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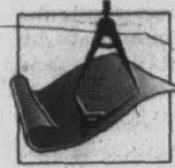
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## Beck and Joy remains school site



Several teachers asked the Board of Education to move the location of the third high school closer to the other two at Joy and Canton Center. Officials said at Beck and Joy is the site voters were promised.

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If there was any doubt before Tuesday night's Plymouth-Canton school board meeting where the new high school will be constructed, there is no more.

Despite calls by several teachers to build the new high school near the two

existing buildings on what is known as The Park, at Joy and Canton Center roads, all six trustees who attended the meeting said it's time to move on and give the voters what was promised in the March 1997 bond election.

"It was very clear what the proposition was in every piece of literature that went out," said trustee Judy Mardigian, who led the building level

campaigns for the bond proposal. "My concern is that next time we need to have a bond for buses ... if we change what we're going to do, are the voters going to approve buses for us?"

"We cannot continue to bicker publicly or privately about this issue," added trustee Roland Thomas. "Let's build the best facility for children and their education, regardless of where it is."

"We need to get on with this," added Mike Maloney, school board president. "We need to work together to come up with the best facility we can for children."

The chairwoman of the steering com-

mittee which conducted public forums before the bond vote made it well-known she would only support the school if it's kept at Beck and Joy.

"If the school board changes what we told the voters, I will be the first one to make a public fuss that the Plymouth-Canton school district has not honored the wishes of this community and the people that voted," said Susan Kopinski of Canton, in a prepared letter to the school board.

English teacher Cyndi Burnstein, science instructor Harry Greanya and parent JoAnn Lamar tried to convince

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The big chill: Plymouth Community firefighters practice their ice/water rescue techniques in Township Park Tuesday afternoon. At left, firefighter Chuck Russo (left) "rescues" Capt. Mark Wendel. Below, the two change places as Wendel (rear) prepares to "rescue" Russo

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## On frozen pond

### Firefighters train for ice water rescues

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The Plymouth Community Fire Department ... coming soon to a frozen pond near you.

With the help of a \$2,000 donation from Tower Automotive, firefighters have acquired ice water rescue equipment and are currently being trained in how to use it at a pond in Township Park.

According to Plymouth Fire Chief Larry Groth, the equipment will come in handy with ice water rescue calls.

"There are six, what we consider lakes, in the township and about 25 backyard and retention ponds," he said. "Some of those ponds you can walk across they're so shallow but some of them, as we're coming to find

out, are up to 18 feet deep. That makes for a dangerous situation so there is a need for it."

Groth said that the majority of ice water rescue calls involve pets that have wandered onto thin ice and fallen through.

"We've been called many times in the past years for rescuing dogs who have gone out onto the ice," he said. "That's a very dangerous thing when you don't have the equipment and you don't know the depth of the pond that you're working on."

Plymouth Township firefighter Bill Conroy was a volunteer in Northville Township before coming to Plymouth as a full-time worker. According to several fire department officials, he is

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## Social studies part of this year's MEAP tests

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Plymouth-Canton fifth- and eighth-grade students will find something new when they take the state MEAP tests during the next three weeks.

A new social studies test has been added to go along with science and writing.

"The purpose of social studies instruction is to develop responsible citizens," said Penny Joy, curriculum coordinator for the district. "The MEAP tests ask students about things they need to know to be responsible citizens."

Students will be asked both multiple choice and short essay questions on history, civics, economics and geography.

Joy said part of the test will include a section on inquiry and decision making.

"Students will read data, and then rely on previous knowledge of social

■ 'The MEAP tests ask students about things they need to know to be responsible citizens.'

Penny Joy  
-curriculum coordinator

studies and a core democratic value to take a position and defend it," she said. "The core democratic value has to do with rights and privileges of Americans. Something from the Declaration of Independence, the U.S. Constitution, or court findings, for example."

Plymouth-Canton administrators aren't looking for high test scores for the social studies section this first year.

"Scores will probably follow the pattern we've seen in the past," said Joy. "When science first came out, the scores weren't strong. But, they've con-

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## Commission hires Rich as manager

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The Plymouth city commission, on a 6-0 vote, Wednesday night hired David Rich of Grand Ledge as its new city manager.

Rich, the city administrator of Grand Ledge since 1992 and the executive director of the city's Downtown Development Authority, will be paid \$75,924 plus a benefits package, both of which is very similar to that of former city manager Steve Walters.

The three-year contract will begin March 27, although Rich will be paid a pro-rated fee and mileage from Grand Ledge to attend city commission meetings and work in the city at least one day a week until he becomes full-time. Rich says he hopes to conclude business in Grand Ledge within a couple of months.

"We made him a good offer to let him

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David Rich



# Principal nominated as 'Boss of Year'

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Teachers and staff at Central Middle School know principal Barbara Church is Boss of the Year.

Now, they're hoping their efforts will result in the official title as winner of the Boss of the Year Contest sponsored by WJR radio.

Church, of Canton, was selected as one of 20 finalists for the honor after her staff sent in a nominating letter.

"We have a great staff here, and the letter they wrote was just wonderful," said Church. "It certainly will keep me going for a few more years."

"I've never had a boss I've respected more," said social studies teacher Linda Hahn, who spearheaded the effort. "She is so fair and gives us a chance to grow. That's rare."

Hahn said she wanted to nominate Church last year for the award, but time just slipped

away before the deadline. But this year, Hahn made sure she carried through.

"I talked with other teachers and we couldn't think of anyone who deserved it more," she said.

Being one of the 20 finalists, Church and her husband will spend the first weekend in February at Garland Resort in Lewiston, Mich. WJR morning show host Paul W. Smith will interview the 20 finalists on Saturday, Feb. 6, and then choose a winner.

In order to win, Church needed to call WJR within 20 minutes of her name being announced on the radio. So, the staff had to tell her about the surprise.

"When my name was announced Thursday morning, I had people from all over the community calling me to make sure I called in," said Church.

Hahn was one of those listening, keeping a radio on in class.

"When I heard her name I let



**Tops:** Central Middle School principal Barbara Church, center, poses with teachers Linda Hahn (from left), Mary Ann Foss and Julia Hermann, and seventh-grade students Chris Johnson (from left), Jeanette Lindquist, Melissa Giddings and Candace Bean.

out a scream," she said. "We're be like Barb." All so excited. All bosses should

# Walters lines up job in city of Belleville

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Former Plymouth City Manager Steve Walters appears to be headed south.

Both Walters and Belleville city officials confirm Walters is the only candidate being interviewed for the city manager position, which has been filled on an interim basis since July 6.

"Mr. Walters is interested in us, and we're interested in Mr. Walters," said Tom Daily, interim city manager. "It's come down to the economic issues, like salary and benefits. We should know by the end of the week, or early next week."

The former city manager, Kerreen Conley, left last July after being fired on a 3-2 vote by the Belleville City Council. She ran the city for more than three years, leaving with a salary of approximately \$52,000.

"I'm sure we'll have to go higher to get a person with Mr. Walters qualifications," said Bailey.

Walters, who is currently

working only as a consultant in Plymouth until his separation date of Jan. 31, left making \$75,924.

Belleville, a town of approximately 4,000 people, has an annual general fund budget of nearly \$2 million and employs about 30 full-time workers. That compares to Plymouth, which has nearly 10,000 residents, an annual budget of \$5 million, which employs about 70 people.

Both cities are just slightly more than 2 square miles.

Walters said he doesn't feel working in Belleville would be a step down for him.

"I like running small towns," he said. "It kind of reminds me of Northville in size, where I was city manager for 17 years."

Walters cites an active Downtown Development Authority, the redevelopment of an industrial park into residential property, and future development along Belleville Lake as reasons the job appeals to him.

# School from page A1

the board that quality, equity and flexibility of education would be affected if a third high school is built away from the present high schools.

"I don't see any reason why equity of program can't be provided at Joy and Beck," added John Filios, a steering committee member. "In our discussions, people did not want their students immediately adjacent to the other two."

And if the new school isn't constructed at Joy and Beck, it may

be stuck in litigation for a long time, according to one attorney who addressed the board.

"If you go back on your promise to the electorate and change the location, I think we're not ever going to have a new high school," said Mark Slavens of Canton. "As little validity as the lawsuit that's going through the courts now has, I think you've got some real problems with breach of contract."

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# 'Language adventure'

## Students find no barriers to staying after school

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When Barbara Young and Pat Van Dusen decided Community Education should provide after-school foreign language classes at the elementary schools in the Plymouth-Canton district, they knew the program would be accepted.

However, they weren't certain how well.

"We decided to take a risk and set it up," said Young. "We took the attitude that if you build it, they will come."

And they did ... in droves.

The women coordinate Language Adventure, which currently teaches either Spanish or French at all 14 elementary schools, as well as three middle schools, supplementing the district's eighth-through 12th-grade curriculum. There's also one class in Italian.

"It started out word of mouth that we were going to have the program," said Van Dusen. "And in five months we had 407 children in grades second through fifth learning a foreign language."

Van Dusen said Community Education was going to wait until next fall to start a middle school foreign language program, but the demand created it a year earlier.

"We got calls from parents who wanted the same opportunity for their older kids," she said. "We sent out fliers, talked to our instructors, and ended up with another 33 sixth- and seventh-grade students taking Spanish at West and Pioneer middle schools, and French at Central."

Young said a learning window and a world economy were the impetus for offering after-school language classes.

"Research shows there's a window of opportunity for young children to learn foreign language," said Young. "Small children learn

to speak at 3 or 4, and the window closes at about 12. If you're going to learn a foreign language, you have to start young.

And, if a youngster has those foundations now, it will open doors of opportunity in the job market in the years to come."

And, the research hasn't been lost on parents, who are now encouraging their children to learn more languages.

"I think any language kids can take at an early age will help them when they get older," said Chris Plester, whose 8-year-old son, Paul, is taking French at Isbister Elementary. "When I was in third grade I learned Spanish, and I remembered it so easily."

"If I ever travel to France, I'll be able to speak the language," added Paul.

"I think it's easy. I'm learning numbers, colors and adjectives," Pamela Reyes, 8, of Plymouth said proudly.

Diane Danek of Canton teaches the French class at Isbister, which consists of nearly a dozen students in second through fifth grades.

Danek agrees her younger students do better than high school students she's taught.

"These kids can pick up a lot faster than the high school students did," she said. "We do a lot of learning with pictures, which helps them learn faster."

"For some of these kids, it's their third or fourth language," said Danek. "I have one child who has lived in China and will be moving to France, who knows seven languages."

The foreign language program gets its instructors from the community. There's a parent from Bentley Elementary who is a former Peace Corps volunteer in South America; a translator who worked with the French automaker Renault, who has a certificate in teaching; and a translator from



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Venezuela who teaches Spanish to Johnson Controls executives.

Young believes Community Education needs to have a strong connection with the school district's curriculum. She believes foreign language fits the bill, and much more.

"Learning a foreign language opens doors in the world and in the mind," said Young. "Research studies indicate students do better on achievement tests when they study a foreign language. It develops respect for cultural diversity. And when you learn about a culture, you become a part of it."



Lesson plan: Above, Kelly Schirle, 7, of Plymouth waits while French instructor Diane Danek points to one of the teams during a charades-like game where students acted out a word in front of the class at Isbister Elementary. At left, Maria Sasinowski, 7, of Plymouth listens for her numbers to be called in a French version of bingo, while mom Teresa and brother Jamie, 3, look on.

## Police expect charges in brass knuckles assault

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A Plymouth Township man was attacked and beaten by his girlfriend's ex-boyfriend last Tuesday evening after a conflict between the former couple arose at the woman's apartment in Plymouth Township.

According to police reports, the suspect called the 33-year-old woman on the phone then came to the residence, near Ridge and Halyard Roads, and kicked in the apartment's front door.

The woman and the victim, 32, then locked themselves in a back bedroom but the Redford man punched in the bedroom door with a pair of brass knuckles, according to police.

The victim escaped through a first floor window in an attempt to flee to his home near Five Mile and Beck before his attack.

**The victim reportedly suffered several lacerations to the top and right side of his head, a possible broken right arm and a fractured or broken rib cage.**

er gained entry to the bedroom.

According to reports, the ex-boyfriend and another man, who police didn't identify, got into a pick-up truck to go after the victim and caught up to him near the intersection of Halyard and Ridge Roads where the incident occurred.

Police reports say that the two men got out of the truck and the Redford man began to kick and hit the victim with the brass knuckles as the unidentified man stood by and watched.

The victim returned to the woman's apartment, where he encountered police officers that responded to the scene and, according to the report, the victim was "bleeding profusely from the head and face."

The victim reportedly suffered several lacerations to the top and right side of his head, a possible broken right arm and a fractured or broken rib cage.

The attacker also told the victim to stay away from his girlfriend or he would kill him and not to report the incident to the police or he'll "get the same as tonight," according to reports.

The suspect has not been taken into custody by Plymouth Township Police but charges are expected to be filed by the department.

Neither the woman nor the victim would give a written voluntary statement to police.

## Rich from page A1

know he's an outstanding candidate, and send a message that he's an outstanding individual," said Mayor Don Dismuke. "We talked with all three finalists. However, he is a current city administrator and is experienced with downtown development in Grand Ledge, which is similar to Plymouth."

Rich apparently won't be getting a big pay increase to move. He tells the Observer he made approximately \$70,000 while holding the titles of administrator and DDA director in Grand Ledge.

"Plymouth has a great reputation across the state, and will be a challenge for me," he said. "The city has the best of both worlds. It has a small town ambiance, but is in a metro area."

City commissioners almost had to wait until Monday night's meeting to approve a final contract after changing the car allowance portion of the contract.

The agreement signed by Rich called for a \$400 monthly car allowance. However, commis-

**"Mr. Rich is a former police officer ... and two-years-ago spearheaded an effort to select a new police chief in Grand Ledge. And, Grand Ledge has a lot of dealings with surrounding townships."**

Colleen Pobur  
City commissioner

sioners wanted to end the car allowance and pay the city manager solely based on mileage traveled.

"This is too much an extravagance for the citizens Plymouth to pay," said Commissioner Dave McDonald. "The reality is the citizens of Plymouth will be buying a car for Mr. Rich."

The change didn't turn out to be a stumbling block. After adjourning the meeting, Mayor Don Dismuke called Rich; sealed the deal, and the commissioners

quickly reconvened to approve the contract, which also includes \$4,000 for moving expenses.

Commissioner Colleen Pobur noted Rich has already handled some issues that Plymouth needs to solve.

"Mr. Rich is a former police officer ... and two-years-ago spearheaded an effort to select a new police chief in Grand Ledge," she said. "And, Grand Ledge has a lot of dealings with surrounding townships."

City Clerk Linda Langmesser talked with some Grand Ledge city employees in checking out her new boss, telling commissioners she found out Rich has an open door policy and treats people fairly.

"I like his experience and how he has progressed from smaller to larger cities in his career," said Langmesser, who attended all the city manager interview sessions. "Of the three finalists, he was my number one choice."

Treasurer Teresa Cischke noted, "With his background, he'll provide a lot of expertise to Plymouth."

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## Local communities get set to tackle stormwater runoff

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Out of the 43 communities in the Rouge River watershed, at least 24 are expected to apply for "voluntary" stormwater permits from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.

The communities have until Jan. 31 to apply for the permits to tackle the problems of stormwater runoff into the Rouge River. Wayne County communities that have applied include Canton, Garden City, Livonia, Plymouth Township, Redford and Westland.

The deadline is about two years ahead of the Environmental Protection Agency requirements, but the permit process also allows communities the opportunity to help write the rules. Communities have an option to opt out of the permit if the EPA guidelines are more stringent than permit guidelines.

Cathy Bean, MDEQ's coordinator of the Rouge River remedial action plan, expects to review the permits and give approval by late spring.

"The permits include storm sewer maps, a public education plan and illicit connection plans, which includes an intention to eliminate illicit connections," Bean said.

Local and county officials do not know what the stormwater program will cost, but communities will be eligible for \$3.5 million in grant money from the Rouge Program Office from April 1999 to March 2001 for illicit discharge elimination, public

education, public participation plan and subwatershed plan. A second phase calls for \$6 million in funding for pollution prevention initiatives and implementation of subwatershed plans from April 2000 to December 2002. Funds in both phases are subject to a local match.

Bill McCracken, permits chief of the surface water quality division for the Department of Environmental Quality, told the committee he thought those numbers of permit applicants represented "real progress."

"It will be easier for us if we get more of these in," McCracken said.

