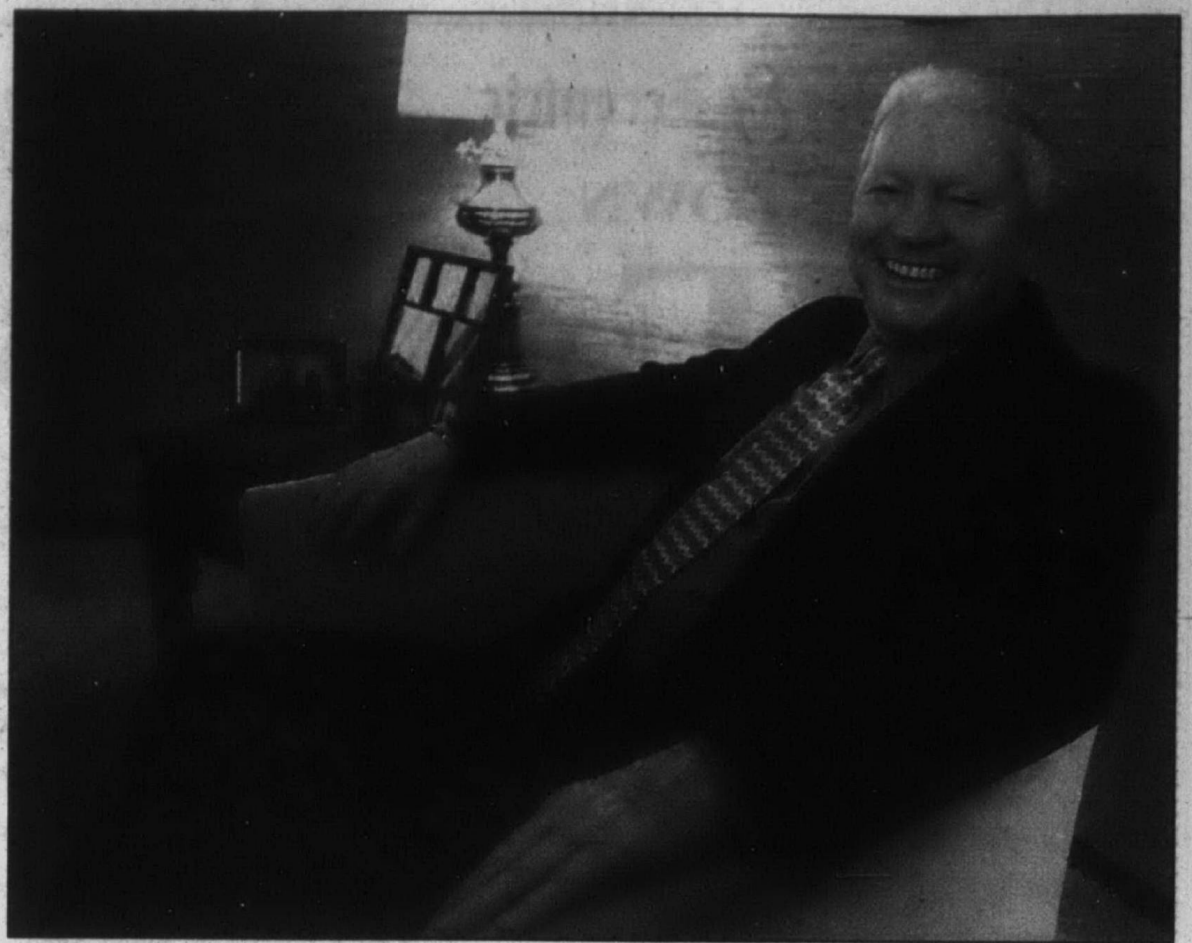
The CWW also will continue to become well-versed on the issues concerning the year 2000 and how communities may coordinate activities to prevent any bugs, Kirksey said. "I think it's going to pay dividends by enlisting the help of utilities and agencies."

Representatives from CWW communities will travel to Lansing Feb. 11 to talk with representatives and senators about these issues and listen to presentations from selected state department heads and others involved with state politics.

The Michigan Municipal League, a consortium of Michigan cities, and the Michigan Township Association, a consortium of townships, also will meet that day, which Kirksey believes will help the CWW develop a strategy.

"It's unusual to bring those organizations together. That's a good beginning. The CWW cannot proceed on any type of plan that is disadvantageous to townships or cities."

"As an organization, we have to strike compromises."



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

New leader: The Conference of Western Wayne elected Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey to a two-year term as chairman of the regional consortium. Kirksey wants CWW to "speak as a single voice on issues affecting Wayne County."

Kirksey heads area consortium

Jack Kirksey, 70, has served as mayor of Livonia since 1996, serving as the Conference of Western Wayne's vice chair for the past two years.

Kirksey served four terms as a state representative for the 35th District from 1977 to 1985. During that period, he served on the Education, Judiciary, Military and Veterans' Affairs Committees and was vice chair of the Labor Committee.

Kirksey also served as assistant caucus whip and personnel officer for House Republicans. Kirksey also was a member of the governor's special Task Force to Reform Workers' Com-

pensation Laws and the House Election Campaign Committee.

Kirksey was a Schoolcraft College trustee from 1988-91, first appointed and later elected to the board. He served as treasurer.

In 1952, Kirksey served as a first lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force, retiring as lieutenant colonel. He received a bachelor's degree in education from Wayne State University in 1952, a master's degree in educational administration in 1959 and educational specialist certification in 1969, both from WSU.

Kirksey began his teaching career in 1954 with Detroit Pub-

lic Schools. Kirksey joined Livonia Public Schools in 1958 as a teacher, later serving as an elementary principal from 1962-77.

From 1969-77, Kirksey served as director of probation at 16th District Court, supervising probation officers, conducting training classes and initiating program policy. He served as president of the Livonia Chamber of Commerce in 1994 and 1995.

Kirksey has been affiliated with the Livonia YMCA's board of directors, Livonia Goodfellows, Schoolcraft College Foundation, Plymouth Road Development Authority and U.S. Conference of Mayors.



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Gov. John Engler has signed:
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■ Amendments to the Recreational Trespass Act sponsored by Sens. Mat Dunaskiss, R-Lake Orion, and Loren Bennett, R-Canton. SB 767 and 768 allow property owners the option of suing a trespasser for civil damages. Courts may revoke hunting, fishing and trapping licenses for up to three years, confiscate property brought onto private land during a violation and force trespassers to reimburse the state for animals and fish taken during a violation.

Dead: The Religious Freedom Restoration act, House Bill 4376, in the Senate Judiciary Committee. Supported by conservative Protestant, Catholic and Jewish groups as well as the American Civil Liberties Union, the bill would have limited state and local governments' ability to place zoning and building burdens on places of worship. Sponsor was Rep. Kirk Profit, D-Ypsilanti, who has left office.

New business

Michigan's 2000 presidential primary would be pushed up to Feb. 8 (second Tuesday) from the current March 15 under a bicameral package sponsored by two Republicans, Ken Sikkema of Grandville and Rep. Mickey Mortimer of Jackson. Sikkema said it would give Michigan voters more decision-making voice. In 1996, he said, 26 states had earlier primaries or caucuses than Michigan. Democrats boycotted their primary because it couldn't be confined to declared Democrats and ran caucuses instead.

First Senate bills to be introduced in the 1999-2000 session would cut the state personal income tax rate from the current 4.4 percent to 3.9 percent over

five years. Areas sponsors of two of the bills are Loren Bennett, R-Canton, and Bill Bullard Jr., R-Milford. Republican senators passed the same bills in 1998, but they died in the Democrat-controlled House.

House Democratic leader Michael Hanley of Saginaw urged Republicans to help match state money with \$6.4 billion sought by President Bill Clinton for local police officers. The federal program requires communities to put up 25 percent, and Hanley says many can't.

Medicaid money

The governor's office awarded \$7.4 million to local hospitals and agencies to assure children and their parents don't lose Medicaid coverage as a result of federal welfare reform.

"These grants will not only let people know that health insurance is available through the Medicaid program, but will help individuals apply and file the necessary application materials with the state," said James K. Haveman Jr., director of the Department of Community Health. Among suburban recipients:

■ Arab-American Chaldean Council, Lathrup Village, \$200,000.

■ Annapolis Hospital, Wayne, \$75,000.

■ Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak, \$75,000.

■ Beaumont Hospital, Troy, \$75,000.

Appointments

The governor has appointed:

■ Betty Jean Awrey, Plymouth Township, to the Michigan State Parks Foundation, which supports enhancement of the state parks system. The president of Awrey Bakers in Livonia, she is reappointed for a term expiring Oct. 6, 2002.

■ Five members of the Michigan Council on Arts and Cultural Affairs for terms expiring Sept. 1, 2001. Southeastern Michigan members include Elizabeth Brooks, vice chair of Music Hall Center and a member of the Motown Historical Museum, the board of the Detroit Historical Society and Michigan Opera Theatre; and Lora Frankel, Huntington Woods, director of the Very Special Arts Agency.

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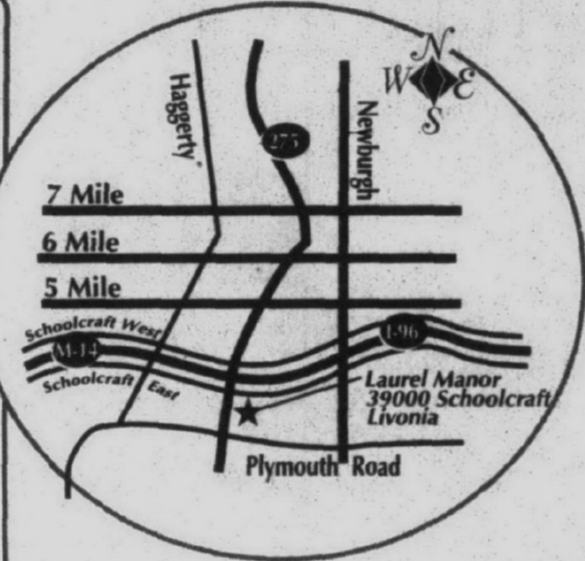
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SEMCOG to study mobile home governance, tax issues

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Ears were probably burning at the Michigan Manufactured Housing Association office in Okemos last weekend as a Novi theater group staged a hilarious parody called "Trailer Park Broadcasting Scandals."

The play features such Florida cracker characters as Vesta, Dixie, Missy and Alveeta in a setting where the propensity to Protestant fundamentalism is exceeded only by the pregnancy rate.

MMHA abhors the term "trailer park." It prefers "manufactured home communities." And it is protective of an agency under hot attack from local governments — the Michigan Manufactured Home Commission.

The issue will come to the fore in 1999.

This Friday, the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments executive committee is due to vote on a softly worded resolution to "study" manufactured housing, its state governance, its lack of local control, and the way it's taxed.

The meeting, open to the public, will begin at 1 p.m. in SEMCOG's 19th floor conference

room of the Edison Plaza Building, 600 Plaza Drive, Detroit.

Guest speaker will be state Rep. Judie Scranton, R-Brighton, a member of a 1998 bipartisan House Task Force on Mobile Home Parks. It held public hearings in Howell, Warren, Monroe, Flint and Lansing.

There's a lot of bad blood between MH park owners and local government.

Gaining share

Manufactured housing is gaining market share, the House panel found:

"More than 720,000 Michigan residents live in manufactured homes" — one person in every 13.

"About 25 percent of new home buyers in Michigan choose a manufactured home."

Average size of a multisection home is 1,600 square feet, and 70 percent of the state market are multisection units.

"In urban areas, about 80 percent of manufactured homes are located in manufactured home communities" — and herein lies the problem.

Except for the first plan, local units of government have no control over MH park developments. That's up to the Michigan Manufactured Home Commission

(MMHC), a body firmly under control of the industry since it was established in 1977.

Five of the 11 members represent the industry — the trade group, park operators and manufacturers. One represents financial institutions. Two represent residents, and one represents local government.

The House panel on which Scranton served found little contact between the state agency and local units of government.

Critics say the commission is like a fox guarding a chicken coop.

Taxes, costs

Standard homes generate money to local government — cities, townships, schools, counties. The local officials in SEMCOG complain that MH parks generate too little.

The industry says it generates its share and more, citing:

■ Businesses that own MH parks pay school taxes of 24 mills, the commercial rate, while homeowners pay just six mills on a primary homestead.

■ Businesses that own MH parks pay the state single busi-

ness tax of about 2.3 percent.

■ MH sales are taxed as personal property like cars, not as real estate. So every time a MH changes hands, the state collects a 6 percent sales tax. That yields \$1,800 in revenue on a MH worth \$30,000. And a MH changes hands about every 7.35 years, the industry says.

■ MH owners pay a \$3 per month tax. But the House panel notes: "This tax has not been raised since 1966."

There is much disagreement, largely inconclusive, about whether MH parks generate as much municipal cost as standard homes.

Local units say they need more control to plan for streets, water, sewerage and schools. They want school boards represented on the state commission.

The industry cites a Lapeer study where a MH park holds 11 percent of the city's population but generates just 1.5 percent of the police complaints and 1.5 percent of the fire runs. The flaw is that it compares the MH park to the city as a whole, including the business section, instead of to a standard subdivision.

'Substantial bias'

The industry says SEMCOG, whose voting is controlled by local elected officials from seven counties, has "substantial bias" against MH parks and can't be trusted to regulate them. It cites three horror stories:

■ Wixom, in western Oakland County — where the only property zoned for MHs is a 40-acre site, "mostly wetlands, adjacent to an identified ACT 307 toxic waste site..."

■ Holly, in northern Oakland County — where the only MH site MH was zoned under court order, and 16 other townships have no buildable vacant land "voluntarily zoned for MH use."

■ Tyrone Township, in Livingston County — an ordinance says a MH park must be on a paved road. The state commission and a circuit court struck it down. "The only piece of property zoned for MH use is accessible only by two miles of unpaved road. That property was zoned 28 years ago by court order," says the industry.

The industry pictures biased local officials as trying to force low- and moderate-income folks

into \$154,000 houses they can't afford.

The industry insists that "parks" is a derogatory term and prefers "communities." Except for parks owned by the residents, however, they are not communities. They are businesses, taxed as businesses, and operated as businesses.

Nancy Dingledey, an Oakland County commissioner from Wixom, testified on SEMCOG's behalf before the House panel in mid-1998. "Michigan's unique treatment of manufactured housing parks has created some obvious inequalities that are detrimental to communities with which these MH parks are located," she said.

Dingledey, in a later interview, told her own horror stories about being unable to distribute campaign literature or even address audiences in MH parks. Her description makes MH parks rules sound like decrees from Czar Nicholas I to keep unruly peasants under thumb rather than democratic republics under the Bill of Rights.

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Fire alert Two big fires in one month

It should be firefighter appreciation month in Plymouth.

Last week, the Plymouth Community Fire Department braved freezing temperatures to battle a massive blaze at a fiberglass product facility, Glassline Inc., at Ann Arbor Trail and Mill.

Fear of possible toxic fumes threatened an evacuation of nearby homes. Acetone and other flammable chemicals caused one minor explosion. Raising the stakes of danger for firefighters was the fact that Glassline is next to several businesses including engine and auto repair shops and a gas station. Despite the obstacles, firefighters were able to keep the blaze under control. Thankfully, no one was injured.

Firefighters received the call at 8:29 a.m. and did not clear the scene until 6:30 p.m. They put in more than a full day's work, considering most of us were putting on our coats and heading home from our offices hours before they packed up their frozen hoses to leave the Glassline plant.

In mid-December another fire caused an estimated \$5 million in damage to Document Processing, a paper plant along Eckles Road, near I-275. It was a fire that didn't want to stay out. After initially dosing the flames, firefighters returned several times within the next few days to stomp out smaller fires that sparked.

Two large fires within a month period is unusual for Plymouth. Mutual aid from neighboring fire departments was needed to assist. In all, 52 firefighters from three different departments were involved in the recent Glassline fire. About the same numbers of manpower were called in to help at Document Processing.

The Plymouth fire department averages about 200 runs a month but earlier this week (mid month) the department already surpassed that number, according to fire Chief Larry Groth. These are numbers officials and residents alike need to take a hard look at when considering three new firefighters have been budgeted for this year.

We're not ready to take a position on whether the fire department is in need of more personnel, despite the budgetary concessions already in place. Time is needed to look at all the facts, including the possible need to train our firefighters as paramedics and upgrade services for Advanced Life Support as many other communities are doing.

But we do need to point out that what these two fires had in common was the lack of sprinkler systems. Neither was required to have sprinkler systems since both buildings were built prior to the state law becoming effective. We must wonder what the outcome would have been if sprinkler systems were installed in both of these buildings.

Planning is key to solution

If your back's not hurting too much from shoveling ... and you're not too busy hunting up a roofer to fix that leak, perhaps you can stand just a few more words on the big blizzard of '99.

The warmer weather and sunshine last weekend helped to melt the 20-plus inches of snow Mother Nature dumped on the area. A few timely raindrops Sunday night also helped.

But snowstorms are like bills, they just keep coming and coming.

Perhaps we've seen the worst of it for this winter. Let's hope so. But there's always next winter and the winter after that, and the winter after that.

Since winter's always going to be around, isn't it time the people who serve in the city and township halls and the county building at 600 Randolph in Detroit start thinking creatively about how to handle a big storm? Perhaps they could come up with some ways to help us truly cope with winter.

Granted, 2-4 inches is hardly the same as 12-20 when it comes to plowing streets, freeways and sidewalks near schools. But it doesn't hurt to be prepared. There are ways to handle winter - it's called planning, preparation, cooperation and yes, some patience.

Perhaps, the sting of the recent winter storm has been how uneven snow removal appeared to be across western Wayne and southern Oakland counties.

Canton Township roads were in terrible shape more than 24 hours after the Jan. 2 storm hit.

County officials say they underestimated the amount of work needed to be done to clear the freeways and that was the primary reason plows were late getting to main roads in Canton and other parts of western Wayne.

County crews did a much better job of clearing main roads in Canton after heavy snows early last week. Area officials are seeking a meeting with county officials to discuss the

issue. Everyone has agreed to meet but as yet no meeting date has been scheduled.

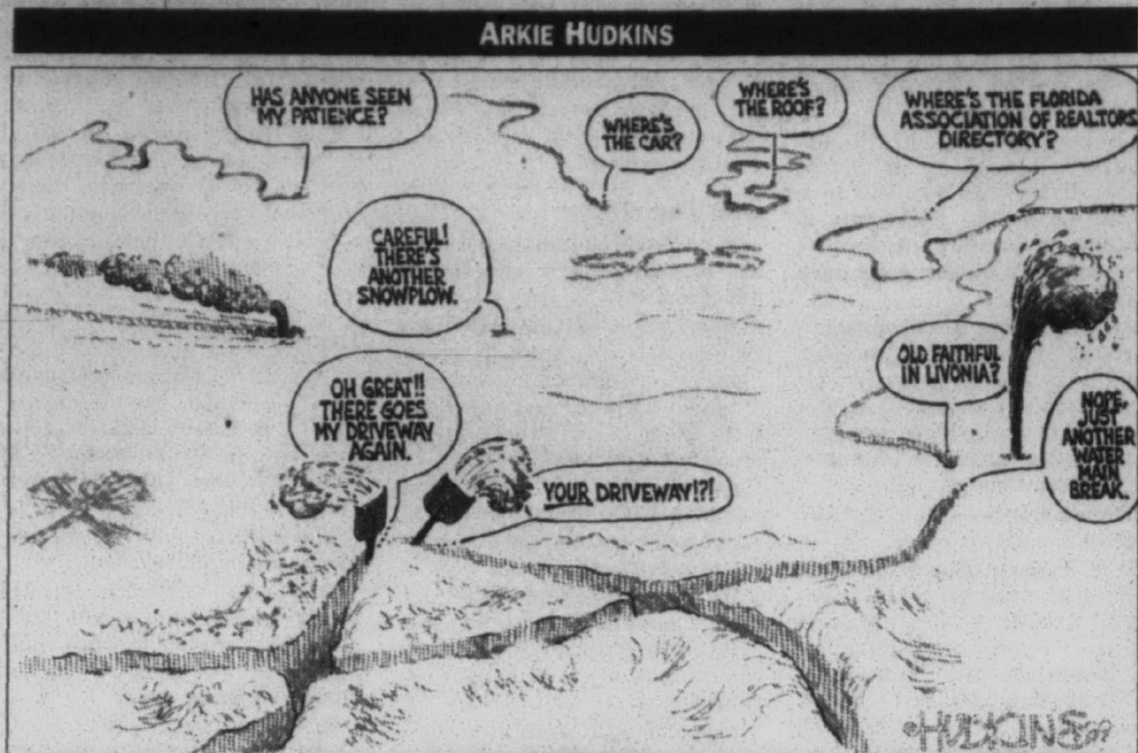
Then there is the failure of Detroit to meet the snow challenge and that affected the whole metro area in several ways. First, the auto show is the biggest annual event in downtown Detroit and the condition of the roads kept visitors away. Attendance was down 12 percent, according to show organizers.

In addition, the national attention that the auto show attracts only increased the attention to Detroit's snow mess. Second, many suburban residents work in Detroit and experienced all kinds of problems getting to and from work. Third, the city's cultural institutions and entertainment venues are used by many suburbanites and even these were affected in the early days. It took the city two days to begin plowing Woodward. Fourth, Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer asked for help from the surrounding area, but he was slow to understand the importance of the problem. He was correct to question spending for a fleet of snowplows to handle a record snow that happens only once in 20 years. But even during normal winters with 4-6-inch snows, Detroit has a problem providing what most municipalities regard as a normal city service. Is regional help needed, should the city, county and state have a more detailed plan in place for these kind of situations?

In Livonia, county-plowed streets got mixed reviews. One example of poor plowing worth noting was the narrowed lanes that still existed (as of Sunday night, even with the thaw) along Six Mile, Newburgh and Haggerty, where two lanes of traffic became 1.5 because the plows didn't push stuff to the curb originally.

Winter and other problems can be solved if we want them solved.

Remember that while you're nursing your aching back.



LETTERS

Thanks for support

A tremendous thanks to all who supported the Brandy Memorial Fund-raiser "Make Me a Blessing" Christmas Tree campaign. And a very special thank you to Little Professor on the Park, which led a successful drive this year by collecting hundreds of books and funds to purchase books. Hewlett-Packard employees also provided books, and Kroger employees and customers donated a second book cart. Donor book selections were simply perfect! They will bless so many children with wonderful treasures to explore. Little Professor and Kroger employees and customers are being recognized as sponsors of the two Bambi Book Carts. This book drive was part of the Bambi Tote Bag/Book Cart/Video Cart project, which has become one of the most successful efforts since the Brandy Toy Carts.

The Brandy Memorial Fund-raiser also was supported with annual sponsorships of the 35 Bambi Tote Bags. Each sponsorship of \$150 helps to maintain and resupply a tote bag for an entire year. Every tote bag is filled with hundreds of dollars of games, books, toys and other fun activities to help volunteers serve the children.

Sponsors for 1999 include: Johnson Controls, Sealant Equipment and Engineering, MascoTech Braun employees, Hewlett-Packard employees, Engraving Connection, Frameworks, Kay & Company Beauty Salon, Roose Animal Hospital, Ribar Florist, Complete Home Improvement, Alpha Delta Kappa-Tau Chapter, Alpha Delta Kappa-Alpha Alpha Chapter, Plymouth Canton High School Senate, Central Middle School Student Council, Smith Elementary School, Isbister Elementary School PTO, Central Middle School, Walled Lake Middle School, Frost Middle School and William Neff. Some have sponsored several tote bags.

Your generosity supports these programs of tender mercy which touch and comfort about 10,000 Mott children every year. Never before had Mott's volunteers been provided such wonderful tools while visiting children bedside. Beverly Smith, coordinator of Volunteer Resources and Community Relations for the University of Michigan Health System, stated, "This program is more than a bag of tricks; it is a bag of tools, tools that volunteers need as they divert, support, and comfort pediatric patients and their families. We are excited to work with the Brandy Memorial Fund-raiser and its sponsors to her launch this unique and valuable service."

Other donors supporting a variety of projects in 1998 include Johnson Controls, Sealant Equipment and Engineering, Ford Motor Co., MascoTech Braun employees, and Domino's Farms.

I am so humbled to think how very little I could do for these children without your support and trust. Since the Brandy Memorial

Pet Walk in Plymouth's town square in 1991, the Brandy Memorial Fund-raiser has secured nearly \$200,000 worth of gifts for the benefit of Mott children. Thanks to you, what stated as a wonderful, impossible dream has become a reality that has grown each year. You did it! This says so very much about the Good Samaritan spirit that inhabits our wonderful community.

I feel very blessed to have been able to know so many of you. You have touched my life; my cup runneth over. How can I say thanks for the 21 best years of my life? Thank you for the memories. I hope there are many more to come. God bless you. I love you.

Kathy Mount
Plymouth

The 'they' is us

Just finished reading Tim Richard's article regarding state aid for private schools. And as much as I've tried to understand what he had to say, the very first word "they" stuck in my throat. "They didn't wait to start the great propaganda war for state aid to private schools." And I wondered just who the "they" were.

Does "they" refer to people like my mother and father who paid hundreds of thousands of dollars in taxes over their lifetime to support public education and hundreds of thousands more to send their children to schools where they knew they'd get a better education?

Does "they" refer to the increasing number of parents who, while they still pay taxes for public schools, have become so turned off by public schools that they'd rather teach them at home?

Does "they" refer to people who have children in public schools, but worry about lack of discipline, lack of academic standards, and would like to be able to choose another public school?

Does "they" refer to people who would like to use their own tax money to support their own children's education.

Getting past that first word, I found out that "they" referred rather to the radical right who pay no taxes and use gimmicks and propaganda to cover up their real motives of destroying public schools. Turns out that Tim Richard is as perceptive as Hillary Clinton, who also warned us about this group.

Edmund Starrett, Ed.D
Livonia

Opinions are to be shared: We welcome your ideas, as do your neighbors. To assure authenticity, we ask that you sign your letter and provide a contact telephone number.

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

COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION: Have you been affected by potholes?



"No not as of yet. I saw potholes around the sewer holes and when I went back a day or two later, they had filled them."

Kim Ashman
Toledo, Ohio



"We think it's just hilarious as well as a complete waste of time. Some guy just comes along and just shovels something in a hole."

Louie Crane
Rochester



"Not yet. Haven't been out driving enough to notice them."

Dick Entenmann
Rochester Hills



"I came in Friday from Florida and I hate them. I have one pothole on the way to work and they filled it already."

Jackie Ries
Melbourne, Fla.

We asked this question at the intersection of Penniman and Main in downtown Plymouth.

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— Philip Power

POINTS OF VIEW

Winter month's weather makes it less than perfect

January's usually a time to relax after the hubbub of the holidays, but this month has been anything but relaxing.

It all started Jan. 2 with the snow-storm and has continued day after day. One appointment on my calendar, a Landmarks meeting for the Plymouth branch, American Association of University Women, had me as a no-show. That day, Wednesday, Jan. 6, the power went out at the Observer office at Schoolcraft and Levon in Livonia. We got the paper out, but I had to miss the meeting.

More recently, Thursday, Jan. 14, Landmarks member Gerry Dugan and I were able to interview Bill and Coni Gray at their Penniman home, just across the street from Our Lady of Good Counsel Church and School. Last night, Contemporary Books dis-

cussion of "Stones From the River" by Ursula Hegi was scheduled at the Plymouth District Library. The book's over 500 pages and I read them all, so I was hoping the meeting would be a go.

It's interesting to see what activities stay and go when the snow falls. Of course, school was out many a day, requiring parents to find interesting things for their progeny to do. We adults mostly made it to work, and got through our appointed tasks.

There's something about this weather, however, that makes carrying out even mundane duties difficult. It may be the effect of shoveling snow, or of all that stressful driving, but it seems many of us just want to sleep.

I've always liked winter, but it seems we've had enough for this year already. I thought last week I'd like to



JULIE BROWN

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see a healthy foot or so of this snow melt gradually (to avoid flooding), leaving enough for skiers and other winter sports enthusiasts. I prefer, as do other drivers, to have clean, dry road surfaces and good visibility. Of course, the weather did warm up Saturday and later, melting some of the snow and ice.

Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular organizers had to cope with weather woes this year, as in previous years. Organizers of the North American International Auto Show in Detroit worried about the weather, too, although my husband and I were determined to make it to Cobo this past weekend with Pam Young of Redford and two other friends, and we did. We stopped in Greektown for dessert afterward, and

three of us stopped in after at the 24-hour Redford post office for 33-cent stamps.

February's on the horizon, and husband Mark Rembacki and I have our tickets for the Valentine's Dinner-Dance at Schoolcraft College in Livonia. I'm hoping I won't have to wear clunky boots under my dress.

I'm not ready for spring just yet, but a milder winter is nice, and I'm all for sunshine. In the meantime, keep your chin up and try to keep moving - safely.

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Counselors and parents should warn collegians of dangers

I wonder whether high school counselors will read the case of People vs. Ivers and, if they do, whether they'll pass the lesson onto female students.

A.C. is a young woman who was interested in attending Michigan State University. She visited a girlfriend at the friend's dorm room. They partied with a couple of young men, drinking beer. In the early morning hours of Aug. 24, 1994, A.C. awoke to find Mike Ivers on top of her, having intercourse. She called it rape.

An Ingham County jury convicted Ivers of third-degree criminal sexual conduct. Judge Peter Houk sentenced the young man to two-15 years.

Ivers appealed and won 2-1 in the Court of Appeals and 4-3 in the state Supreme Court. His case gets bounced back to circuit court. Ivers has a good chance of going free.

Ivers' defense was consent. He said they kissed, that she said "yes" to going into the bedroom, and that they

undressed and that she was entirely willing. He said, she said.

Michigan has a relatively new law called "rape shield." It prevents a defense lawyer from ripping apart a complainant on the witness stand by going into her past loves and reputation - unless the judge finds the proposed evidence is material and that its value outweighs its inflammatory or prejudicial nature. Citing the rape shield law, Judge Houk prohibited some testimony from A.C.'s girlfriend.

Both the Court of Appeals and Supreme Court disagreed. They said Houk should have admitted the testimony, which would have bolstered Ivers' defense. In an earlier hearing, the girlfriend had testified:

"We had talked about having sex, and she told me that she had talked to her mom about being on the pill and that she knew she was going to college and that she - that she was ready to have sex, and she knew that it would probably happen her fresh-



TIM RICHARD

I will not take sides on which of our elected justices was right or wrong. My question is: Didn't anyone ever tell A.C. that it's dangerous, even foolhardy, to drink when you are underage and away from home with guys who were previously strangers?

man year at college."

At another point, the girlfriend said A.C. wanted the girlfriend to "get her a guy."

At the risk of being inflammatory myself, I point out that the four justices who said the testimony should be admitted were males: Michael Cavanaugh, Conrad Mallett Jr., James Brickley and Clifford Taylor. The three female justices - Patricia Boyle, Elizabeth Weaver and Marilyn Kelly - would have prohibited the testimony as "hearsay."

That's how close these decisions are.

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Even if Ivers is ultimately sent to prison, A.C.'s name will be in the case books of the Michigan Supreme Court,

for her descendants to read, for the next 200 years.

Gov. John Engler boasts of his program to encourage abstinence prior to marriage. That didn't help A.C. It seems to me mom, dad and the school counselor should have given her explicit advice about booze and boys.

We've been getting entirely too many of these stories in recent years about young women, drink, pills and alleged rape. The latest from the University of Michigan is that half the women in a dorm are willingly buying and consuming GHB, the "date rape" drug that's supposedly illegal.

Pre-marital intercourse has been with us as long as marriage. But people don't have to be quite so stupid about doing it under the influence of intoxicants and drugs, and with relative strangers - do they, counselors?

Tim Richard reports on the local implications of state and regional events. His Touch-Tone voice mail number is (734) 953-2047, Ext. 1881.

McNamara simply gets job done

Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara was sworn into office for the fourth time last Friday. Newly elected Attorney General Jennifer Granholm and U. S. Court of Appeals Judge Damon Keith administered the oath in front of some 400 supporters gathered at McNamara's old school, Redford High.

The event didn't get much coverage in the local news media. It should have.

McNamara, 72 and likely to retire from office when his term ends in 2002, is without a doubt the most effective Democratic politician in the state.

He isn't drop-dead handsome; in fact, he's balding and sports a bit of a paunch. He's not a thundering orator; in fact, he's much more comfortable visiting with small groups. He's not an ideologue and he's no liberal; in fact, he's an unreconstructed moderate, a Democrat whose political career began in GOP-leaning Livonia.

McNamara's political career offers a number of oddities.

A member of a political party usually in thrall to organized labor, McNamara has made no secret of his often-strained relationships with the UAW and other unions. A product of the "all-white suburbs," he gets rave reviews from Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer. No particular favorite of the political reporters who dote on good looks and snappy one-liners, McNamara regularly cleans up when it comes to newspaper endorsements.

How come? Simple. Ed McNamara gets things done.

He built a new morgue for Wayne County and a new juvenile detention facility in Detroit, together with a jail in Hamtramck and a golf course in Inkster. He put together an innovative health insurance scheme for small businesses in Wayne County that helps provide inexpensive health care for firms unable to afford it.

The only negative is Metropolitan Airport. It's still a mess. But McNamara is building a new midfield terminal that should eventually resolve the problems faced regularly by air travelers. He boasts that economic development in Wayne County spawned by his administration has increased property valuations by \$7 billion.

How does Ed McNamara get things done? Simple. He has built a political machine, one that rivals John Engler's.

He picks good people, people like Mike Dugan, Charlie Williams, Larry Tukarski, Vickie Hertell and David Katz. Over the years, McNamara has placed something like 200 appointees in offices in Detroit and Wayne County. Assisted by Ron Thayer, the best Democratic fundraiser in Michigan who got his start when Jim Blanchard was a congressman, McNamara rais-



PHILIP POWER

es tons of money.

You can't name more than 10 prominent Michigan business people who are Democrats, but McNamara's fund-raising list is 90 percent business.

What's his style in getting things done? Simple. He's effective because he's practical.

Last fall, Geoffrey Fieger's doomed campaign for governor threatened to bring down the entire Democratic Party. Frank Kelley, the "eternal general," had finally decided to retire, leaving no firewall between the Engler-led GOP and the rest of the Democratic ticket.

McNamara first identified one of his appointees as a prospect for attorney general, bright and personable Jennifer Granholm, a Northville Township resident and at that time the chief lawyer for Wayne County. He sent around to hundreds of Democratic leaders a letter and a video featuring Granholm. Unlike most other Democratic power bosses, he agreed to help Fieger's flailing campaign, assigning staffers to bring some order to chaos.

McNamara then called in his chips. He "persuaded" Fieger to back Granholm as his candidate for attorney general. A political newcomer, Granholm was elected by a wide margin. Of course, her election campaign was managed by another McNamara appointee, Trish Stein.

A lot of do-gooder types don't like McNamara because he's an old-fashioned politician who raises tons of money, has appointees scattered all over and cuts deals in the back room.

That's precisely why I like and admire McNamara. He's an unabashed pro at what he is, a politician.

We should take time to note and admire his performance in office over the next four years. We're not likely to see the job of effective politician ever done much better than by McNamara.

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OBITUARIES

RAYMOND J. ROBLE

Services for Raymond J. Roble, 82, of Plymouth were Jan. 16 in Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth Township, with the Rev. Fred Hall officiating. Burial was in Oakwood Cemetery, Saline.

He was born March 9, 1916, in Schenectady, N.Y. He died Jan. 13 in Livonia. He was a refrigeration technician.

Survivors include his wife, Barbara E. Roble of Plymouth; two sons, Glen (Paula) Roble of Coral Springs, Fla., Ray (Patti) Roble of Lansing; one daughter, Suzanne Roble of Madison Heights; two sisters; two grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to Karmanos Cancer Institute, Plymouth Region, 744 Wing, Plymouth, MI 48170-3446.

DOROTHY JANE RICKARD

Services for Dorothy Jane Rickard, 77, of Howell, formerly of Plymouth, were Jan. 16 in the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth, with the Rev. Charles Jacobs officiating. Burial was in Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia.

She was born Aug. 12, 1921, in Nankin Township. She died Jan. 13 in Holt. She was a switchboard operator at General Motors Corp. She retired in 1976. She worked for GM for 26 years; besides being a switchboard operator, she worked in the export department. She had been married for 34 years. She came to the Plymouth community in 1976 from Wayne. She was a member of the General Motors Retirement Club. She was a member of First United Methodist Church of Howell. She loved working with flowers in her garden and greenhouse. She also enjoyed traveling and family gatherings.

She was preceded in death by her brother, William. Survivors include her husband, Harry of Howell; two sons, Ronald Klann of Howell, Donald Klann of Florida; one daughter, Susanne (Joseph) Flipek of Ionia; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to

American Heart Association of Michigan.

EDNA A. SCHEANS

Services for Edna A. Scheans, 89, of Hale, formerly of Plymouth, were Jan. 16 in the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth, with the Rev. Drex Morton officiating. Burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery, Detroit.

She was born Oct. 22, 1909, in Detroit. She died Jan. 13 in Tawas City. She was a homemaker. She came to the Plymouth community in 1962 from Detroit. Her hobbies included gardening, sewing and crocheting. Her family was her passion. She and her late husband, Charles, enjoyed traveling.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Walter. Survivors include her two sons, Alvin (Barbara) of Hale, Daryl (Mary Ann) of Illinois; one brother, Norman (Kay) Burkhardt of Detroit; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

ROBERT S. GOODWIN

Services for Robert S. Goodwin, 68, of Plymouth were Jan. 18 in the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth.

He was born May 14, 1930, in Amesbury, Mass. He died Jan. 15 in Harper Hospital, Detroit.

He was a clinical social worker for the past 13 years with the Berkley Schools. His previous positions included University of Michigan-Neuropsychiatric Institute and Children's Psychiatric Hospital, Hawthorn Center in Northville, casework supervisor for Oakland County Juvenile Court, and executive director, Hazel Park Youth Assistance.

He worked as a casework supervisor for the Department of Mental Health for the state of New Mexico. He was also in private practice for marriage, family, individual and group therapy. Mr. Goodwin also served as executive director for the Center for Human Development Inc. He has been a representative of several professional organizations, including the Livonia Chamber of Commerce, Farmington-Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce, Lions Club, National Association of Social Workers, Michigan Association for Emotionally Disturbed Children, Institute for Rational Living, Michigan Association for Mental Health, National Council on Family and Michigan Society for Group Psychotherapy. He came to the Plymouth community in 1979 from South Lyon. He lived

in Northville from 1966 until 1976.

Survivors include his wife, Sofia of Plymouth; two daughters, Teri (Earl) Underwood of Salt Lake City, Utah, Kathy (Tim) Hyland of Traverse City; one son, David (Terri) Goodwin of Traverse City; one stepson, Jason Tzafarogiu of St. Clair Shores, stepdaughter, Olivia Goodwin of Plymouth; one sister, Joan (Paul) Jones of Florida; and seven grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Karmanos Cancer Institute.

GLENN WILLIAM FEE

Services for Glen William Fee, 60, of Redford were Jan. 18 in the Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth Township, with the Rev. Drex Morton officiating.

He was born Sept. 23, 1938, in Detroit. He died Jan. 16 in Farmington Hills. He was a chemist for Hite Photo of Detroit for 26 years. He worked 12 years for Gil-Mar Manufacturing Inc. in Canton. He was a life member of Boy Scouts of America - leader, commissioner and trainer. He

was past vice president of Plymouth-Canton Junior Athletics.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Dorothea Fee. Survivors include his father, Ora G. Fee of Redford; two daughters, Cheryl (Thomas) A. Greenshields of Plymouth, Susan L. (Craig) Wozena of Jerome; one son, James R. Fee; four grandsons, David Fee, Matthew Fee, Taylor Greenshields, Bryan Frawley; and three granddaughters, Sarah Frawley, Hannah Greenshields, and Emily Wozena.

Memorials may be made to the Karmanos Cancer Institute, Plymouth Region, 744 Wing, Plymouth, MI 48170-3446 or Boy Scouts of America, 1776 W. Warren Ave., Detroit, MI 48208.

IRENE ELIZABETH WILKINS

Private services were held for Irene Elizabeth Wilkins, 70, of Northville Township.

She was born Aug. 22, 1928. She died Dec. 27 in Northville. For 25 years, she distributed Fuller Brush products and her own label of cosmetics (Renee Creations).

Born in Canada, she was an All-American girl with great pride in her U.S. citizenship. She had a love of learning. In her late 40s, she received her GED and continued on to get high marks in semester after semester of college courses. Over the years, she dabbled in oil painting, played guitar, and exercised regularly. The piano was one of her major loves. After a yearlong battle with cancer, she died peacefully in her home surrounded by her family.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Floyd, and her brother, Stanley Dufour. Survivors include her two daughters, Denise Wilkens (John Wilson) of Tweed, Ontario, Veronica Wilkens of Council Bluff, Iowa; four sisters, Dorothy Berthiaume, Gertrude Kabideau, Joanne Vigneux, Shirley Fox; sister-in-law, Rita DuFour; and one niece, Kimberly Crisant.

Memorials may be made to Make A Wish Foundation of America, 100 W. Clarendon, Suite 2200, Phoenix, AZ 85013.

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held on Monday, February 1, 1999 at 7:00 P.M. in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road to consider a request for the following special land use as provided in Section 27.03 of the Canton Township Zoning Ordinance.

QUICK OIL CHANGE SPECIAL LAND USE - CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR AN AUTOMOBILE SERVICE FACILITY AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 16.02B.8 ON PARCEL NO. 036 99 0006 706. Property is located on the west side of Canton Center Road between Ford and Hanford Roads.

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



VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

Publish: January 21, 1999

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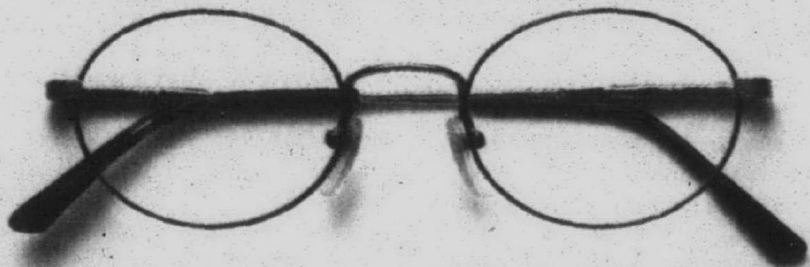
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JACK GLADDEN

It's man vs. machine in breadmaking

The Other Feminist has ruined my image. Not to mention my ego, my psyche and my sense of self-worth. I'm not talking Monica-gate or anything like that. I'm talking bread.

I've been baking bread for years. I even consider myself something of an amateur baker - heavy emphasis on the word "amateur."

There were some early disasters, like the time I tried to make Dutch Roggebrood, an unleavened loaf made with potatoes, brewers yeast, molasses and rye flour. It was supposed to "bake" in a 250-degree oven for three hours, rest and steam for an hour and dry for another hour.

When I took it out of the loaf pan it looked like a red brick. It felt like a red brick. It tasted like a red brick. It ended up in the trash can.

There were a few successes. I've produced some braided loaves that looked like they come from a boulangerie. I once made a Polish egg bread that even pleased the mother-in-law and when I tried a new rye recipe a few weeks ago, The Feminist said:

"This is just like the rye we used to get in Hamtramck."

"Steam," I said. "That's the secret. You have to put a pan of water in the oven to keep the crust moist when it starts rising. Then it rises better and gets nice and crusty."

She rolled her eyes.

"All I know is that it tastes good."

Process vs. results

And that of course is the difference. She cares about the end result. How does it taste? I care about the process. How is it created?

It's an ego thing. You start out with some flour and water and yeast, mix it and stir it and beat it and pound it, let it rise a couple of times, shape it into loaves, let it rise again, pop it in the oven and - if you haven't screwed anything up - you're rewarded with a gastronomic work of art. Or maybe a red brick, if you did mess up.

But it's the process that makes the end result work. And that's the challenge.

That's why, when somebody invented a gadget called a "bread machine" a few years ago, I said: "Never in my kitchen!"

Bread machine, indeed. Why not just buy a loaf of frozen Pillsbury bread dough, let it thaw on the counter and toss it in the oven for half an hour or so? At least it looks like a real loaf of bread, not one of those funky little boxes that you get out of a bread machine. Besides a machine takes the creativity out of the process.

So the day after Christmas, the Other Feminist shows up bearing gifts. A cappuccino maker and a bread machine. An infernal bread machine!

"I know, Jack's always said he didn't want one," she said. "But I just thought that for some of those times when you can't spend all day in the kitchen, it might come in handy."

The Feminist had to work the next day. "You can play with your bread machine," she said as she was leaving. "Figure out how it works."

"Yeah, maybe," I grumbled. Infernal contraption.

A love of gadgets

Now the thing is, I love gadgets as much as I love baking bread. Especially kitchen gadgets. Might as well check this beast out. I took it out of the box and put it on the kitchen counter.

Hmm. Looks impressive. Big. Heavy. I started reading the instruction manual.

Yeah, right. "Pour liquids into the container first. Then add the flour and other dry ingredients. Add the yeast last. Make a hole in the flour and place the yeast in the hole so it doesn't come in contact with any liquid."

Uh-huh. "Select the setting for the type of bread you are making and press 'Start.' The display will indicate the total amount of time required and will count down in one minute inter-

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Still waiting?

Moms influence when grandkids arrive

Judy and Johnny sitting in the tree,
K-I-S-S-I-N-G.
First comes love, then comes marriage,
Then comes Judy with a baby carriage.

- Children's saying

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Marleen Bush, Monica Housey and Gale Owens are grandmother-wannabes. They look forward to the day their children have children, but decline to pressure their children to have offspring.

Bush thinks the box of things she has made for her grandbabies might be construed as pressure and her once-in-a-while comment about a cute baby, draws an "Oh, Mom," from her 30-year-old unmarried daughter.

Owens' children know she and husband James are looking forward to one day having grandchildren, but for now they joke about buying hats and coats for their youngest daughter's dog, fondly known as the "grand-dog."

Housey thinks it will be a long time before her 18-year-old son marries and has children. Shy and introverted, he's very career-minded and has a lot of things he wants to do before settling down.

"I don't even want to push him into that," Housey said. "A friend of his just became a father - he wasn't married - and my son was horrified."

They are like many mothers waiting for their adult children to settle down and start families. And according to University of Michigan research, the wait may be because of what mothers want for their children.

Sociologist Jennifer Barber said it's a case of children responding to what their mothers want, even if what they want doesn't correspond.

Barber, who is with the U-M Institute for Social Research, believes parents have a lot of influence on different areas of their children's lives over their lifetimes. And her analysis of a study that followed 835 mother/child pairs for 31 years shows that "mothers' preferences have a strong impact on the birth of grandchildren."

"All across the board, mothers, on average, tend to prefer for their children what they prefer for themselves," she said. "The children of mothers who wanted them to go to school, have a career and have children, responded to what their mothers wanted. In families where mothers had their children sooner, the children had children sooner."

"It didn't matter what the children wanted, even if what they wanted was different."

Mothers know best

In the study, presented at the recent annual

meeting of the American Sociological Association, Barber compared the children's stated preferences for themselves, their mothers' preferences for them and their actual behavior, taking into account factors like the mother's marital and childbearing history, family incomes at different stages, parents' education, mother's religion and whether the mother worked when the children were younger.

"There's an intergenerational trend in first births," said Barber. "Women who delay having their first child will have children who will delay having their first child."

There also are shifts in thinking. In the early '60s, people married when they were younger. Today, age 22, 23, even 25 are considered early, and wedding bells at age 18 is "really early," according to Barber.

Likewise, there's a change in thinking about family size. Mothers of big families prefer their children have big families and their children prefer to have big families, but a large family by today's standards is three kids as opposed to eight when the study started in 1961, Barber said.

In the beginning

Bush had her first child, which she gave up for adoption, and married the father, both at age 19. They had two more children before the marriage ended in divorce. A second marriage also ended in divorce after three years.

"I've told my children that they can do whatever they want to do as long as they strive for it," the Canton resident said. "I impressed on my daughter that she needed schooling to be able to take care of herself and on my son to get the skills to get a good job to take care of himself and his family even if he isn't a part of it."

Her son, age 26, is an electrician and wants to find Miss Right. Her daughter, age 30, is a teacher in Phoenix, Ariz., and tends to be less trusting of men because of her mother's divorce.

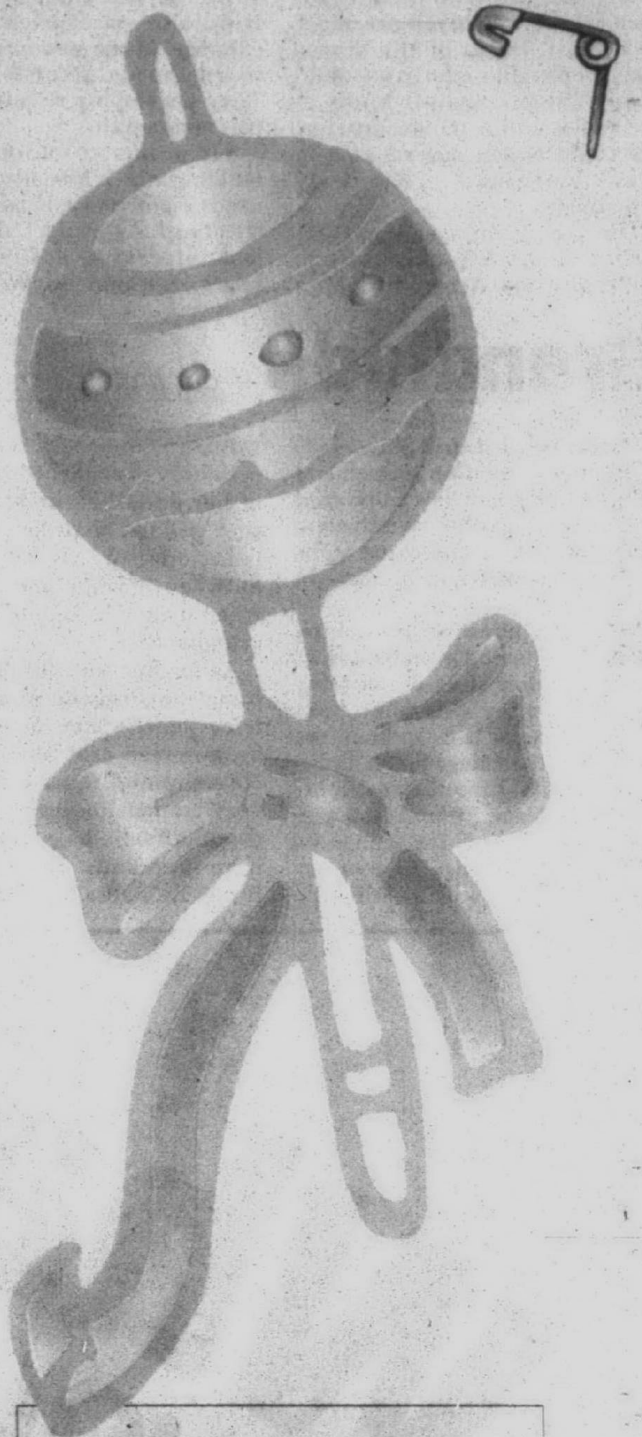
"It doesn't pay to pressure them. They have enough other things to worry about," she said. "I want to have a grandchild before I die, but I have nieces and nephews with babies and I tell them to bring them over and I'll take care of them."

Owens' message to her children isn't that much different than Bush's. Her preferences for her children, ages 25, 23 and 20, are to get their education and experience life on their own before marriage.

Owens married at age 22 and had her first child at age 24. Her mother married at age 26 and had her at age 27. Her oldest daughter has been married more than a year and, at age 25, is considering the possibility of a starting a family this year.



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Survey says ...

Using a unique set of data, the University of Michigan Institute for Social Research followed 835 mother-child pairs from the Detroit area for 31 years.

Since the data included multiple interviews with the children, the researchers were able to compare their attitudes and actual behavior to the hopes their mothers had for them.

The study found that:

- Mothers preferred an average age for 25 for sons and 24 for daughters to marry.
- Mothers preferred that both sons and daughters have an average of two children.
- The mothers of daughters whose mothers preferred that they marry at age 20 in fact married and had their first child more than seven times faster than young women whose mothers preferred that they marry at age 30.
- Sons whose mothers preferred that they marry at age 20 in fact married and had their first child more than twice as fast as young men whose mothers preferred that they marry at age 30.
- Among young men only, those whose mothers preferred family-oriented behavior also had premarital first births sooner than their peers.

Teens find more than cookies in Scouting



Scout's honor: Kellie Tamme (left) and her sister, Kimberly, have been teased about being Girl Scouts, but it hasn't deterred the Canton teens from staying involved in their troop.

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The teenage years can be traumatic. Kids get teased for being unhip, having the wrong hairstyle, wearing the wrong clothes.

But outgoing teens Kimberly and Kellie Tamme have been teased for another reason - being Girl Scouts. But the Tamme sisters don't complain about it. They're proud.

"I used to take a lot of flak for it; people used to make fun of me," said Kimberly, a 16-year-old junior at Plymouth Salem High School. "When people think of the Girl Scouts, the first thing they think of is cookies. But there's a lot more to it."

"We took computer classes at Comp USA. They taught us how to program computers. We went to Miss Katie's (Plymouth College of Beauty) and they taught us better techniques for putting on makeup."

That's just the tip of the iceberg. Last summer, the two went on a whitewater rafting trip, defying the Girl Scout

stereotype. On the trip, the sisters and the rest of their troop had whitewater rafting lessons and then took on the waves. And they had their fair share of adventure.

"We got on a fairly large rapid. One of our guides fell right off and the next thing I knew, he was in the water and pulling on my oar," Kimberly said. "I hate it when a lot of guys say you don't hear about a lot of Girl Scouts going whitewater rafting. But our guides - who were men - actually cooked for us."

"It was funny to see all these men cooking."

Kellie, a 14-year-old freshman at Salem High School, added enthusiastically: "They made us steak and potatoes and we ate dinner on the side of the river."

Wider opportunities

The whitewater rafting trip was part of the Wider Opportunities program that allows the girls just that - more opportunities to explore the world. Girls also can sign up for Girl Sports,

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which exposes the participants to swimming, golf, crew team and other sports.

But if it weren't for the money raised during the annual cookie sale, the girls wouldn't be able to expand their horizons.

"We've done little trips and activities. We had 'Mall Madness' where we stayed overnight at a mall. Some of the stores stayed open all night so we could shop. There were all kinds of activities and a movie theater. We could watch movies at 3 in the morning," Kimberly explained.

The Girl Scouts also participate in Adopt-A-Family through the Salvation Army, Stepping

Out for a New Beginning in April, Scouting for Food in conjunction with the Boy Scouts, give the food to the Salvation Army and collect telephone books for recycling.

The troop, which is planning on going to Discover Card Stars on Ice at The Palace of Auburn Hills, also stayed overnight in a caboose at an encampment to learn the value of teamwork. They are hoping to return there this summer.

"(It promotes) a lot of team building which actually the troop needs right now," Kimberly said. "It's hard. As you get older, girls lose interest so easily. There's new girls coming in. We try to do

as many activities as we can to get to know each other."

Girls as young as kindergarten can join the Girl Scouts as Daisies.

"They are so cute," Kellie explained. "They have these cute little outfits. They do crafts, color. It's pretty much just to get them started into Girl Scouts."

From there, girls in grades one-three are Brownies; fourth- to sixth-graders are Junior Girl Scouts; seventh- to ninth-graders or girls ages 12-15 are Cadettes; 10th-graders or girls ages 16 or older are Senior Girl Scouts.

"You're able to do more when you get older," Kellie said. "As a junior, you're only able to go so many miles away from home."

Getting started

Kimberly joined the Girl Scouts as a Brownie back when the family was living in Mississippi. Kellie joined in Michigan, but her decision wasn't based on her sister.

"I joined because I needed something else to do and I thought it would be fun," she said.