Tom Casari, engineer with Canton Township, said that community applied for the permit for a simple reason.

"Clean water is a concern," Casari said. "The township has done a lot in the past in preserving open spaces. With our level of development, we have to be concerned with stormwater quality." The permit allows the township to "control our own des-

tiny," Casari said.

"It was the right thing to do," said Richard Dittmar, director of public services in Westland.

Jack Barnes, Garden City director of public services, said that community's leaders saw the advantage of getting a jump on the Phase II requirements.

"Getting some federal grant money will help us," Barnes said. "That (permit) will be required a couple of years down the pipe."

In 1997, U.S. District Judge John Feikens told officials he may issue a show cause order calling for a watershed-wide authority to oversee the Rouge project. That proposal remains a concern for some communities.

Jim Anulewicz, director of public service in Plymouth Township, told a committee appointed by Feikens that he was concerned about an authority's oversight of the communities. "There is not a compelling reason to create something with

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## Feikens to hear progress on Rouge water quality

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Is it enough? City, township and county officials all will be asking whether stormwater permit applications and plans to tackle water quality problems in the Rouge River will be sufficient for U.S. District Judge John Feikens.

Feikens will listen Feb. 4 to progress reports and activities from the Rouge Program Office, Wayne, Oakland and Washtenaw counties and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and others.

In 1997, Feikens threatened to issue a show cause order which would have called for a watershed-wide authority to oversee the project. Feikens instead granted a 14-month extension (which ends Sunday) for 43 watershed communities to outline progress. Feikens also appointed a Rouge River watershed planning and coordinating committee, chaired by court

monitor Jonathan Bulkley, a University of Michigan professor and engineer.

On Jan. 19, Jim Murray, director of Wayne County's Department of Environment, gave other committee members an outline of a report he hoped to give to Feikens, showing progress in the following areas:

■ Commitments to clean the river by agencies and communities in applying for the MDEQ stormwater general permit;

■ Seven subwatershed areas with communities agreeing to subwatershed boundaries;

■ A geographic information system "pilot project" to examine data and sharing it to support a watershed-wide GIS, which was proposed by Feikens in 1997;

■ Closer coordination of activities between the Rouge River Advisory Council, an advisory group including citizens, representatives of industry, state and county governments, and the Rouge Program Office, which is responsible for the distribution

of grant money and collects water quality information and other reports;

■ Development of proposals for common ordinances and guidelines among three counties in the watershed for stormwater facilities and maintenance of on-site sewage disposal systems, including inspection requirements and construction codes for septic tanks;

■ Cooperation among local governments leading to arrangements for watershed protection;

■ Examination of related national and state water quality programs;

■ Availability of future Rouge grant funds;

■ Agreement between communities and the MDEQ on monitoring needs for the Rouge River.

Murray also told the court committee the state needed to be involved with monitoring, evaluating and analyzing.

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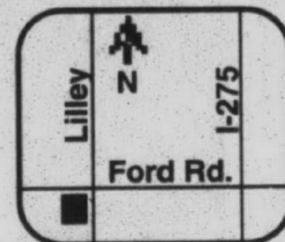
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# Public hearing to focus on state environment laws

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If you have any concerns with state environmental laws and policies, the Department of Environmental Quality wants to hear from you as it launches its annual round of statewide public hearings in Livonia on Feb. 23.

Russell Harding, DEQ's director, and leaders of the department's nine divisions will visit Kresge Hall at Madonna University, 36300 Schoolcraft, to share information and solicit comments from the public on environmental matters.

In a prepared statement, Harding said addressing today's environmental challenges "demands an active, informed citizenry."

"We found that many of our greatest achievements come

about when the public and private sectors join forces," Harding said. "Government does not have all of the answers."

"That's why it is important for the DEQ management team to gauge the practical impacts of Michigan's environmental policies. And the best way is for us to get out into the communities and let residents express their views firsthand."

The forum will be divided into

two parts. The department's top decision makers will be available 4-6 p.m. for informal one-on-one discussions with interested residents. From 6-7 p.m., the department will conduct a formal meeting at which residents can offer questions or comments to the entire DEQ management team.

Among those attending will be the leaders of the DEQ's nine divisions, including air quality, drinking water and radiological

protection, environmental assistance, environmental response, geological survey, land and water management, surface water quality, storage tank and waste management.

Many western Wayne County residents already deal with the DEQ out of its Livonia district office on Seven Mile just west of I-275, so many DEQ officials from that office also will be in attendance.

Ken Silfven, DEQ spokesman, said the department encourages citizen input.

"Many policies are made in Lansing, and sometimes we need to get out of town and get feedback to see how they're working," Silfven said.

Residents also can obtain information on the DEQ and reports from its Web site at [www.deq.state.mi.us](http://www.deq.state.mi.us).

## Madonna will host open house

Madonna University in Livonia is holding an open house for prospective students 1-4 p.m. Saturday, March 20, in the Take 5 Lounge on campus.

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Phil Sanzika, of the Oakland County Drain Commissioner's office, said the court has helped facilitate the program, but the involvement of the court "is not as needed as it has been in the past."

Gary Fujita, assistant director of the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department's waste water operations, said Detroit will not file for the stormwater permit. Under a separate program Detroit must deal with combined sewer overflows which combine storm and sanitary sewers and empty into the Rouge after a rainstorm. Retention basins have been built in Detroit, but more are needed.

"We are not aware of separate stormwater discharges," Fujita said.

Paul Tate, executive director of the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, said he was "amazed" at the way communities worked together without a supervising body.

Peter Swenson, a representative of the Environmental Protection Agency on the committee, said the EPA would examine the permit applications "to see if holes needed to be filled."

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the authority that may not be necessary."

Kurt Heise, administrative assistant in Dearborn Heights, which is part of a subwatershed group with Garden City and Westland and part of Livonia, wondered why Dearborn Heights spent millions to control its combined sewer overflows, yet Detroit did not control its share of combined sanitary and storm sewers that empty into the Rouge. Now Dearborn Heights must apply for the stormwater permit, but Detroit is not required, Heise pointed out.

McCracken said Detroit has "very few" stormwater discharges. "There is no legal requirement (to apply) at this point, but we expect it will be required in Phase II," McCracken said.

"Based on what we heard from the judge, I think it is a wise thing to apply. We want people to monitor their coverage in permits. We think it's a good deal for everyone."



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# Storage space needed for special wheelchairs

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A recent *Life* magazine article about an 11-year-old Chinese girl who was able to attend school for the first time after receiving a wheelchair donated from Wheels for the World has generated many donations in metro-Detroit. The response has been so good that storage space is needed.

"You realize what a difference one of these chairs can make," said Farmington Hills resident Dorothy Pitsch, Wheels for the World metro-Detroit chairwoman.

After reading the story about Liu Quiaoling, local organizations, like Angela Hospice in Livonia, and families of loved ones who have died are calling Pitsch wanting to donate wheelchairs, walkers and aluminum crutches.

"We absolutely need all of the used, but serviceable wheelchairs that we can find," said Pitsch, adding that a representative from Children's Hospital also promised to send her used wheelchairs.

Storage space is needed until May for about 200 wheelchairs that will be delivered to Romania, Poland and Ghana.

Another chapter of Wheels for the World recently had a truck donated and that seems to be the most efficient solution, Pitsch said. Wheelchairs are stored in the truck and when it's filled a driver takes them to a Tennessee prison where inmates fix them before they're shipped to needy and handicapped people around the world.

"If I could get something like that it would be a blessing," Pitsch said. "But I'll take any kind of storage."

Currently, Pitsch is using garage and basement space donated by friends and family.

Wheels for the World is planning a two-week drive at the end of April to get as many wheelchairs as possible before her current load is shipped for repairs.

"These wheelchairs can't be used in the United States, because of the insurance liability," Pitsch added.

So far the organization has

placed 6,000 people in wheelchairs. Wheels for the World began in 1992 by Joni Eareckson Tada who lost the use of her arms and legs after diving accident at age 17. She went on to become an artist, author and song writer along with launching this international program opening doors of opportunity to other disabled people.

The organization is JAF (Joni and Friends) Wheels for the World. Meanwhile, the organization keeps growing with the help of people like Pitsch.

A series of situations, that Pitsch believes are acts of God, led her to the organization. Three months ago her nephew, Randy Pitsch, was asked if he would like to donate a couple of wheelchairs that had been stored in the warehouse of his family's company, Pitsch Demolition. The Wheels for the World representative had no idea that Randy is married to Mary Lou, who has limited use of her hands, but no use of her arms and legs.

Randy learned Wheels for the World needed a Detroit area representative to launch a wheelchair drive and the Grand Rapids resident called his favorite aunt.

Against all odds, Randy and Mary Lou had their first baby in 1997, said Pitsch, who uses Mary Lou and the baby in a poster to promote Wheels for the World.

Pitsch's first donation came from a Clinton Township couple after their 18-year-old son died. He suffered from a degenerative muscular disease and had been in a wheelchair since he was 18 months old. Every time the couple saw the empty chair it was stark reminder of their loss.

Since the wheelchair held such precious memories, the couple asked that it be kept somewhere special before it was shipped to another country. Pitsch got permission from Sister Mary Thomas to store it at the Monastery of the Blessed Sacrament in Farmington Hills.

"The parents brought the wheelchair to the monastery and



STAFF PHOTOS BY BILL BREWER

Storage: Jim Rapin and Dorothy Pitsch load a donated wheelchair into the back of Jim's truck. They will take it to whatever temporary storage they find.



Donation: Dorothy Pitsch and Jim Rapin tag a donated wheelchair.

met me there and Sister Mary Thomas saw that it was a small chair and she said it would be the perfect size for a nun who was suffering from polio and needed a wheelchair just that size," said Pitsch explaining that Sister Mary Thomas also donated three larger wheelchairs.

"I left the special wheelchair for their special nun and I took their three wheelchairs," Pitsch said.

Another woman, who never identified herself to Pitsch, called after reading the *Life* Magazine story. They met at

Meijer in Northville. "The woman walked right up to me and she threw her arms around me and hugged me and said: 'Thank you so much for giving me this opportunity,'" Pitsch said.

Just as quickly the woman got into her car and drove off.

Meanwhile, Pitsch's great niece, Erica Bourgoin, president of Gamma Phi Beta at Oakland University in Rochester Hills, has promised that her sorority will collect wheelchairs and earn money for wheelchair parts and

shipping costs. Pitsch's daughter, Michelle Dinardo, ran an ad asking for used wheelchairs in her church paper at Prince of Peace Catholic Church in West Bloomfield. The next day someone brought her a wheelchair. When Dinardo asked if the woman wanted a receipt for tax purposes, the woman said: "Oh, no, this isn't for a tax reduction, this is for God."

Anyone interested in donating wheelchairs or storage space should call Pitsch at (248) 661-3317.

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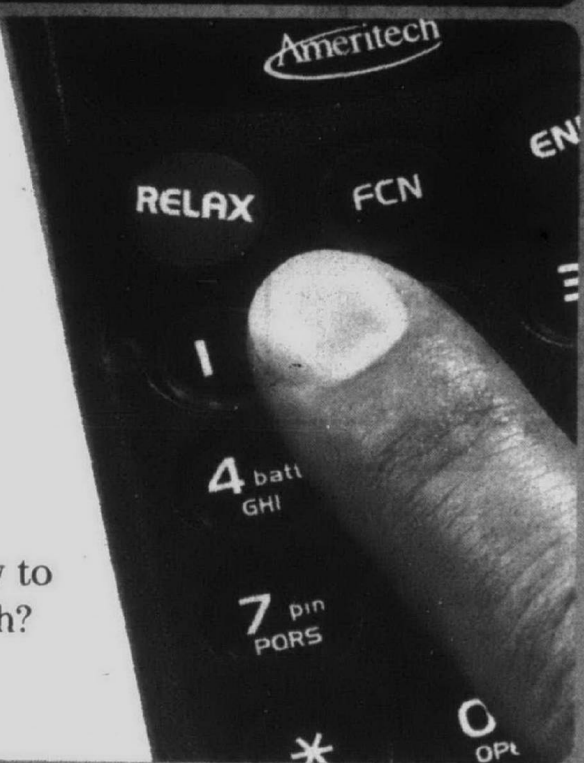


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**OBITUARIES**

**BILL CAMPBELL**  
 Services for Bill Campbell, formerly of Canton, were Jan. 23 in the Boyer Funeral Home, Bonne Terre, Mo.  
 He was born March 2, 1966, in Garden City. He died Jan. 20 in Bonne Terre, Mo. He graduated from Plymouth Canton High School in 1985.  
 He was preceded in death by his mother, Lee Campbell of Bonne Terre, Mo., and nephew, Steven Fisher of Plymouth.  
 Survivors include his father,

Fred Campbell of Plymouth; one brother, Kyle Campbell of Howell; one niece, Annie Campbell; one nephew, Tyler Campbell; and four aunts, Mattie Eden, Verna Fisher, LuAnn Howard and Vina Jackovich.  
**IRENE H. GLORE**  
 Services for Irene H. Gloré, 82, of Canton were Jan. 27 in St. Michael Lutheran Church, Canton, with the Rev. Jerry Yarnell officiating. Burial was in Meade Cemetery, Ray Township, Mich.

She was born Sept. 10, 1916, in Ray Township. She died Jan. 23 in Livonia. She was a supervisor for the photographic department in General Motors, Detroit. She retired in 1975 after 25 years of service. She moved to the Canton community from Detroit 15 years ago. She was a member of St. Michael Lutheran Church in Canton. She was a member of the Vivians and Plymouth Elks. She loved to ballroom dance and to travel. She graduated from Armand High

School with honors.  
 Survivors include her husband, Vance Gloré of Canton; one daughter, Carol A. Ano of Ann Arbor; one son, James D. (Beverly) Gloré of Schaumburg, Ill.; five grandchildren, Sheila, Sharon, Allison Gloré, Allen, David Ano; one sister, Mabel Ohman of Ray Township; and four brothers, Wilbur Heldt of Ray Township, Russell Heldt of Ray Township, Robert Heldt of Ray Township and Richard Heldt of Armada.

**GERTRUDE L. HEINTZ**  
 Services for Gertrude L. Heintz, 93, of Northville were Jan. 25 in the Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth Township, with the Rev. Larry Mattis officiating. Burial was in Lapham Cemetery.  
 She was born April 16, 1905, in Plymouth. She died Jan. 23 in Ann Arbor. She was a homemaker. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth.  
 Survivors include her daughter,

Doris Hardesty of Northville; one son, Harold Heintz of Salem; one granddaughter, Ruth Alexander; one grandson, Kenneth Hardesty; and five great-grandsons, Patrick Alexander, Timothy Alexander, Kenneth Hardesty Jr., J. Edward Hardesty and Joseph Hardesty.  
 Memorials may be made to Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh, Livonia, MI 48154-5010 or American Cancer Society, 29350 Southfield Road, Suite 110, Southfield, MI 48076.

**Rescue** from page A1

the one who drew attention to the need for such rescue equipment.  
 He has been with Plymouth Township for three years.

"We started realizing how many small ponds, retention ponds and small lakes we have in the community and it suddenly became real to us that we have no good viable means of doing an ice water rescue-type

operation," said Fire Capt. Mark Wendel. "We started looking at the program and Bill (Conroy) had some background in it so I kind of turned the program over to him. He put it together, worked out the costs and presented it to the chief. What you see today is a fruition of that effort."  
 According to Conroy, he had been working on organizing the program for a year and a half.  
 The equipment that the fire department has purchased is not the type that allows for ice water

dives to retrieve victims from below the surface. The new suits float and will not allow rescue workers to venture below the surface.  
 "These suits are designed to keep rescue crews on top of the water," said Groth. "This equipment can only be used if a victim is still at the surface of the water. If they go under, unfortunately, they most likely drown. If they go under, we call the Wayne County Rescue Dive Team and they handle it."  
 The township's newest equip-

ment consists of fully waterproof body suits called Gumbys to which a rope is attached to the chest area by a clamp, much like the ones used in rock climbing.  
 The worker enters the water while the remaining members of the response team hold the other end of the rope.  
 The rope is clamped around the victim by the worker in the water and both are pulled out by the crew members on shore.  
 "Ice water rescue before was, by today's standards, antiquated," said Wendel. "You're, for the most part, safe in that (suit). The old way, you used to take a ladder out there or have your guys crawl out there on their belly or throw (the victim) a rope. With this equipment here, we can go out, make an effective rescue and do all of the work for (the victim) and that's the biggest factor."