The girls' mother, Susan, wasn't a Girl Scout but is living vicariously through the girls. After leading a few groups, she was hired Jan. 5, 1998, as the product sales and special event manager for the Huron Valley Girl Scout Council, based in Ann Arbor.

"I'm reliving my childhood

Scouts set up cookie booths

The Huron Valley Girl Scout Council will sell Girl Scout cookies at booths Feb. 13-March 12.

This year's varieties include Thin Mint, Caramel DeLite, Peanut Butter Sandwich, Peanut Butter Pattie, Shortbread, Lemon Pastry Creme, Five World Cinnamon and Upsidedown Frosted Oatmeal. A box of cookies costs \$3. Troop proceeds allow Girl Scout troops to fund field trips, uniforms, community service projects and travel.

Council proceeds provide low-cost camping at the Council's three camps, travel opportunities and Girl Scouting for low-income girls.

The Huron Valley Girl Scout Council serves 15,000 girls and 5,000 adult volunteers in Washtenaw, Livingston and Monroe counties, and parts of Oakland and Wayne counties.

To place an order for cookies, call the Cookie Hotline at (800) 49-SCOUT, Ext. 216.

Award, the highest honor for a Cadette.

"I planned an Easter egg hunt for kids at a preschool. It was neat. We hid plastic eggs in the playground and we had somebody dress up as the Easter bunny," Kimberly said.

Silver Award requirements call for 20 hours of planning time. Kimberly didn't think she would need that much time, but soon learned she was mistaken.

"We made fliers. We needed time to put together all the eggs. We made plastic milk jugs into Easter baskets. They were bunny rabbits with ears," she said.

Now she is ready to take the second step - earning a Gold Award, the equivalent to the Boy Scouts' Eagle Award.

"You're supposed to reach out to the community in some way," she said. "Right now, I'm working on that. It takes three years to do that."

Kimberly plans to continue her participation with the Girl Scouts after graduation.

"I know I'll be involved. It's such a worthwhile experience. You grow so much from it. I want other girls to get the same opportunities that I have."

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"I waited. I didn't have kids right away," the Canton resident said. "But I know how important it was to my mother. We lived in Tennessee, and she came to be with me when I had my daughter."

"They all know we're looking forward to having grandchildren. We tell them that when they have kids they can come here and visit them. But we know we can't plan their lives for them."

Housey, a Livonia resident, married at age 20 and had two children, a daughter who died two years ago at age 19, and her son. She was "26 or 27 when he

was born."

Housey is saddened by the loss of her daughter, saddened that they will not share in the special relationship that develops between mother and daughter when they become mother and grandmother.

As for her son: "I'd like to see him get a good education and get a few years under his belt before he marries and has children. He's shy and introverted, but a very responsible, good guy, so I think it'll be a long time before I have grandkids. He has a lot of things he wants to do first."

through my kids," she said. "I grew up in Kentucky in the '50s. I lived in a rural area and we didn't have Girl Scouts there."

She coordinates sales of Girl Scout cookies and the organization's magazine, QSP, as well as the annual Women of Distinction awards ceremony held in May.

She also is there to help girls who would like to participate in Girl Scouts but can't afford it, or troops that want to plan their own trips.

"We sell other things other than cookies and QSP. If Kim wants to do extra fund-raising, Kim could go to the office and fill out an application to sell candy bars on her own. If she needs

money for a trip down the line and needs the extra money, she can do that," Susan said.

Troops meet once a month for about 1 1/2 hours at the home of their leader.

"We start off by discussing anything that needs to be discussed from other meetings, like if we're going camping, or there are permission slips that need to be signed," said Kimberly who recently earned her Silver

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vals." Sure, something like this is going to produce a real loaf of bread. I'll bet.

"Um, smells good," The Feminist said when she got home from work. "Did you bake bread?"

"Well, uh, I figured I should try this thing out. Make sure it works. You know."

"Can I sample it?"

"Sure. Have a slice."

"It's good. It's really good. What kind is it?"

"It's potato bread. But it looks like a box."

"It tastes good. Really nice crust. Was it hard to use?"

"No. You just dump everything into this little tub, turn it on and wait 'til it's done. I even took our daughter over to her cousin's house while it was doing its thing. Didn't have to worry about punching it down, letting

it rise again, making loaves, timing them in the oven. It just sort of sat there and made bread. Kinda neat."

"So you like it?"

"It's OK. Maybe I'll try some pumpernickel. Or there's a great sounding recipe for cinnamon-raisin bread. That'd be good for breakfast. And it's got this timer so you can set it up before you go to bed and the bread will be ready when you get up in the morning. I think I'll try it tonight."

"The bread machine hasn't damaged your manhood? Destroyed your ego?"

"Well, there is that. But it's so easy to use. And besides ..."

"Yes?"

"It tastes good."

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

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION

TO REZONE FROM: AG AGRICULTURAL
TO REZONE TO: R-1-H SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL
DATE OF HEARING: February 17, 1999
TIME OF HEARING: 7:00 p.m.
PLACE OF HEARING: Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of Plymouth Charter Township has received a petition to rezone the following described property from AG, "AGRICULTURAL" District, to R-1-H, "SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL" District. Containing 30 acres, more or less. Application #1560

TAX I.D. NO. R78-042-99-0001-000

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

The East 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 30, approximately 20 Acres.

ORDINANCE NO. 83

AMENDED ZONING MAP NO. 107
PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP
WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

ADOPTED BY THE TOWNSHIP OF TRUSTEES ON _____
EFFECTIVE DATE _____

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the proposed amendment to the map, as printed, may be examined at the Plymouth Township Department of Public Works Building, Community Development Department, during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Written comments will be received prior to the meeting. The address for application review and written comment is 46555 Port Street, Plymouth, Michigan 48170. Telephone No. 453-4372. The meeting will be held in the Meeting Room at Township Hall. The address for Township Hall is 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170. At the public hearing, the Planning Commission may recommend rezoning of the property to any use allowable under the provisions of the Plymouth Township Zoning Ordinance No. 63.

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MARCIA SAYLES, Secretary
Planning Commission

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Duggan puts finishing touches on annual First Step dance

BY SUE MASON
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Remember those word problems you loved to hate in elementary school? The ones that went something like: If each table seats 10 people and 160 tables are sold, how much money will be raised for First Step?

Just like in school, it's a hard one to answer. But Brian Duggan hopes his ninth annual charity dance for First Step will raise \$20,000 for the agency which helps the victims of domestic and sexual violence.

"I'd like to have 1,400-1,500 people there," said Duggan. "We raised around \$16,000 last year and I'd like to raise \$20,000 this year."

That's a far cry from the first year when 300 people paid \$5 a ticket and helped raise some \$2,000-3,000 for First Step.

This year's dance will be 7:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, Feb. 5, at Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft, west of Inkster Road, Livonia.

The evening will include complimentary hot and cold hors d'oeuvres 7:30-9:30 p.m., pizza served later in the evening and cash bar.

Steve King and the Dittilies will provide the music and Miss Michigan 1998 Laura Frances Welling will make a special



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Need a ticket: Barb Mecham (left), Brian Duggan and Laura Duggan are ready, willing and able to sell people tickets to the ninth annual charity dance for First Step on Feb. 5 at Burton Manor.

appearance. Also dropping in for a few sets will be Jamie Coe, local entertainer and restaurateur.

"Every time I hear Neil Diamond, I think of Jamie," said

Duggan. "Jamie's been with us from the beginning."

There also will be more than 60 door prizes, ranging from dinners at area restaurants to overnight stays at hotels and a

gift basket filled with coffee and coffee cups, but organizers are always looking for more, Duggan said.

Tickets are \$18 in advance and \$23 at the door. They're avail-

able at TicketMaster outlets at Hudson's, Harmony House and Repeat the Beat (ask for First Step Dance) or by calling Duggan at (734) 422-4333 or (734) 591-1900 or TicketMaster at (248) 645-6666.

To help defray expenses, Duggan is looking for corporate sponsors - diamond (\$5,000), platinum (\$1,000), gold (\$500) and silver (\$200). New to the platinum list this year is Wal-Mart, which will be opening its Livonia store later this month.

Duggan, a Livonia city councilman, first heard about First Step as a Livonia Jaycee. He thought it was a good cause, and after leaving the Jaycees, he decided to do something for the agency.

Among the services provided by First Step are a 24-hour residential shelter, 24-hour Help Line, 24-hour crisis intervention services, counseling, group support, children's programs, in-court advocacy and 24-hour domestic violence and sexual assault response teams.

It also provides training on domestic violence and sexual assault for mental health, criminal justice, medical and legal professionals and education and prevention programs for the community at large and schools.

"Someone from First Step came out and spoke at a meeting

and I thought it was a good cause," Duggan said. "I think it's a wonderful shelter they have out there for women and children."

Originally, the benefit was going to be a beach party at Camp Dearborn, but when he missed putting down a deposit, it became a dance on the third Friday in January at what was then Roma's of Livonia, which donated the facility.

Duggan has moved it to the first Friday in February, giving organizers an extra 1 1/2 weeks to sell tickets and line up sponsors and door prizes.

Work on the dance starts as soon as the latest one ends. Duggan books the hall and the band - "Steve King and the Dittilies are always pack in a good crowd; they're a good draw." - and picks the date. By September, the program is sent out and organizers "go public" with details in December.

"It's hard on our end because it's something that can get lost in the Christmas shuffle because we mail out the information two weeks before Christmas," Duggan said. "January is a tough month, but right now we're on target with ticket sales, we have 65 sold. Last year, we sold 130 tables, so if I sell at least one more table than last year, I'll be happy."

Livonia natives return with 'Revenge'

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
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Dan Edwards, a 1989 Stevenson High School graduate, had one thing in mind when he moved to Chicago.

"I moved with the intention of joining the band The Krinkles and it took me a little while to weasel my way in," said Edwards with a laugh.

He set his mind to it and persuaded his hometown friends - drummer/vocalist Matt Favazza, bassist/vocalist Jerry Overmyer and guitarist/vocalist Henry Klotkowski - to let him join the power pop band as their second guitarist and vocalist.

"Adding another vocalist has given us a fuller sound. We traded off on lead vocals. Matt the drummer does a couple of songs, Henry and I split the rest of it."

Now The Krinkles are celebrating the release of their second album, "Revenge of The Krinkles" (Mordorlorff Music). The band will return to the area on Saturday, Jan. 23, to play songs off "Revenge" at Lili's in Hamtramck.

Sent to stores in July, "Revenge of The Krinkles" was recorded from February through April 1998 at Attica Studios in Chicago with producer Chuck Uchida.

"It's kind of a punk rock studio. It's called Attica because it's in an attic," explained Edwards, who also played acoustic guitar on "Pink One" on The Krinkles' first album "Three Ringos." "It's kind of trashed, kind of run down. It's a real rock 'n' roll atmosphere. The guy's really talented. He gave us a lot of time."

The 10-song album, inspired by the Beatles and 1980s metal

bands, features three of Edwards' songs - "Working Girl," "Innerspace," and "Carnival," a reference to the Livonia Spree.

"It's about the Livonia Spree in an abstract way; people always crack up when I tell them that," he said.

Edwards earned a degree in advertising from Western Michigan University and had a hand in the design of the CD's packaging. Unfolding the CD insert reveals a comic strip about the band.

"We wanted to try and do something a little bit extra with our packaging," he said. "I'm a big Kiss fan and they always did something a little bit fun with their albums. There were stickers in there, cartoons, always something fun. (The Krinkles' CD) reminds me of the days of vinyl albums, when the packaging was a little more important."

Edwards said recording an album was a dream of his.

"You have your little fantasies and dreams; it was pretty much the way I thought it would be," Edwards said. "A lot of people don't really like it but it's definitely one of my favorite things to do. We're looking forward to going in again and spending more time."

"We felt like we did the best we could with the amount of time we had."

Edwards has been playing guitar since he was 14 and joined bands soon thereafter. He was a fan of "a lot of rock 'n' roll stuff."

"Speaking for myself, I grew up in the '80s. I listened to a lot of what they call 'hair metal' now - Motley Crue, Iron Maiden, Ratt. I always liked a lot of the pop stuff when I was younger - all the Beatles kind of stuff."

The Krinkles formed after Matt Favazza, a 1989 Stevenson graduate, Overmyer, a 1988 Franklin High School graduate, and Klotkowski, a 1989 Franklin graduate, met while working at Bill Knapp's in Livonia.

"We're just nice boys from Livonia. Maybe we should come up with a better story," Edwards said. "It's our little joke."

Edwards said he hopes that it works for awhile.

"I'm really happy with my situation now. Not just because we've all been friends for so long, but the fact that we finally got it together."

The Krinkles open for Mr. Tidy at 10 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, at Lili's 21, 2930 Jacob, Hamtramck. Cover charge is \$5 for the 21 and older show. For more information, call (313) 875-6555, e-mail the band at krinkles@cyberconnect.com or their Web site at <http://www.cyberconnect.com/~krinkles>.



Back in town: The Krinkles - guitarist/vocalist Dan Edwards, drummer/vocalist Matt Favazza, bassist/vocalist Jerry Overmyer and guitarist/vocalist Henry Klotkowski - will perform at Lili's in Hamtramck on Saturday, Jan. 23.

Foster parent training set

HelpSource will offer pre-service training for people interested in becoming licensed foster parents.

The classes for couples and single adults will be offered 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, at HealthSource's administration building, 1960 S. Industrial Highway, Ann Arbor, and 6-9 p.m. Monday and Tuesday,

Jan. 25-26, at its office at 27676 Cherry Hill Road, Garden City.

The 15-hour training will explain the foster care program, the children who come into care and the support service provided by HelpSource, a nonprofit organization, based in Ann Arbor.

Classes are free of charge. For more information or to register, call (734) 422-5401.

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CALENDAR

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN AND AROUND PLYMOUTH

WEEKEND

SINGLES' EVENTS

■ Single Place holds a walk in the park 10 a.m. every Saturday at Heritage Park, Farmington Road between 10 Mile and 11 Mile in Farmington Hills.
 ■ Single Place holds the following social events every Sunday: worship 11 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church Sanctuary; brunch 12:30 p.m. at Northville Crossing Restaurant, 18900 Northville Road, Northville; coffee and cards 6 p.m. at Tuscan Cafe, 150 N. Center, Northville.
 ■ Suburban Singles holds a single mingle dance 8 p.m. every Wednesday in the Bonnie Brook Country Club, on Telegraph south of Eight Mile, Redford. Proper attire, no jeans.
 Ages 21 and up. Admission is \$4, \$3 before 8:30 p.m. For more information, call (313) 842-0443.
 ■ Suburban Singles holds an after-dinner dance 7-11 p.m. every Sunday in the Bonnie Brook Country Club, on Telegraph, south of Eight Mile, Redford. Proper attire, no jeans.
 Ages 21 and up. Admission is \$4, \$3 before 7:30 p.m. For more information, call (313) 842-7422.

REVIEW TESTS

■ The Princeton Review will hold free practice, full-length SAT and ACT tests starting 9 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 23. The tests will finish 12:30 p.m. The tests will be in the following locations: The Princeton Review, 1220 S. University, Suite 209, Ann Arbor; Marian High School, 7225 Lahser, Birmingham; Grosse Pointe South High School, 11 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe. Each student should bring pencils and a calculator. Students must call the Ann Arbor office at (734) 663-2163 to register for the test.

CRAFTERS NEEDED

■ Madonna University is accepting applications from crafters for its 14th annual spring Arts & Crafts Showcase, to be held 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, March 20, in the Activities Center on campus in Livonia. The show will feature a variety of handmade arts and crafts, including pottery, jewelry, paintings, textiles and woodworking. Booth space is available for \$50. Booths with electricity are limited and are an additional \$5. Exhibitors may buy up to three spaces. Crafters will receive a \$5 discount if their form is received before Feb. 1. For an application or information, call (734) 432-5603.

COSTUME BALL

■ German-American Club of Plymouth is sponsoring a "Fasching" party (costume ball) 7:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 30, in the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, Plymouth. Admission is \$6.50 per person. Dance to music by Enziah. German food and drink will be available. Prizes for costumes and door prizes will also be presented.

EUCHE TOURNAMENT

■ The Novi Lioness Club will hold a euchre tournament 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, in Novi Civic Center, 45175 10 Mile, between Novi and Taft. Pizza and pop will be available. Games begin 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$10 in advance, per person, and \$12 per person at the door. For extra points, you can donate an item of warm clothing. For more information, call (248) 344-4633.

AROUND TOWN

HAWAII TOUR

■ Canton Parks and Recreation Services and YMT Vacations have teamed up to offer a 15-day trip to Hawaii in May. Stops include Oahu, Kauai, Maui and the big island of Hawaii. Get a free preview of the trip 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 26, at the Summit community center. The preview evening is free, registration necessary. Cost for the trip is \$1,649 per person. This includes air transportation round trip on scheduled airlines from Detroit, inter-island flights, hotel accommodations, sightseeing on each island, baggage handling, transfers, tips and more. For more information, call (734) 397-5110.

DADDY-DAUGHTER DANCE

■ Celebrate Valentine's Day by attending the Canton Knights of Columbus eighth annual Daddy-Daughter Valentine's Dance 7-9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 12, in the St. Thomas a'Becket Family Life Center, 555 Lilley, Canton. This night will feature danceable music, a flower corsage, refreshments and a unique gift so dad and his date will remember the evening. The cost is \$12 per couple or \$15 for dad and two dates. If dad has more than one date, an older brother, uncle, or grandpa are invited so each girl can have a partner. Dads and girls ages 3-13 are invited. Tickets will be available after all Masses in St. Thomas a'Becket or by calling Ralph at (248) 344-1956 or Marv at (313) 397-1359. Space is limited.

VALENTINE DINNER/DANCE

■ The weather outside may be frightful, but you and your Valentine can be warm, well-fed and dancing to romantic music at Schoolcraft College. The evening begins 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13, in the Waterman Center with a dinner of hot Manhattan clam chowder, salad, filet mignon, twice-baked potato and asparagus and raspberry white chocolate cake. Then dance the night away to the music of Johnny Trudell. Tickets are \$37.50 per person with proceeds benefiting Schoolcraft's Continuing Education Services Physical Education programs. For more information, or to order, call (734) 462-4417.

PARENT-TODDLER CLASSES

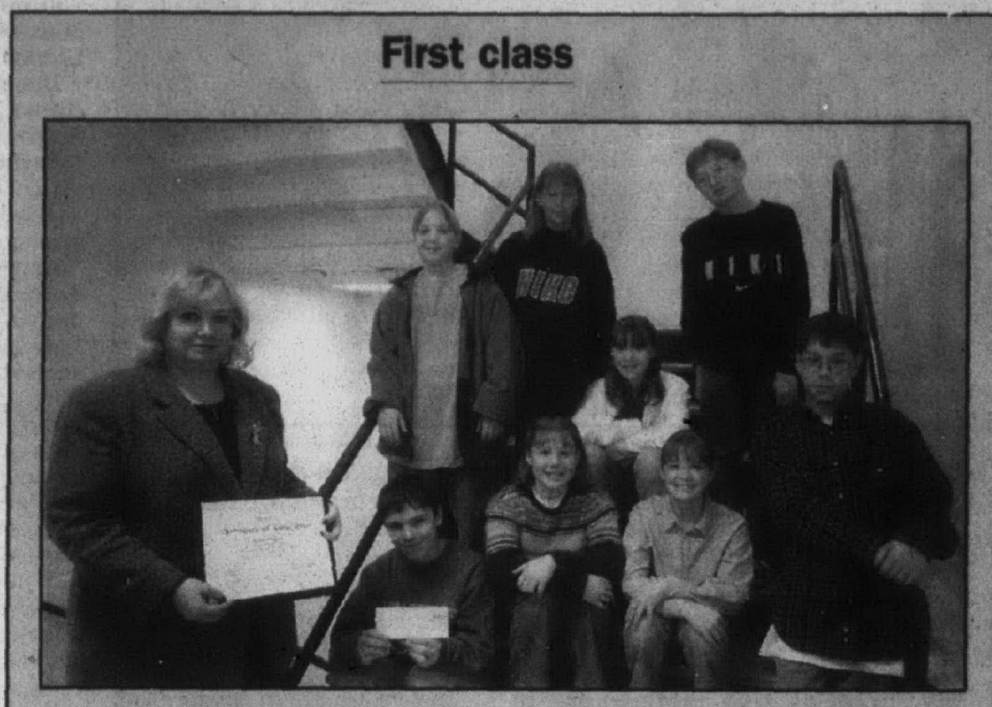
■ Winter Me and My Shadow classes begin this month at New Morning School in Plymouth Township. The introductory class is for 2-, 4- and 4-year-olds and their parents. Classes meet once a week. There are openings in the Monday or Wednesday night classes. Classes meet 6-7:15 p.m. This class provides a special one-on-one time for the parent and child. The parent and child will participate in music and finger-playing activities, art and readiness projects, snack and story time, all centered around a weekly theme. For more information or to register, call New Morning School, (734) 420-3331.

DANCING CUCKOOS

■ The Dancing Cuckoos will hold the next meeting 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 21, in Mamma Mia's restaurant, 27770 Plymouth Road, Livonia. Dinner will be available at 6 p.m. (at your own expense), and the meeting for business and movies will begin at 8 p.m. For more information, call (734) 981-2798.

PLYMOUTH YMCA

■ The Plymouth Community Family YMCA is offering classes for preschool-age children through adult. Classes include: Active Older Adults (ages 55 and up) Water Exercise, Youth



First class
 Helping out: First Step Executive Director Judy Ellis (left) presents a certificate of appreciation to representatives from Sandi Jester and Margo Panko's sixth-grade classes at Central Middle School Tuesday. The classes presented a check for \$429 to the First Step program, which they raised from bake sales in December. Standing (clockwise from left) are: Chuck Kovalik, 11; Megan Griffith, 11; Douglas Gardner, 12; and Max Weger, 11. Seated (left to right) are: Eric Laydon, 12, holding the check; Ashley Schopieray, 11; Lindsey Fanning, 11; and Laura Tache, 11.

and Girls' Basketball Instructional League, Youth Instructional Floor Hockey League, Youth Instructional Indoor Soccer League for ages 5-12, Bumper Bowling for ages 4-6, Flute Classes for beginning through advanced, Youth Golf Lessons for ages 5-11, Introductory Dance for ages 5-8, Ballet & Jazz Combination, ages 8-10, Karate for male and female, ages 8 through adult, Driver's Education, Bumble Bee Indoor Soccer for ages 4-5, Y Pucks and Hoops for ages 4-5, Yoga classes for teen to adult novice or advanced practitioner, Step & Sculpt Fitness Class, and Aquatics classes for ages 6 months through 12 years. The YMCA is also offering a Basketball Travel League for ages 8-9, 10-12, and 13-15 years of age plus a Hockey Travel League for ages 9-12. Call Plymouth Community YMCA at (734) 453-2904 for further information or to register with Visa or MasterCard.

■ The Plymouth Community Family YMCA is accepting registrations for classes. The classes are youth travel basketball league for grades three-eight; girls' instructional basketball league for grades three-six; introductory dance, ages 5-8; creative movement for preschoolers, ages 3-5; active older adult water exercise, youth travel floor hockey for ages 9-12, and step aerobics fitness class and aquatics. For more information, call the Plymouth YMCA at (734) 453-2904.

PANEL DISCUSSION

■ The Society of Women Engineers will host an international work assignment panel discussion 6-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 21, in The Community House in Birmingham. The cost is \$15, which includes dinner and is free to those who join SWE there. Reservations can be made by calling Kirsten Car. at (313) 594-2950.

EXHIBIT

■ Focus:HOPE presents "Focus on the Mission Photography Exhibit" 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, through Sunday, Feb. 1, in Summit on the Park, Canton. The program involves students from across the metropolitan area in a series of photography seminars held at Focus:HOPE. The exhibit will be displayed for free. The exhibit features at least one photo from each student. For more information, call (734) 397-6450.

YOUTH SOCCER

■ The city of Plymouth Recreation Department will be taking spring youth soccer registration the entire month of January at the recreation office, during business hours, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. The city of Plymouth Recreation Department is in the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. All registrations require a birth certificate. The fee for 6-, 7- and 8-year-olds is \$40 for city of Plymouth residents and \$60 for nonresidents. For children 9 and older, cost is \$45 for city of Plymouth residents and \$75 for nonresidents. For more information, call 455-6620.

STORYTELLING FESTIVAL

■ Canton's storytelling festival will be Saturday, Jan. 23, in Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway. Featuring the storytelling talents of Debra Christian, Ron Lowe, Judy Sima, and Marc LeJarret. Workshops are from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.;

8:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 21, in The Community House in Birmingham. The cost is \$15, which includes dinner and is free to those who join SWE there. Reservations can be made by calling Kirsten Car. at (313) 594-2950.

children's shows are at 11:30 a.m. and family storytelling begins at 7 p.m. Tickets are available in advance at the Summit. All events for single is \$3 and family is \$8; family or children's shows only are single \$2 and family \$5. For more information, call (734) 397-6450.

■ The 125-voice Plymouth Community Chorus, one of Michigan's premier choruses and now celebrating its 25th anniversary, is calling for people who love to sing. Most needed are tenors, basses and baritones. Some openings also exist for altos and sopranos. Rehearsals for the Spring Concert (April 24 and 25) began Jan. 5. Open auditions for new members will be 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 26, in the First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial, west of Sheldon in Plymouth Township. The Spring Concert program will be made up of the most applauded songs the past 25 years. For more information, call (734) 455-4080.

FAMILY SKATE NIGHT

■ Canton Parks and Recreation is sponsoring a family skate night 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 21, (weather permitting) in Heritage Park ponds, behind Canton Administration Building. The ponds will be lighted for evening skating, and refreshments will also be available. Admission is free. No registration necessary. For more information, call Canton Parks and Recreation Services at (734) 397-5110.

DROP-IN BASKETBALL

■ The city of Plymouth Recreation Department will hold open gym for basketball 6:45-9:45 p.m. Mondays in Central Middle

School. The cost is \$4 per person for a full three-hour session. City of Plymouth residents will receive a discount of \$1 with identification. For more information, call the city of Plymouth Recreation Department at (734) 455-6620.

CHORUS

■ The County Connection Chorus of Sweet Adelines international is looking for women who love to sing. The group of 30 women sing a cappella music in barbershop style and have begun preparations for annual competition in May. Rehearsals are 7 p.m. every Tuesday in the UAW Local 898 at 8975 Textile, Ypsilanti. For more information, call Paula at (734) 995-4110.

CLASSES

■ D & M Studios' "Once Upon an Easel" has classes for preschoolers through adults. Classes are offered in student and teen drawing and painting, cartooning, student and teen studio art, high school portfolio preparation, adult oil, watercolor and acrylic. Senior citizen art programs are offered. Co-sponsored classes are offered through Canton Parks and Recreation and Plymouth Parks and Recreation. For information, call (734) 453-3710.

BLOOD DRIVE

■ Holidays and severe winter weather have left area hospitals with a shortage of blood. Supplies of Type O, known as the universal blood type because it can be given to any patient, are especially low. You can help eliminate this shortage by donating blood 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 4, at Schoolcraft College, where the American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be available. To make an appointment, call (734) 462-4400, Ext. 5050. Walk-in donors are welcome. As added bonuses, 50 donors, chosen randomly, will receive a free movie pass, courtesy of AMC Theaters, and one donor will win a free night's hotel stay, courtesy of the Marriott Corp. Schoolcraft College is located at 18600 Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile, just west of I-275 in Livonia.

TAE KWON DO

■ There will be a tae kwon do class 4:15-5:15 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays through April in Summit on the Park, multiuse room, for all ages. Session I is on Tuesdays and Thursdays, through Feb. 18 (five weeks); Session II is on Tuesdays and Thursdays, March 2-April 1 (five weeks). Fee is \$40 for annual pass holders, \$43 for residents, and \$48 for nonresidents. This class is designed for all ages. The five-week class is designed to teach self-defense but helps develop self-confidence, self-discipline and self-esteem. Students will learn fundamentals, forms, one-step sparring and traditional free-sparring. Taught by senior master instructor Christopher Covert, a sixth-degree black belt of Olympian Chung Do Kwan.

SCHOOL OPENINGS

■ Suburban Children's Cop Nursery has openings in all classes for 18 months through 5 years. Located in Livonia bordering Canton, Plymouth and Westland. Quality education offered with parent involvement. Low tuition rates. For more information, call Michelle at (734) 421-6196.
 ■ St. Michael Christian School on Sheldon in Canton will accept applications for classes 1999-2000 morning and afternoon kindergarten and elementary grades one-three.

Applications are also being taken for grade four. For more information, call (734) 459-9720.

LIVING TRUST SEMINARS

■ There will be an "advanced" living trust seminar 1-3 p.m. Friday, Jan. 29, in Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile. The seminar is open to the public and free. The seminar will include saving taxes with your living trust, strategies for reducing risk and maximizing, and returns with your living trust assets. Guest speaker will be financial consultant Paul Leduc. For more information, call (248) 694-1020.
 ■ There will be an "advanced" living trust seminar 1-3 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 2, in the Northville Senior Center, 215 W. Cady. The seminar is open to the public and free of charge. The seminar will include saving taxes with your living trust, strategies for reducing risk and maximizing, and returns with your living trust assets. Guest speaker will be financial consultant Paul Leduc. For more information, call (248) 694-1020.

HEALTH FACILITIES

■ The Schoolcraft College Sunday Health Club charges \$4 a visit. Individual membership fee is \$32. Family membership is \$70 for 13 weeks of unstructured activity in a fully equipped physical education facility. Club members can use three gyms, six racquetball courts, weight machines, the pool and the sauna. An adult must accompany children under 16, and nonswimmers must be 45 inches tall at the shoulder to use the pool. The Health Club continues until March 28. For more information, call Continuing Education Services Physical Fitness at (734) 462-4413.

ARTS COUNCIL

■ The Plymouth Community Arts Council has a full winter schedule of classes and workshops for all ages: sculpture, watercolor, dance, decorative painting, pottery, film appreciation, drawing and sketching, children's theater, paper art, creative writing, live model drawing session, batik, art lectures, yoga, tai chi, etc. For a complete schedule or for more information, call (734) 416-4278.

GRIEF RECOVERY

■ Grief Recovery is a five-week program designed to help grieving people find hope and healing through group interaction. The program is 7-9 p.m. Thursdays, Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25, and March 4, in the Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth Township. This will be an opportunity to learn the characteristics of grief, to share feelings and to receive support from others who have experienced similar losses. A professional facilitator will lead the group. Enrollment is limited to 20 participants; registration is required. The program is open to the community without charge. For more information or for registration, call (734) 459-2250.

COURTS

■ Schoolcraft College offers handball, paddleball, racquetball and wallyball courts available for evening play Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Friday at Schoolcraft College. A \$35 fee reserves a court and equipment for 15 weeks. Courts are scheduled for doubles play. Participants must furnish their own locks and towels. For more information, call (734) 462-4413.

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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WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Bombback-Buckley

John Lawrence Bombback III and Barbara Anne Buckley were married Oct. 10 in the Mission Church of Mackinac Island by the Rev. Edwin Remally.

The bride is the daughter of Dr. Elery Buckley of Boston, Mass. The groom is the son of Dr. and Mrs. John L. Bombback II of Lynn, Mass., formerly of Plymouth.

The bride is a graduate of the University of New Hampshire. She is employed by Cognos Corp.

He is a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and Northern Michigan University. He is employed by American Airlines.

The bride asked Brenda Buckley Sittenger to serve as matron of honor. Dan Walsh served as best man.

The couple received guests at a reception in Stonecliff Mansion. Following a trip to London, Eng-



land, they are making their home in Georgetown, Mass.

Lemasters-Armbrust

Randall Lemasters and Amy Armbrust were recently married at Laurel Manor Chapel in Livonia.

The bride is the daughter of Kenneth and Robby L. Williams of Livonia. The groom is the son of Susan Padgett of Belleville.

The bride is a 1990 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School. She is employed by Roadway in Warren.

The groom is a 1984 graduate of Belleville High School. He is employed by Kohl Madden in Canton.

The bride asked Kelly McIntosh to serve as matron of honor, with Jennifer Belleville as bridesmaid. Allison Raylean and Katelyn Lemasters were flower girls.



The groom asked Gary McIntosh to serve as best man, with Ron Hollenbeck as groomsmen. Kyle Armbrust and Dylan Lemasters were ringbearers.

The couple received guests at St. Mary's Cultural Center in Livonia before leaving on a honeymoon trip to Cancun, Mexico. They are making their home in Westland.

Tilly-Eppinga

Paul and Nancy Tilly of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristina Marie, to Zachary Dirk Eppinga, the son of Stuart and Vicky Eppinga of Holland, Mich.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Calvin College with a degree in special education. She is employed as a middle school and high school mathematics teacher at Lake Michigan Academy in Grand Rapids.

Her fiancé also is a graduate of Calvin College with a degree in business. He works in finance at Herman Miller in Holland.

A July wedding is planned at St. Michael Lutheran Church.



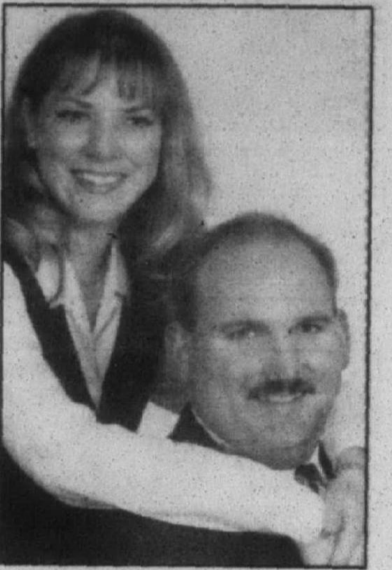
Shuman-Yon

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth R. Shuman of Novi, formerly of Westland, announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristine Marie, to Charles A. Yon, the son of Gerald O. Yon of Berkley.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University. She is employed by the Meijer Corp. and as a substitute teacher in the Clarenceville School District.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Madonna University. He is a police officer for the City of Wixom.

A May wedding is planned at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church in Farmington.



Brunner-Grant

Kevin Charles Brunner and Janice Marie Grant were married Aug. 15 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Plymouth. The Rev. John Sullivan performed the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of John W. and Dorothy Grant of Plymouth. The groom is the son of Harold and Janet Brunner of Traverse City.

The bride is a 1989 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School and a 1993 graduate of Albion College, where she was affiliated with Kappa Alpha Theta sorority. Formerly employed as a certified public accountant for Coopers/Lybrand in Detroit, she is a student at University of Pennsylvania Law School.

The groom is a 1988 graduate of Traverse City High School and a 1993 graduate of the University of Michigan. He also was employed as a CPA for Coopers/Lybrand in Detroit. He is attending the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania.

The bride asked Karen Frederick to serve as her maid of honor with Carolyn Pinkerton Hudson, Jenny Mans Margherio and Carol Varley serving as her attendants.

The groom asked Cameron

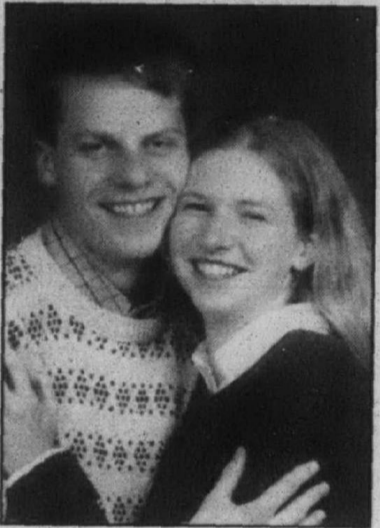


Kennedy to serve as his best man with Bill Brunner, Todd Fewins and Damien Kircher as groomsmen.

After greeting guests in the Alexandria Ballroom of the Dearborn Inn, the couple left for a honeymoon trip to Bermuda. They are making their home in Philadelphia.

Peterson-Hansen

Lowell and Kay Hansen of Redford announce the engagement of their son, Jonathan Richard, to Johna Rae Peterson, the daughter of Joseph and



Cindie Burr of Muskegon and John and Jan Peterson of Grand Haven.

The bride will graduate in December from Calvin College where she is majoring in criminal justice.

Her fiancé is a 1995 graduate of Thurston High School and a 1998 graduate of Calvin College with a degree in computer science. He is employed at the Donnelly Corp. in Holland.

A January wedding is planned at the Calvin College Chapel in Grand Rapids.

Announcement forms available

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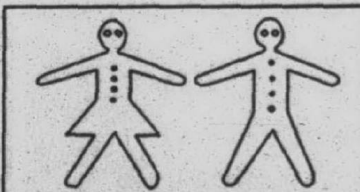
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RELIGIOUS NEWS

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SINGLE POINT
Single Point Ministries of Ward Presbyterian Church will have Ken Davis as the speaker at "Talk It Over" 7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 22, in Knox Hall of Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville Township. Davis spent 15 years working in Youth for Christ, and in the last 20 years has become one of the nation's top motivational and inspirational speakers. There will be a free will offering.

Its 1999 Winter Divorce Recovery Workshop, for any divorced or separated person, is scheduled for 7-9:30 p.m. Thursdays Feb. 11-March 25, at the church. The cost is \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door, or \$15 for those who are repeating the program.

The group also will host a concert by Glad, which has sold more than 1.4 million albums in two decades. The band's music is an unusual mixture of pop, adult contemporary and jazz-flavored styles. The concert, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5, is free, but a free will offering will be taken. For more information, call the Single Point office at (248) 374-5920.

FAMILY EVENT
Hosanna Tabor Lutheran Church in Redford is hosting Let's Make a Deal Family Time 2:30-4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23. Participants should come dressed in their wackiest costume and bring a bag of miscel-

laneous goodies. To register or for more information, call the church at (313) 937-2424.

DISCUSSION GROUP
Timothy Lutheran Church's Book Discussion Group on parenting will begin meeting in January at the church, 8820 Wayne Road, Livonia. Meetings will be held at four different times during the month - 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Jan. 24-25 and Feb. 24-25. The church will supply the books for parents who register at least a week in advance. For more information, call the church at (734) 427-2290.

COMEDY CONCERT
Comedian Ken Davis will perform 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 24, in the auditorium of Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. The show, open to those of all ages, is free. Complimentary tickets are available at the reception desk. Call (248) 374-5956 for more information.

CONCERT OF PRAISE
The Rev. Kent Clark and the Pontiac Rescue Mission will join the congregation of Temple Baptist Church for a night of praise and worship, testimonies, refreshments and fellowship 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 26, in Room 129 of the church, 49555 N. Territorial, Plymouth Township. A love offering will be taken to help the mission with its ongoing ministries. For more information, call (734) 414-7777, Ext. 469.

PRAYER LUNCHEON
A prayer luncheon will be held 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 27, at the Sveden House, 29477 Seven Mile, at Middlebelt, Livonia. Doors open 11 a.m., and lunch costs \$6. The guest speak-



In concert

At Redford church: Recording artists Proclaim - Mica Estep (from left), Barry Myers, Jeramy Adkins and Chuck Estep - will present a concert 11 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 24, at Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, 8828 Wormer, Redford. The winner of the talent competition at the 1994 National Quartet Convention, Proclaim will offer a fresh worship experience with a musical mix of traditional, a cappella, southern gospel and inspirational music. They will perform such original compositions as "Thankful Hearts" and "A Cappella Praise" and premiere songs from their new "All These Things" project. For more information, call the church at (313) 537-7480.

er will be Sister Loretta Mellon. For reservations, call Kathleen at (734) 427-4371 or Pat at (734) 522-8905.

BLOOD DRIVE
St. Edith Parish will have a

Red Cross blood drive 2-8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 29, in the church hall, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Walk-ins are welcome. For more information, or to make a blood donation appointment, call the

Christian Service Office at (734) 464-2027.

NEW BEGINNING
Mary Hickey will discuss the "Physical Aspects of Grief" when New Beginnings, a grief support group, meets 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 4, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile, east of Merriman, Livonia. The program is for people suffering as the result of the death of a loved one. There are no fees. Anyone may attend any or all sessions as they feel the need. For more information, call the church office at (734) 422-6038, Marilyn Wilkinson at (248) 380-7903, or Rosemary Kline at (734) 462-3770.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Worldwide Marriage Encounter offers a weekend experience for married couples to improve their communication skills, learn the value of intimacy and renew their love for each other Feb. 5-7 and March 19-21 at the St. John's Family Life Center, 44011 Five Mile, Plymouth Township. The registration fee is \$50. Call Bill and Carol at (248) 528-2512 or Dan and Debbie at (810) 286-5524 or at www.rc.net/detroit/wwme.

LAS VEGAS NIGHTS
St. Edith Church will have Las Vegas Nights 7:30 p.m. to midnight Friday-Saturday, Feb. 5-6, at the church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Admission will be \$1 and maximum payout will be \$500. Proceeds will go to the church's general fund. For more information, call (734) 464-1222.

St. Theodore Church's Men's Club and Confraternity of Christian Women will have a Las Vegas Night 6 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Feb. 6, at the Parish Hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland. Admission will be \$2. There will be a 50/50 drawing every hour and beer, wine, food and refreshments for a nominal charge. For more information, call (734) 425-4421.

SMOKE-FREE BINGO
St. Edith Church will offer smoke-free bingo 6:30 p.m. Sundays and Tuesdays, beginning in February, at the church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 464-1222 or (734) 464-1250.

MONEY MANAGEMENT
Are you looking for ways to stretch your dollar? A money management workshop will be offered 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11, 18 and 25, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia. The video-based program, "Master Your Money," will be taught by Jim Coleman and will present financial planning concepts to help participants take charge of their money.

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Ministries team up for Bible campaign

With hopes of sparking a worldwide New Year's resolution to complete the entire New Testament in 1999, the American Bible Society has launched a daily Bible-reading campaign, titled "1999 Year of the Bible."

Helping the American Bible Society distribute Bibles around the globe, Lutheran Hour Ministries is supporting Spanish and English versions of the promotion. In addition to offering New Testament and reading guides

through a campaign commercial, Lutheran Hour Ministries is promoting the "1999 Year of the Bible" outreach through a number of its radio and television programs worldwide.

By reading Scripture just five minutes a day, as the "1999 Year of the Bible" program is themed, participants will complete the entire New Testament in one year.

With scheduled readings commencing on Jan. 1, the campaign

is endorsed by a number of denominational and ministry organizations, including Lutheran Hour Ministries, Campus Crusade for Christ International, Promise Keepers and the Women's Missionary Union of the Southern Baptist Convention.

"We're excited to be a part of this global outreach that is bringing Christ to the nations," said Mary Rivera, LHM's Hispanic resources coordinator.

"Our goal is to inform people that by taking just five minutes a day to read the Bible, God can restore lost and hurting souls."

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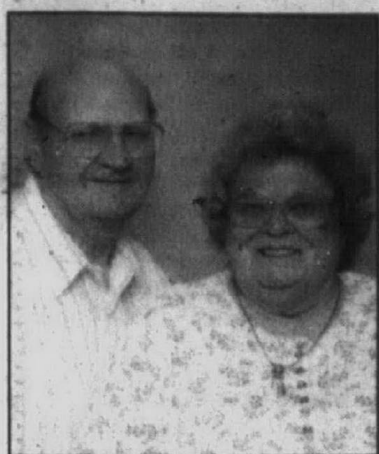
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Lampron

Edward and Janet Lampron of Stanwood, Mich., formerly of Redford, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary by renewing their vows at a Mass at St. Agatha Catholic Church in Redford. Their nephew, the Rev. Michael Verschaeve, officiated.

They also were the guests of honor at a dinner party with family friends at the Plymouth Landing Restaurant in Ply-

mouth. Their entire wedding party was in attendance.

The couple exchanged vows on Sept. 4, 1948, in Detroit. She is the former Janet LeBlanc.

They have five children - Larry of Livonia, Ron and wife Debi of Webberville, Mich., Cathy Holme and husband Scott of Redford, Gordie and wife Beth of Plymouth and Kevin and wife Dawn of Redford. They also have six grandchildren.



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Registration cost is \$10 per workbook. For more information and to register, call Tim Bode at (734) 522-6830.

GOSPEL STUDY

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church will study the gospel of Matthew with Scripture scholar Sister Mary Joel Zobro 7:30-9 p.m. Thursdays through Feb. 11 in the Prayer/Parlor Room of the church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia.

The series will explore the meaning of Matthew's gospel for

committed Christians today. Each session will cost \$5. To register, contact the church at (734) 464-0211.

TLC STORYTIME

For children and their parents, there will be a TLC Storytime on Saturday, Feb. 20, at Timothy Lutheran Church, 8820 Wayne Road, south of Joy, Livonia. There will be crafts, Christian stories, snacks and prizes. The books chosen are for children age 3-10. For more information, call the church at (734) 427-2290.

Hines

J.D. and Frances Hines of Brooklyn, Mich., formerly of Garden City, are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary.

The couple exchanged vows on Nov. 26, 1948, in Ohio. She is the former Frances Savage.

The couple has three sons - Bryan of Mt. Joliet, Tenn., Paul of Garden City and Michael of Somerset, Mich. They also have seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

He is still employed as a mason, while she is a homemaker. They are active in the Moose, Lions Club and International Order of Oddfellows.



Rodde

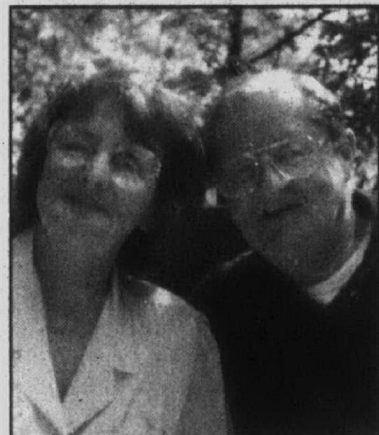
Donald and Donna Rodde of Livonia recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

The couple exchanged vows on Aug. 14, 1948, in Detroit. She is the former Donna Kingsbury.

The Roddes have three children - Pamela, Victoria and Valerie - and six grandchildren.

Retired from the Ford Motor Co. 15 years ago, he currently works at Mayfair Real Estate. She is a homemaker.

He is active in the Livonia Elks and the Masons. She is interested in ceramics and works of art.



Weiser

Douglas and Elizabeth Weiser of Plymouth celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a trip to the wine country of Sonoma, Calif., to ride the wine train and visit their new grandchild.

The couple married Nov. 27, 1948, in Lansing. She is the former Elizabeth Palmer.

The couple has five children - Kurt of Tempe, Ariz., Tom of Ann Arbor, Marybeth of Hickory Corners, Jaime of Sonoma, Calif., and Jennifer of Boston. They also have seven grandchildren.

He retired eight years ago from the Wayne-Oakland Library Federation. She is a homemaker.

Ayers

James and Linda Ayers of Livonia will gather with family and friends to celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary.

The couple exchanged vows on Dec. 20, 1968, in Detroit. She is the former Linda Carlson.

Fifteen-year residents of Livonia, they have three children, Matthew and wife Debbie, Wendy and Todd. They also have one grandchild.

He is an attorney, while she is office manager with Charles Bretton Associates. Both are avid hunters and fishermen. They also enjoy spending time together and with their children and grandchild.

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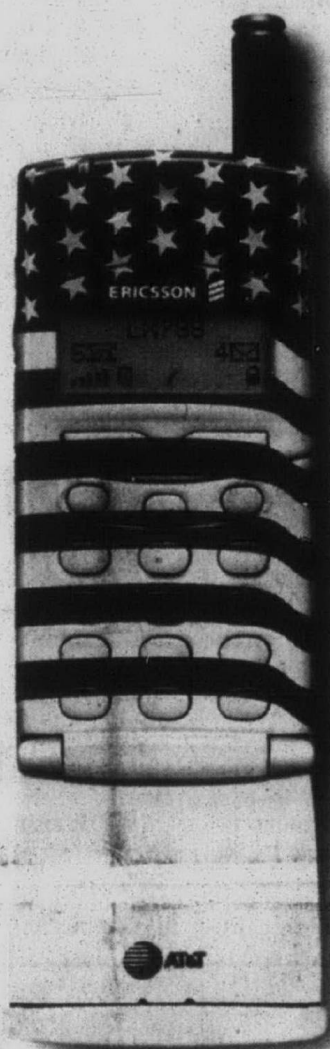
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Additional qualifiers

In Sunday's Plymouth and Canton Observer, two standout student-athletes from Plymouth Salem HS were inadvertently omitted from Michigan High School Athletic Association's Scholar-Athlete Award listing.

Both Janine Schmedding (gymnastics) and Timothy Zdrodowski (boys soccer) were listed in the Michigan High School Athletic Association's additional qualifiers section — which means both met all the qualifying standards. This section allows schools with more than one outstanding student per sport to honor others.

Every MHSAA member school is allowed to nominate one student-athlete per sport; an individual may be nominated for more than one sport. To qualify, student-athletes must have a cumulative grade-point average of 3.5 (on a 4.0 scale) and must have won a varsity letter in the sport in which they are applying.

Students are also asked to have shown involvement in other school and community activities, submit two letters of recommendation and a 500-word essay on the importance of sportsmanship in educational athletics.

A Fisher win

St. John Fisher College's women's basketball team captured the Reebok Invitational title Sunday with a 78-43 trouncing of St. Joseph College in the final in Rochester, N.Y.

Freshman Kristin Mayer, from Plymouth Canton, scored seven points in the title game. Fisher also handled Goucher College in Saturday's first-round game, 69-47. Fisher is 8-3 overall.

Soccer signup

The Canton Soccer Club is having open registration for the spring season from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday at the Canton Public Library.

The club is open to boys and girls 5-17 years old. Cost is between \$40 and \$95, depending upon age division, and must be paid at time of registration.

For more information, call the Canton Soccer Club at (734) 455-9946.

The city of Plymouth's Recreation Department is taking registrations for spring youth soccer 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday all through January at the Recreation office (525 Farmer in the Plymouth Cultural Center).

All registrations require a birth certificate. Cost for 6, 7 and 8 year-olds is \$40 for city of Plymouth residents and \$60 for non-residents; for 9 year-olds and above, the cost is \$45 for residents and \$75 for non-residents.

For more information, call (734) 455-6620.

Alternative baseball

A new baseball league, known as the Plymouth-Canton Baseball Federation, is now organizing. The PCBF will offer teams in five age divisions, for both boys and girls: 7-8 (14 teams), 9-10 (12 teams), 11-12 (12 teams), 13-14 (eight teams) and 15-18 (six teams; 19-years-old allowed if still attending high school).

Cost is \$85 per child in the four older divisions, \$75 for 7-8 year olds. There will be no fund-raising. A planned 14-game schedule, followed by playoffs, is anticipated; the four older divisions will play twice a week, the 7-8 year olds once a week, from May 15-July 31.

League sign-up is scheduled for 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Jan. 30 in the Plymouth Canton HS cafeteria. All registrations are on a first-come, first-serve basis. A second sign-up is tentatively slated for Feb. 13 at the same location, if the league is not full.

Correction

In Sunday's Observer, one of the two photos in the Salem-vs.-Canton swim story incorrectly named Canton's Don LeClair as the swimmer. It was actually Salem's Brian Mertens.

Anyone interested in submitting items to Sports Scene or Sports Roundup may send them to sports editor C.J. Risak, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI, 48150, or may fax them to (734) 591-7279.

Stumble at the start

Canton, Salem both beaten in WLAA openers

BY C.J. RISAK
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Bad start for the locals. The Western Lakes Activities Association's volleyball season got underway Monday, and it wasn't pretty for either Plymouth Salem or Plymouth Canton. Salem, the defending WLAA champ, was upended by host Walled Lake Central 6-15, 15-12, 15-13; Canton was beaten by visiting Walled Lake Western 15-8, 15-10.

"They need to work on some areas," said Chiefs' coach Cynthia Montgomery after the disappointing defeat. "We're still looking for the same thing we've always lacked — height. Which means we couldn't block them, and they have some hard hitters."

"Our passes were there, our serves were there. We just need to get better at the net."

The young Chiefs — they have four seniors, but just one that starts — have just one strong net player: senior captain Liz Elsner. "She is our power hitter right now," said Montgomery. "But we're looking to change that."

"They have a good attitude. They'll tough it out." Salem's loss to Central, while not exactly a shock, was still surprising. The fourth-ranked Rocks were coming off a tournament championship at the Comstock Invitational last Saturday, during which they topped highly-regarded East Kentwood twice and split two matches with Livonia Ladywood, beating the Blazers in the semifinal. Salem's dual-match record stood at 20-4 — until Monday.

"It was a good weekend," said coach Tom Teeters. "We played really well. Our bench strength helped us a lot."

But on Monday... "We played well up until the middle of the second game, then we fell apart," said Teeters. "I thought our defense was good, but our serving failed us."

"(Central's) good. Against us they match up well. We'll have to make some adjustments, that's for sure. I'd like to run a quicker offense, in some circumstances."

Early in the match it appeared the Rocks would roll to their 21st victory of the season. After winning the first game, Salem stormed out to a 10-4 lead in the second before the Vikings got it together.

"This was a huge victory. The kids played out of their heads," said Central coach Mike Lindstrom, whose ninth-ranked Vikings stand 11-3 overall. "Salem is a very good team and they dug up everything. They are a real nice team... the toughest team we've beaten this year."

The Vikings and the defending champion Rocks are the early season favorites to contend for the WLAA title. The champion will still have to get by the likes of Livonia Franklin, Livonia Stevenson, Livonia Churchill, Northville and the rest of the conference contenders, but a victory in Monday's match at Central was paramount to winning the championship.

"We hadn't really played a tough game since January 2 and I was kind of worried," said Lindstrom. "In the first game we were never in it. We didn't pass, we didn't serve. We were real tight."

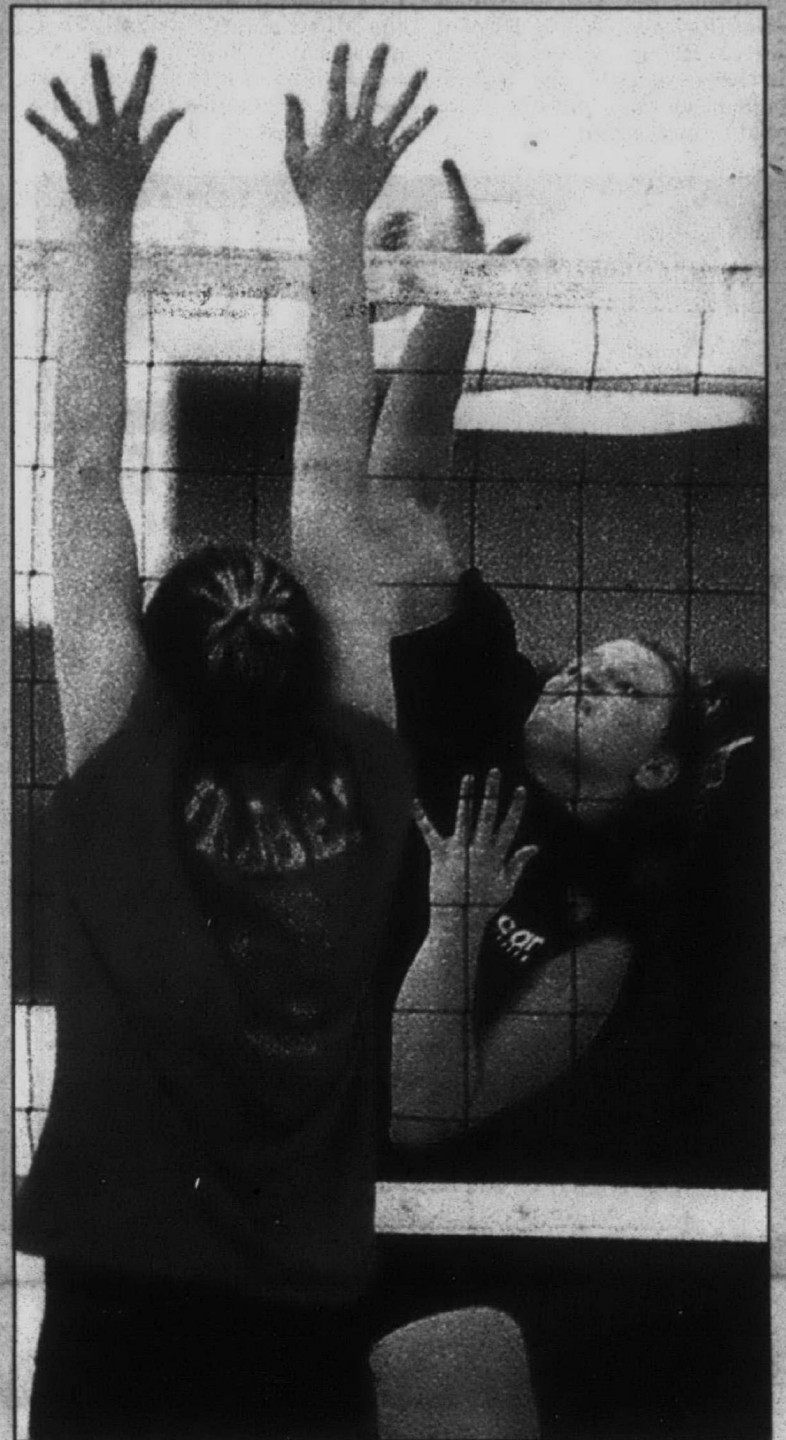
"In the second game, we were down 10-4 but the girls didn't give up hope. Amanda Yaklin went back to serve and by the time she was done it was 14-10. Amy Emerine came off the bench and served the game point."