Groth said that the township also has purchased three new rescue poles to be kept with the water rescue equipment.  
 "We've just purchased, but we don't have them yet, the long extension pole snares for the dogs because no one wants to grab an animal," said Groth. "I don't care what kind of animal it is, when an animal is in the water like that, you don't know how they're going to act."  
 "If we can safely rescue a dog without endangering the lives of firefighters we would do so and we would use that snare device to do that."

**STATE OF MICHIGAN  
 COUNTY OF WAYNE  
 CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH  
 SUMMARY OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS  
 ORDINANCE  
 ORDINANCE NO. C-98-10A**

**AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE REGULATION OF THE ACCESS TO AND ONGOING USE OF PUBLIC UTILITY EASEMENTS AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY BY TELECOMMUNICATIONS PROVIDERS; PROVIDING FOR A PERMIT AND PERMIT FEES; PROVIDING FOR A RESERVATION OF RIGHTS; PROVIDING FOR DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING FOR A PERMIT APPLICATION PROCEDURE; PROVIDING FOR ANNUAL PERMIT FEES; PROVIDING FOR THE USE OF THE PUBLIC EASEMENTS AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY BY A PERMITTEE; PROVIDING FOR INSTALLATION, CONSTRUCTION AND/OR RELOCATION OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS PROVIDERS FACILITIES; PROVIDING FOR LIABILITY AND INSURANCE; PROHIBITING THE ASSIGNMENT OF A PERMIT; PROVIDING FOR REVOCATION AND REMOVAL OF FACILITIES; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF.**

**THE TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:**

**Purpose.** The purpose of the Ordinance is to regulate the access to and ongoing use of Public Utility Easements and Rights-of-Way by telecommunications providers.

**Reservation of Rights.** The issuance of a permit to a telecommunications provider does not waive the Township's right to require a franchise in the future or the right to claim a taking if a telecommunications provider claims it has the right to use public rights-of-way without compensation. In addition, a telecommunications provider may request the Township to enter into a consent agreement for the use of the Public Utility Easements and Rights-of-Way in place of a permit.

**Definitions.** Key terms, including "Telecommunications Provider," "Telecommunications Services," and "Telecommunications System" are defined.

**Permits.** The procedures for submitting and reviewing an application for a permit are described. When an application is filed, it is reviewed for administrative completeness. After an application is complete, the Township may request additional information from the applicant. Within 75 days after an application is determined to be administratively complete, a public hearing is held on the application by the Township Board (or a committee or hearing officer designated by the Township Board). After the public hearing, the Township Board then approves, approves with conditions, or denies the application within 90 days after the application was determined to be administratively complete. The Township Board may not unreasonably deny a permit. The Township Board may grant a modification or waiver of Ordinance requirements under certain limited circumstances.

**Annual Permit Fees.** A telecommunications provider is required to pay annual fees fixed by resolution of the Township Board. The fees must not exceed the fixed and variable costs to the Township of maintaining the Public Utility Easements and Rights-of-Way. A telecommunications provider may opt to pay an annual fee of 1 percent of its annual gross revenues from the telecommunications system within the municipality, in lieu of the annual fee established by the Township Board.

**Duration of Permit Renewal.** A permit is granted for a five (5) year term. An application for renewal of a permit follows the same process as the original application.

**Permit Terms and Requirements.** A permit is non-exclusive. A telecommunications provider is authorized to use the Public Utility Easements and Rights-of-Way only as authorized in the permit. A telecommunications provider may expand its system by obtaining approval of an amended permit which may be granted administratively. These provisions also address overlapping and "as built" maps, priorities of use of the Easements and Rights-of-Way, and future use of the Easements and Rights-of-Way by the Township.

**Use of Public Rights-of-Way by Permittees.** These provisions regulated the use of Public Utility Easements and Rights-of-Way by telecommunications providers. These regulations include the following requirements: no undue burden or interference with present or future use of the easements and rights-of-way, restoration of easements and rights-of-way, limitations on pavement cuts, marking of telecommunications facilities, relocation of facilities due to right-of-way work, etc.

**Liability and Insurance.** These provisions require a telecommunications provider to provide and maintain certain insurance coverages, to name the Township as an additional insured, and to indemnify the Township against liability arising from the acts or omissions of the provider.

**Assignments, Revocation and Renewal.** A telecommunications provider may not assign a permit or transfer control of its business without prior written consent of the Township which shall not be unreasonably withheld. The Township may revoke the permit for failure to comply with the provisions of the permit or the Ordinance and for other specified reasons. Upon revocation of a permit, or upon expiration of a permit which is not renewed, the telecommunications provider must remove its facilities from the Public Utility Easements and Rights-of-Way.

**Miscellaneous.** The Township reserves its police powers to protect the public health, safety, and welfare, and reserves the right of reasonable control of the Public Utility Easements and Rights-of-Way pursuant to the Michigan Constitution.

**Civil Infraction Enforcement.** A violation of the Ordinance is a civil infraction, subject to a civil fine of not less than \$500 and not more than \$5,000, plus costs and sanctions. Repeat offenses are subject to a civil fine of \$1,000 - \$10,000 (first repeat offense) and \$2,000 - \$20,000 (second and subsequent repeat offenses).

**Repeal.** This Section provides for the repeal of all conflicting Ordinances.

**Severability.** This Section provides that the Ordinance is severable, and if any portion of this Ordinance is declared invalid for any reason, the remaining provisions of this Ordinance shall remain valid.

**Effective Date.** This Section provides that the Ordinance shall take full force and effect upon publication.

**CERTIFICATION**  
 The foregoing Ordinance was adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Plymouth at a meeting of the Board duly called and held on the 12th day of January, 1999, to be effective upon publication as provided by law.  
 CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH  
 BY: MARILYN MASSENGILL, CMC  
 Its Clerk

Introduced: December 15, 1998  
 Published: December 24, 1998  
 Adopted: January 12, 1999  
 Effective Upon Publication: January 28, 1999  
 Publish: January 28, 1999

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON  
 ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS**  
 The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon two weeks notice to the Charter Township of Canton. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Charter Township of Canton by writing or calling the following:  
 David Medley  
 ADA Coordinator  
 Charter Township of Canton  
 1150 S. Canton Center Road  
 Canton, MI 48188  
 (734) 397-5435  
 Publish: January 28, 1999

**PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS  
 NOTICE TO BIDDERS**  
 The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Track Renovations and Improvements. Bid documents can be obtained by pick-up for \$30 or mailed for \$45 by contacting Foreste Design, Inc., 3269 Coolidge Highway, Berkley, MI 48072, or pick up only for \$30 at the Plymouth-Salem High School Athletic Dept., 46181 Joy Road, Canton, MI 48187. Bids are due on or before Wednesday, February 10, 1999 at 4:00 p.m. at which time a public bid opening will be held in the Board Room at the E.J. McClendon Education Center located at 454 S. Harvey Street, Plymouth, MI. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.  
 Board of Education  
 Plymouth-Canton Community Schools  
 ELIZABETH M. GIVENS, Secretary  
 Publish: January 28, 1999 and February 4, 1999

**CITY OF PLYMOUTH  
 SUMMARY**  
 On December 21, 1998, the Plymouth City Commission enacted City Ordinance No. 98-10, known as "The City of Plymouth's Ordinance Regulating the Use of Public Utility Easements and Rights-of-Way by Telecommunication providers." This Ordinance provides and allows the City to evaluate the public rights-of-way and to determine reasonable levels of compensation to be received from companies, especially telecommunication providers, transacting business within the City's rights-of-way. The Ordinance was enacted in response to various requests by telecommunication providers to provide competitive local telephone service and related matters within the City of Plymouth, which in turn are expected to affect the City's rights-of-way and the public utility easements. The Ordinance provides generally that a telecommunication provider needs to obtain a permit to obtain access and ongoing use of the public's rights-of-way, which in turn will be granted by the City on a nondiscriminatory basis, subject to certain conditions and requirements. Consistent with Michigan law, this Ordinance allows the City to recoup certain fixed and variable costs to the City in granting a permit and maintaining the rights-of-way.  
 DONALD DISMUKE  
 Mayor  
 LINDA LANGMESSER, CMC/AE  
 City Clerk  
 Publish: January 28, 1999

**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/Howey 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 Construct. Reports Plan Room, Madison Heights.  
 Bidders may obtain a set of bidding documents by contacting the Construction Manager (313) 536-1140. 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.  
 Publish: January 21 and 28, 1999

**ADVERTISEMENT FOR PROPOSALS  
 CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON**  
 Sealed proposals will be received by the Charter Township of Canton Engineering Services, 2nd Floor, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188 until Friday, February 19, 1999. The proposals will be reviewed by Engineering Services for the following described project:  
**Appraisals for property along Beck Road from Cherry Hill to Ford Road. The appraisals will be performed for right-of-way needed for public paving, water main, and sanitary sewer improvements. The appraiser must be on the Michigan Department of Transportation approved appraisers list.**  
 The Request for Proposal is available to pick up at Engineering Services at the address indicated above. If you want the Request for Proposal mailed, please call Engineering Services at (734) 397-5405.  
 The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.  
 The Township reserves the right to reject any or all bids.  
 Publish: January 28, 1999

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON  
 PUBLIC HEARING  
 FY 1999 CDBG PROGRAM  
 ACTION PLAN**  
 On Wednesday, February 17, at 3:00 p.m. in the third floor conference room, Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, the Canton Community Development Block Grant Advisory Council will conduct a public hearing on the FY 1999 Canton Township Block Grant (CDBG) Program Action Plan. All interested citizens are invited to attend and comment on the FY 1999 CDBG Program, which will be funded at \$426,000. Project proposals to be discussed, among others, are: Public Service: First Step (\$50,000), HelpSource/Adult Day Care (\$5,000), The Salvation Army summer day camp, Growth Works, Volunteer Coordinator (\$6,500), and Wayne County Neighborhood Legal Services. (The total Public Service budget is \$63,500; amounts in parentheses are asked.) Housing rehabilitation: \$20,000. Human Services Center expansion: \$261,500. Program Administration: \$78,000. Canterbury Mews day building, handicap accessible assessment: \$3,000. Note: not all project proposals are necessarily listed; not all projects listed will necessarily be approved for FY 1999; nor will all projects accepted for funding necessarily be funded for the requested amounts. Final program decisions are made by the Board of Trustees. Written comments or requests for information should be directed to: Gerald Martin, Development Specialist, Resource Development Division, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188, (734) 397-5417.  
 TERRY BENNETT, Clerk  
 Publish: January 28, February 4, 1999

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
 CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH  
 TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1999  
 REQUEST FOR AN INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES  
 EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE FOR  
 SUPERIOR CONTROLS, INC.**  
 PLEASE TAKE NOTE: That a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, February 9, 1999, during a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth to consider a request from Superior Controls, Inc., for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for a new facility, including the cost of machinery, equipment, furniture and fixtures, located at 14925 Galleon Drive, Parcel 3-B, Metro West Beck Road Industrial Park, Plymouth Township, County of Wayne, Michigan.  
 The request of Superior Controls, Inc., is on file in the Clerk's Office where it is available for public perusal from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Any Township resident or member of any taxing authority within the Township of Plymouth shall have the right to appear and be heard. Written comments directed to the Clerk and received prior to the meeting will be considered. Following the public hearing the Board of Trustees may consider the request.  
 The public hearing, commencing at 7:30 p.m., will be held in the Meeting Room at Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, on Tuesday, February 9, 1999, during the regularly scheduled Board of Trustee meeting. Telephone number 453-3840 X 224.  
 MARILYN MASSENGILL, CMC  
 Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth  
 Publish: January 28, 1999

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# Volunteers needed for foster care board

The State Court Administrative Office of the Michigan Supreme Court is seeking volunteers to serve on the Wayne County Foster Care Review Board.

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

Advisory recommendations are formulated and mailed to the court, child welfare agency, prosecuting attorney, parents and other interested parties. The review insures that all agencies, including the court, have established a plan for the ward and progress is being made toward achieving permanency.

The review boards are comprised of citizens who reflect a broad cross-section of their communities. Minorities and men are especially encouraged to apply. The program is seeking volunteers who have demonstrated leadership in other settings. Employees of the Family Independence Agency, family court or private child placement agencies are prohibited by law to serve on foster care review boards.

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

Each volunteer who is selected must attend a two-day orientation training in Southfield on March 25 and 26. Board members also attend yearly training. Training expenses are reimbursed.

Citizens interested in volunteering for the Wayne County Foster Care Review Board should call (517) 373-1956 for an application. The deadline for receiving applications is Jan. 31.

Wayne County has until Feb. 16 to respond to the appeal request. Kasiborski said the Michigan Supreme Court may not decide to hear the case for a year.

# Appeal made on county building property tax issue

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK  
STAFF WRITER  
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An attorney representing the city of Detroit has appealed a court ruling that blocked the city's attempt to levy property taxes against the Wayne County Building at 600 Randolph in Detroit.

Chester Kasiborski said he filed a leave for appeal on Jan. 19 with the Michigan Supreme Court, thus challenging a Court of Appeals ruling made on Dec.

28. The appellate court said the tax issue already had been decided by the state Tax Tribunal, which ruled against the city in 1992 for the 1991 tax year.

Detroit had sought to tax the building for the 1992-97 tax years. When asked why Detroit appealed the ruling, Kasiborski said: "We think we're right and there's a lot of dollars involved."

In the Court of Appeals, Detroit's attorneys argued the building should be taxed because it was "property owned by, or

being acquired pursuant to, an installment purchase agreement" by a county. In the mid-1980s the county sold the building, the buyer renovated it, and the county now leases it back.

The Tax Tribunal declined to hear the case, applying the legal doctrine of res judicata — the question already has been decided.

Detroit had argued that "res judicata" does not apply to Tax Tribunal decisions, but the appellate judges disagreed, call-

ing the Tax Tribunal "quasi-judicial agency."

Wayne County has until Feb. 16 to respond to the appeal request. Kasiborski said the Michigan Supreme Court may not decide to hear the case for a year.

Kasiborski did not know what dollar amount should be levied on Wayne County, but believed Detroit was entitled to a range between \$115,000-\$125,000 in annual tax payments in 1987 dollars.

# Learn how to identify stars

Constellations like the Big Dipper, Little Dipper and Pegasus fill the night sky.

Learn how to identify these beautiful cosmic creations and other celestial star formations with guest astronomer Mike Best 7-9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 29, at the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center in Westland.

Best, a planetarium demonstrator at the Volbrecht Planetarium in Southfield, has been an astronomy enthusiast for 50 years. Participants can expect an informative evening beginning with an indoor slide presentation and discussion followed by outdoor star view-

ing, weather permitting. Hot cocoa will be available following the presentation.

Best suited for ages 8 and above, the fee is \$1 per person and advance registration is required. The program has been made possible through parks millage funds.

The Nankin Mills Interpretive Center is located on Hines Drive just east of Ann Arbor Trail in Westland. Parking is available off Hines Drive, and can be reached even if the road is barricaded for flooding.

For information on this event or any other Wayne County Parks event, call (734) 261-1990.

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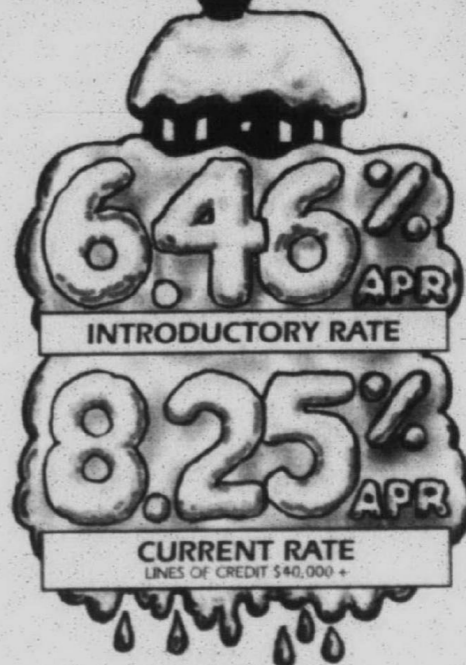


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THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 1999

## Working hard Say thanks to school board

Although January 1999 will be best remembered for snow, it's also School Board Recognition Month in Michigan.

We take this time to honor the men and women who invest countless hours making difficult decisions about budgets, personnel, curriculum and other matters which affect parents, students, teachers and taxpayers.

This year's theme "Building Better Futures for Children and Communities" is an appropriate one because a good education is key to building good citizens and good communities.

We salute Mike Maloney, Susan Davis, Elizabeth Givens, Roland Thomas, Carrie Blamer, Judy Mardigian, and Darwin Watts.

Serving as a public school trustee is a tremendous commitment. A four-year term requires lots of time, preparation and patience in balancing local needs and wants against state financial realities.

As Michigan Gov. John Engler noted in his proclamation marking January as the special month to honor school board members, "The competitiveness of Michigan's economy and the character of our society depend to a great extent on the quality of instruction offered in Michigan's schools."

School board members are watching carefully to make sure public schools deliver on their duty to taxpayers.

As school boards throughout the nation join in School Board Recognition Month, a national observance co-sponsored by the National School Boards Association and the Michigan Association of School Boards, take time to say thanks - in a public way - to the public school board members in our town. They are working hard to improve public education - the cornerstone of our democratic society.

## Groundhog shadows circus act



**Question:** What do Punxsutawney Phil, Monica Lewinsky, El Niño and the Y2K problem have in common?

**Answer:** They are all players in a media circus. And the show just seems to go on and on and on.

This revelation came to us as we were contemplating our annual rumination on Groundhog Day, coming up next

Tuesday. It's a minor observance, also known as Candlemas Day, a date on which, according to German legend, badgers came out of hibernation. If a badger saw his shadow (meaning that the sun was shining) it was an indication that more winter weather was in store. A cloudy day (with no shadows) meant that spring was just around the corner.

When German settlers moved to Pennsylvania, they found no badgers but plenty of groundhogs, or woodchucks, and they transferred the badger legend to that native American creature.

The show opened in 1887 when Clymer Freas, the editor of the Punxsutawney, Pa., Spirit, wrote about a group of groundhog hunters and labeled them the "Punxsutawney Groundhog Club." In a flight of fancy, recalling the German legend, Freas declared that the Punxsutawney groundhog was the only true weather prognosticator and that he lived on a local hill called Gobbler's Knob.

The Spirit kept the story going for years and eventually national media picked up on it, focusing on Punxsutawney every Feb. 2. The exact location of Gobbler's Knob was kept secret and only members of the "Inner Circle" were allowed to witness the groundhog's emergence.

But in 1966 the location of the hill was disclosed and members of the media descended on the small community, filming the events and making Punxsutawney Phil a household word.

The real circus for Phil began in 1993 when Harold Ramis directed and Bill Murray starred in the movie "Groundhog Day," the story of a cynical weatherman who comes to Punxsutawney to report the annual event and is forced to live the day over and over until he gets it "right."

The movie captured the public's imagina-

tion and has become a metaphor for everything from computer glitches to presidential peccadilloes. Last November, Margaret Carlson, writing in Time magazine, compared the media coverage of the Ken Starr investigation to "a pallid remake of Groundhog Day, the umpteenth reliving of Bill Clinton's worst 24 hours. And unlike Bill Murray, a small-market newscaster who finally gets it right, no one in this drama is changing for the better."

A Web site dedicated to "Y2K Immunity" offers a "fix" for the Y2K computer glitch: "Simply turn back the clock and age the data." The author compares his plan, at some length, to the movie "Groundhog Day." Just keep turning the clock back and do it over and over until everything finally works.

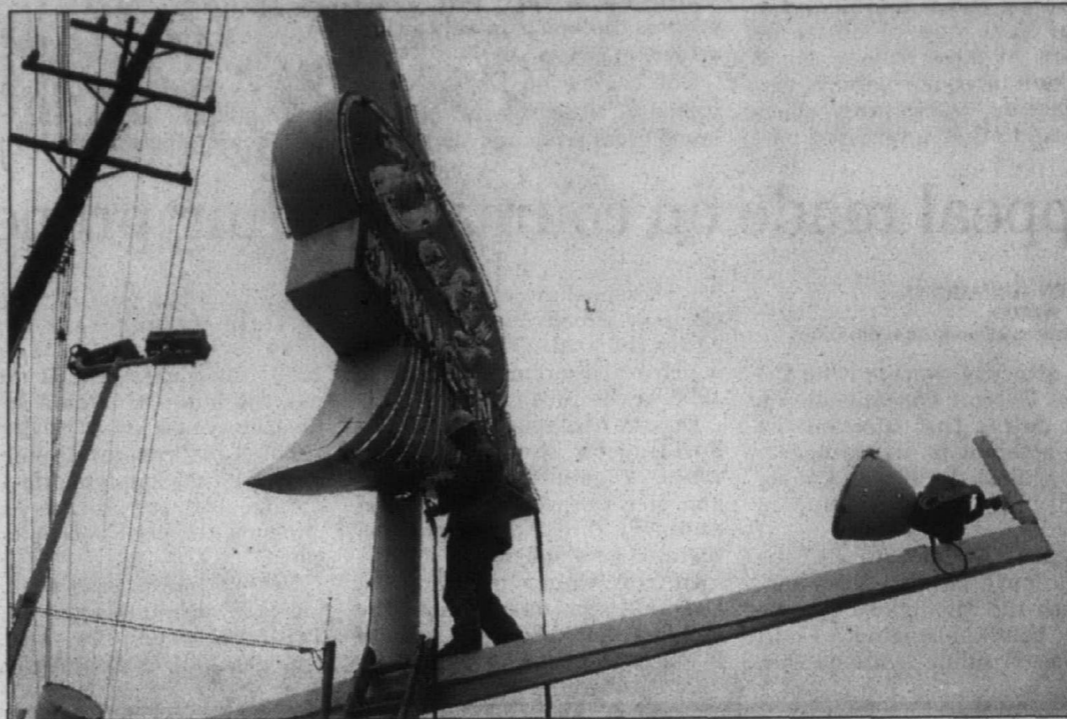
Last year, Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey took on both El Niño and Punxsutawney Phil by staging a media event in New York City's City Hall Park on Feb. 2. Claiming that El Niño was threatening to disrupt the traditional Groundhog Day activities with bad weather, the circus offered its own weather prognosticator: a 14,762-pound elephant named King Tusk. A press release read: "Maybe El Niño thinks it can push around a 14-pound groundhog ... and maybe it can. But is America willing to take that chance? That's why, in the face of El Niño, The Greatest Show on Earth® is countering with The Largest Land Mammal Travelling the Earth - The Mighty King Tusk!"

And a group calling itself "The Committee for the Commercialization of Groundhog Day" has a Web site offering everything from Groundhog Day birthday cards to T-shirts to Groundhog Day books, cassettes, CDs and videos.

An unabashed statement of purpose reads: "CCGD is dedicated to the commercial exploitation of America's most undercelebrated holiday. It is our hope to not only raise America's awareness of this festive annual occasion, but to attribute to it - in the spirit of free enterprise - all the benefits and perks such events as Christmas, Easter, The Fourth of July, Halloween and even Presidents Day enjoy. We will not stop until we have a Groundhog Day Major Appliance Sale!"

When Clymer Freas penned his tongue-in-cheek yarn about the Punxsutawney Groundhog Club in 1887, he couldn't have known what a circus he was starting. But if he had known, he would probably have loved it.

## Goodbye, Daly



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHMANN

Daly: The sign at Daly Drive-In came down last week to make room for a proposed Rite Aid. The sign is being preserved by Patrick Gallagher of Furniture Restoration of Plymouth. He'll keep half of it for himself and give the other half to the Plymouth Historical Museum.

## LETTERS

### Clinton usurps Constitution

I am opposed to the recently (Dec. 10) issued executive order 13107 which establishes a government bureaucracy for the purpose of "the implementation of Human Rights Treaties." This bureaucracy is clearly being set up to implement UN treaties whether ratified by Congress or not. President Clinton has consistently shown his disdain for the Constitution, the Congress, and the American people through the issuance of such "Executive Orders" which are themselves illegal under our Constitution.

The U.S. Constitution says treaties must be ratified by Congress, not implemented via executive order. But then, the Constitution also says that only Congress can declare war. That did not stop President Clinton from killing people in Iraq by bombing that nation for not knuckling under to the demands of "the international community," without authorization from Congress. I consider him to be guilty of war crimes for those actions.

Please do what you can to block executive order 13107 from taking effect. Also, do everything in your power to impeach President Clinton for his many blatant violations of his oath of office, and for usurping the authority of Congress.

Jerry Wiggins  
Northville

### Power shows bias

This is in response to the opinion article by Phil Power (Special interest money now engulfs state's highest court), in which Power claims that "the tidal wave of special interest money previously focused largely on the Michigan Legislature, has now engulfed our state's highest court."

He expresses concern for the appearance of bias by certain members of the Michigan Supreme Court resulting from campaign contributions they received from business groups. Power also suggests that it may be a conflict of interest for a judge who accepts a campaign contribution from the Michigan Chamber of Commerce to rule in the future on cases in which the chamber may have an interest.

There are several problems with Power's approach to evaluating judicial campaigns and court proceedings, including his apparent bias.

Interestingly, and not coincidentally I suspect, Power chose two examples for his article that just happen to be candidates nominated

by the Republican Party: Michigan Supreme Court Justice Clifford Taylor and Justice Maura Corrigan. The impression he leaves is that the campaign contributions from business groups are not as appropriate as those from contributors to other judicial candidates.

Power does not mention any of the Democratic justices or candidates and the money they raised. Further analysis is informative.

One of the Democratic candidates for Supreme Court, Wayne County Court Judge Susan Borman, received more than \$640,000. Apparently, in Power's view, this is not enough to raise the suspicion of bias. Of that sum, more than \$100,000 was donated by lawyers from one plaintiff's personal injury law firm. The other so-called special interest business groups identified and criticized by Power are rarely parties before the Supreme Court, while attorneys from law firms which donated a significant part of candidate Borman's campaign kitty are in front of the Supreme Court on a regular basis.

Power also fails to mention Taylor's opponent, Democratic candidate and Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Carole Youngblood. She had failed to file a post-election campaign disclosure statement at the time Power prepared his opinion article, and ultimately Youngblood was 39 days late. In addition, she was late in filing three of five required reports this past election. Why not the scrutiny by Power of Youngblood's failure to timely disclose her contributors as required by state law? Apparently, it didn't matter to Power who Youngblood's contributors were or the amount they gave.

One wonders why Phil Power hasn't expressed concern about contributors to Supreme Court races during the past several decades when Democratic Party nominees for the Supreme Court were the primary recipients of campaign funding, when labor unions and plaintiffs' personal injury attorneys accounted for more than 80 percent of the funding to their Supreme Court nominees, and when judicial decisions were too often contrary to legislative intent and common sense.

Jim Barrett  
president, Michigan Chamber of Commerce

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## COMMUNITY VOICE

**QUESTION:**  
Who do you think will win the Super Bowl this Sunday?



"I don't even watch it. Normally, it's a great day to go to the movies."  
Jim Mulholland  
Plymouth



"I don't even know who's playing."  
Steve Shorman  
Ann Arbor



"I'd like to see Atlanta beat them. I like to see somebody else in there."  
Ken Agius  
Trenton



"I want the Broncos because I want them to win twice in a row."  
Parker Stinar  
Canton

We asked this question at the corner of Pennington Avenue and Main in downtown Plymouth.

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— Philip Power



POINTS OF VIEW

# Breast cancer patients get help in sharing, caring

I was conscious, almost self-conscious, as I met with Frannie Greenebaum, Maggie Griner and Nina Machus, that so far I have escaped the disease women fear most. That disease is breast cancer and all three are breast cancer survivors. Nina, a Birmingham resident, was diagnosed six years ago; Frannie, from Bloomfield Township, three years ago; and Maggie, also of Bloomfield Township, two years ago. And as each experienced the initial terror, the decisions, the surgery, the radiation and/or chemotherapy, she had the support of other breast cancer survivors. They want that and more for all of us - whether we have breast cancer, are concerned for a friend or family member who has it, or live in fear of its tentacles. Tentacles so strong and widespread as to strike one of nine women in the

United States who reach age 85. Tentacles so menacing that women with a family history or other high risk factors may voluntarily undergo mastectomies to stay out of its clutches. "Everyone in one way or another is connected to someone who has had breast cancer," Frannie said. So the three have helped form Sharing & Caring, a new, volunteer organization affiliated with William Beaumont Hospital, but open to all breast cancer patients and survivors, their family and friends. A weekly support group will take place at The Community House in downtown Birmingham. So will its first special event, "Life After Breast Cancer," on Saturday, Feb. 6. That all-day program features experts from the Harvard School of Public Health, The University of Texas Health Science Center, the Annie Appleseed Project in New York



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City and The Cleveland Clinic. Topics include: current treatments, risk factors, hormone replacement therapy, Tamoxifen and SERMS for prevention and treatment, alternative medical therapies, and breast cancer and sexuality. Then, from 7-9 p.m. beginning Thursday, Feb. 11 - and every Thursday after that with the exception of Thanksgiving - a medical profession-

al or other expert along with survivors will gather informally to offer information and resources and answer questions. The three women are convinced from their own experiences that an away-from-the-hospital support group is important to help women through diagnosis and recovery and, what becomes a lifelong journey with breast cancer. "I was lucky enough to have a little support group of three women," Nina explained. Sadly, one just died. That was Joan Emde of Bloomfield Hills, who pioneered a support group for breast cancer patients at Beaumont when she was diagnosed 15 years ago. Her cancer recurred in 1993. "Before Joan, we just whispered about it (breast cancer)," Maggie says. "She was just a light bulb in a room." Nina seconded. "It's ironic that she died just before this was happening."

All three credit Joan with laying the groundwork for, program director Dr. John Ingold for producing, and former Ford Motor Co. CEO Donald Peterson and his wife, Joanne, a breast cancer survivor, for funding. But its success also will be up to those who seek its services and then offer theirs. It has volunteer opportunities for every skill and interest. Although the workshop, which requires advance registration, is nearly at its 370-person capacity, Maggie said, "We have no idea how many will show up" for the support group sessions. They are optimistic. For those who are recovering, "It's an opportunity to give back. It's part of the healing process," according to Maggie. Judith Doner Berne is a former managing editor at the Observer & Eccentric! Newspapers. You can get more information on Sharing & Caring by calling (888) 527-8582.

# Raising the minimum wage: Move has historical precedent

Listening to House Democratic leaders in Lansing talk about raising minimum wages, I was reminded of the Roman Emperor Diocletian. The Dems want to raise the minimum wage by law from the current \$5.15 an hour by \$1 to \$6.15 by next Jan. 1. Their proposed constitutional amendment, if approved by voters, would tie the minimum wage to the Detroit consumer price index with annual adjustments. They expect to lift hundreds of thousands out of poverty. Of course, they wouldn't need state money to do it. Employers would cheerfully pay higher wages, but the Lansing politicians would get the credit. The Democrats' faith in government is touching, like that of a child moviegoer who believes the Blue Fairy can wave her magic wand and bring the drowned Pinocchio to life.

As leader Mike Hanley, D-Saginaw, explained it, the state's magic wand would work like this: No longer would a higher price tag mean less consumption (or less demand for labor). The new wage rates would put more money in the pockets of the poor, who would then spend it and stimulate the economy. "It's a job creator," said Hanley. Move over, Adam Smith and all the economics professors in the realm. Michigan is about to repeal the Law of Supply and Demand. Explaining how the last minimum wage increase worked, the Democrats engaged in some verbal sleight-of-hand. Total Michigan employment rose from 4,684,000 in September of 1997 when the \$5.15 rate came in to 4,937,000 in November of 1998, they said. They don't say the minimum wage caused it. But you are supposed to



TIM RICHARD

leap to that conclusion. Well, the state's economy was exuberant anyway. "A rising tide raises all ships," as the market economists say. "Most evidence indicates there will certainly be job losses," predicted Robert Kleine, vice president and senior economist at Public Sector Consultants in Lansing. Rep. Kwame Kilpatrick, D-Detroit,

says a state wage hike will chiefly help cooks, child care workers and nursing home workers. Their bosses serve a local economy and won't skedaddle to Indiana or Arkansas to beat the minimum wage. Unfortunately, the health care industry isn't exactly prosperous. Health caregivers are under enormous pressure from insurers to hold down costs. A state-enforced wage hike likely could backfire on the workers it's supposed to help. Michigan has tinkered before with governmental help for the poor. Remember when Michigan regulated the daylights out of Friendly Bob Adams and the small loan companies? Where are the storefront small loan companies today? They're offering loans if you mortgage your house. This problem of raising wages has to be approached gingerly, especially when government is asking someone

else to pay the wages. A compassionate, caring, warm-and-fuzzy government has tried wage floor and price controls for many centuries. At the outset, I mentioned Diocletian (284-313), one of the most powerful Roman emperors. In general history, Diocletian is known for the last and bloodiest persecution of Christians. In economic history, he is known for the first effort to impose price controls on food, military stores and wages. The penalties were death or deportation. Both persecution and price controls were spectacularly unsuccessful. It's touching to witness the House Democrats' effort to enshrine their 1999 Edict of Diocletian in the Michigan Constitution. Tim Richard reports on the local implications of state and regional events. His voice mail number is (734) 953-2047, Ext. 1881.