The third game was a war. With Yaklin again at the service line the Vikings rolled off six unanswered points to start the game. Salem battled back and took a 9-6 lead, then Central surged ahead 13-10 before winning the game and the match.

"It was really a nice match to sit back and watch," Lindstrom said. "It went back-and-forth. It was a great match."

Yaklin, a senior, finished with seven aces on the night in a 24-of-27 serving performance. She also contributed 15 digs. Senior setter Becca Saldana had 30 assists to kills, 10 kills, 15 blocks, eight digs and was 10-of-11 serving. Senior Leah Douglas led the team with 23 blocks and 20 kills. She also came up with 11 digs and was 8-of-9 serving. Senior Amanda Mendenhall finished with 14 kills and 10 digs to go along with a 12-of-12 serving effort, and junior Colleen Saldana added 10 kills, nine digs and was 7-of-7 serving.

At Comstock Saturday, Salem started with wins over Kalamazoo Loy Norrix 16-14, 15-7; Gull Lake 15-3, 15-9; and East Kentwood 15-0, 16-14. The



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

Net power: The Chiefs aren't overpowering at the net, although Liz Elsner (at right) does supply some strength.

Rocks then lost to Ladywood 15-8, 17-15 and Portage Central 15-13, 5-15, 15-13.

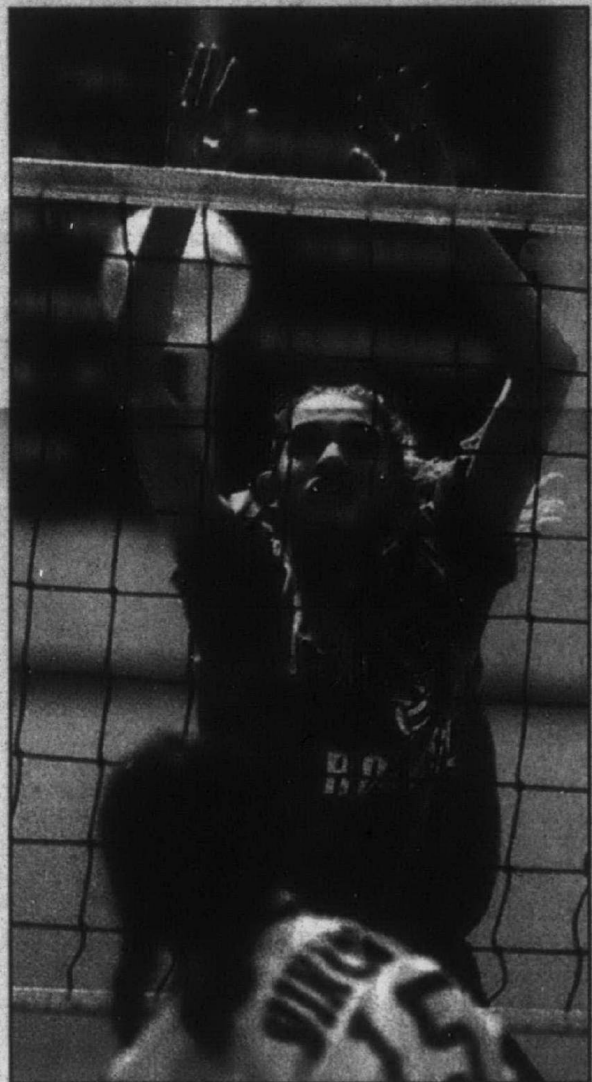
In the tournament quarterfinals, Salem beat Comstock 15-13, 15-4, and followed that with a 15-4, 15-9 win over the Blazers in the semifinals. Against East Kentwood in the final, the Rocks prevailed 16-14, 15-1.

Amanda Suder's 70 kills, 14 aces and 62 digs in the tournament led Salem. Andrea Pruett hit 310 with 27 kills; Angie Sillmon had 56 kills and 38 digs; and Laine Sterling got 160 assists to kills.

"Any kind of loss is a letdown," said Teeters. "After last weekend, they were flying high. But you're going to have matches like that, you've just got to correct the mistakes and go on."

Salem has nothing scheduled for Saturday; the Rocks resume WLAA play at Westland John Glenn

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STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HOFFMEYER

A missed chance: Salem's Jill Dombrowski can't block a Central spike in Monday's match.

Rypkowski elevates Salem

Thank goodness this non-league stuff is over with.

Or so Plymouth Salem's basketball team must think. The final two non-leaguers on Salem's schedule went down to the wire, with the Rocks prevailing — and much of the credit going to Aaron Rypkowski.

The senior guard poured in 22 points, including the game-tying basket, in a 49-46 win at state-ranked Riverview. On Tuesday against visiting West Bloomfield, Rypkowski scored 18 points

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— including a go-ahead three-pointer with :20 left — to carry the Rocks to a 53-51 triumph.

The win pushed Salem's record to 8-0 overall, 6-0 against non-league opponents (none of whom have a losing record). West Bloomfield fell to 4-3.

"They're a good team, very athletic and well-disciplined," said Salem coach Bob Brodie of the Lakers. "We had a

lead most of the game, but it was a fragile lead."

The Rocks led 12-7 after one quarter, but West Bloomfield trimmed that to 22-20 at the half. In the third quarter Salem again put on a spurt, opening up an eight-point advantage, only to see the Lakers battle back to make it a game in the final period.

Luke Filar led the West Bloomfield rally, scoring all 12 of his points in the second half — seven in the fourth quar-

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Pioneers reign over Rock Invite

Invite the best, expect the worst?

One thing can be said about Livonia Stevenson's, Plymouth Salem's and Plymouth Canton's swim teams — they don't dodge competition and try to run up their records.

Last Saturday, Salem hosted its Rock Invitational, a unique format for a swim meet that consists of four heats in each individual event, with each team allowed one entry per heat. The heats are all scored the same (seven points for first, five for second, etc.); the object is to put your fastest entry in

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the fastest heat, your second fastest in the second heat, and so on. There are also three relay heats, based on the same concept.

Teams with depth are expected to fare best in this type of meet. Salem, the winner of the last six Western Lakes Activities Association championships, has succeeded largely because of its superior depth. However, that concept didn't help the Rocks Satur-

day.

Of course, many of the state's best swimmers were present. Three of the five teams competing (Birmingham Groves was a no-show) were ranked in the state's top 10, and a fourth (Birmingham Seaholm) soon will be.

Second-ranked Ann Arbor Pioneer won its second-straight Rock Invite title with 333 points to easily outscore runner-up Seaholm (218). A surprise, of sorts, came at third, where Livonia Stevenson (209) edged Salem (204).

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Whalers add 3 more wins to their total

The streak is over for the Plymouth Whalers.

Not the win streak — that reached six-straight with Sunday's 7-2 trouncing



of the Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds Sunday in front of 2,886 fans in Sault Ste. Marie.

What ended was the Whalers shutout string. Their previous two opponents, the Brampton Battalion last Thursday (8-0) and the Guelph Storm Saturday (4-0), had both been blanked at Plymouth's Compuware Arena.

The 'Hounds ended that in the opening period Sunday, but it did them no good. Harold Druken added to his Ontario Hockey League-leading goal total to put the Whalers ahead early (2:54 into the opening period); Jason Ward made it 2-0 with a short-handed goal five min-

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ter. The Lakers finally got the lead in the final minute, only to be undone by Rypkowski's triple that made it 53-51 and a steal with eight seconds left by Rob Jones.

Jones finished with 13 points and Adam Wilson totaled 11 points and five assists. Tony Jancevski had seven points and seven rebounds, and Jake Gray contributed six assists.

Brandon Grant led West Bloomfield with 15 points.

"We didn't play real well, but give West Bloomfield credit," said Brodie.

Still, considering a non-league schedule that also included Belleville, Ann Arbor Huron, Monroe, Riverview and Detroit Northern, would the Salem coach have thought his team would be undefeated?

"I thought we could be, but would I have bet on it?" he asked; then answered, "No — not with the schedule we played."

But there the Rocks are, unbeaten and ranked as high as fourth in the state.

PCA 61, Southfield Christian 39: The showdown is set. Plymouth Christian Academy ran its overall record to 8-1 and stayed perfect after two games in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference with a runaway at Southfield Christian Tuesday.

Next up is Allen Park Inter-City Baptist, also unbeaten in the MIAC and 8-1 overall. That game is at 7 p.m. Friday at PCA.

A balanced offensive attack carried the Eagles past Southfield Christian. Four players

reached double figures in scoring, led by Mike Huntsman's 15 points. Jordan Roose added 12 points and five assists, and Deric Isensee and A.J. Sherrill netted 11 points apiece, with Isensee grabbing nine rebounds and Sherrill dishing out four assists.

Pete Weist topped Southfield Christian with eight points; Eric Hall and Justin Mateer added seven points apiece.

PCA led 15-10 after one quarter and 32-19 at the half, that spread was increased to 51-33 after three quarters.

Stevenson 69, Franklin 52: If anybody knows what Dan Robinson and Livonia Franklin are going through, it's Tim Newman and Livonia Stevenson.

Stevenson handled Franklin Tuesday night to keep the Patriots winless in seven tries this season.

The Spartans can empathize, though, because last year they were the team that was winless at this point. In fact, Stevenson went the whole season without winning a game. It is 4-3 following the non-league game between league opponents.

Guard Dave Stando played his best game of the season, scoring 13 points and tying junior John Van Buren for high point honors with Stevenson.

Junior Mike Lenarden had 11, Brett Koch nine, Ryan Tobin eight, Keshay McChristian seven and Marty Kennedy six.

"We only had eight kids," Newman said, "so we played short-handed. We started out quick. "Every kid played and every kid contributed."

Dustin Kuras scored 19 points for Franklin, including 11-for-15 free throw shooting, and also had nine rebounds.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Fastpitch clinic

Madonna University will conduct a girls fastpitch softball clinic from 2-4 p.m. for six consecutive Sundays.

The clinic is \$20 per session or \$80 for all six weeks. It consists of sessions on hitting, bunting, infield/outfield, baserunning, pitching/catching and defensive positions.

Pitchers and catchers are required to stay an additional half-hour.

Pre-registration is required.

For more information, call coach Al White at (734) 432-5783 or (734) 495-3719 or assistant coach Dave Brubaker at (248) 666-3238.

Family skate

The Canton Parks and Recreation Services is hosting a family skate night from 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 21 (weather permitting) at Heritage Park Ponds, located behind the Canton Administration Building. The ponds will be lighted for evening skating and refreshments will be available. No registration is necessary, there is no residency requirements and there is no charge.

Call the Parks and Rec office at (734) 397-5110 for skating conditions or information.

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utes later. The Greyhounds countered with first-period goals by John Osborne and Chad Spurr, knotting it at 2-2 after one period.

But that was it for Sault Ste. Marie (22-16-4 record). David Legwand put the Whalers (33-8-3) ahead to stay midway through the second period, and both he and Druken netted their second goals of the game in the third. Druken, who also had an assist, has 42 goals; Legwand has 22. Legwand's second goal was the Whalers' second short-handed goal of the game.

Adam Colagiaco and Damian Surma added third-period goals; Randy Fitzgerald had two assists in the game.

Robert Holsinger made 24 saves in goal in earning the win for Plymouth. Jake McCracken had 45 saves for the Greyhounds.

Saturday's win over the Storm, in front of crowd of 3,878 at Compuware, featured one very unique characteristic: None of the Whalers top scorers scored a point — not Colagiaco, not Druken,

not Legwand. And they still won handily.

Julian Smith and Eric Goody provided all the goal-scoring, each scoring twice. Goody has 13 goals this season, Smith 12. Jared Newman and Ward had two assists apiece.

Holsinger turned away 27 shots in shutting out the Midwest Division-leading Storm (27-15-2). Chris Madden had 50 stops for Guelph.

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Bellefonte Bulls	22	16	6	50
Oshawa Generals	23	17	3	49
Kingston Frontenacs	14	27	2	30
Central Division	W	L	T	Pts.
Barrie Colts	32	6	4	68
North Bay Centennials	18	24	4	40
Sudbury Wolves	15	22	7	37
Toronto St. M. Majors	12	25	4	28
Miss. Ice Dogs	1	39	3	5
West Division	W	L	T	Pts.
Plymouth Whalers	33	8	3	69
Sarnia Sting	22	13	5	49
SSM Greyhounds	22	16	4	48
London Knights	19	23	2	40
Windsor Spitfires	12	26	5	29
Midwest Division	W	L	T	Pts.
Guelph Storm	27	15	2	56
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Canton overcomes bad Invite; Aquinto tops Rocks

Plymouth Canton's gymnastics team regained a bit of its confidence Tuesday with a 128.40-126.00 dual-meet win at Westland John Glenn.

The win evened the Chiefs' overall record at 3-3; they are 1-1 in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

The Rockets had three of the top four all-around scores in the meet, but little else. "That describes John Glenn's problem: one, two, three and uh-oh," said Canton coach John Cunningham. "I can go with seven girls who can score."

Liz Fitzgerald led the Chiefs, totaling 33.25 in the all-around with an 8.2 in the uneven parallel bars (first), an 8.45 in the vault (second), an 8.45 in the balance beam (second) and an 8.15 in the floor exercise (fifth).

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Jessica Beach was Glenn's best, scoring a 9.55 on the floor (first), an 8.5 on the beam (first), an 8.3 on the vault (third) and a 7.85 on the bars (fourth).

Glenn's Nicole Simonian and Kristen Costantino were third and fourth in the all-around with respective scores of 32.65 and 32.30. Simonian won the vault (8.6) and was second in floor (8.9); Costantino finished third in both the bars (7.9) and floor (8.75).

Other top scorers for Canton were Amy Driscoll, who was fifth in the all-around (32.25) with a 7.85 in bars (second), an 8.25 in the beam (third), an

8.25 in vault (fourth) and an 8.1 in floor (sixth); Maggie Bett, sixth in the all-around (31.10) with a pair of fourths in the beam (8.2) and floor (8.2); Kristen Schilk, fifth in beam (8.0) and sixth in bars (7.55); and Jill Rakovitis, sixth in vault (7.85).

Last Saturday at the Rockford Invitational, neither Plymouth Salem nor Canton performed exceptionally well, but the Rocks did manage a fifth-place finish in the 15-team event by scoring 127.2 points. Portage took first with 135.60, followed by Holland and East Kentwood. Canton was 10th with 122.80.

"It was not our best score," said Salem coach Melissa Hopson. "But April

Aquinto had a wonderful meet. She did very well. The rest of the team was a bit shaky, but she was right on."

Aquinto finished second in the Division II all-around with a 34.05 total. Aquinto placed third in both the vault (8.65) and beam (8.5), was fourth in the floor (8.8) and took a fifth in the bars (8.1).

Melissa Drake, competing in Division I, finished fifth in the all-around with a 33.1. Drake was fifth in the vault (8.4); she scored 8.85 in floor, 8.5 in bars and 7.35 in beam.

Other all-around totals for Salem were Ashley Heard with a 30.1 (7.3 vault, 7.65 bars, 7.9 beam and 7.25 floor) and Janine Schmedding with a 29.95 (7.9 vault, 7.4 bars, 6.75 beam

and 7.9 floor). Other good scores for the Rocks were Ann-Marie Zielinski, 7.35 on vault; Mahshid Pirzadeh, 6.65 on beam; Emily Nicolau, 6.45 on floor; and Kara Dendinos, 5.7 on bars.

For Canton, Tuesday's win over Glenn came at a good time — considering Saturday's performance. The Chiefs were without Fitzgerald, who had to take a scholarship qualification examination, and according to Cunningham, not many of the others stepped up.

Driscoll was one who did, placing sixth in the Division II all-around. Driscoll was second on floor, third on bars and sixth on vault. Schilk also placed in an event, finishing sixth in floor.

PREP WRESTLING RANKINGS

These rankings are compiled weekly by a panel of area coaches including Marty Altounian (Livonia Churchill), Jim Carlin (Redford Union), Dave Chiola (Garden City) and Bob Moreau (Livonia Stevenson).

TEAM RANKINGS

1. Redford Catholic Central.
2. Plymouth Salem.
3. Garden City.
4. Livonia Stevenson.
5. Livonia Clarenceville.

INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS

103 pounds: 1. Joe Moreau (Livonia Stevenson); 2. Chris O'Hara (Redford Catholic Central); 3. Josh Gunterman (Stevenson); 4. Kyle Pitt (Plymouth Canton); 5. Dan Tondreau (Clarenceville).

112: 1. John Mervyn (Plymouth Salem); 2. Mike Kassabri (Wayne Memorial); 3. Pat Sayn (GC); 4. Ronnie Thompson (Salem); 5. Jesse Purdon (Westland John Glenn).

119: 1. Jon Gregg (Wayne); 2. Vinnie Zoccolli (GC); 3. Rob Ash (Salem); 4. Steve

Vasiloff (Livonia Churchill); 5. Jim Gourlay (Redford Union).

125: 1. Justin Beseler (Wayne); 2. Brian Reed (GC); 3. Jesse Stevens (RU); 4. Justin Schafer (Farmington Hills Harrison); 5. Paul Goyt (Wayne).

130: 1. David Lemmon (Livonia Clarenceville); 2. Jeff Albrecht (John Glenn); 3. John Pocock (Canton); 4. Trevor Clark (North Farmington); 5. Tony Lema (Farmington).

135: 1. Nate Wensko (Wayne); 2. Josh Henderson (Salem); 3. Jeff Wheeler (Redford CC); 4. Derek Azzopardi (Livonia Franklin); 5. Dan LeClerc (Clarenceville).

140: 1. Jeff Usher (Thurston); 2. Imad Kharbush (Stevenson); 3. Ryan Shiplett (Franklin); 4. Jim Shelton (Canton); 5. Jake Taylor (Harrison).

145: 1. Mike Carter (Churchill); 2. Ryan Zajdel (Redford CC); 3. Ken Raupp (Wayne); 4. Josh Fee (GC); 5. Alan Duff (Franklin).

152: 1. Mitch Hancock (Redford CC); 2.

Brandon LaPointe (Churchill); 3. Kevin Stone (Canton); 4. Eddie Traynor (GC); 5. Mark Ostash (Farmington).

160: 1. Robert Demick (Canton); 2. Brian Barker (Stevenson); 3. Pete Langer (John Glenn); 4. Kurt Spann (Wayne); 5. Tony Rachoza (Clarenceville).

171: 1. Brian Hinzman (GC); 2. Ryan Mathison (Redford CC); 3. Eric Toska (Franklin); 4. Adam Marcum (Clarenceville); 5. Mark DeLaFuenta (Thurston).

189: 1. Steve Mysilinski (Franklin); 2. Walter Ragland (Clarenceville); 3. Andy Wood (Farmington); 4. Andy Conlin (Redford CC); 5. Ollie Muscarella (RU).

215: 1. Brocc Naysmith (Redford CC); 2. Will Baker (RU); 3. Bryant Lawrence (Thurston); 4. Eric Puninske (Stevenson); 5. Steve Garrett (Franklin).

Heavyweight: 1. Casey Rogowski (Redford CC); 2. Brian Brinsden (Farmington); 3. Charlie Hamblin (Salem); 4. Mike Gaffke (Churchill); 5. Carl LaLonde (Thurston).

Chiefs split up for variety of results

A split squad led to divided results for Plymouth Canton's wrestling team last Saturday.

The juniors and seniors — there were only five of them healthy enough to compete — traveled to the Romulus Invitational, where Kevin Stone emerged with a first-place finish in the 152-pound division.

The sophomores and freshmen both competed at the Garden City Novice Tournament, wrestling against those from

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their own class. The sophomore Chiefs had six top-six finishes, with Kyle Pitt (103) taking a first. D.J. Hylko (135), Derek Sarber (140), Jeff Bellaire (160) and Derek McWatt (275) each finished fifth, with Steve Berlacki (112), Scott McKee (145) and Derek Miller (215) taking sixths. The freshmen Chiefs placed

six in the top six. Doy Demick (112), Greg Musser (125) and Phil Rothwell (189) were first-place winners; Kevin Rodriguez (130) placed fourth and Shahein Rajee (160) earned a sixth.

"This was a good chance for us to see what we could do against wrestlers of a similar age," said Canton coach John Demick. "Since we are a young team, we often are putting our freshmen on the varsity against a junior or senior from another school."

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Monday, Canton is also idle Saturday; the Chiefs host Livonia Stevenson Monday.

PCA up, down

Plymouth Christian Academy continues on an up-and-down course in volleyball.

The Eagles stayed with once-beaten Grass Lake for a game, but after that fell badly in a 15-12, 15-0 loss Monday at Grass Lake. The loss left PCA with a 3-

5-1 record; Grass Lake is 7-1.

Jenny Sutherland led the attack with five kills. Taryn Moran added four blocks, Rachel Sumner had 12 assists to kills and Debbie Gullede got 20 digs.

Last Thursday, Taylor Baptist Parklost to the Eagles 15-10, 15-12 at PCA. Sutherland had nine kills, Moran had six kills and Sumner got 14 assists to kills.

Agape perfect

Canton Agape Christian improved to 5-0 with a 15-2, 21-19 win over Saline Christian Tuesday at Saline.

Kim Ther paced the Wolverine attack with six kills and three service aces. Charla Sexton added six service aces.

Agape hosts Madison Heights Temple Christian at 4:30 p.m. Monday.

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ROCKERS IS SOCCER

Crusaders falter; Ocelots scratch out a win

Just when it seems things couldn't get any worse... Madonna University's men's

basketball coach Bernie Holowicki, trying to keep pace with a team that had 15 wins in its pre-

vious 21 games, resorted to a slow-down attack in Saturday's Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Con-

MEN'S HOOP

ference game against visiting Tri-State University.

The slow-down worked. The strategy didn't.

The Fighting Crusaders limited the Thunder to 50 shots from the floor, but in doing so could muster only 44 themselves. The end result was a 56-32 Tri-State win.

Madonna slipped to 5-13 overall, 1-3 in the WHAC. Tri-State is 16-6 overall, 2-2 in the WHAC.

That wasn't the only bad news for the Crusaders. It was confirmed that forward Narvin Rusaw and guard Nick Hurley (from Plymouth Canton) will be lost for the remainder of the season due to academic difficulties. Both were starters.

That makes it four players lost for the season for Madonna. Ian Wincher (Redford St. Agatha) was also an academic casualty; Matt Martinez (Redford Catholic Central) left the team for personal reasons.

Holowicki did have nine players available for the Tri-State game, but four are freshmen.

Against the Thunder, Madonna managed just 15 first-half shots from the field and trailed 21-12. While the Crusaders' shot production increased significantly in the second half (to 29 shots), their accuracy didn't

(26.7 percent in the first half, 27.6 percent in the second).

Chad LaCross scored 20 points and Mike Kennealy added 15 for the Thunder. Lucas Boehm added 10 rebounds.

Madonna's top scorers were Mark Mitchell, Mike Massey and John-Mark Branch, with six points apiece.

The Crusaders were out-rebounded 41-23, including a 14-5 advantage for Tri-State on the offensive boards.

Ocelots edge Henry Ford

It was, in the words of Schoolcraft College men's basketball coach Carlos Briggs, "our worst game of the year."

But the Ocelots managed to stave off defeat Saturday against visiting Henry Ford CC, posting a 79-78 victory. That made SC, the 15th-ranked team in the NJCAA, 13-0 overall and 3-0 in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association's Eastern Conference. The Hawks are 7-6 overall (with four losses to ranked teams), 2-2 in the conference.

"Give Henry Ford credit," said Briggs. "They played well."

Briggs did not feel the same about his team, although he was impressed with the victory. "We missed 18 free throws (10-of-28 for the game) and had 25 turnovers, and we still won. That tells you something about your basketball team."

A Chris Colley basket in the final minute gave SC a four-point lead, but Henry Ford battled back to tie it on a layup by Cliff Stewart. It took a free throw by David Jarrett (Westland John Glenn) with 1.65 seconds left to clinch it for the Ocelots.

Henry Ford led 46-38 at the half and was ahead by as many as 11 in the second half. SC rallied in the final minutes behind Colley, who scored 10 of his 12 points, and Derek McKelvey and Lamar Bigby, who scored nine points apiece in the second half. McKelvey finished with a team-high 17 points, including five three-pointers; Bigby netted 15. Dashawn Williams scored 12, and Jarrett had eight points, 13 rebounds and five assists. Mario Montgomery dished out six assists.

Henry Ford got 22 points from Stefan Allen, 17 points from Tom Bellino and 10 apiece from Tim Frye and Cliff Stewart.

"The key stat was that at the start of the second half, we were not able to get back into our press," said Hawks' coach Gary Nustad. "When we did, it caused problems."

"They had seven huge offensive rebounds. They were back-breakers, but those are things you can't control. You just try to take advantage of your quickness. It was physical inside."

S'craft battles back to overtake Hawks; Madonna tumbles to 0-4 in conference

Balanced scoring helped Schoolcraft College's women's basketball team overcome a 14-point, second-half deficit and win its third-straight MCCA Eastern Conference game Saturday, 71-65 over visiting Henry Ford CC.

The Lady Ocelots improved to 11-3 overall and remain unbeaten in the conference (3-0). Henry Ford fell to 8-6 overall, 2-2 in the conference.

SC trailed by 14 with 11:49 left in the game, but battled back for the victory behind Antone' Watson's 19 points, five assists and nine steals; Samantha Theisen's 13 points and six rebounds; Esther Ross' 13 points and nine boards; and Jamie Lewandowski's 10 points, four rebounds and three steals.

Madonna stumbles again

WOMEN'S HOOP

A road trip to Angola, Ind., to play a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference game against Tri-State University provided no relief for Madonna University.

The Lady Crusaders remained winless in the WHAC with their fourth-straight league loss, this time by an 80-68 margin. They are 11-8 overall. The Thunder improved to 11-7 overall, 3-1 in the WHAC.

Tri-State scored the game's first seven points and never trailed. Madonna did trim the early deficit down to two twice, but the Thunder finished the first half with a 13-2 run that pushed their advantage to 40-25 at the break. The gap was never less than 12 in the second half.

Tri-State converted 32-of-62 floor shots (51.6 percent), including 7-of-14 three-pointers (50 percent); Madonna was 23-of-55 from the field (41.8 percent) and 6-of-19 from three-point range (31.6 percent). The Thunder also had a 36-31 rebounding edge.

Lori Enfield's 19 points and five rebounds topped the Crusaders. Kathy Pangonis had 13 points and Katie Cushman got 11. However, Madonna's high-scoring backcourt of Cushman and Chris Dietrich combined for just 17 points and five assists, while committing 11 turnovers.

Tri-State was led by Jill Pliske with 17 points and seven boards. Chiara Chambers added 12 points and Crystal Hardesty netted 11. Eleven members of the Thunder scored in the game; eight scored for Madonna.