# School reform tops agendas

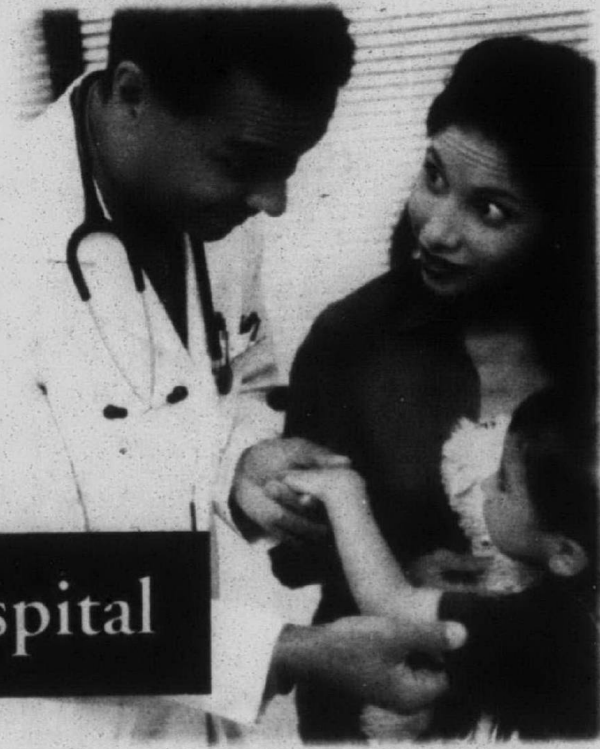
Remember the old adage about the risks of wishing for something so hard that you actually get it? The current flurry of talk by our leaders about how something has to be done about the schools might turn out to be a case in point. President Clinton got a big hand last week when he used much of the State of the Union speech to propose various ways to improve pupil performance in the public schools. And Gov. John Engler's State of the State speech, set for 7 p.m. Thursday, is aimed directly at failing school districts like Detroit, Michigan's largest district, with 180,000 students. Engler wants legislation passed to empower mayors to toss out elected school boards and replace them with appointed bodies with power to hire executives, shut down persistently bad schools, set curriculum and fire some staff. Engler cited the success achieved by Chicago schools, once dubbed the worst in the nation, where Mayor Richard Daley was given similar power four years ago. The results - improved test scores and graduation rates and a dramatic drop in numbers of "failing" schools - were hailed by U. S. Education Secretary Richard Riley as a "national model" for school improvement. Even Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer last month scolded the 11-member elected Detroit Board of Education, calling for the board to improve things or "get out of the way." For years, Archer has been working behind the scenes to try to get the Detroit school board to quit paying attention to the perks of office (per-meeting fees, drivers and redecorating schemes have been high board priorities) and micromanaging the district by protecting friends and relations on the payroll. Archer ally Bill Beckham, president of New Detroit, also has been quietly putting pressure on the board and is reported to be willing to buy into a Chicago-style reform plan. Predictably, Detroit board members do not appear enthused at the prospect of going gently into that dark night. Member Alonzo Bates, for example, accused Engler of hiding behind Archer in trying to take away the Detroit school system from black people, questioning whether "a person from Beal City" (Engler's hometown) "knows about Detroit schools." I suspect that kind of carping is likely to have had its day. Most folks - including many parents of kids in failing schools - are fed up with all the finger-pointing and foot-dragging. With everybody on board from the president to the governor to the mayor, the train is leaving the station. And the issue for many who are part of the present system is to figure out whether it's



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better to be on the train than on the track. What is not clear to me, at least, is just how merely the act of a school takeover will in itself necessarily improve things in poor schools. At the end of the day, good schools require a limited number of essential things: ■ Good teachers with the ability to manage their classrooms. If a takeover doesn't find a way to get rid of poor teachers and increase the authority of good teachers, it likely won't make much difference. ■ Good principals with the power to run their buildings. A takeover has to be structured so as to allow poor principals to be moved out and to give good principals the authority to manage their buildings, which involves the ability to fire underperforming staff. ■ High standards. Any takeover worth its salt must empower a school district to end social promotion of failing students from grade to grade and to make poor teachers accountable for poor performance by their students. ■ Good measurement. If a takeover doesn't require every pupil to undergo assessment of academic performance, all the high standards in the world will be window dressing. ■ Parental involvement. All the experts are in agreement: Without involved parents, kids are very unlikely to excel in school. Merely taking over a school system doesn't by itself get parents involved. School takeovers as a reform mechanism may turn out to be a good idea. The evidence from Chicago seems impressive. But I'm always suspicious of some idea that gets such wide acceptance and is so easy to propose that it looks like the silver bullet *du jour*. Before we start rushing off to pass legislation to promote school takeovers, we'd better be sure that we have a clear idea of just how they are going to work in practice. Phil Power is chairman of HomeTown Communications Network Inc., the company that owns this newspaper. He welcomes your comments, either by voice mail at (734) 953-2047, Ext. 1880, or by e-mail at ppower@eonline.com


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# Local reps assigned House committee posts

When Rep. Chuck Perricone, R-Kalamazoo, ran for speaker of the Michigan House, he promised to spread around the big jobs. Perricone built up such a head of steam that he forced a Grand Rapids candidate to quit the race.

Last week Perricone announced committee assignments for Republicans, who will hold 58-52 control of the House. Perricone cut the number of committees from 28 to 22 for more focused operations, splitting up the work of the old Judiciary Committee. Many of the new committees are two-pronged, hence the "&" in the name.

Here's how area Republicans fared:

**Nancy Cassis, R- Novi** — She landed a major plum, chair of Tax Policy. Top item on the GOP agenda this year is paring the 4.4 percent personal income tax to 3.9 over five years. She carried the ball for the GOP when it was the minority party in 1997-8 and is a Perricone favorite. She also has seats on Energy & Technology, Family & Children Services, and Senior Health.

**Gerald Law, R-Plymouth** — One of the House's senior members, he wasn't term-limited last year because of a break in service. Law will chair the Health Policy Committee. He will have seats on Gaming & Casino Oversight, Insurance & Financial Services, and Family & Civil Law.

**Bruce Patterson, R-Canton** — The former Wayne County commissioner will be vice chair of Constitutional Law & Ethics. He'll have seats on Tax Policy and Conservation & Outdoor Recreation.

**Andrew Raczkowski, R-Farmington Hills** — Riding high in his second term, he's majority floor leader, in effect the traffic cop of the House agenda. He'll chair the House Oversight & Operations Committee, an internal job, and be a member of Employment Relations, Training & Safety and Health Policy.

**Laura Toy, R-Livonia** — She landed on Appropriations, the budget committee, her first term. She will be vice chair of the capital outlay subcommittee (handling the new Hall of Justice project,



Rep. Gerald Law



Rep. Bruce Patterson



Rep. Laura Toy



Rep. Bob Brown



Rep. Eileen DeHart



Rep. Tom Kelly

among others); vice chair of welfare; and a member of judiciary, handling the court budget. She's a former Schoolcraft College trustee, Livonia council member and city treasurer.

### Democrats

Here is how area Democrats fared:

**Bob Brown, D-Dearborn Heights** — He survived the Republican tide last Nov. 3 but will have a reduced role: Energy & Technology, Insurance & Financial Services. (He's off Conservation.)

**Eileen DeHart, D-Westland** — She was speaker pro tem last year and would have been in a position of leadership had Democrats retained the House. Now she'll be on House Oversight & Operations (internally important) and Senior Health, Security & Retirement as minority vice chair.

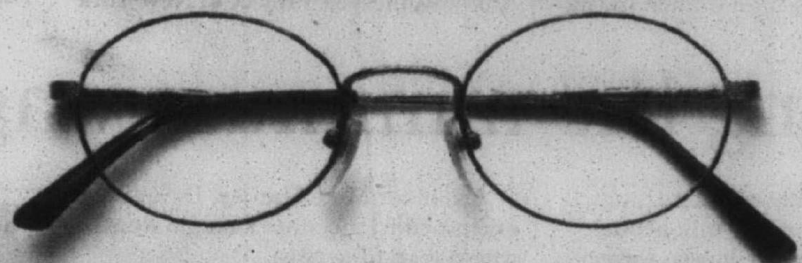
**Tom Kelly, D-Wayne** — In his third term, he'll stay on Appropriations, the budget committee. Democrats didn't have their subcommittee assignments at press time.

**Ruth Ann Jamnick, D-Ypsilanti** — Succeeding the prolific Kirk Profit, she's a former township treasurer and landed on Tax Policy and Transportation. Her district includes northern Washtenaw County, bordering South Lyon, and she may face major reapportionment changes.

## Madonna University sponsors blood drive

The American Red Cross will be accepting blood donations 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 9, and 2-8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 10, in Madonna University's Science Wing. Eligible donors must be at least 17 years old. Walk-in donors also are welcome. To make an appointment, call the Office of Student Life at (734) 432-5428.

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## COMMON SENSORS



JACQUE MARTIN-DOWNS

## This angel came dressed as a student

Were you able to discover an angel on your path over the holidays? I was. He stumbled right over me and I immediately knew it. Only he came in the form of a middle schooler. I'll call him Simon.

Simon joined a team of volunteers one morning as we put on a pancake breakfast fund-raiser. It was apparent that he was enveloped in shyness, as maybe many angels are, while he stood against the wall with his head down, wondering what was going to be expected of him.

We began to delegate responsibilities and Simon ended up hanging around Santa, who was seated in his giant red chair graciously receiving munchkins.

It was then that Simon noticed the big glitch. The photographer who was to click pics with a Polaroid had discovered her camera was on the blink. As she rushed out to the store in search of a camera battery, something happened.

Santa called me over and told me that Simon had an idea. I approached him to see him talking a mile a minute. This was not the shy, reclusive Simon who I'd met only a short time ago.

"Ya know," he said, "I've been watching the lady try to get the camera to work and I think I know what's wrong with it."

He obviously didn't think it was a battery problem. With a deep breath and a silent prayer, I allowed Simon to take over as photographer.

If you know Polaroids, those little stinkers have the ability to give you instant gratification or a sense of failure when the picture doesn't turn out, so I had my fingers crossed, knowing that in a minute or two we'd know whether Simon was onto something ... and indeed he was. Pictures were coming out of the camera with clarity and great color. I was delighted; Simon was glowing. If I'm not mistaken, I saw his wings.

I checked back a little later to see if he needed any help gluing the pictures into little cardboard frames. He shot back, "No, I've got everything under control."

I walked away, knowing full well he was right. The rest of the morning moved along flawlessly. Mayors, judges, state representatives, school board and city council members worked the tables literally and figuratively. All of the volunteers helped raise more than \$1,500 for the food bank. We were very pleased with the number of people who joined us for the breakfast to support such a worthy cause.

Out of the corner of my eye, I watched as the little angel worked his magic over in the corner. I heard him comment to someone that he thought he might be a photographer when he grew up. I could certainly see why.

Afterwards, as Simon and I were walking out of the building together, I told him I wouldn't mind giving him a ride home so that I could come to the door and tell his mom what a star he had been.

He liked the idea and added: "Ya know, I think I would like to contribute to the food bank, too. This looks like a good thing. So when we get to my house, I'll give you some money."

What he didn't know was that I was the winner that day as I watched the transformation from a shy, uncomfortable boy to an angel. He earned his wings, and I just hope that nobody ever clips them.

Jacquie Martin-Downs is the coordinator of the Family Resource Center in Westland and has a private counseling practice.



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**Togetherness:** Terri Fata takes time to play a game with her 4-year-old daughter, Kristi, before class begins at Holy Trinity Tiny Tots Preschool in Livonia.

## Let learning begin in preschool

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI  
SPECIAL WRITER

Letting go of your child that first time at preschool is a milestone often marking the first steps away from mom and dad.

After a lot of time and research, Kendra and Michael Weiss found a preschool for their daughter, Shelby. But it wasn't easy.

"It's a little gut-wrenching," the Livonia mother said. "As a new mom, you want to make the right decisions."

In September, when Shelby begins attending Holy Trinity Tiny Tots Preschool in Livonia, it will be the first time the Weisses have left her with someone other than family or "very, very close friends," Weiss explained. Shelby will be 3 when she starts school.

"It's up to the parent to research it enough to make sure they'll take care of their child - taking them to the bathroom and understanding their needs," Weiss said.

A one-way glass window that allows parents to observe their children while they are in class without

being detected was a big drawing card for Tiny Tots, she added.

The anxiety that sometimes comes with placing a child in a preschool program is common, especially for parents who are doing it for the first time. In many ways, parents have to make a bigger adjustment to the change than their children.

One of the reasons Terri Fata chose Tiny Tots for her 4-year-old daughter, Kristi, was that she likes the high teacher-child ratio in the classrooms. There are six children to every adult at Tiny Tots, which is a higher ratio than what is required.

The State of Michigan Department of Consumer and Industry Services Bureau of Regulatory Services mandates child care centers provide one adult for every 10 children in classrooms with 2 1/2-3-year-olds. One adult must be present for every 12 children in classrooms with 4-5-year-olds, according to Joseph Webster, bureau director.

### Time to interact

Children have more time to interact with adults when there are more

adults available, explained Barbara Morrison, Tiny Tots director. If there's more time for the children to interact with adults, there's more time for the adults to provide a loving atmosphere.

Fata's anxiety levels about sending Kristi to preschool were lower than other first-time moms, because her older daughter, Nicolette, 6, also attended Tiny Tots. The Westland mom said she looked for programs that concentrated on play time and socialization skills and not so much on the academics.

"It's important to me that there's a lot of caring," Fata added.

Parents who screen preschools sometimes have specific questions and know what they want. Others have an instinctual feeling about the surroundings. Fata, for instance, said that as soon as she walked into Tiny Tots, she immediately liked the atmosphere and the teachers.

Michelle Mullins, director of Beginners Inn in Canton, recommends that parents look for cleanliness in the schools. And be sure the teachers can relate well with the children.

"I have found that teachers can have all the degrees in the world, but if they can't key down to the children, they won't have their interest," Mullins said. "If they can't be at the children's level, the children aren't going to benefit."

An open-door policy also lets parents know that the preschool has nothing to hide and seeing the same teachers and aides on a regular basis makes everyone feel more at ease, Morrison added.

"There's a secure feeling that a child has when they're in the same routine and environment every day," Morrison said. "There's familiar faces they look forward to each time they say good-bye to mom. If there is a lot of turnover (among staff), that would be a red flag for parents."

### Evaluating programs

Parents should also evaluate whether the program focuses on socialization and kindergarten readiness skills and which area they want to emphasize, according to Dr. Bess Kypros, Madonna University director

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## Guides for finding the right program



The National Association for the Education of Young Children recommends visiting several different preschools in your area to determine what kind of programs are available.

And first impressions are important, according to Parent Soup Education Central. Look for ample amounts of active learning, such as outdoor playing games as well as quiet learning, such as reading stories or doing puzzles.

Here's a checklist of some of the questions that

group recommends asking caregivers:

- Do children receive the individual attention, warmth and understanding that you would like for your child?
- Are the children happy and playing with each other? Do they talk to each other and to adults?
- Do caregivers recognize when a child is sad or upset or excited? Do they refrain from embarrassing a child?
- Is discipline handled in a positive way?
- Do the caregivers participate in training opportunities in child care/child development?

■ Are the indoor and outdoor spaces for children safe and free of hazards? Look for things like protected stairways and windows, safety caps on electrical outlets and a fenced-in outdoor space that is free of debris.

■ Are heavy pieces of furniture, such as storage shelves and bookcases, secure and stable so that they cannot tip over?

■ Are toys and equipment clean and in good repair?

■ Are there written procedures for securing

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## Preschools offer parents plenty of choices

Preschools come in all shapes and sizes, so to speak, and can be found through western Wayne County.

Many are cooperatives and depend on parents to operate. Some are affiliated with established schools and others are based in centers that also offer day care.

Preschools which responded to the Observer's request for information include:

■ **Fun Factory Preschool, 45201 N. Territorial, Plymouth, (734) 254-0054.**

Hours are 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday-Friday for 3-5-year-olds. Dynamic activity-based and developmentally appropriate activities, with 30-minute music special on Fridays. Class size is 16-24 children, with degreed teachers. Costs are \$85,

\$115 and \$165 per month.

■ **Little Tots, 49821 W. Five Mile, Plymouth, (734) 420-9026.**

Hours are 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday for ages 3 months to 5 years. The program is play based and encourages development of the whole child. The enrollment fee is \$65.

■ **Little Tots of Plymouth, 12401 Ridge Road, Plymouth, (734) 459-9494.**

Hours are 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday for ages 12 months to 5 years. The program is play-based and encourages development of the whole child. It is committed to a partnership between the home and the center in which there is ongoing communication for the benefit of the child. The enrollment fee is \$65.

■ **Red Bell Preschool, 44661 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth, (734) 453-5520.**

Hours are 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. for children ages 2 1/2-12. Family owned since 1957, it offers preschool/day care, before and after school care, service for six schools and a summer camp.

■ **Country Corners, 10980 Ford, Superior Township, (734) 482-5095.**

Hours are 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday for children ages 2 1/2-5. The program is taught by certified teachers and features small class sizes, computers and farm animals. The enrollment fee is \$35.

■ **Rainbow Rascals Learning Center, 47300 Port, Plymouth, (734) 455-2761.**

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Hours are 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday for children ages 6 weeks to prekindergarten. The program is a hands-on and developmentally appropriate. The staff/child ratio is 1:4 with a maximum of eight children in the class, 1:4 for toddlers with a maximum of 12 in the class and 1:10 for preschool and pre-kindergarten. There is a \$50 registration fee and security deposit required.

■ **Kindermusik at Village Music, 130 E. Liberty, Plymouth, (734) 354-9825.**  
Kindermusik is a family-oriented educational experience of singing, movement, social and listening skills and more. Classes (45 minutes to one hour one day per week) are available for newborns through children age 7. Tuition ranges from \$110 to \$135 plus material fees.

■ **Plymouth Christian Preschool, a division of Plymouth Christian Academy, 43065 Joy Road, Canton, (734) 459-3505, Ext. 124 (preschool and elementary) or Ext. 120 (early childhood coordinator's office).**

Programs are available for children ages 3-5 and provide hands-on learning in a loving Christian environment. A half-day preschool program - Tuesday and Thursday for 3-year-olds and Monday, Wednesday and Friday for 4-year-olds - is available, however, no extended day care is available on site. Preschool classes are 8-10:45 a.m. or 11:40 a.m. to 2:25 p.m. Kindergarten for children who turn 5 during the summer or fall and aren't developmentally ready for a full kindergarten program meets 11:30 a.m. to 2:25 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Enrollment fees are \$20 for preschool and \$25 for kindergarten.

■ **Plymouth-Canton Montessori, 45245 Joy Road, Canton, (734) 459-1550.**

Hours are 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday year-round for children ages 2½-6. The school offers a Montessori preschool with full day care. Instruction includes French and music, with field trips and in-house pro-

grams as extras.

■ **Academic Gardens, 104 N. Main St., Plymouth, (734) 453-7744.**

Hours are 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday with structured preschool programs 8:30-11:30 a.m. daily for 3- and 4-year-olds, kindergarten and beginner-garten. Parents can choose from two-five-day programs. Saturday family field trips and family meetings are optional. Registration fee is \$50 plus a deposit of one week's tuition.

■ **P.C.E.P. Kiddie Kampus, Plymouth Canton High School, 8415 Canton Center Road, Canton, (734) 416-2937.**

The program is for 4-year-olds (as of Dec. 1). Two-hour morning and afternoon sessions are available twice a week and there is one three-day-a-week session. The curriculum is designed as a positive, prekindergarten experience and recognizes the child as a person. High school students enrolled in early childhood classes assist certified elementary teachers. The program is open to Plymouth-Canton residents. Enrollment of 20 children per class begins in March for the fall semester. Cost is \$330 or \$515 per 15-week semester.

■ **PLUS Preschools (Plymouth-Canton Community Schools), 650 Church St., Plymouth, (734) 416-6190.**

Hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday for 3- and 4-year-olds. Among its programs are Head Start for 3-year-olds, school readiness and Head Start for 4-year-olds. The fee is \$14 per day or free for eligible children.

■ **Northville Montessori Center, 15709 Haggerty, between Five and Six Mile, Northville.**

Affiliated with the American Montessori Society and the Michigan Montessori Society, the center offers half-day and full-day sessions, summer camp and extended hours for working parents whose children attend the school. The curriculum includes activities in practical living, sensorial experiences, language, mathematics, music, art and physical education.

■ **Children's World Learn-**

**ing Centers, 211 N. Lilley, Canton, (734) 981-1158; 7437 Sheldon Road, Canton, (734) 459-288, and 38880 W. Six Mile, Livonia, (734) 591-2083.**

Hours are 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday for children ages 1-12. The centers recently introduced an enhanced preschool program for 2-3-year-olds, called Pathways Preschool. It uses the DLM Early Childhood Program curriculum from McGraw-Hill and addresses the physical, intellectual, emotional and social aspects of young children to provide a solid foundation for future academic success and lifelong skills. Tuition is \$129 per week.

■ **Rosey's Romper Room, 5840 Canton Center Road, Canton, (734) 416-1580.**

Hours are 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday for children ages 6 weeks to 12. The center offers child care, preschool, latch key and a private kindergarten (class size of 15). Enrollment fee is \$40.

■ **Suburban Children's Cop Nursery, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia, (734) 421-6169.**

Hours are 9:15 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday September through May. Classes have one teacher, one teacher's aide and four adults. Class sizes are 12 children for 2-year-old program (parents attend each class), 18 children for 3-year-old class and 21 children for 4-year-old class. There is a \$20 registration fee, \$2 application fee and \$21 (age 2), \$35 (age 3) and \$48 (age 4) monthly fees. An open house will be held 6-7 p.m. Wednesday, March 31.

■ **St. Paul's Preschool, St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile, Livonia, (734) 422-1470.**

Classes for 4-year-olds are 9:15-11:45 a.m. or 12:15-2:45 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday and 9:15-11:45 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday for 3-year-olds. A 3-4-year-old class is 12:15-2:45 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday (children must be 3 years old by Dec. 1 of the current year or age 4 between July 1 and Dec. 1 of the current year and previously enrolled in a preschool program). There is a \$25 nonrefundable

enrollment fee required at registration and an annual \$25 special programs fee.

The preschool is a ministry to young children and encourages growth in the physical, emotional, intellectual, social and spiritual areas. There is a maximum of 20 children per class.

■ **Holy Trinity Tiny Tots Preschool, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia, (734) 464-0211.**

An open house will be held 3:30-5:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 4. Registration for 3- and 4-year-old children for the 1999-2000 school year will be 9 a.m. to noon Monday, March 1.

■ **Mother Hubbard Nursery School, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 16360 Hubbard, Livonia, (734) 421-8457.**

Hours are 9:15-11:30 a.m. Monday and Wednesday for 4-year-olds and 9:15-11:15 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday for 3-year-olds. Class size is limited to 22 students for 4-year-old program and 18 student for 3-year-

old program. Program includes science, art, mathematics, large and small muscle centers, indoor and outdoor play and snacks. The school is currently accepting applications for the 1999-2000 school year. An open house will be held 6:30-8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 15.

■ **Christ Our Savior Early Childhood, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia (734) 513-8413.**

Hours are 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday for children age 18 months to 8 years. Full and half-day toddler care for 18 months-3-year-olds is available Monday-Friday, preschool (mixed age classes and must be toilet-trained) 8:30-11:30 a.m. Monday-Friday for children ages 3-5 and day car 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday for toddlers and preschoolers (children enrolled in day care attend preschool in the mornings). A kindergarten program will be offered in the fall.

The Christian program (religion is taught) helps children

learn and provides lots of hands-on experience. There is a \$35 nonrefundable registration fee and \$40 nonrefundable materials fee. Toddler fees are \$32 per day or \$17 per half day, weekly preschool fees are \$180 per month (five days), \$144 (four days), \$108 (three days) and \$72 (two days). Day care fees are \$123.75 per week, \$27.50 per full day, \$15 per half day and \$3.50 per hour drop-in rate.

■ **Livonia Cooperative Learning Tree Child Care Center, 9501 Henry Ruff, Livonia, (734) 525-5767.**

Hours are 7 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Monday-Friday for children ages 6 weeks to 13. Nationally accredited, the center offers a school atmosphere with separate classrooms, large, enclosed playgrounds, before and after school program with transportation, low child-staff ratio and all-inclusive no additional fees for home-cooked meals, field trips or transportation. Enrollment fee is \$45.

## Five generations



Get-together: The holidays were a good time for Peter J. Haag (seated) of Livonia to gather with five generations of his family. Present were daughter Eileen Murphy of Livonia (standing, from left), grandson Gerald Murphy of Brighton, great-granddaughter Erin Francis of Farmington and great-great-granddaughter Dorothy Erin Francis, born Nov. 12.

# Ten

BY SUE MASO  
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# Temple Baptist offers concerts, conferences, Vox Cafe

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"You could say 'the joint is jumpin'" when talking about upcoming events at Temple Baptist Church. Friday night's performance by Bryan Duncan is just the start of what will be a busy few months at the Plymouth Township church.

This is the fourth time Duncan has performed at Temple Baptist. His last was with Crystal Lewis and Anointed as part of the Big Voice Tour. He will perform at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 29, at the church, 49555 N. Territorial Road.

"Bryan has the sweetest voice," said Wayne Kurtycz, who does singles and outreach events at the church. "He has a very soulful style and is a very accomplished artist with lots of hits and awards."

A founding member of the '70s

"Jesus Music" group Sweet Comfort Band, Duncan became a mainstay on contemporary Christian radio's pioneer stations with his unique vocal styling.

When the group disbanded in 1984, he established himself as one of Christian music's most talented vocalists, releasing nine solo projects that have yielded more than a dozen number one hits. His 10th solo project is "Blue Skies" on Myrrh.

He has captured six Dove Award nominations - Male Vocalist of the Year in 1994, 1995 and 1996, Contemporary Album of the Year and Recorded Music Packaging of the Year, both in 1995 for "Slow Revival." He also was Christian Research Report's Male Vocalist of the Year and Album of the Year ("Mercy") in 1993.

Coming to town on Saturday, Feb. 13, will be Mark Lowry and



Bryan Duncan

Anthony Burger for a 7 p.m. concert at Temple. Kurtycz describes Lowry as the premier Christian comedian, while Burger is "the foremost piano player." "He has amazing talent," said Kurtycz of Burger. "You can't sit down when he's done. You want to stand up and applaud the guy.



Mark Lowry

His fingers are on fire."

### A young start

Lowry got his break at age 10 while on a family vacation in Nashville during the National Quartet Convention. A friend arranged a spot on a show for him and after singing one song,

he landed a recording contract. He went on to record two albums, including one backed by the London Symphony Orchestra.

In 1988, he landed a spot on the Christian Artists Music Seminar in Estes Park, Colo., where Bill Gaither and representatives of Word Records saw his performance and each made him an offer. He accepted both.

He joined the Gaither Vocal Band and signed a solo recording contract with Word. His Word debut, "For The First Time on Planet Earth," was released in 1988.

"He's been here at Temple as a solo act and with Bill Gaither," said Kurtycz. "He's the premier Christian comedian and extremely funny."

Tickets for the two concerts can be purchased by credit card by calling Tickets Plus at (800) 585-3737 or at 9:30 and 11:15

a.m. Sundays and 7 p.m. Wednesdays at the Temple Baptist Bookstore in the church, North Territorial Road west of Ridge Road.

Also coming in February is Elisabeth Elliott who will conduct a seminar 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, at the church. One of Christendom's most able and articulate writers, Elliott will talk about the omnipotence of love in her seminar for both men and women.

Married three times and widowed twice, Elliott is the author of "Liberty of Obedience," "How to Overcome Loneliness," "Quest for Love" and "The Mark of a Man."

"Any time she comes to town, it's a big thing" said Kurtycz. "She's a successful author and speaker. Many people know her name because of her late hus-

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## NEW VOICES

**Donald French Jr. and Katie Dest** of Wayne announce the birth of **Dylan Robert** Sept. 30 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Paul and Debra Dest of Westland, Roberta Leadbetter of Canton and Donald French of Wayne.

**Joshua and Amy Begarowicz** of Belleville announce the birth of **Mariah Felicity** Oct. 6 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She joins a brother, Joshua Ray, 1, and a sister, Lea Nicole, 3 1/2. Grandparents are Matt and Pat Porter and Don and Cindy Begarowicz, all of Westland.

**David and Christine Deets** of Bartlett, Ill., announce the birth of **Breanna Lauren** May 4 at Northwest Community Hospital in Arlington Heights, Ill. Grandparents are Kosta and Anna Vasiloff of Westland and Ronald and Emily deets of Manitowoc, Wis. Great-grandmothers are Mary Vasiloff of Harrow, Ontario, Canada, and Goldi Deets of Kellnersville, Wis.

**Jason and Nikki Saal** of Chesapeake, Va., formerly of Westland, announce the birth of **Madison Taylor** Aug. 27 at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn. Grandparents are Dave and Kathy Nagel of Westland and Bob and Lynne Saal of Sterling Heights. Great-grandmothers are Della Zebrowski of Bad Axe, Mich., and Helen Merta of Trenton.

**Rachel Kirby** of Westland announces the birth of **Alexys Raquel** Oct. 8 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Robert and Sandy Kirby and Pamela Marsh, all of Dearborn.

**Jeff and Kellie Arnold** announce the birth of **Jason Gary** Oct. 2 at Botsford Hospital, Farmington Hills. He joins a brother, Kyle, 2. Grandparents are Larry and Joyce Arnold and Gary and Geri Silver, all of Canton.

**Jeff and Carrie Lewis** of Wayne announce the birth of **Breanna Lynn** Oct. 9 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She joins two brothers, Brandon, 4, and Brody, 2. Grandparents are Mary Lou Walker, Curt Walker, Mary Lewis and Barry Lewis, all of Westland.

**Ben and Diane Porritt** of Plymouth announce the births of **Sierra Joy and Mariah Kim** Oct. 30 at Providence Hospital in Southfield. They join sisters Brianna Jill, 6, and Kayleigh Joan, 1. Grandparents are Douglas and Ann Harvey of Rockford and Anna Porritt of Alto, Mich.

**Frank and Suzanne Cesleskey** of Livonia announce the birth of **Aaron Christian-Michael** Oct. 11 at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. He joins a brother, Ryan, 15, and a sister, Lauren, 11. Grandparents are Al and Jean Meredith of Northville and Muriel Cesleskey of Dearborn. Great-grandmother is Derna Zeppa of Redford.

**Travis Merritt Sr. and Stacie Smith** of Westland announce the births of **Lyla Marie and Lucas Orion Merritt** Oct. 19 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. They join a brother, Travis Jr., 16 months. Grandparents are Keith and Sandy Merritt of Maysville, Ky., and Judy Hayward of Westland.

## Preschool from page B1

of child development/early childhood education. Preschool is the foundation of what will happen in first grade and throughout the child's education.

"We firmly believe in well-prepared child care providers," Kypros said. "There are some places that hire people right off the street."

Other preschools require their teachers have educational backgrounds. Kypros also recommends that parents look for toys and activities that will grab the children's attention and stimulate their minds.

"The public is beginning to find out about brain development," Kypros said. "There's nothing that will substitute for interaction between an adult and a child. I'm sorry our country pays child care so little."

Kypros said that if she were looking for a preschool she would find a program that fosters growth and development of children while they work and play.

Children should be given choices at play centers. The program, she said, should include a small group time, time for the child to play alone and only a few big group settings.

"The focus I see is teaching the child language skills, social skills and how to understand their world," Kypros said. "The staff should be planning for the children, allowing them to solve their own problems and have lots of open-ended questions."

Parents should also make sure the adults in the classroom enjoy being with children and that they're not socializing among

themselves. "You can see when the staff really enjoys the children," she said. "You can quickly see the equipment and you can quickly see the building, but I think you have to spend a little more time to observe the staff. You can see the difference between someone off the street and someone who is trained."

Also, the preschool staff should be aware of the student's family. This is especially important if there is a family crisis and emo-

tional support is needed. While money and logistics are often some of the top concerns when choosing a preschool, Kypros warns parents to be leery about bargain tuition rates.