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SWIM RESULTS

PLYMOUTH SALEM 129
LIVONIA CHURCHILL 55
Jan. 19 at Salem

200-yard medley relay: Salem (Kevin Crabb, Andrew Locke, Mark Witthoff, Mike Johnson), 1:49.88; **200 freestyle:** Paul Perez (PS), 1:58.16; **200 individual medley:** Matt Casillas (PS), 2:14.78; **50 freestyle:** Bill Randall (LG), 23.55; **diving:** Greg Kubitski (PS), 152.75 points; **100 butterfly:** Brian Mertens (PS), 1:38.08; **100 freestyle:** Randall (LG), 51.47; **500 freestyle:** Casillas (PS), 5:15.34; **200 freestyle relay:** Salem (Fred Klein, Ryan Kappeler, Jason Rebarchik, Dave Carson), 1:38.99; **100 backstroke:** Aaron Shelton (PS), 58.61; **100 breaststroke:** Stephen Gammel (PS), 1:12.4; **400 freestyle relay:** Salem (Locke, Witthoff, Dan Jones, Perez), 3:29.05. **Dual meet records:** Salem, 4-0; Churchill, 1-3.

BEST BOYS SWIM TIMES

Following is a list of boys Observerland best swim times and diving scores. Coaches can report updates to Dan O'Meara by faxing information to (734) 591-7279 or calling (734) 953-2141.

200-YARD MEDLEY RELAY
(state cut: 1:42.99)
North Farmington 1:43.26
Livonia Stevenson 1:44.71
Plymouth Salem 1:45.23
Plymouth Canton 1:45.73
Westland John Glenn 1:51.01

200 FREESTYLE
(state cut: 1:49.39)
Keith Falk (Stevenson) 1:45.36
Ryan Meekins (Redford CC) 1:48.51
Don LeClair (Canton) 1:53.11
James McPartlin (John Glenn) 1:53.13
Kurtis Hornick (Canton) 1:53.30
Brian Mertens (Salem) 1:54.89
Bryant Steele (Redford CC) 1:56.41
Josh Markou (Redford CC) 1:56.99
Brandon Digia (N. Farmington) 1:57.48
Mike Malik (Stevenson) 1:57.73

200 INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY
(state cut: 2:03.99)
Keith Falk (Stevenson) 2:00.50
Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 2:00.95
James McPartlin (John Glenn) 2:09.40
Paul Perez (Salem) 2:09.59
Brett Meconis (Redford CC) 2:11.34
Mike Nemer (Stevenson) 2:11.54
Aaron Shelton (Salem) 2:12.05
Jim Gabriel (N. Farmington) 2:12.20
Brad Nilson (Canton) 2:12.80
Arlon Reeder (Canton) 2:12.90

50 FREESTYLE
(state cut: 22.59)
Andrew Locke (Salem) 22.35
Matt Zaid (N. Farmington) 22.52
Kurtis Hornick (Canton) 23.00
Keith Falk (Stevenson) 23.00
James McPartlin (John Glenn) 23.00
Don LeClair (Canton) 23.09
Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 23.34
Ryan Meekins (Redford CC) 23.38
Bill Randall (Churchill) 23.55
Josh Markou (Redford CC) 23.85

DIVING
Greg Brazunas (Redford CC) 253.95
Joe Lebovic (N. Farmington) 232.85
Mike Mattis (Redford CC) 230.50
Chris McFarland (John Glenn) 208.15
Justin Goodwin (N. Farmington) 177.55
Kory Stevens (Redford CC) 169.50
Greg Kubitski (Salem) 165.40
Mike Baskin (Stevenson) 157.00
Jason Zykowski (Stevenson) 133.95
Gerald Bennett (Canton) 121.70

100 BUTTERFLY
(state cut: 55.59)
James McPartlin (John Glenn) 54.79
Keith Falk (Stevenson) 55.00
Brett Meconis (Redford CC) 56.39
Paul Perez (Salem) 57.34
Kurtis Hornick (Canton) 57.45

Adam Farber (N. Farmington) 59.33
Mark Wachsborg (N. Farmington) 59.39
Bryant Steele (Redford CC) 1:00.71
Robert Cambridge (Stevenson) 1:01.00
Justin Allen (Canton) 1:01.18

100 FREESTYLE
(state cut: 49.49)
Keith Falk (Stevenson) 49.09
Ryan Meekins (Redford CC) 49.30
Matt Zaid (N. Farmington) 49.99
Andrew Locke (Salem) 50.50
Don LeClair (Canton) 50.59
Bill Randall (Churchill) 51.47
Kurt Hornick (Canton) 52.03
Brandon Digia (N. Farmington) 52.87
Mark Witthoff (Salem) 52.90
Dan Jones (Salem) 53.67

500 FREESTYLE
(state cut: 4:57.39)
Keith Falk (Stevenson) 4:52.97
Brian Mertens (Salem) 5:07.00
Ryan Meekins (Redford CC) 5:07.81
Justin Ketterer (Stevenson) 5:13.37
Mike Malik (Stevenson) 5:19.01
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Craig Paske (N. Farmington) 5:23.85
Justin Allen (Canton) 5:24.21
Garrett Stone (John Glenn) 5:24.52

200 FREESTYLE RELAY
(state cut: 1:31.99)
Plymouth Salem 1:32.80
Plymouth Canton 1:33.38
Redford Catholic Central 1:35.35
North Farmington 1:37.83
Livonia Stevenson 1:39.40

100 BACKSTROKE
(state cut: 56.39)
Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 55.95
Jim Gabriel (N. Farmington) 57.95
Aaron Reeder (Canton) 58.06
Devin Hopper (Farmington) 59.24
Matt Casillas (Salem) 59.46
Justin Allen (Canton) 1:00.06
Brad Nilson (Canton) 1:01.36
Eric Lynn (Salem) 1:01.49
Ryan Meekins (Redford CC) 1:02.00
James McPartlin (John Glenn) 1:02.85

100 BREASTSTROKE
(state cut: 1:03.19)
Adam Farber (N. Farmington) 1:03.71
Kevin VanTiem (Stevenson) 1:06.14
Mike Nemer (Stevenson) 1:06.15
Josh Markou (Redford CC) 1:06.70
Aaron Shelton (Salem) 1:07.90
Jon Heiss (Canton) 1:08.90
Sonny Webber (Wayne) 1:09.22
Mike McCowan (Stevenson) 1:09.29
Jon Zaid (N. Farmington) 1:09.42
Justin Smoes (Wayne) 1:09.46

400 FREESTYLE RELAY
(state cut: 3:23.09)
North Farmington 3:26.08
Livonia Stevenson 3:28.56
Plymouth Salem 3:32.75
Redford Catholic Central 3:33.49
Plymouth Canton 3:34.03

Trenton ambushes top-ranked Shamrocks

Beating Redford Catholic Central's No. 1 rated hockey team is one thing, but shutting the Shamrocks out at home is close to a Miracle on Ice.

Trenton accomplished both in a stunning 1-0 victory over previously undefeated CC before a sellout crowd Saturday at Redford Arena.

PREP HOCKEY

Trenton, the defending Class A champion which came in ranked No. 5 in the statewide polls, improved to 11-2 overall and 6-1 in the Metro Hockey League standings. The Trojans have won two of the last three

state titles and have appeared in the last four finals, but beating CC (11-1) has proven to be elusive the previous two regular seasons.

Trenton's senior goaltender Ben Rader recorded the shutout. Sophomore defenseman Andy Greene broke the scoreless tie with five minutes left in the second period.

Swimming from page C1

Canton placed fifth (154).

In the fastest heats, neither Salem nor Canton had a first-place finish. Livonia Stevenson had one: Keith Falk won the 200-yard freestyle (1:45.36), edging Pioneer's Robert Urquhart (1:45.65). Falk also took a second in the 500 free's fastest heat (4:52.97); Salem's Brian Mertens was third in the quickest heat in both events (1:56.36 in the 200, 5:09.80 in the 500).

There were two individual-event double-winners in the fastest heats, and both were

from Seaholm: David Wilson won both the 200 individual medley (1:58.78) and the 100 breaststroke (1:00.12), and Bill Sargent took both the 100 freestyle (47.68) and the 100 backstroke (53.03).

The other four individual-event firsts in the best heats went to Pioneer swimmers: Leif Drake in the 50 free (21.75); Andrew Sivulka in diving (467.15 points); Ben Callam in the 100 butterfly (54.92); and Ray Cubberly in the 500 free (4:43.31).

The Pioneers also had the fastest foursomes in both the 200 free relay and the 400 free relay. Their 200 free team of Drake, Brad Gregorka, Will Wakefield and Urquhart (1:30.87) finished ahead of runner-up Salem's Andrew Locke, Matt Casillas, Mark Witthoff and Dan Jones (1:32.80); the Pioneer 400 team consisted of Drake, Callam, Urquhart and Cubberly (3:13.72).

Seaholm's Sargent, Wilson, Fabio Dacuhna and Mike Studt posted the fastest time in the

200 medley relay (1:38.24).

Locke had the best finishes in top heats for Salem, placing second in the 50 free (22.35) and third in the 100 free (50.50). For Canton, Blake Brunner was second in diving (268.55 points) and Aaron Reeder was third in the 100 back (59.54) in the top heats.

Stevenson's Joe Bublitz placed second in the fastest heat of 100 back (55.95) and third in the 200 IM (2:00.95), and Kevin VanTiem was second in the 100 breast (1:06.14).

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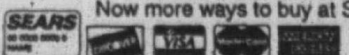
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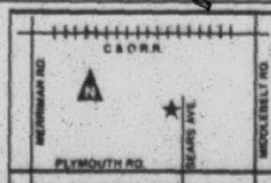
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2. Certification of additional General Fund Tax Revenues from various sources for FY 1997-98 totaling \$7,400,000 and an accompanying budget adjustment to appropriate \$7,400,000 in the General Fund and to certify \$500,000 of revenue and appropriate the same in the Child Care Fund and to certify \$1,500,000 of revenue and appropriate the same in the General Debt Service Fund; and to certify \$2,100,000 of revenue and appropriate the same in the Building Authority Debt Services Fund.
3. Transfer of appropriations for FY 1997-98 from the Health Fund and the Mental Health Fund appropriation units to other Health Fund appropriation units totaling \$2,000,000.
4. Certification of additional revenue in the General Debt Service Fund totaling \$2,485,000 and appropriate \$2,485,000 in General Debt Service Fund.

In accordance with Budget Adjustment Nos. 98-35-180, 98-35-181, 98-35-182 & 98-35-185.

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 1999, 10:00 a.m.

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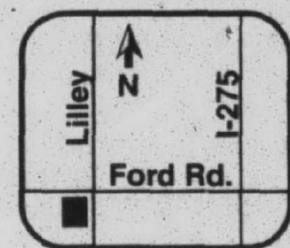
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THE WEEKEND

FRIDAY



Sam Raimi, a graduate of Birmingham Groves High School, directs "A Simple Plan," opening today at metro Detroit movie theaters. See review on page E6.

SATURDAY



Julie Harris and Charles Durning star in "The Gin Game" 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. at Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit. Tickets \$25-\$46.50 at the Music Hall Box Office and all Ticketmaster locations. For more information, call (313) 963-2366. To charge tickets, call (248) 645-6666.

SUNDAY



Love is the theme of the 3 p.m. "Classics on the Lake" concert featuring soprano Valerie Yova and lyric tenor David Troiano in the shrine chapel on the campus of St. Mary's College, Orchard Lake Road (at Commerce Road). Tickets \$15 and \$25, call (248) 683-1750.

HOT TICKET



Dance and sing a long with your favorite Sesame Street Live friends as Professor Art's Guzzinta 2000 machine makes the pages of "Elmo's Coloring Book" come alive through Sunday, Jan. 31 at the Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets \$24.50, \$16, \$12 and \$9 available at the Fox Theatre and Joe Louis Arena box offices, all Ticketmaster locations, or call (248) 433-1515. Call (313) 983-6611 for information.



Duelling duo: Richard Hartle as George Hay and Mary Jolliffe, Charlotte Hay, in a scene from St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild of Cranbrook's production of "Moon Over Buffalo."

SHINING AT ST. DUNSTAN'S 'Moon Over Buffalo'

BY KEELY WYGONIK
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TV is a pretty newfangled invention when compared to something as ancient as live theater. In 1953 some people were worried that TV and movies would replace live theater, but it didn't.

Still, the idea of theater being replaced intrigued playwright Ken Ludwig who wrote "Moon Over Buffalo" opening Friday at St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild of Cranbrook and now playing at the Dearborn Player's Guild.

"It's been done before - well and not well - I think we'll have a lot of people laughing," said Richard Hartle who stars as George Hay. "The play celebrates live theater and the fun of seeing it."

Director Amy Lynn Smith sets the scene. It's 1953 and TV is killing live theater. George and Charlotte Hay are veteran actors who are quickly headed toward has-been status when opportunity knocks on their repertory theater door.

Movie director Frank Capra is seeking leading actors for his new film, and is planning to attend the repertory theater's matinee performance in Buffalo, N.Y.

Chaos is everywhere. George gets roaring drunk when he realizes his wife Charlotte (Mary Jolliffe) knows about his philandering. The Hays' daughter Rosalind has just returned home with her new (and somewhat confused) fiancé, Howard, much to the chagrin of her former boyfriend, Paul,

ON STAGE

WHAT: St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild of Cranbrook presents "Moon Over Buffalo" by Ken Ludwig.

WHEN: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 22-23, Jan. 29-30 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 24.

WHERE: At the playhouse, 400 Lone Pine Road, on the grounds of Cranbrook Educational Community, Bloomfield Hills.

TICKETS: \$12 adults, students and seniors \$10, call (248) 644-0527.

who is also the theater company's manager.

"Add Charlotte's deaf mother, a high-strung ingenue and the couple's dashing but slimy lawyer - and stir briskly for fast-paced comedy of errors, slamming of doors and unabashed admiration for live theater," said Smith.

Hartle and Jolliffe are longtime St. Dunstan's members who performed together on stage as a married couple in the group's 1983 production of "Tribute."

They are longtime friends and enjoy sharing the stage. "We play off of each other well," said Hartle. "I love working with him," said Jolliffe about her leading man. "He's solid, he's good and has such a marvelous manner with the character."

Hartle says the play is a funny look at a group of traveling actors. "We all have great hopes, and we've done some movies before," he said. "I'm the philandering husband, and she's the irate wife, but getting a part in the movie becomes more important to her."

Playing the drunk is hard, said Hartle. "You have to give this illusion of being drunk, but it has to be humorous. They're trying to sober me up for the play, (which is only a half hour away), but they give me Irish coffee instead of regular coffee by mistake."

For Hartle, performing in community theater is a great escape. "You are in another world," he said. "You forget all your cares and woes. It's a form of creativity, it's fun. I enjoy making a character come to life, and making people care about them."

Jolliffe really likes her character. "She has a wacky life, yet she's a very loving person. She's dramatic and really has a nice personality. It's a very funny play. When I first read it, I laughed out loud."

A member of St. Dunstan's since 1959, Jolliffe "just loves the theater. It transports you to another world," she said. "There's a wonderful sense of teamwork when you're working on a show. You become almost like a family, and can count on each other. It's very supportive."

"In many ways 'Moon Over Buffalo,' depicts life at a theater that is very similar to St. Dunstan's," said Smith. "Like most community theater groups we don't have a lot of money and we work very hard to get ourselves noticed. We may encounter hurdles or challenges while producing our shows - but we are connected by our mutual love of theater and our desire to put on the very best productions we can, for the entertainment and enlightenment of our audiences."

DSO introduces Tiny Tots to wild kingdom

Detroit Symphony Orchestra opens its 1998-99 Tiny Tots Concert Series with "Animal Portraits," 10:15 a.m. and 11:45 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 23 at Mercy High School, 29300 11 Mile Road (at Middlebelt), Farmington Hills. Tickets \$10, available at Mercy High School 45 minutes before the start of the performance, or call (313) 576-5111. To purchase tickets on-line www.detroitssymphony.com

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Bill Lucas is working next Saturday at Mercy High School in Farmington Hills, and he's bringing his family along.

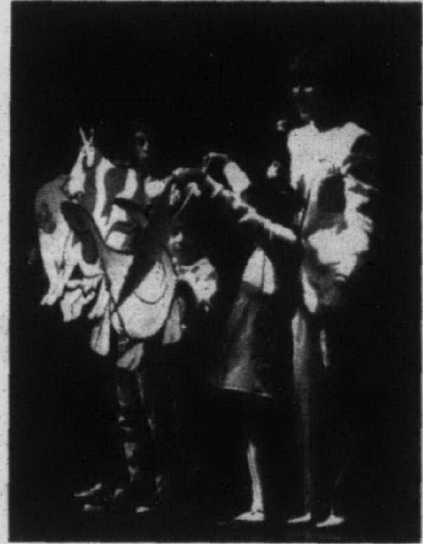
While he's worrying about the "Entry of the Gladiators," a "Waltzing Cat," and "Bear with a Sore Head," they'll be in the audience enjoying the opening of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra's Tiny Tots Concert Series.

"I enjoy these concerts, they're in the neighborhood," said Lucas of Bloomfield Hills, a full-time DSO member since May 1988. "We like playing these concerts, it's our mission, we're here to serve the community."

Lucas plays trumpet with the orchestra, and serves on the education committee. "Part of our job as musicians is to teach others," he said. The Tiny Tots program, geared for children ages three to six, "gives suburbia a taste of what it's like to listen to a world class symphony. We're breaking new ground," he explained. "We're trying to expose children at very young age to classical music."

Studies have shown that children who study classical music perform better in school, and score higher on standardized tests such as the SAT. "It's our responsibility to expose children to art," said Lucas. "Children have to be entertained. Once they're

Please see TOTS, E2



Narrator: Rheda Becker, who has entertained Tiny Tots audiences for the past two years, returns Jan. 23 to narrate this year's series of instructive and engaging concerts. Becker is recognized as one of the outstanding professionals in the specialized art of narration.

MUSIC

Starlight Drifters swing to a western beat

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A perfectionist, Chris Casello is never quite satisfied with any of his band's accomplishments.

The Starlight Drifters' stellar debut, "Introducing ... The Starlight Drifters" is OK if he puts it down for a while and then listens to it.

"That's the curse of never being satisfied when you're an artist. You know you can always do better. If I don't hear it for six months, then I think 'Man, that's really good,'" the guitarist said with a laugh.

Sure, the Ann Arbor-based band has played a few top-notch gigs but Casello is modest about naming them. With some prodding, he opens up.

"One thing that was really nice

WHO: The Starlight Drifters
WHEN: 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 21
WHERE: Karl's Cabin, 9779 Old N. Territorial Road, Plymouth
ADMISSION: There is no cover charge for the 21 and older show. For more information, call (734) 455-8450.

Other upcoming shows:

- 10 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 28, at the Cavern Club, 210 S. First St., Ann Arbor. For more information, call (734) 332-9900.
- 9 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 3, at Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. The show, open to those 21 and older, is free. Call (248) 543-4300 for more information.
- Starlight Drifters, Black Beauty and Big Barn Combo open for Robert Gordon, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, at the Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Tickets are \$13 for the 18 and older show. For more information, call (248) 544-3030 or visit <http://www.themagicbag.com>

was we got to play the opening of the Elvis exhibit at the Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Fame. The family was supposed to be there but we didn't get to meet them. It was a corporate thing, but we got a private tour of the Elvis stuff," he said with a slight tone of disappointment in his voice.

"We've opened for all the people we like - BR5-49, Wayne Hancock, Sleepy LaBoeuf, Link Wray."

That's a lot to accomplish in a brief two-year history. Since the early 1998 release of "Introducing ... The Starlight Drifters," the band has collected a slew of good reviews. The album captures The Starlight Drifters' manically paced live shows. But one thing it doesn't have is drums.



They swing: The Starlight Drifters' guitarist Chris Casello plays the Alkire E Harp during a recent show at Karl's Cabin in Plymouth. The rest of the band is drummer Marc Gray of Toledo, singer Bill Alton of Livonia, and stand-up bassist Rudy Varner of West Bloomfield.

Please see STARLIGHT, E2

Players Guild Dearborn shines in 'Moon'

The Players Guild of Dearborn presents the comedy "Moon Over Buffalo" by Ken Ludwig through Sunday, Jan. 31 at the theater, 21730 Madison (southeast of Monroe and Outer Drive), Dearborn. Performances 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 22-23 and Jan. 29-30; 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 31. Tickets \$11, call (313) 561-TKTS. For directions or any other information, call (313) 277-5164.

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SPECIAL WRITER

Need some humor to chase away the winter blues? Head over to the Players Guild of Dearborn where the fast-paced, rollicking comedy, "Moon Over Buffalo" is warming up the house with a hearty dose of laughter.

Set in 1953, "Moon Over Buffalo" is the story of a repertory theater company in Buffalo, N.Y., struggling for survival in the

face of the country's migration to movies and TV. Tempers are short, and the troupe is in danger of dissolving when their big break appears - Frank Capra is considering the company's founders, George and Charlotte Hay, for his next movie. He's flying in to catch their next matinee. What follows is madcap mayhem and side-splitting laughter as everything that could go wrong does.

From the moment Lindel Salow and Nancy Wolter as leads George and Charlotte Hay leapt on stage amidst fierce swordplay, the stage was set for their physical and verbal repartee generating much of the show's laughter and even its tenderest moment.

Salow drew peals of laughter during his drunk scene. He avoided the stereotypical portrayal and instead rocked the audience with laughter with his hysterically confused expressions, and his physical missteps.

Director Kirk Haas skillfully directed a difficult scene which must seem full of random clumsiness to successfully pull-off the scene's most comic potential.

Wolter's comic timing and dry sense of humor served her character well and completed the chemistry between leads.

Debbie Pletzer as Rosalind, the couple's grown daughter, proved her own comic ability during the play within a play. As a Noel Coward newlywed in "Private Lives," she was thrown into a frenzied round of side-splitting ad-libbing when her drunken father took to the stage dressed as Cyrano and started spouting the other show's lines.

Tony Lawry of Garden City made the most of his role as Howard, Rosalind's fiancé and a stage-struck weathercaster. Brimming with enthusiasm, his physical humor and earnestness nailed down the part.

Michael Falzon as Paul, Ros-

alind's former beau, also helped maintain the show's quick comic pace and captured his own share of laughter by endearingly portraying his character's jealousy single-minded determination.

Leonore Forsythe as Ethel, Charlotte's hard-of-hearing mother, made even the deaf jokes seem funny. Paul Helmstetter of Canton as Charlotte's ardent paramour, and indiscretion, completed the cast.

The stage crew hit some rough spots opening night, but should smooth out their performance as the show progresses. The set was intentionally bland and somewhat cramped, but it did accommodate the numerous exits and entrances needed to pull off much of the "cat and mouse" humor. The Cyrano and Patton costumes deserve special notice among a sea of functional but not particularly notable costumes.



Witnesses to history: Sylvia Carter (left) and Audrey Morgan perform as the Delany sisters in "Having Our Say."

Endearing acting breathes life into 'Having Our Say'

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"Having Our Say" by Emily Mann through Sunday, Jan. 31 at Meadow Brook Theatre, Wilson Hall, Oakland University, Rochester Hills, Tuesday-Sunday. Tickets \$24 - \$35, available at Ticketmaster locations (248) 645-6666, or (248) 377-3300.

No one can accuse the Delany sisters of not sharing their opinions. Age, their inquiring minds and an audience guarantee an airing of their barrel full of unabridged sentiments.

Indeed, in Meadow Brook Theatre's latest production, "Having Our Say," the Delany sisters have their say again and again on nearly every subject under the sun - from the Civil War to Martin Luther King, Jr.'s plea for racial equality to Dan Quayle's rise to mediocrity to the haunting shadow of David Duke.

In their front and center role as co-hosts of a rambling talk through American history, both Bessie and Sadie Delany reveal the bitterness, humor and wisdom of growing up black in a white society, and growing old in a world that worships youth.

In the early 1990s, the octogenarians broke the century mark, and gained popularity for their surprising lucidness as much as their longevity. As centerpiece of "Having Our Say," Bessie and Sadie Delany represent distinct character studies.

As the anecdotal play unfolds, it's clear that the operative word is storytelling. (If you're looking for action, look someplace else. You're in for a good talking.)

While the play suffers from a lack of dramatic action and a sense of impending conflict, there's no mistaking that the strength of "Having Our Say" lies in the literal recreation of the indefatigable Delany sisters.

Bessie, the younger Delany, born in Raleigh in 1891 - two years after her sister - is a self-described "good Christian woman and a naughty, little darkie."

At every turn, Audrey Moran as Bessie is up to the challenge of balancing righteousness with indignation for being considered

a second-class citizen because of her skin color and gender.

Moran's transformation to Bessie is complete, including a slight hitch in her tentative gait and a glowing pride burned into her countenance. Her fire can also turn to rage when she describes how she was almost lynched for standing up to a belligerent white man.

But Moran's emotional fire is tempered by the constraints of Bessie's age and her warehouse of memories of pain and regret. All in all, Moran offers a remarkably refreshing portrayal that is engaging and inspired.

As Bessie's lifelong sister sidekick, Sadie, Sylvia Carter has a wide-eyed sweetness that never slips to the level of predictable stereotype.

Perhaps it's "easier" to play the less volatile Delany sister, but like Moran, Carter's seamless portrayal is built upon layers of emotional travail.

Together, the Delany sisters describe themselves as "molasses and vinegar." In reality, they seem like two sides of one indelible, archetypal historical character - a vibrant, black woman, who never gave in to prejudice, and made the most of the opportunities she had.

Appropriately, Moran and Carter mix their molasses and vinegar into a tasteful rendition of what it must be like to live long enough so that time appears like an illusion and death merely a lost parcel that has yet to be delivered.

As a play that appears more like side-by-side character studies, "Having Our Say" could easily become static and preachy.

But director Debra Wicks has managed to blend storytelling and on-screen visuals from a Delany family album with the proper warmth.

Yet, "Having Our Say" also delivers a reminder. Two old, loveable women talking about family memories along with racism and injustice could gloss over the ugly face of hatred.

Ultimately, the "final say" rests with contemporary audiences, who still have time to stand up and have their own say about right and wrong.

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"That's how we played originally - without drums for the first year," Casello explained. It was never a problem unless The Starlight Drifters played "a big stage" like, for example, at Clutch Cargo's in Pontiac.

"The sound guys didn't know what to do with us," Casello said. To fill out its sound soon after the release of "Introducing... The Starlight Drifters," the band - singer Bill Alton of Livonia, stand-up bassist Rudy Varner of West Bloomfield, and Casello of Ann Arbor - found drummer and Toledo resident Marc Gray.

"The drummers we auditioned always wanted to rock out or really live it up and I hated that. We got a guy who can do that, but he plays with brushes a lot more," he added. "Our goal for this year is to have a multi-instrumentalist or a piano player for the honky-tonk or western swing music that's a big part of our sound."

On stage Casello plays a rare 10-string Alkire E Harp, or for the average Joe on the street, a "big steel guitar with lots of

strings." "Strangely enough, I was playing at Joe Louis Arena before a Rockers game and this guy walks up to me and says, 'Oh, an E Harp.' They had those things back in the '50s. Nobody's ever heard of this thing," he said.

The Starlight Drifters is often dubbed "western swing," but the dreaded "s" word misleads potential fans, Casello explained.

"The swing thing has gotten us a lot of work. We're often booked as a swing band, but when we show up, people aren't disappointed. Without trying we're educating people to some great music."

Rockabilly band

"When you say 'hillbilly' or 'country' it scares people away. We're a rockabilly band, we're into the Americana scene. We swing. We have an upright bass. They still think we're swing. I've never misrepresented us. People are always happy."

Casello is a veteran of the Detroit music scene. For seven years he played in the Prodigals,

a surf band. His resume also includes the Urbations, the Watusis, the blues band CC and the Bad Luck Boys, Soul Plumbers, and the country act Driving Sideways.

"I'm just all over the place. I haven't had a job in 10 years, maybe longer. I'm lucky to be able to teach music, play gigs and do some session work. For the longest time, I was in four or five different bands. I trimmed it down to one."

An Ann Arbor resident, Casello was turned on to the music after watching the "Glen Campbell Good Time Hour."