"If you think you're saving money by going to a cheaper one, I don't think you always are in the long run," she said.

And, she warns, try not to rate your child's preschool based on the type of projects that are brought home.

"Parents love these little art projects and they think they're

getting their money's worth," she said.

Kypros read from a poem about preschoolers to emphasize that point: "I bring something home every day. Sometimes, it is in my hands, sometimes, it is in my head, and sometimes, it is in my heart."

"Teachers develop things in a child's head, sometimes in their hearts and sometimes in their hands," Kypros added.

## Guides from page B1

background checks on new caregivers?

■ Is there an adult responsible for receiving children when they arrive each day?

■ Will your child be released to another person only if you have given written permission?

■ Do you hear adults in the program giving praise and encouragement to children to

enhance their self-confidence? ■ Do the care givers help the children learn from a variety of activities?

■ Can children reach the toilet and sink easily and safely?

■ Will the caregiver provide you with information on a regular basis about your child's activities and progress?

■ Were you encouraged to visit and observe the program at

any time while your child is participating?

Parent Soup Education Center can be found online at [www.parentsoup.com](http://www.parentsoup.com) and the NAEYC can be found online at [www.childsday.com](http://www.childsday.com).

For resources from the NAEYC write: NAEYC, 1509 16th St., NW, Washington, D.C. 20036.

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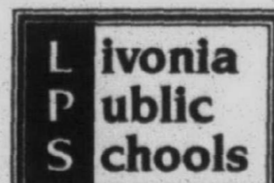
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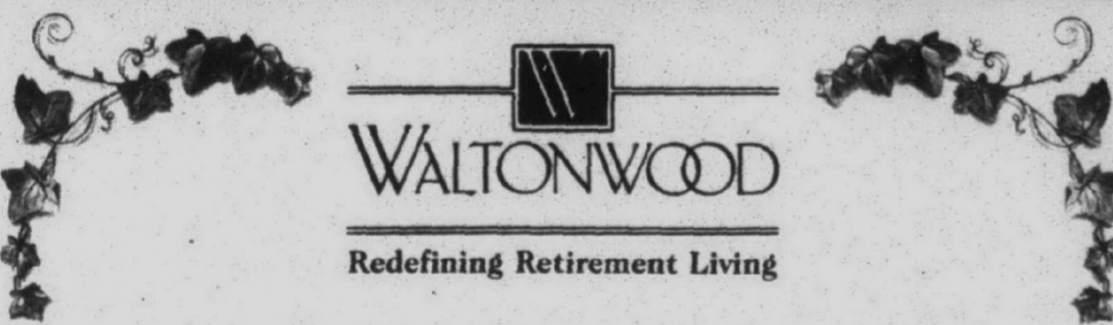
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# CALENDAR

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 2 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.

### 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.

## AROUND TOWN

### 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.

### MARDI GRAS

Celebrate the end of winter and the coming of spring in New Orleans-style at a gala Mardi Gras celebration 1 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 14, in the Waterman Campus, Schoolcraft College. Join fellow revelers as they dine on a traditional New Orleans meal, listen to the SCool Jazz singers' mellow tones and

dance to music of Tom Saunders and the Detroit All-Stars. Schoolcraft College's voice ensemble, SCool Jazz and SCool Jazz Prime, will harmonize on jazz standards and the Detroit All-Stars will inspire dancers. Tickets are \$30 a person, and may be ordered contacting the Marketing and Development Office at (734) 462-4417. Visa, MasterCard or Discover cards are accepted. Proceeds support student scholarships.

### USED BOOK SALE

The Friends of the Canton Public Library group is holding its annual romance used book sale 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 14, in the library's meeting room. The cost for each book will be 25 or 50 cents. Added this year will be a special section for mystery lovers. Proceeds from sale help support library programs such as Story Wranglers. For more information, call (734) 397-0999.

### TUTOR TRAINING

Community Literary Council is sponsoring tutor training 6:30-9 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 3, and 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, in Tonda Elementary School, Canton. Training is free. Reservations, (734) 416-4906.

### PARENT-TODDLER CLASSES

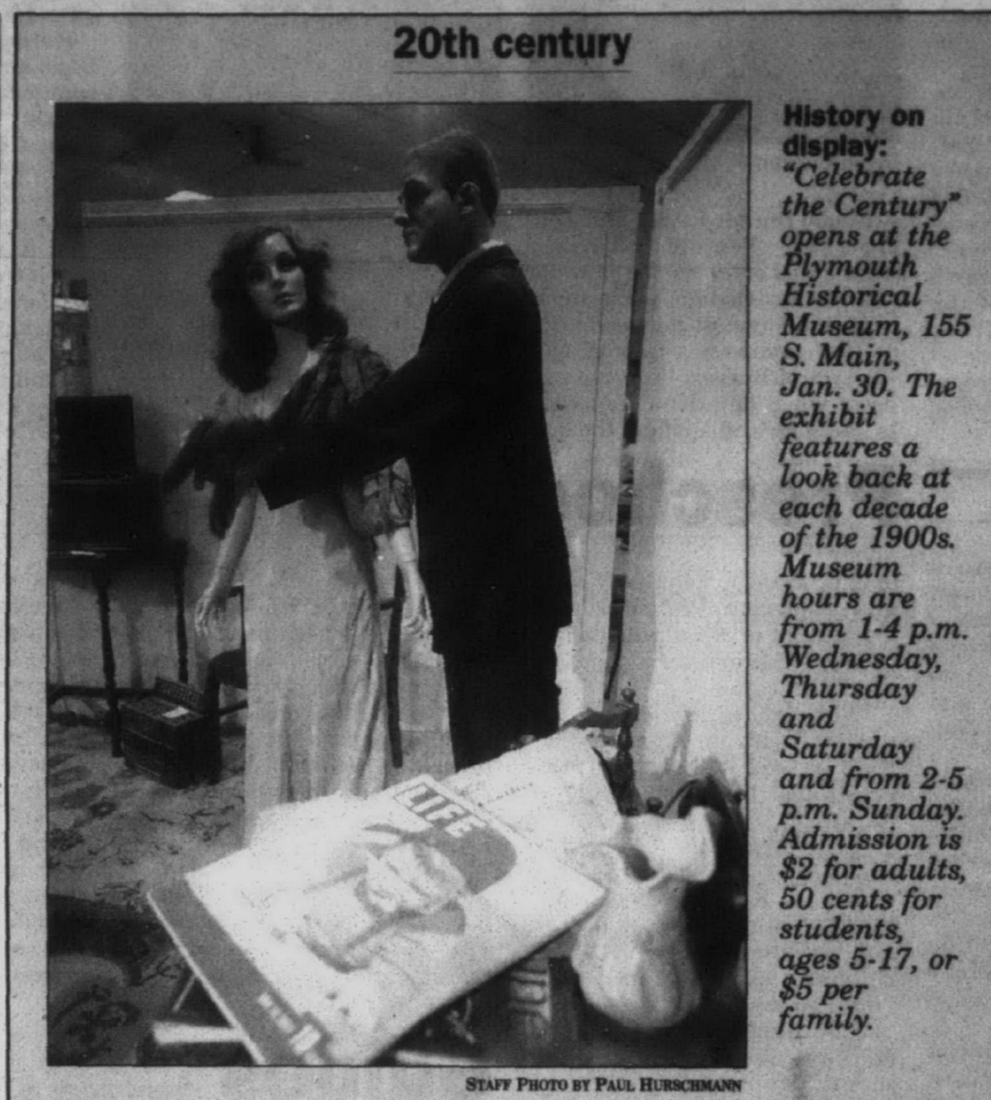
Winter Me and My Shadow classes begin this month at New Morning School in Plymouth Township. The introductory class is for 2 and 4-year-olds and their parents. Classes meet once a week. There are openings in the Monday or Wednesday night classes. Classes meet 6-7:15 p.m. This class provides a special 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.

### POSITIVE DISCIPLINE

Oakwood Healthcare System is sponsoring a "Positive Discipline" class 7-8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 10, in Plymouth Canton High School, 8415 Canton Center Road, Canton. Learn alternatives to punishment and new skills to develop self-discipline, responsibility, mutual respect, and more. This class is free of charge. For more information, or for registration, call (734) 416-2937.

### 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 and Girls' Basketball Instructional League, Youth Instructional Floor Hockey League, Youth Instructional Indoor Soccer League for ages 5-12, Bumper Bowling for ages



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## 20th century

**History on display:**  
"Celebrate the Century" opens at the Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main, Jan. 30. The exhibit features a look back at each decade of the 1900s. Museum hours are from 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday and from 2-5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$2 for adults, 50 cents for students, ages 5-17, or \$5 per family.

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 Y 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.

### 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.

### THRIFT SHOP

The Thrift Shop, located on 494 N. Mill, Plymouth, sponsored by the Presbyterian Church's women's club is open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Tuesdays and Thursdays and noon to 4 p.m. Saturdays.

### CHORUS

The County Connection Chorus of Sweet Adelines international is looking for women who love to sing. The group of 30 women sing a capella music 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.

### FALL FESTIVAL BOARD

The Plymouth Fall Festival Board will meet 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 3, in the Plymouth Township Hall annex (formerly Friendly's). All organizations who are considering participating in the 1999 Fall Festival should send a representative to this meeting. Decisions will be made about the 1999 festival. For more information, call Curt Lamar, president, at (734) 453-7820.

### 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.

### HEAD START PROGRAM

Applications are now being taken for the remainder of this school year and next year. Children ages 3 or 4 by Dec. 1. Residents of Plymouth-Canton School District and Northville residents who live in Wayne County are eligible. Children may be eligible if family income is limited, is a foster child, or a child with a disability (certified state guidelines). To register, call Jan Metzner at (734) 416-6105, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays.

### KINDERMUSIK

Kindermusik classes will continue through May 8. No class will be held during Plymouth-Canton schools midwinter break (Feb. 22-27) or Easter break (March 29-April 3). Monday daytime classes are held in the Canton Gymnastics Center, 8016 Sheldon Center Road, between Sheldon and Canton Center, south of Joy and north of Warren. All other classes, including Monday evening classes, are held in the First Baptist Church of Plymouth, 45000 N. Territorial, just west of Sheldon. For more information on classes or registration, call Lori Nelson at (734) 354-9109.

### 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 living trust assets. Guest speaker will be financial consultant Paul Leduc. For

more information, call (248) 694-1020.

### CONNECTIONS

Community Hospice & Home Care Services, Inc. (CHHCS) is offering a six-week grief support series called "Connections," to help children and their parents/guardians "connect" with their feelings and to better work through the loss they have experienced. The series will be held at CHHCS 6:30-8 p.m., through Feb. 16 in the Westland office, located on the northwest corner of Warren and Venoy. There is a \$20 registration fee with sponsorships available as needed. For more information, call (734) 522-4244.

### 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.

### KIWANIS

Plymouth-Canton Morning Kiwanis has 7 a.m. Tuesday breakfasts at the Water Club Grill, Ann Arbor Road, east of I-275 in Plymouth Township. For more information, call (734) 453-1373.

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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## 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.

### WHO'S WHO

Elaine Ranus of Plymouth was among 11 Madonna University seniors who were listed in the Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. Nominations are based on scholastic and community achievement. More than 1,900 institutions of higher learning in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and several foreign

nations nominate students for this elite recognition.

### ALPHA CHI

Plymouth resident and William Tyndale College junior Catherine Billington was inducted into Alpha Chi, a coeducational society whose purpose is to promote academic excellence and exemplary character among college and university students and to honor those who achieve such distinction. Billington was among 10 students honored.

### GRADUATES

Robert Petrie of Canton was among 1,100 students who received degrees at Bowling Green

State University.

### SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT

Canton residents Roxanne Delozier, Christine Gerak and Patricia O'Rourke and Plymouth residents Ryan Bayer, Marilee Brindamour and Carol Stone were among 63 students who were honored at Madonna University's School of Business annual Honors Convocation for High Achievement. This honor is given to students who have completed a minimum of 30 semester hours in Madonna University, and 15 hours within their major with a GPA of 3.5 or above.

### GERALD R. FORD INSTITUTE

Albion College student Molly Strand is a new member of the Gerald R. Ford Institute for Public Service. The Ford Institute is designed to give exceptional students a chance to broaden their education through concentrated study in areas of government and public service. Students participate in a city government simulation and complete courses concerning political science, history and ethics. Strand is the daughter of William R. and Virginia D. Strand of Plymouth and a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School.

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WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS



**Hayes-Wyniarsky**

Christine Mariah Wyniarsky and Benjamin David Hayes were married Oct. 9 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Ukrainian Catholic Church. The Rev. John Lazar officiated.

The bride is the daughter of George and Patricia Wyniarsky of Westland. The groom is the son of Kathleen Hayes of Westland and Lennis Hayes of Fenton.

The bride is a 1994 graduate of Westland John Glenn High School and a 1996 graduate of Henry Ford Community College. She is currently enrolled at Eastern Michigan University. She is employed by Childtime Children's Center and the Wayne-Westland Community Schools.

The groom is a 1993 graduate of John Glenn High School. He is employed by Santeau Vaults Inc. in Livonia.

The bride asked Cindy Koslowski to serve as her maid of honor with Amy Marcoe and Barbara Wyniarsky as bridesmaids.

The groom asked Robert Swarthout to serve as best man with Sammie Hicks and Andrew Szoranyi as groomsmen.

The couple received guests at the Hawthorne Valley Country Club before leaving on a honeymoon trip to Walt Disney World in Orlando, Fla. They are making their home in Wayne.

**Keller-Thomas**

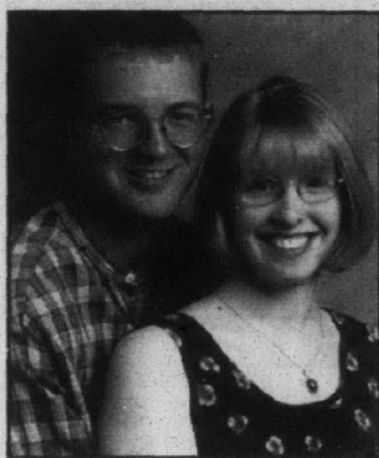
Robert and Mary Jo Keller of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Dana Louise, to Matthew James Thomas, the son of Larry and Donna Thomas of Westland.

The bride-to-be is a 1990 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School, a 1994 graduate of Missouri Valley College with a bachelor of science degree and a 1998 graduate of Michigan State University with a master's degree. She expects to earn an educa-

tional specialist degree from Oakland University in August 1999. She is employed as an elementary instructor in West Bloomfield.

Her fiancé is a 1990 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School, a 1994 graduate of the University of Michigan and a 1997 graduate of the University of Michigan Law School. He is employed as an attorney with Jenner and Block of Chicago, Ill.

A July wedding is planned at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church.



**Partain-Monan**

Mr. and Mrs. John Partain of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Allison Leigh, to Michael Patrick Monan, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Monan of Batavia, Ill.

The bride-to-be is a 1993 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and a 1997 graduate of the University of Michigan with a bachelor of fine arts degree.

She is employed by Museum Works in Livonia.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Lumen Christi High School, a 1995 and 1997 graduate of the University of Michigan with a bachelor of science degree and master of science degree in computer engineering respectively. He is employed at Diamond Bullet Design of Ann Arbor.

An October wedding is planned.

**Smalley-Cervantes**

Bruce and Mary Ellen Marti of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Sharon Lynn Smalley, to Rudy David Cervantes, the son of Rudy and Louella Cervantes of Canton.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Trenton High School, Western Michigan University with a bachelor of science degree in biomedical science and Madonna

University with bachelor of science degree in nursing. She is employed by St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor as a registered nurse.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Plymouth Canton High School. He served four years in the U.S. Air Force. He is employed by Ford Motor Co.

An August wedding is planned in St. Edith Catholic Church in Livonia.



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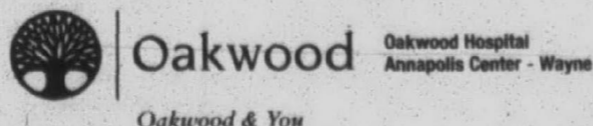


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Saturday - 4:30 p.m.  
Sunday - 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

**NEWBURG UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
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422-0149

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**MARTIAL ARTS**  
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RELIGIOUS NEWS

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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.