"Those are my earliest memories. I got a guitar in 1968 and 'Elvis Live in Vegas.' I didn't get serious (about music) for two or three years. But I've always been into it. The whole family is."

He's a fan of "hillbilly music" and jazz. But taking the attention away from himself, he concentrates on his bandmates.

"Bill the singer, he's just got this phenomenal voice. He has been accused of being a doo-wop singer. The local grease-and-ink

crowd say that being a doo-wop singer (isn't talent). But the fact of the matter is Bill is a country music expert."

Those two imbibe on WSDS-AM 1480, a classic country radio station.

"Nothing's going on on FM. You've got to listen to AM, WJR at midnight, and the other one is WSDS classic country 1480. They play the classic songs that you've never heard. That's kind of interesting. Bill really knows his country stuff. He's a rockabilly singer but his roots are gospel. He's a good Southern Baptist boy."

For the next few months, in between gigs, The Starlight Drifters are spending time in Big Sky Studios to work on its sophomore release.

"This one's gonna be terrific. We're putting a lot more work into it. There's going to be horns, piano, lots more steel guitar, a lot more western swings. I like the swing beat but to me it's all the same thing. Music is music."

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having fun, there's no limit to what you can put in their brain. Children learn best when they're having fun."

Titled "Animal Portraits," the Tiny Tots concert is a multimedia event featuring the orchestra led by assistant conductor Ya-Hui Wang, narration by Rheda Becker, and computer illustrations of animals designed by students and faculty from the Graphic Communications Department of the Center for

Creative Studies.

Exciting, fast moving pieces were chosen for the program including "Flight of the Bumblebee" by Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov, Camille Saint-Saens "Carnival of the Animals," and Leroy Anderson's "The Waltzing Cat."

It's not MTV, but pretty close - music that little kids can relate to. "You basically show people music," said Lucas about the concert. "As orchestral musicians we have to catch up with the curve."

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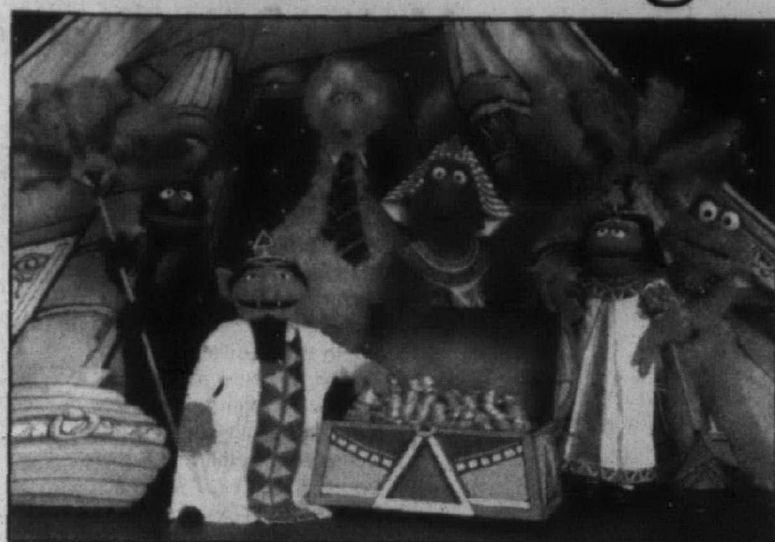
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Visit 'Elmo's Coloring Book' on Sesame Street

Sesame Street Live! presents "Elmo's Coloring Book" through Sunday, Jan. 31 at the Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Performances 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Jan. 21-22 and Tuesday-Thursday, Jan. 26-28; 10:30 a.m., 2 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Jan. 23-24 and Saturday-Sunday, Jan. 30-31; and 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 29. Tickets \$24.50, \$16, \$12 and \$9, available at the Fox Theatre and all Ticketmaster locations. To charge tickets, call (248) 433-1515 or online at www.ticketmaster.com. For more information, call (313) 983-6611.

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Egyptian adventure: Join the cast of Sesame Street Live as they explore the pyramids in "Elmo's Coloring Book."

"Sunny days, chasing clouds away," wishful thinking for January, but a good reason to spend some time on Sesame Street.

Elmo, Cookie Monster, Oscar and the gang are at the Fox Theatre in Detroit until Sunday, Jan. 31 performing in "Elmo's Coloring Book," presented by Sesame Street Live!

"It's mostly singing and dancing," said Elmo's friend Tricia Engleman who has been with the show for the past five years. "I've always wanted to dance, and working with children is very rewarding. They're the best audience you can imagine," said Engleman.

"Elmo's Coloring Book," is targeted for children ages 2 to 7, but what adult hasn't been tickled by Elmo. "The adults are enjoying the show as much as the kids," said Engleman. There

are lots of fun special effects.

In this show, Professor Art's Guzzinta 2000 machine makes the pages of Elmo's Coloring Book come alive.

Telly Monster wants to visit the pyramids in Egypt. Through the magic of Professor Art's machine, Telly is able to wear King Tut's crown, and get inside the coloring book picture of pyramids to explore them with his pals. Prairie Dawn becomes Cleopatra, but a pesky polar bear, Blanche, borrows the color gold so the treasure is white. Blanche wants the colors, and grabs them whenever she can. Pretty soon the cast figures out that Blanche is making Sesame Street lose its color, and try to find her.

Bert and Ernie visit the land

of dinosaurs, and Oscar the Grouch temporarily takes on the role of a nice and friendly monster, and takes the audience to his junk yard.

"It's a story about friendship and caring," said Engleman. "It's very colorful, and very fun. All your favorite Sesame Street characters are in the show."

Like other Sesame Street Live shows, "Elmo's Coloring Book" stresses the importance of education, and diversity. For kids, the lesson is that friends like you best when you just be yourself.

"All friends come in all shapes, sizes and colors, we shouldn't judge people," said performance director Jerry DuMars. "Oscar the Grouch changes in the middle of the show, and nobody likes it. The lesson is it's OK to be

grouchy, to get up on the wrong side of the bed."

Sing along with Oscar who explains why "I Love Trash." Besides recognizable Sesame Street songs, there's a contemporary mix of music and even some doo-wop girls - the Palettes, three new characters - yellow, red and blue.

The show is 90 minutes long with a 15 minute intermission. DuMars said the music is very upbeat and catchy. A lot of the music is familiar, and there are some brand new songs too.

"Elmo loves kids and being in the show," said Engleman. "He

visits the audience. He's very young and very playful, and likes running around. Children relate to him."

For DuMars, who has been with Sesame Street Live for the past 10 years, the rewarding part is knowing that "when I'm on stage, I'm making a difference in a child's life. We're educating children."

"It's a great thing for families to see together," said DuMars, about the show. "They're making memories."

Talking with Elmo
What's your favorite color?
Elmo: Red
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When were you born?
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How old are you?
Three-and-a-half
What are your favorite words?
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Monster language

Jeff Daniels hosts premiere of new film

Jeff Daniels of Chelsea, star of "101 Dalmatians," "Pleasantville," and "Dumb and Dumber" is hosting a benefit premiere of his new film, "My Favorite Martian," 5:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 7 at the Star Southfield Theatre in Southfield.

Tickets are \$250 for VIP seating or \$15 for general admission tickets. VIP tickets include pre-

mium seating, complimentary valet parking and a dinner reception with Jeff and Kathleen Daniels following the film.

VIP tickets are available only by calling the Purple Rose Theatre at (734) 475-5817. General admission tickets are available at all Ticketmaster outlets, The Michigan Union ticket office, The Star Southfield box office, The

Purple Rose Theatre box office, or by calling (248) 645-6666.

All event proceeds will benefit the Purple Rose Theatre Company in Chelsea, Mich.

"My Favorite Martian," released by Walt Disney Pictures, is an update of the classic 1960s TV sitcom.

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On Thursday, February 4th, 1999 the Elysia Pefley Foundation will host their 3rd Annual Skate-A-Thon with the Detroit Red Wings at Joe Louis Arena.

All proceeds from the event will go to the **McCarty Cancer Foundation, Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan, Michigan Pediatric Hospice Foundation.**

Elysia Pefley was the little girl who was adopted by the Red Wings as their little angel. Although she lost her fight with cancer on St. Patrick's Day 1996 her courageous spirit lives on through the Foundation and Detroit Red Wings.

Everyone is invited to participate!

Concourse activities are open to the public and include an interactive Hockey Hall of Fame, large Silent Auction with a variety of sports memorabilia, Zamboni Photographs, Octo Bowl, Hourly 50/50 Raffles, Clowns, plus much more!

Any person who raises \$50 or more in donations will skate at the "Joe" with the "stars" and receive a T-shirt and refreshments. All individuals that raise pledges of \$300 or more will receive an autographed photo plaque by one of the Red Wings. The top four individuals who raise the most in donations will receive a special autographed Red Wing memorabilia.

For those who want to participate please complete the donor sheet, collect donations in advance and submit them to the foundation. Early registrants will receive ice time preferences. Donations can still be accepted after one has registered, just bring the additional funds on February 4th.

* At this time we are unable to list celebrity skaters.
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Concourse activities begin at 1:30 and is open to everyone.
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THEATER

CAPITOL THEATRE
Theater Grottesco's "The Angels' Cradle," a story of discovery set in a sunless world, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 29-30, at the theater and arts center, 121 University Ave., West Windsor. \$20 center and \$17 wings and balcony (Canadian). (519) 253-8065

DETROIT REPERTORY THEATRE
"Camp Logan," Celeste Bedford Walker's play about the Houston riot and court martial of 1917, through Sunday, March 21, 8:30 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, 3 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sundays, at the theater, 13103 Woodrow Wilson, Detroit. \$15. (313) 868-1347

MEADOW BROOK THEATRE
"Having Our Say," continues through Jan. 31 at the theater on the campus of Oakland University in Rochester. (248) 377-3300

MUSIC HALL
"The Gin Game," starring Julie Harris and Charles Durning, directed by Charles Neelson Reilly, through Sunday, Jan. 24, at the theater, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit. \$30-\$46.50. (313) 963-2366

COLLEGE

WSU HILBERRY THEATRE
"Scapin," in rotating repertory to Feb. 3; Charles Dickens' classic "A Tale of Two Cities," runs in rotating repertory to March 4, at the theater, 4743 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$10-\$17. (313) 577-2972

WSU STUDIO THEATRE
"Veronica's Room," Ira Levin's chilling story of deception and false identity, Thursdays-Sundays, Jan. 21-24 and 28-31, in the lower level of the Hilberry Theatre, 4743 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$8, \$6 students/seniors. (313) 577-2972

COMMUNITY THEATER

THE ACTORS' COMPANY
"Agnes of God," John Pielmeier's gripping adult drama, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 22-23, at the Trinity House Theatre, 38840 W. Six Mile Road, between I-275 and Haggerty, Livonia. \$15. (248) 988-7032

BIRMINGHAM VILLAGE PLAYERS
"Deathtrap," a mystery thriller, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 22-23, at the theater, 752 Chestnut, Birmingham. \$12, \$10 children ages 18 and younger. (248) 644-2075

RIDGEDALE PLAYERS
"The View from Here," a comedy a woman trapped in her house by agoraphobia, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 22-23, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 24. \$11, \$10 seniors/students at Sunday performances. (248) 988-7049

ST. DUNSTON'S THEATRE GUILD
"Moon Over Buffalo" opens 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 22 at the theater, 400 Lone Pine Road, on the grounds of Cranbrook Educational Community, Bloomfield Hills, and continues 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays through Jan. 30 with additional shows 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 24 and 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 28. Tickets \$12 adults, students and seniors \$10, call (248) 644-0527

STAGECRAFTERS
Musical comedy "Promises, Promises," by Neil Simon, based on the movie "The Apartment" by Billy Wilder and I.A.L. Diamond, music by Burt Bacharach and lyrics by Hal David, Jan. 22 through Feb. 14 at the historic Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, downtown Royal Oak. Tickets \$12-\$14, call (248) 541-6430. Show opens 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 22 with performances 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 24, Feb. 7, and Feb. 14; 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 28; 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 31.

DINNER THEATER

BACI ABBRACCI ITALIAN CHOPHOUSE
"Tony n' Tina's Wedding," an interactive theatre show with patrons having an Italian dinner, and dancing to a live band performing traditional Italian wedding songs, has an open-ended run, at the restaurant, 40 W. Pike St., Pontiac. 7:30 p.m. Thursdays-Fridays, 2 p.m. and 7:30 Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sundays, beginning Jan. 27 performances will be added 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays, \$50 Wednesdays-Thursdays and Sundays, \$55 Fridays and Saturdays, in advance at 8 W. Lawrence St., Pontiac. (248) 745-8668/(248) 645-6666

YOUTH PRODUCTIONS



On stage: Join Elmo, Professor Art, and all your Sesame Street pals as they make the pages of "Elmo's Coloring Book" come to life through Sunday, Jan. 31 at the Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets \$24.50, \$16, \$12 and \$9, available at the Fox Theatre and Joe Louis Arena box offices, all Ticketmaster locations, on-line at www.ticketmaster.com or by phone (248) 433-1515. For more information, and performance times, call (313) 983-6611.

AVON PLAYERS YOUTH THEATRE

"The Wizard of Oz," 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 29, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 31, at the playhouse, 1185 Tienken Road, east of Rochester Road, Rochester. \$7. (248) 608-9077

DETROIT PUPPET THEATER

PuppetART presents "The Firebird" from an old Russian folk tale, noon and 2 p.m. Saturdays, Jan. 23 and 30, and Feb. 6, 13 and 20, at the theater, 26 East Grand River, between Woodward Avenue and Farmer, Detroit. \$6.50, \$5 children, \$20 families of two adults/two children. Also workshops following 2 p.m. Saturday performances. (313) 961-7777/(248) 557-8599

THE RISING STARS

"The Man Who Came to Dinner," the classic play about Sheridan Whiteside, critic, radio personality, lecturer and self acclaimed expert on most everything, who comes to dinner and ends up staying three weeks after he slips on ice on their front steps, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 22, at Andover High School, on Andover Road, Bloomfield Hills. \$3. (248) 433-0885

WILD SWAN THEATRE

"Owl's Winter," a delightful collection of stories based on Arnold Lobel's "Owl at Home," 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Friday, Jan. 29, and 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30, at Washtenaw Community College's Towsley Auditorium. \$8, \$6 children. (734) 763-TKTS

BENEFITS

BLACKTHORN
7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 22, to benefit the Groves Class of 1999 all night graduation party, at Groves Little Theater. \$20, includes afterglow. (248) 203-3530 (Irish/bluegrass)

FINE ART AUCTION

Old and modern masters go on the auction block (from Park West Gallery) to support the Southfield Federation for the Arts 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 29-30, preview begins at 7 p.m., at the Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road, south of 10 Mile. Free. (248) 424-9022

STEVE KRASS MEMORIAL BENEFIT

With Speedball, Thee Lucky Stiffs, Feisty Cadavers, Moloko Plus, Gutter Punx, Bumpin Ugliers, Cold as Life, Elephant Ear and Joey Nobody Allstars, 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$7, 18 and older. Benefits memorial fund of Steve Krass, a former Redford resident and member of the band Feisty Cadavers, who was shot and killed at Harpo's nightclub in Detroit. (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com>

JOE LAFATA BENEFIT

Featuring Robert Bradley's Blackwater Surprise, Howling Diablos, Stun Gun, Give and Tyrone's Power Wheel, 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$10. All ages. Benefits LaFata, for-

mer drummer for Final Cut, who has brain cancer. (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com>

"SWINGTIME '99"

The Fanclub Foundation for the Arts presents an evening of live entertainment, food from 28 restaurants, a silent auction, and art by local artists and students from Detroit Country Day School, to help fund cultural organizations in metro Detroit. 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30, in the lobby of the Fishing Building, Second Street and Grand Boulevard, west of Woodward Avenue. Detroit. \$50 advance, \$60 at door. (248) 584-4150

SPECIAL EVENTS

EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

Celebrates the cultural heritage of Native American and Xicano with a symposium, community feast, poetry, artwork, and an evening of song, dance and storytelling as part of its sesquicentennial celebration, Thursday-Saturday, Jan. 21-23 at McKenny Union.

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10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 24, Royal Oak Elks Hall, I-75 and 11 Mile Road, Royal Oak. \$3. Drawing for \$50 shopping spree at 1 p.m. (248) 546-4527

MIDWEST STAMP SHOW

10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23 and until 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 24, at the VFW Hall, 1426 Mill Street, west of Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. Free. (888) 305-9918 or <http://www.midweststampshows@yahoo.com>

TOY SOLDIER/FIGURE SHOW

New and antique historical figures and toy soldiers, also displays of old toy soldiers and hand painted historical figures, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 24, at the Livonia Holiday Inn, 24 Mile and I-275. \$5, children under 12 free. (248) 586-1022

FAMILY EVENTS

THE AMAZING CLARK

Presents his unbelievable magic and fascinating puppets, 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 24, at the Civic Center Library Auditorium, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington Road, Livonia. \$4. (734) 466-2410

CHAMPIONS ON ICE

Features Michelle Kwan, Todd Eldredge, Elvis Stojko, Oksana Baiul, Phillippe Candeloro, Brian Boitano, Surya Bonaly, Elizabeth Punsalan and Jerod Swallow, Rudy Galindo, Viktor Petrenko, and Nicole Bobek, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 24, Joe Louis Arena, 600 Civic Center Dr., Detroit. \$55, \$40 and \$25, (248) 645-6666/(313) 983-6806 or <http://www.ticketmaster.com>

"SESAME STREET LIVE"

"Elmo's Coloring Book," through Sunday, Jan. 31, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$9, \$12, \$16 and \$24.50. All ages. (313) 983-6611

WALLED LAKE ICE FESTIVAL

ice carving demonstrations, pancake breakfast, Polar Golf Outing, chili cook-off, nonprofit fair, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6 and until 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 7, in the Walled Lake Community Education Building Courtyard, 615 North Pontiac Trail, south of Maple Road, Walled Lake. (248) 926-9004

CLASSICAL

"BEETHOVEN THE CONTEMPORARY"

With the American String Quartet, 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 28, Rackham Auditorium, 915 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor. \$16, \$24, \$28 and \$30. (734) 764-2539 or <http://www.ums.org>

CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY OF LINCOLN CENTER

With Anne Sofie von Otter, mezzo-soprano, Bengt Forsberg, piano and artistic director David Shiffin performing an all-Scandinavian program, 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 29, Lydia Mendelssohn Theatre, 911 N. University Ave., Ann Arbor. \$20 and \$35. (734) 764-2539 or <http://www.ums.org>

PENELOPE CRAWFORD

Performs fortepiano and harpsichord, 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 31, at the Kerrytown Concert House, 415 North Fourth Avenue, Ann Arbor. \$12, \$9 students/ seniors/ Academy of Early Music members. (734) 769-2999 or [kchic.net](http://www.kchic.net)

DETROIT CHAMBER WINDS & STRINGS

"Brass! Brass! and More Brass!," a concert featuring works for a full orchestral brass complement by G. F. Handel, Arthur Bliss, Bach, Walter Rein, and American composer Herbert Haufrecht, 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 29, at Christ Church Cranbrook, 470 Church Road, Lone Pine and Cranbrook roads, Bloomfield Hills. \$20, \$16 students/seniors, \$10 children under 10. (248) 362-9329

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Big Band Salute with Jeff Tyzik, conductor and trumpet soloist, 10:45 a.m. and 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 21, 8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 22-23, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 24, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. \$13-\$65. (313) 576-5111

CHRISTOPHER LAUGHLIN

The classical guitarist presents a solo recital, 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 29, at the Kerrytown Concert House, 415 North Fourth Avenue, Ann Arbor. \$12, \$8, \$5 students. (734) 769-2999 or [kchic.net](http://www.kchic.net)

LIVONIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

"Deja Vu and Something New" concert, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, James P. Carli Auditorium, Churchill High School, Livonia. \$15, \$8 children ages 12 and younger. (734) 421-1111/(734) 464-2741

PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Presents chamber concert with guest conductor Margery Deutsch, and Youth Artist Competition winners Faith Schofield and Ross Huff, 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30, in the Plymouth Canton Little Theatre, 8415 Canton Center

Road, at Joy Road, Canton. \$12, \$10 seniors/college students, free for students through grade 12. (734) 451-2112

PRO MUSIC

Presents pianist Arnaldo Cohen performing Chopin, Liszt and Schumann, 8:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 29, in the Recital Hall at the Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward Avenue. Followed by meet the artist and buffet in Romanesque Hall and Kresge Court. \$25. (313) 886-7207

LOGAN SKELTON

The pianist performs the works of Bela Bartok in a concert with commentary, 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 24, at the Kerrytown Concert House, 415 North Fourth Avenue, Ann Arbor. \$25, \$15, \$10, \$5 students. (734) 769-2999 or [kchic.net](http://www.kchic.net)

TINY TOTS SERIES

The Detroit Symphony Orchestra presents "Animal Portraits," an exploration of the animal kingdom through music and computer graphics, with narrator Rheda Becker, 10:15 a.m. and 11:45 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, at Mercy High School, Farmington Hills. \$10. (313) 576-5111

ORGAN

MOTOR CITY THEATRE ORGAN SOCIETY

Winter Movie Series continues with Liza Minnelli and Joel Grey in "Cabaret," 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 22, and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23 (organ overtures start 30 minutes earlier, guest organist evenings Brian Carmody, matinees Gil Francis), at the Historic Redford Theatre, 17360 Lahser Road at Grand River, Detroit. \$2.50. (313) 531-4407

POPS/SWING

BIRD OF PARADISE ORCHESTRA

9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 22-23, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 21 and older. (734) 662-8310

SEN GRAYSON BAND

Dance to the music of the forties and fifties by the band, Friday, Jan. 22, at the Italian American Cultural Center, 28111 Imperial Drive, Warren. \$10. (810) 751-2855

STARLIGHT DRIFTERS

9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 21, Karl's Cabin, 9779 Old N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. Free. 21 and older. (734) 455-8450 (swing)

AUDITIONS/WORKSHOPS

BEL CANTO CHORAL GROUP

Invites women who read music and enjoy singing to join the group. Founded 40 years ago, group members are women who enjoy rehearsing and performing a variety of music including light classical, show tunes and seasonal favorites. Rehearse Monday evenings February-June in Southfield. Jane Miller (248) 642-3216/Katie Parcels (313) 640-0123

MEADOW BROOK THEATRE

Auditions for "The Rocky Horror Show" starting at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, call for times for specific characters, be prepared to sing 16 bars from one of the show's songs, at the theater in Wilson Hall on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester. For performances April 14-May 9. (248) 370-3310

NOVI THEATRES

Auditions for actors ages 7-13 for the Children's Annex and Little People Players presentation of Beatrix Potter's "Tales of Peter Rabbit," 4 p.m. Friday, Jan. 29, at the Novi Civic Center Stage, 45175 W. 10 Mile, Novi. For performances April 16-18. All actors must pay a participation fee of \$125 once cast. (248) 347-0400

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHORUS

The 125-voice chorus is looking for people who love to sing, most needed are tenors, basses and baritones, openings also exist for altos and sopranos, open auditions for new members 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 26, at First United Methodist Church, 45201 North Territorial, west of Sheldon Road, Plymouth. (734) 455-4080

PLYMOUTH ORATORIO SOCIETY

Rehearsals 7:15 p.m. Mondays, First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. "Mass in G" by Schubert, and "Chichester Psalms" by Bernstein will be performed. Scores may be purchased for \$7 and \$9, respectively. No auditions required. (734) 455-8353

STAGECRAFTERS

Auditions for the four women and six men for comedy, "Light Up The Sky," by Moss Hart, 7 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, Jan. 25-26, regi-

tration begins at 6:30 p.m., at the Baldwin Theatre, 415 South Lafayette, Royal Oak. For performances March 12-14, 17-21 and 26-28. (248) 541-4832

TINDERBOX PRODUCTIONS

Classes for students grades 1-12 in scene study, Broadway dance, hip hop, improvisation, private voice coaching, and participation in Tinderbox ShowChoir and "The Ted Sullivan Show: A Variety Extravaganza for Actors, Singers and Dancers," Saturdays Feb. 6 to May 15, in the Cathedral Theatre, Masonic Temple, 500 Temple, Detroit. Students give two performances Saturday, May 15 in Cathedral Theatre. (313) 535-8962

CHORAL

CHORISTERS GUILD MUSIC FESTIVAL

The choir featuring the voices of 326 children performs sacred music, 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30, at Ward Presbyterian Church, 17000 Farmington Road, Livonia. Free. (734) 455-9458/(313) 927-1255

JAZZ

THE ARTICLES

9 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 27, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 543-4300 (Jamaican jazz/ska)

JUDIE COCHILL TRIO

8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, Jan. 21, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (vocal/piano/bass)

CHICK COREA

The pianist performs as part of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra's Ameritech Jazz Series, 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 29, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. \$15-\$46. (313) 576-5111

HEIDI HEPLER/MICHELE RAMO/TODD CURTIS

7:30-9:30 p.m. Sundays in January at the Coffee Studio, 600 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth, (734) 416-9288, \$3 cover; 7-10 p.m. Wednesdays to Saturdays at Encore in the Quality Inn, 1801 S. Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Hills, (248) 335-3790; 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays, at Vic's Market, 42875 Grand River Ave., Novi. (248) 305-7333 (vocal/piano/bass)

JAZZODITY

With Bumbu and Heavy Weather, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 28, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$4, 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (acid jazz/funk)

JAZZHEAD

With Jazzodity and DJ Papa Ron, 9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 22, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5, 18 and older. (313) 832-3559 or <http://www.alvins.xtcom.com> (rock)

SHEILA LANDIS

10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 29-30, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Free. 21 and older. (313) 886-8101

MATT MICHAELS TRIO

With Barbara Ware, vocals, 8-11:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 21, and the Matt Michaels Trio, 8-11:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 28, at the Botsford Inn, Farmington Hills. (248) 474-4800

ROSCOE MITCHELL

Plays reeds with his trio including Gerald Cleaver, drums and bassist Leon Dorsey, 8 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 31, at the Kerrytown Concert House, 415 North Fourth Avenue, Ann Arbor. \$25, \$15, \$10. (734) 769-2999 or [kchic.net](http://www.kchic.net)

ROYAL JOKERS

Bring their Apollo Theater style review of rhythm and blues to town, 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30, at the Kerrytown Concert House, 415 North Fourth Avenue, Ann Arbor. \$12. (734) 769-2999 or [kchic.net](http://www.kchic.net)

MOTOR CITY SHEIKS

6-10 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 28, at Ja-Da, 546 East Larned between Beaubien and St. Antoine, Detroit. (313) 965-1700 (retro blues)

SHAHIDA NURULLAH TRIO

8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, Jan. 28, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (vocal/piano/bass)

PEACE TIME

9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 22-23, at Ja-Da, 546 East Larned between Beaubien and St. Antoine, Detroit. (313) 965-1700 (funky jazz)

HARVEY THOMPSON TRIO

9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (vocal/piano/bass)

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URSULA WALKER AND BUDDY BUDSON
With Dan Kolton, 9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Thursdays at Forte, 201 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 594-7300
SUNNY WILKINSON
9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 29-30, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 21 and older. (734) 662-8310

WORLD MUSIC

THE DROVERS
7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 21, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$11. \$10 members, students, seniors. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or http://www.a2ark.org (Irish)
IMMUNITY
8:30 p.m. to midnight Thursday, Jan. 21, The Alley at Main Street, 215 Main St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 652-8441; 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday, Jan. 22, Bad Frog Tavern, 555 S. Old Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 642-9400 (reggae)
9:45 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, The Cavern Club, 210 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 332-9900; 9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 28, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 543-4300 (reggae)

FOLK/BLUEGRASS

THE FOLK MONTY
8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 26, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Free. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or http://www.a2ark.org
JAN KRIST
8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 22, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$11, \$10 members, students, seniors. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or http://www.a2ark.org
MUSTARD'S RETREAT
8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$11, \$10 members, students, seniors. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or http://www.a2ark.org

DANCE

ADVANCED CONTRA DANCE
8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 22, at the Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Road, south of I-94, Ann Arbor. \$8. (734) 665-8863
ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCING
7:15-9:45 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 26, at the Chapel Hill Condominium Clubhouse, 3350 Green Road, north of Plymouth Road, Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 662-5158
"SECONDS"
The dance concert kicks off Eastern Michigan University's 1999 Sesquicentennial Celebration by featuring a diverse collection of dance styles including modern, jazz, ballet, hip-hop, and African Congolese, also new works. 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 22-23 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 24 in Quirk Theatre, Ypsilanti. \$8. \$5 for students with current ID, and \$3 for seniors and children under age 10. (734) 487-1211

COMEDY

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB
Al Romas, Steve Bills and Rich Higginbottom, Thursday-Saturday, Jan. 21-23 (\$12); Jim Hamm, John McDonnell and Rich Higginbottom, Thursday, Jan. 28; Joey Kola, Jim Hamm and Rich Higginbottom, Friday-Saturday, Jan. 29-30 (\$15), at the club above Kicker's All American Grill, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia. 8 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Third Level Improv and new talent nights, 8 p.m. Sundays (\$5). (734) 261-0555
JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAISANO'S
Jeff Rothman, 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 22-23 (\$12, \$24.95 dinner show package), and 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 24 (\$10, \$22.95 dinner show package); Kevin McPeck, 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 29-30 (\$10, \$22.95 dinner show package), at the club, 5070 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885
MAINSTREET COMEDY SHOWCASE
With Elliott Branch, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 21 (\$8), 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 22 (\$10),

and 5:45 p.m., 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23 (\$10); Cathy Ladman, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 28 (\$10), 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 29 (\$12), and 5:45 p.m., 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30 (\$12), at the club, 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 996-9080
MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE
Gary Valentine and Kevin McPeck, Thursday-Sunday, Jan. 21-24; John Heffron of WKQI-FM, Q95.5, and Mike Young, Wednesday-Sunday, Jan. 27-31, at the club, 269 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays (\$5), 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays (\$6), 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays (\$12), and 7:30 p.m. Sundays (\$6). Prices subject to change. (248) 542-9900 or http://www.comedycastle.com
SECOND CITY
"Daimlers are a Girl's Best Friend," a fifth anniversary celebration show retrospective, 8 p.m. Wednesdays-Sundays with additional shows at 10:30 p.m. on Fridays-Saturdays through Feb. 7, at the club, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$10 Wednesdays, Thursdays, Sundays, \$17.50 on Fridays, and \$19.50 on Saturdays. (313) 965-2222

MUSEUMS AND TOURS

DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM
"Frontiers to Factories: Detroiters at Work 1701-1901," formerly known as "Furs to Factories," with a new Land Office, a "Wheel of Fortune" style land acquisition interactive, three new video screen interactives, a documentary video, a new Heavy Industry section and a display explaining Detroit's move from "Stove Capital of the World" to the Motor City, automobile capital of the world; "The Fantasy World of Doll Houses," through Jan. 31; "Remembering Downtown Hudson's" exhibit, a nostalgic look at what made the Hudson's downtown Detroit store an icon of the city's prosperous era, at the museum, 5401 Woodward Ave. (at Kirby), Detroit. Museum hours are 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. Free admission Wednesdays; \$3 for adults, \$1.50 seniors and children aged 12-18, free for children ages 11 and younger Thursdays-Sundays. (313) 833-1726 or http://www.detroithistorical.org
DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER
IMAX movies include "Tropical Rainforest" at 10 a.m. Mondays-Fridays, "Special Effects" at 1:10 p.m. Mondays-Fridays, and "Everest" multiple showings seven days a week at the center, 5020 John R (at Warren), Detroit. Admission to Exhibit Hall is \$3 for adults, \$2 for children ages 3-15 and adults ages 60 and older, free for children ages 2 and younger. IMAX films are additional \$4. (313) 577-8400

POPULAR MUSIC

ACOUSTIC JUNCTION
8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 21, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$7. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or http://www.themagicbag.com (rock)
BLACK BEAUTY
9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 22, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty St., Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 451-1213 (rockabilly)
"BLIND PIG SHOWCASE"
With The Snots, Don't Trip, Wood Burning Stove and Slacker Hacker, 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 26, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Free. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (variety)
BLUECAT
9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 21, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5080; 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, C.K. Diggs, 2010 Auburn Road, Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 853-6600; With Ken Murphy, 9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 29, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)
BLUE ROSE
9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, Woody's Diner, 208 Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 543-6911 (blues)
BUCKWHEAT ZYDECO
With Mem Shannon and The Membership, 7:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 22, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Canceled. (734) 996-8555
CLASS ACT
8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 26, Fox and

Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (R&B)
EDDIE "THE CHIEF" CLEARWATER
10 p.m. Friday, Jan. 22, Amer's First Street Grill, 102 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$8. 21 and older. (734) 213-6000 (blues)
COCKROCKETS
With Jason Fisher, 9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 28, Gold Dollar, 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 833-6873 or http://www.golddollar.com (surf punk)
DEEP SPACE SIX
With Electric Magi, 9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 29, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5. 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 or http://www.alvins.xtcom.com (jam rock)
"DETROIT BLUES PIANO SUMMIT II"
Featuring Mr. B, Bob Seeley and Harold McKinney, 2-4:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, Scarab Club, 217 Farnsworth St., Detroit. Free. (313) 831-1250 (blues)
DIRGE
With Pork Barrel Salamander, 9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 22, Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (248) 334-9292 (rock)
DISADVANTAGED YOUTH
With Payback and Twitch, 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, JD's Macomb Theatre, 31 N. Walnut St., Mount Clemens. Cover charge. 18 and older. (810) 913-1921 (rock)
TIM DIAZ AND DION RODDY
8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 22-23, Smitty's, 222 Main St., Rochester. Free. All ages. (248) 652-1600 (acoustic rock)
DOMESTIC PROBLEMS
With Daddy Longlegs, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (rock)
DR. JOHN
8:40 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, Majestic, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$20 in advance. 18 and older. (313) 833-9700 or http://www.99music.com (blues)
GLEN EDDIE
8 p.m. Thursdays, Jan. 21 and 28, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)
DAVE EDWARDS
9:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 22, C.K. Diggs, 2010 Auburn Road, Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 853-6600 (acoustic rock)
ELECTRIC BOOGALOO
9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 28, Karl's Cabin, 9779 Old N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. Free. 21 and older. (734) 455-8450 (rock)
ELIZA
9:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 21, Bo's Bistro, 51 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac. Free. 21 and older. (248) 332-6800; 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 28, Bo's Bistro, 51 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac. Free. 21 and older. (248) 332-6800; 8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 29-30, Smitty's, 222 Main St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 652-1600 (pop)
THE REV. MARC FALCONBERRY
10:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 29, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5080 (blues)
FEZ
With Spy Radio, 9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 22, Gold Dollar, 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 833-6873 (rock)
500 FEET OF PIPE
With Taproot, 9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5. 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 (rock)
THE FRINGE
9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 29, Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (248) 334-9292 (rock)
GHETTO BILLIES
Celebrate release of CD with party and performance, with special guests The Dopes and Sugar Pill, 9:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 29, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (rock)
GOOD GRAYV
9:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, Bo's Bistro, 51 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac. Free. 21 and older. (248) 332-6800 (rock)
GORE GORE GIRLS
With Clone Defects and Piranhas, 9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, Gold Dollar, 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 833-6873 (punk)
GUYS AND DOLLS
8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 22-23, D.L. Harrington's Chophouse, 2086 Crooks Road (at M-59), Rochester Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 852-0550 (top 40/Motown)

HARBINGER'S MILE
With Wattson and Buzz, 9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 21, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5. 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 or http://www.alvins.xtcom.com (rock)
HONOR AMONG THIEVES
10 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 21, The Lodge, 2442 Orchard Lake Road, Sylvan Lake. Free. 21 and older. (248) 683-5458 (rock)
LISA HUNTER
8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, Borders Books and Music, 34300 Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. All ages. (248) 203-0005; 9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 29, Lonestar Coffeehouse, 207 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. All ages. (248) 642-2233 (rock)
JENZDA
With Fat Belly Brown and Die Grinder, 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 21, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$6. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com (rock)
MIKE KING BAND
9:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 28, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5080 (rock)
THE KRINKLES
9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, Lili's, 2930 Jacob, Hamtramck. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 875-6555 (pop)
JOHN D. LAMB
9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 22-23, Mr. B's Farm, 24555 Novi Road, Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 349-7038; 9:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 24, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 543-4300; With Sal D'Agnillo, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 28, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 349-9110 (rock)
SINEAD LOHAN
With The Push Stars, 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 29, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. \$10 in advance. All ages. (248) 335-8100 or http://www.961melt.com (Irish pop)
MASTER OF NONE
With Two-Faced Moon, 9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 22, JD's Macomb Theatre, 31 N. Walnut St., Mount Clemens. Cover charge. 18 and older. (810) 913-1921 (rock)
MINE LANTERNJACK
9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 21, Gold Dollar, 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 833-6873 or http://www.golddollar.com (rock)
MUDPUPPY
9:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 29, Cavern Club, 210 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 332-9900 (blues)
STEVE NARDELLA
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KARI NEWHOUSE
With Solid Frog, 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Canceled. (248) 335-8100 or http://www.961melt.com (rock)
NIACIN JAY
With The Almighty Groove, 9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 28, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5. 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 or http://www.alvins.xtcom.com (rock)
NICK STRANGE AND THE BARENAKED
10 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 28, The Lodge, 2442 Orchard Lake Road, Sylvan Lake. Free. 21 and older. (248) 683-5458 (rock)
ROBERT NOLL BLUES MISSION
9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 21, Bobby J's Music Cafe, 29 Front St., Lake Orion. Free. 21 and older. (248) 814-8550; 9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 29, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty St., Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 451-1213 (blues)
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MOVIES

'A Simple Plan' succeeds brilliantly, repeatedly

BY JON KATZ
SPECIAL WRITER

"What would I do?" Virtually every story, play, book and movie in history has been written with the goal of having the listener/reader/viewer ask that question. More often than not, the question asked is "Who Cares?"

The thriller "A Simple Plan" succeeds brilliantly and repeatedly in placing us in the desperate situations of its characters, because it does one thing so right: the bad guys are all good guys. Like us.

Bill Paxton is Hank, a nice accountant in rural Minnesota with a nice, pregnant wife Sarah (Bridget Fonda) and a nice,

dimwitted brother Jacob (Billy Bob Thornton). When Hank, Jacob and nice, redneck friend Lou (Brent Briscoe) discover a small plane buried beneath the snow, they go inside to investigate. Finding the pilot dead, they also find a duffel bag with \$4.4 million. Drug money, they assume. Let's keep it, they figure. Who'll know, they figure.

Not so fast, Paxton warns. "You work for the American Dream, you don't steal it."

"There's no risk...we'll always be in control," they assure him. Right. Wondering what you would do so far? Now get out the shovel and dig a hole for yourself, as you soon become a liar, a blackmailer and a murderer. And

remember, you're the good guy...or were.

Sam Raimi, who was graduated from Birmingham Groves High School and directed the cult horror classic "The Evil Dead," puts down his penchant for quick camera moves and a case of ketchup in every scene, and directs "A Simple Plan" with a deft, Hitchcockian touch that nails you to your seat. The camera is invisible, save for a few too many rack-focus shots, and the special effects are tucked away for another time. Mike Nichols and Ben Stiller were two of many directors considered during the six years it took to make the film. Fate chose wisely.

Based on his own best-selling

book of the same name, Scott B. Smith's thriller is for people who don't generally like thrillers. His characters don't slowly go mad amidst the snow like Jack ("He-e-e-r-e Johnny!") Nicholson in "The Shining." Each new "simple plan" to cover up the disastrous and deadly result of their previous plan seems logical enough, but instead spirals them even more out of control.

"You're a sweet, normal guy," reasons Sarah to husband Hank. "No one would believe that you were capable of doing what you've done."

And Paxton is oh so sweet and normal. Had he played Hank just a few degrees off to one side or the other, the film might have crashed and burned. Instead, it soars. Thornton is nothing less than terrific as the brother in constant need of coaching to get the latest story right.

"Do you understand what we have to say?" says Hank to Jacob in a running gag. Fonda's little wife turns out to be the anchor in this hopeless charade; she sees 4 million reasons why they should keep the money and will push the men in whatever direction she has to get out of her librarian's rut.

"A Simple Plan" dares you to disagree with these nice folks. It



Thriller: Billy Bob Thornton (left) stars as Jacob Mitchell, Bridget Fonda as Sarah Mitchell and Bill Paxton as Hank Mitchell in "A Simple Plan."

also dares you to unclench your hands when the next door

knocks. You'll have a good time trying.

'Hilary and Jackie' misses a beat in its orchestration

BY VICTORIA DIAZ
SPECIAL WRITER

"Hilary and Jackie" is a peculiar movie, composed of a bit of this, made up of a bit of that, and somehow never quite equaling the sum of its parts. Despite some truly memorable scenes and an occasionally remarkable performance by Emily Watson (as the renowned cellist, Jacqueline du Pré), the film still feels as if some important parts of it have been abandoned on a cutting room floor.

The picture centers on the relationship between sisters Hilary and Jacqueline du Pré, both of whom grew up as musical prodigies in post-World War II England. Jacqueline went on to become one of the most lauded cellists of this century.

Hilary (played here by Rachel Griffiths), for various reasons, ditched her career rather early on, and retired to the country with husband Kiffer Finzi (David Morrissey), to raise "chickens and children."

Jackie, persistently burdened by her monumental talent and fame, eventually found her own marriage to pianist/conductor Daniel Barenboim (James Frain) in serious trouble, and suffered an emotional breakdown. Ultimately, she contracted multiple sclerosis, which not only ended her dazzling career and silenced

the music, but took her life also. She died in 1987 at the age of 42, having for years been too debilitated to perform.

One part of "Hilary and Jackie" we "see" from Hilary's point of view; the other from Jackie's. Perhaps director Armand Tucker sought to be especially fair and honest with this format. Perhaps he sought to put the story together through various movements, like a musical composition. In any case, a dizzying number of matters are brought up and never really explored. We touch upon this. We touch upon that. And then we move on, to touch upon something else.

Did Jacqueline du Pré really hate the cello, as she claims here? Did she then, feel no real passion for the music? Did she feel enslaved by her talent? Did she really feel unloved by her parents, unless she was winning awards for her music? Were these feelings really justified? Did her husband leave her when she became ill to start another life - and family - with someone else? Why does Hilary feel that she should give her sister everything, including her husband?

("She just needs proof that somebody loves her," she says, in Frank Cottrell Boyce's screenplay, but this seems downright laughable.) Who is Kiffer Finzi that he appears to be so agreeable to this rather unorthodox

"arrangement"?

"If you think being an ordinary person is any easier than being an extraordinary one, you're wrong," Hilary tells her sister at one point. Are we to believe that Hilary is "ordinary"?

This is not, by the way, an easy movie to watch. In fact, it's one of the grimmest, darkest movies I've seen in a long time. And Emily Watson's "death scene" - which, in itself, may earn her an Academy Award nomination - is especially harrowing.

Tucker, up to now a documentary filmmaker, adds special visual interest to "Hilary and Jackie" by interspersing grainy, homemade "takes," plus mood-enhancing shots, especially as the movie progresses, that seem almost physically weighted with dark, inky colors and shadows.

Though the story moves to such far-flung locales as Israel, France and Russia, all of the movie was shot in Liverpool, due to budget constraints.

Production designer Alice Normington's "costuming" of interior shots work exactly right, though.

The music is eloquent, of course, and one keeps hoping more emphasis had been given to it. Much of it has been re-recorded from original performances given by Jacqueline du Pré at the height of her career.

'Hi-Lo' is edge-of-seat drama

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They were cowboys who fought World War II, and came home ready to resume the life they left in "The Hi-Lo Country" of New Mexico. But it was not to be. Small ranches were being bought up, putting an end to many a cowboy's dreams of owning a little land, running cattle, getting married and having a family.

"The Hi-Lo Country," based on the novel by Max Evans, takes place against a Big Sky backdrop during this little known era of American history.

Pete Calder (Billy Crudup), home from the war, wants to raise cattle and work his small plot of land. He learns Mona (Patricia Arquette), the woman he can't get out of his system, a woman with nothing in her cards, is married to another man. With Mona married, he returns to the arms of his steady girlfriend Josephine O'Neil (Penelope Cruz).

As life begins settling down, a masked man approaches Pete's ranch at a gallop. Pete's alarm changes to joy when he recognizes his best friend, Big Boy Matson (Woody Harrelson),

who has bought up a lot of Hi-Lo's land and businesses, instead of Hoover Young (James Gammon), a man Big Boy trusts.

Big Boy is also in love with Mona, but doesn't let her marriage stop their heated affair. Torn by guilt and his ever-present desire for Mona, Pete fights the yearnings for something he knows he'll never have.

"The Hi-Lo Country" has all the elements of a classic western - dusty prairie, good guys, villains, lots of whiskey, fights, horses, a cattle drive, poker and blinding blizzard. But it's also about a friendship that's tested and a lost way of life.

Harrelson's Big Boy Matson is loud and crazy, the opposite of his friend Pete, whom he tries to protect. Matson has a lot of rage, and anger; he's fearless in the face of danger and not afraid of a fight.

Pete admires his friend's spirit but lacks his skill with cattle, and also, his drive. Pete seems like he's just going along for the ride. Big Boy is definitely master of the land, but Pete's not sure.

He won't fight for Mona or commit to Josephine. He listens to the conversations around him about times changing and families losing their ranches, but doesn't do anything about it. If Big Boy hadn't come along he might have even gone to work for Jim Ed Love (Sam Elliott),

who has bought up a lot of Hi-Lo's land and businesses, instead of Hoover Young (James Gammon), a man Big Boy trusts.

Their circle of friends includes Levi Gomez (Enrique Castillo) and Billy Harte (Northern Exposure's Darren Burrows) whose family lost their land to Jim Ed Love.

Big Boy loves his mother (Rosaleen Linehan) and buys her groceries when he wins big at poker. He's tough, but soft underneath, a man who knows what he wants, and understands his responsibilities. There's tension between him and his little brother, Little Boy (Cole Hauser) who works for Jim Ed Love and lives at home with mom but doesn't take care of the place.

Directed by British director Stephen Frears, produced by Martin Scorsese and Barbara De Fina, "The Hi-Lo Country" offers edge-of-the-seat drama, tension and excitement.

Harrelson steals the show as Big Boy, like John Wayne he's bigger than life but a lot more vulnerable. The story moves fast, and will hold your attention. It's a good ride, a gallop through a part of America's past that hasn't been captured on film. "The Hi-Lo Country" is worth a visit.

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STREET SCENE

Detroit rockers come together to help one of their own



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other Detroit bands, some of which refused to share a stage with it.

But the band, which broke up Dec. 31, 1997, and a host of Detroit acts are putting egos aside to help out Joe LaFata, the former drummer for Tyrone's Power Wheel and the Final Cut. He was diagnosed a year ago with brain tumors called germinomas.

Tyrone's Power Wheel will reform to make a guest appearance during a benefit for LaFata at 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, at St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. Tickets are \$10 for the all-ages show.

The benefit will also feature performances by StunGun, Give



Bands rally: Joe LaFata, former drummer for Tyrone's Power Wheel and the Final Cut who has been diagnosed with a tumor, will be helped by a benefit

and the Howling Diablos. CIMX-FM (89X) morning personality Kelly Brown will serve as host. For more information, call (313)

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Posegay said that around 1 a.m., the reunited Tyrone's Power Wheel - with a replacement drummer - will hit the stage.

"They'll play about three songs and start a jam session. (Radio station) 89X, does a club night downstairs. (DJ) Clark Warner approached a friend of mine and he's been talking about wanting to spin," Posegay said.

Give is the new band from former Tyrone's Power Wheel members Ferris George and Ray Echlin.

"It's a Jeff Buckley kind of thing. Ferris always wanted to be Jeff Buckley," Posegay said with a laugh.

The bands were chosen on their ability to bring in fans. The Howling Diablos played at the wedding of LaFata, who is now separated.

"It's not going to be a way to showcase somebody's new band. The key is to get people in the place. StunGun draws people. I asked the Howling Diablos.

They played at Joe's wedding," he explained.

"I don't care who comes to the benefit. I just want to pack this place but at the same time pay tribute to Joe."

Posegay, the promotion and marketing director for the Birmingham-based CIMX is organizing the event along with Brad Cousens, general manager of Clutch Cargo's in Pontiac, and his brother Graham Cousens, the former guitarist for Tyrone's Power Wheel.

They had been talking about doing a benefit for about a year.

"When we first found out, we said we've got to do a benefit. But we didn't want it to be pretentious. We didn't want Joe to think that we're putting a nail in his coffin. He's not critical. He's fighting this thing," he explained.

"We're doing this out of love. He's a talented musician, the stuff that he did with the Final Cut and Tyrone's Power Wheel was amazing."

Graham Cousens talked to LaFata and mentioned that they were planning a benefit for him.

"Joe was really touched by it. He's totally moved by it," Posegay explained.

According to the National Academy of Neuropsychology Web site, germinomas are tumors that arise from germ cells and are most common in the region of the pineal gland. They are thought to arise from cells that should have migrated to the gonads during development. Germinomas are highly infiltrative and rapidly growing.

LaFata told Posegay that only 3 percent of cancer patients have the same type of cancer. LaFata has gone through four sets of radiation to shrink the growths that keep returning.

"From what I understand, just one day they won't come back. He feels great and then these things grow again. He goes into the hospital feeling great and then they get zapped and he has to rehabilitate for three to four weeks," he said.

"He just keeps going in. This is his life now."

LaFata, a Grosse Pointe Woods resident, also worked as

a freelance producer working on commercials with Grant Hill and Sergei Fedorov. LaFata, in his early 30s, served as a grip on the set of the movie "Grosse Pointe Blank," and as a cameraman for Red Wings games on UPN 50.

St. Andrew's Hall has donated the building and its services for the event. All the money made will go to LaFata.

"My whole thing is that money doesn't solve his problem. If it can help pay his bills, that's great. I don't care what he does with the money. I just want it to help him in some way. If he suddenly feels completely feeling better and he wants to go on a trip around the world, well go for it."

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Artist creates with a furnace, ductwork

BACKSTAGE PASS



ANN DELISI

to an artist whose latest work features a large furnace with ductwork embracing a bed?

As far as we know, Nelson Smith isn't a Weather Channel addict. The contemporary artist's latest installation/performance at the Center Galleries of the Center for Creative Studies in Detroit, "Forced Air," is a continuation of his 1995 work, "Electricity."

"Forced Air" is actually a prequel to "Electricity." I see it as a part of the same work, with logistics and finances being the biggest obstacles to presenting them together," says Smith.

There has been another

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Nelson Smith
artist

unforeseen obstacle to the installation of "Forced Air." Can you imagine trying to convince a heating and cooling expert that your exhibit deserves priority with the weather we've been having? Patience and good humor helped Smith deal with delays in completing the furnace and ductwork elements, which will be ready for performances on Jan. 22, 29 and Feb. 2.

In fact, it's not unusual for Smith or his audiences to be amused by something in past performances of his work that wasn't intended to be funny.

"I was surprised to find the audience laughing, although I wasn't really discouraged. After all, I've been amused when cre-

ating my work by the quirkiness of the combination of the materials. I like to think of my work as entertaining. It's challenging in a cerebral way like a puzzle or a game."

The installation will be shown at the Center Galleries through Feb. 27, and you can preview it on this week's edition of Backstage Pass.

Speaking of combining elements, The Raisin Pickers have been known to throw in a guitar, mandolin, fiddle, string bass, an assortment of banjos, vocal solos and harmonies, and even some Appalachian clogging in their performances. The string quartet is the only local group in the outstanding talent roster of the

22nd Ann Arbor Folk Festival, set for Jan. 30.

Mark and Carol Palms founded the band in 1989. He'd been a fiddler and banjoist of traditional music, she's a classically trained violinist. When you add instrumentalist David Mosher's passion for bluegrass, and violinist James Sneyd and his background in folk rock, jazz and Celtic bands, you've got a mix of the best qualities of bluegrass, old time, and swing.

"The preferences of the individual band members always surface when we're working on original music, with each of us trying to shape the piece in a certain way. It helps the creative process. You're going to play best what you like best," says Carol Palms.

The band is excited about performing for the first time in the festival, which has a reputation for attracting fresh national acts that make it big in the next year.

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DINING

Partners with good 'Karma' get ready to open club

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
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Mark McConnell has a suggestion for visitors to his dueling piano bar Karma.

"Check your shy personality at the coat check," McConnell said.

In late January, the sounds of dueling pianos and rousing sing-alongs will fill the vibrantly colored Ferndale club.

"It's a Disney-like concept that's been popular for a couple years in Florida. It's a fun way to interact. It's an uplifting experience," McConnell explained.

Karma is the creation of long-time Detroit DJ McConnell, and Rob Potter, a Rochester resident and co-owner of Pontiac's The Velvet Lounge.

The building formerly housed a Rite-Aid and underwent a massive seven-month reconstruction to turn it into a hip, acoustically sound club.

"The atmosphere is through the lighting, not through stuff screwed on the wall," McConnell a Bloomfield Hills native, and Lahser High School graduate said during a tour of the building.

Upon entering Karma, patrons will be greeted with a coat check and cashier. Prisms from wall scones reach up to the funky slanted ceilings of a long hallway that keeps the main room a mystery. A quick turn at the end of the hallway reveals high ceilings, a giant stage on one side of the room, and a raised private area overlooking the club.

Opening Soon

What: Karma 22901 Woodward Ave., north of Nine Mile Road, Ferndale, (248) 541-1600. It will be open to those 21 and older.

Menu: The menu will be simple yet elegant offering peel-and-eat shrimp, vegetarian dishes, and a variety of other food. The prices will be moderate and all credit cards will be accepted.

Opening day: Scheduled to open in late January. The grand opening celebration is set for mid-February, perhaps Valentine's Day weekend, and will be a charity event. Check the Dining page in Entertainment for details.

"The cigar-martini thing's been done. We're selling wine and champagne (in this room). There's private bathrooms. The room overlooks the rest of the place. It's a great sight line to see a band," McConnell explained.

Contrasting colors - primarily red with darker hues - provide a comforting atmosphere.

"We tried to pick vibrant colors to create a warmth and make it an inviting atmosphere," McConnell said.

An entertainment director will oversee the piano players. But the stage will be shared with mainstream, contemporary pop, rock and rhythm and blues bands, as well as comedians.

Although there are other dueling piano bars in the area, McConnell said "there is nothing on this scale." Karma measures in at 11,000 square feet and holds 1,000 people.

"We built this in mind to be a multi-use facility. We want to try to appeal to a different audience."

His target audience is those

who are 25 and older, well behaved, and interested in hearing good music. Good food is also on the plate at Karma.

"We're putting in a full-service kitchen and look forward to private rentals and in-house catering of events. The menu is going to be small but really good. We'd rather expand the menu then pull it back."

McConnell described the menu as simple yet elegant, stepping above the typical bar offerings. Peel-and-eat-shrimp, vegetarian dishes and turkey burgers will be on the menu.

"We'll have a signature flavor," he added.

Although Karma is scheduled to open in late January, the grand opening celebration is set for mid-February, perhaps Valentine's Day weekend, and will be a charity event.

Opening a nightclub was a logical progression for McConnell. In the early 1990s, he was a DJ at Industry in Pontiac, and was an on-air personality on WHY-FM, now known as WPLT-FM. McConnell, a former Billboard



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Partners: Mark McConnell (left) and co-owner Rob Potter with one of their two baby grand pianos at Karma.

chart reporter, was also a manager at the Hayloft Liquor Stand in Mount Clemens. His office is lined with platinum records from Depeche Mode and

The KLF.

"It's been an interesting experience over the last so many years. I've gone from being a DJ

to being on the radio to running a couple premiere places. I'm finally running my own place. If there was ever a time to blossom, 1999 is my year."

When you're in a hurry with no time to cook, order soup

BY KEELY WYGONIK
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Include as much information as possible - address/phone of restaurant, what's your favorite dish to go? and why is it your favorite.

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WHAT'S COOKING

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