MARTIAL ARTS

Registration will be 6:45 p.m. Friday, Jan. 29, at Calvary Missionary Church, 29850 W. Six Mile, Livonia, for the Full Force Ministries' Champion Martial Arts Program. The program will be 7 p.m. Monday and Friday, beginning Feb. 1. A one-month, two-day-a-week trial membership is \$30 for beginners. Family discounts are available.

The program has a motto of "helping others to reach their full potential and to be the best that they can be for God, themselves and others." Students learn the eight principles of Black Belt: honesty, humility, loyalty, forgiveness, courtesy, self-control, courage and perseverance.

For more information, call Full Force Ministries at (313) 581-

9799.

SUPPORT GROUP

A new support group for caregivers of persons with dementia-related diseases will meet 10 a.m. to noon the first and third Mondays of the month, beginning Monday, Feb. 1, in Room C-317 of Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville Township. The group will meet for eight weeks.

A support group for people and/or family members facing terminal illness will meet 10 a.m. to noon the second and fourth Mondays for the month for eight weeks, beginning Feb. 8, also in Room C-317 of the church.

No registration is necessary. For more information about the programs, call (248) 374-5904.

WOMEN OF REDFORD

The Women of Redford at Redford at Redford Baptist Church is offering two Bible study groups, beginning Tuesday, Feb. 2, in the parlor of the church, 25295 Grand River, Redford. One group meets at 10 a.m. the other at 7 p.m. the first and third Tuesday of the month. The subject will be the Book of Romans, and Rene Langley will be the leader. For more information, call the church office at (313) 533-2300.

WEIGH DOWN

The Livonia Church of Christ will begin a new session of the

Weigh Down Workshop 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 3, at the church, 15431 Merriman Road, Livonia. During the 12-week session, participants learn to follow the natural internal hunger God has created and replacing their devotion to the refrigerator with a life-changing love for God. The fee is \$103 for the workshop. To register, call the church office at (734) 427-8743.

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/wmwe.

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.

St. Genevieve Catholic Church will have a Vegas Night 6 p.m. to midnight and Bingo 6-11 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, as part of its annual Parish Festival. The maximum payout will be \$500, and proceeds will go to the parish's general fund. For more information, call the church at (734) 427-5220.

SINGLE POINT

Single Point Ministries of Ward Presbyterian Church will host a concert by Glad 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5, in the sanctuary of the church, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville Township. The group

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 is free, but a free will offering will be taken. Free child care will be provided during the concert.

Its 1999 Winter Divorce Recovery Workshop, for any divorced or separated person, will be 7-9:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11-March 25, in Knox Hall. The workshop will be led by the Rev. Paul Clough, minister of single adults at Ward. The cost is \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door, or \$15 for those who are repeating the program. Free child care for children infants through age six grade. For more information, call the Single Point office at (248) 374-5920.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

Church Women United Metro Detroit-West will have its International Student Day carry-in casserole luncheon 12:15 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5, at Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 10000 Beech Daly, Redford. International students will speak to participants about their homelands. There also will be speakers from Starfish Family Services and the women's group which provides Love Packs for displaced children. Participants should bring a casserole to feed three people and paper products for the First Step program. For reservations and child care, call Bonnie June Legge at (734) 464-7727 by Feb. 2.

ROAST BEEF DINNER

The United Methodist Men of the First United Methodist Church in Wayne will host a roast beef dinner 5-7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5, in the fellowship hall of the church, 3 Town Square. Cost will be \$6 for adults, \$2.50 for children and \$15 for a family ticket (includes two adults and two children 12 years and under).

WOMEN'S BREAKAWAY

Canton's Calvary Baptist Church's Women's Ministries will host Women's Breakaway '99 Friday-Saturday, Feb. 5-6, at the Livonia Marriott Hotel, 17100 Laurel Park Drive, Livonia. Vicki Smith of Apple Valley,

Calif., will be the guest speaker for the program, designed to bring women of all ages together to encourage and strengthen their relationships with the Lord and each other.

The cost is \$60-113, depending on room occupancy, and includes hotel accommodations (double beds only), Friday evening snack, continental breakfast and lunch on Saturday and the seminar sessions.

For an informational brochure, call Calvary Baptist Church at (734) 455-0022.

BETHANY SUBURBAN WEST

Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization which provides spiritual, social and support assistance for divorced and separated Christians, will have a dance at 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, at St. Kenneth Catholic Church, Haggerty Road south of Plymouth Road, Plymouth Township. The charge will be \$8 and will include refreshments.

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

SMOKE-FREE BINGO

St. Edith Catholic 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.

GUEST SPEAKER

St. Edith Catholic Church will host author and speaker Guy Doud 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 8, at the church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Doud's "Molder of Dreams" has been the No. 1 requested tape on the "Focus on the Family" radio show for several years. A donation of \$10 is suggested. For more information, call (734) 464-2027 or (734) 464-2020.

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band, Jim. A missionary to Ecuador and the Ecuadorian Indians, he was killed with five other missionaries. The very people who murdered him have since been reached by God."

To register for the seminar, call (800) 361-0210.

Leadership conference

Likewise, the Purpose-Driven Church Conference Friday-Saturday, April 23-24, promises to be a popular event at Temple Baptist, according to Kurtzy.

The Friday evening program will be "Transforming the Church" with the Rev. Brad Powell of Temple Baptist. Satur-

day's simulcast conference will feature Rick Warren, with special guest Max Lucado.

Warren will help church leaders recognize the different levels of commitment in their churches and how to turn members from an audience into "an army."

In 1980 Warren and his wife moved to California to start a new church. Saddleback Church started with seven people meeting in their home. Today, the Mission Viejo church has an average attendance of 14,000 people.

Lucado, senior pastor of Oak Hills Church of Christ in San Antonio, Texas, has authored

such books as "Six Hours One Friday" and "A Gentle Thunder."

"Rick Warren is the leading cutting-edge pastor in the country," said Kurtzy. "Max is a pastor and an extremely well-known author."

For more information about the conference, call Temple Baptist at (734) 414-7777.

Also on the schedule is Temple's annual "Glory of Easter" drama which will be presented the last weekend in March and first weekend in April. A popular program, Kurtzy expects the musical drama's six performances to attract some 15,000 people.

And for Generation X'ers, the Vox Cafe will open its doors at 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, with the evening of music, videos and coffee starting at 7:30 p.m. Vox is free of charge and for young people born between 1964 and 1981.

The guest speaker will be Betty Ray, a Livonia Stevenson High School graduate, who will talk about issues relevant to today's generation from a biblical perspective.

"It's a fun time with relevant music," said Kurtzy. "Vox attracts a couple hundred people and it's growing, all by word of mouth."

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ARE YOU? I AM... healthy, happy, spiritually fit and emotionally available. Very attractive, petite SWF, 40ish, N/S, ND, loves nature, the arts, reading, writing, laughing, hiking, travel, and having good conversations about it. #2269

LOOKING FOR YOU Easygoing, overweight DWF, 43, 5'10", N/S, N/Drugs, enjoys swimming, walking, bowling, cards, path, traveling. Seeking honest, loyal SWM, N/S, N/Drugs. South Lyon area. #2173

INCURABLE ROMANTIC Energetic, perky, kind-hearted D/WF, 43, 5'2", 125lbs, brown/brown, financially/emotionally secure, enjoys walking, tennis, cooking, dining out, movies. seeks SWM, 40-50, for best friend first. LTR. #2263

PRETTY BLONDE LADY Refined, giving loving, educated, European-born young 60ish, 5'5", good figured, N/S, many interests, seeks gentleman, 45-72, with sense of humor, caring, intelligent, secure, N/S, for lasting relationship. #1297

THRILL SEEKER WANTED Adventurous woman, DWF, 46, 5'4", brown/brown, Seeking adventurous man, 40-50, for friendship, N/S preferred. #2170

LOVE IN THE NEW YEAR Attractive, financially/emotionally secure DWF, young 50, 5'4", brown/blue, N/S, enjoys movies, dining, sports, travel and romance. Seeking handsome, sincere, caring, financially secure SWM, 40-50, with similar interests. Call me. First time ad. #2595

ONE-OF-A-KIND Employed, educated BF, 50, 5'9", 147lbs, no dependents, seeks mature male, 46-55, settled but fun to be with. Must be romantic. No baggage. No hang-ups. N/S mandatory. #2186

GOOD THINGS/SMALL PACKAGES Well-packaged emotionally/financially and intellectually, petite D/PF, charismatic, adventurous, passionate about life, likes the suburbs to metropolitan. Seeking a SM for a long-term relationship. #1927

TALL, ATTRACTIVE D/PF, 39, 5'9", enjoys dancing, jazz, affection. Seeking SM, 40+, 6', who wants more than just the physical, for LTR. Serious replies only please! #1936

32 YEAR-OLD PROFESSIONAL, Prettily, successful, humorous, charismatic, interesting, giving female, 32, enjoys movies, playing, concerts, live music, cooking, boating, loves people. Seeking soulmate in a SWM, 35-45, N/S, 5'5"-5'7", please reply. #1161

GENTLE WAYS Blondie, 39, 5'2", 125lb, enjoys life. Seeking gentleman, mid-30s-40s, to enjoy life with, friends first. #1906

SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT SF, 36, loves animals, laughing, spectator sports, gardening, seeks SM, N/S, no kids, for first start, possible LTR. #1265

PASSION FOR LIFE Classy, spirited, poised D/WF, 50, 5'2", seeks a man of integrity, 50-65, N/S, romantic and trim, to share interests which include: dancing, traveling, movies, dining out. For friendship, leading to LTR. #1908

STARGAZER Shapely WF, 48, brunette, no dependents, seeks intelligent, educated WM, who enjoys looking at the stars, escaping on weekends, and lively conversation. Friends first, Rochester area. #1772

HONOR AND CHERISH Never married, attractive, tall, sensitive, committed, Christian SWPM, enjoys hiking, travel, skiing, adventure, fun. Seeking attractive, slender, committed, never married SWF, 30-40, for friendship, dating, possible LTR. #2539

SEEKS CONFIDENT, SECURE MAN Pretty, classy, slim, secure, open, hip gal, 5'7", no children, seeks SWPM, average/attractive, trustworthy, emotionally/financially stable, fun, hip guy, 48-52, 5'8"-5'11", no games. You won't be disappointed. #2457

ITALIAN PRINCESS Fun-loving SWF, 32, 5'8", brown/amber, seeks romantic, energetic, athletic, professional man, 25-35, 5'10", for possible serious relationship. #2451

OUTGOING FEMALE Sensitive, social, sincere, humorous, loving, positive, upbeat SWF, 46, medium height/weight, seeks same in a man. Call soon. #2139

NORTH OAKLAND AREA Caring, personable, blonde, widowed WF, 55, 5'8", sense of humor, nice smile, seeks SM. As for looks, trust your instincts. Call me. First time ad. #2595

VERY PERSISTENT Attractive, intelligent, financially/emotionally secure SBF, 37, 6'2", 215lbs, seeks an attractive, emotionally secure, open-minded, and confident SWF, 25+, 5'5", for LTR. #2463

YOUR SMILE WILL start my day, and fill my nights. SWF, father of one, Seeking active, fun, hip guy, 48-52, 5'8"-5'11", to share laughter with. Must be honest, warm-hearted, love children. Novi area. #1650

WANTED: BEST FRIEND D/WF, 37, 5'10", 170lbs, enjoys outdoors, and being active. Seeking a smart, fun, Plymouth area, 30+, who is fun, intelligent, and has a great sense of humor. #1603

LOOKING AT YOU Very caring, attractive, outgoing, giving SWM, 44, with a variety of interests, including: sports, travel, and social. SWF, 30+, to share laughter with. Must be honest, warm-hearted, love children. Novi area. #1650

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STARTING OVER Honest, hardworking, old-fashioned SWM, 37, 5'2", 175lbs, black/brown, enjoys sports, music, movies, quiet evenings at home. Seeking old-fashioned, honest, active SWF, 25-40, for LTR. Children ok. #1989

OUTGOING Good-looking SWM, 29, 5'10", 185lbs, with dark hair and eyes, enjoys sporting events, traveling, conversation, working out, rollerblading, humor, and much more. Seeking an outgoing and fun woman. #1722

SOMEONE SPECIAL SWM, 28, 5'11", 200lbs, dark blond/blue, likes long walks, cuddling with someone special. Seeking SWF, 23-30, who likes the same and more, for relationship. #2502

SINCERE, EASYGOING Handsome, degreed, humorous, reliable SWM, 40, 5'8", seeks slim, attractive SWF who enjoys theater, foreign films, symphony, cultural events, week end getaways, dining out, long walks, opera, romance. #2110

VERY ATTRACTIVE SWM, 28, 5'11", 175lbs, brown/blue, very outgoing, professionally employed, seeks attractive SWF, 18-35, HW proportionate. Must be outgoing and enjoy sports. #1904

HAPPY NEW YEAR WITH YOU Fit, handsome, honest, open-minded SBF, 35, 5'11", seeks likeminded SF, race open. Respond to this ad and make both of us, or more! #2085

SINGLE IN DETROIT Honest, down-to-earth SBF, mid-30s, would like to meet special SBF, 28-45, for friendship, possible relationship. I like movies, concerts, special times together. #1286

NEW TO REDFORD Tall, affectionate, attractive SWM, 28, 6'5", 240lbs, brown/blue, nice physique, enjoys working out, cooking, outdoors, sports, movies, music. Seeking SWF, 21-35, looks unimportant, for companionship and fun times together. #2266

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SMOKER WANTING TO QUIT Warm, attractive, attentive, clean-cut, self-employed SWM, 25, 5'9", 155lbs, medium build, brown/blue, seeks playful, warm, attractive, petite SWF, 23-30, with career goals, for LTR. #2507

IN YOUR EYES... I find someone special. D/WF, 41, 150lbs, fit, short brown/brown, nice guy, enjoys bike riding, ice skating, humor, music, movies, art. Seeking fit SWF to share experiences. #2508

SINGLE MOM WANTED SWM, 28, 6'1", N/S, Drug-free, brown/green, medium build, enjoys bowling, horseback riding. Seeking SF, 20-35, N/S, for LTR. Must like children. #2447

WHERE ARE YOU? Bright, easygoing, good-looking, well-established SWM, 44, 5'9", 150lbs, with many interests including music, exercise, old movies, outdoors, dancing, seeks intelligent, good-hearted, relatively single and attractive SWF. Children ok. #2456

OLD-FASHIONED... down-to-earth, secure, widowed BCM, 47, 6'4", 220lbs, father of twins, likes movies, seeking, martial arts, cooking. Seeking an attractive, young female, 36-49, for possible LTR. Must have God first. #2442

FIRST TIME AD Degreed, fit, caring, sensitive, sincere, handy SWPM, 43, 5'11", 180lbs, likes the outdoors, dancing, sports, seeks degreed, slender SWFF, 38-45, with similar interests/qualities. #2354

SPIRITED, ADVENTUROUS... sincere, athletic, fun-loving, thoughtful SWPM, 40, 6', seeks special, slim, trim WAF, who is romantic-at-heart, sensual by nature, affectionate by choice, for LTR. #2144

UNIQUE, BALANCED... good-looking, professional SWM, 51, 5'9", homeowner, enjoys traveling, art, music, reading, travel. Young body, mind, and soul, and sincere, active, hard-headed female. Spontaneous, communicative, humorous. Seeking attractive, multidimensional, slender soulmate. #2117

SEEKING TRUE LOVE Down-to-earth, intelligent, passionate, honest, very giving, sincere, active, hard-headed female. Seeking a slim SWF, under 160, who knows how to treat a lady, loves to laugh, and has a great sense of humor. #2360

HANDSOME AND OUTGOING SWM, 44, 5'10", 165lbs, seeks attractive, slim SWF, under 160, who is fun-loving, female in Canton area. #2417

MAN FOR ALL SEASONS Open-minded, warm-hearted, tall-slim, father of gorgeous girls, seeks a warm-hearted female, 30ish, with a sense of humor, to share life's joys, travel, snowmobiling, and workouts. Novi. #2360

UNCLAIMED TREASURE!!! Exceptional, practical, playful, caring, tall, handsome SWM, 40ish, dark blond/large, blue, seeks attractive, slim SWF, under 160, N/S, with similar qualities, who's seriously interested in a relationship. See you soon. #9554

SEARCHING FOR THE ONE Good-looking, honest, intelligent SWM, 44, 5'10", 165lbs, blonde/blue, N/S, never married, with good sense of humor. Appreciates: class/style, walks, fire sides, music, and small talk. For LTR. No games. #2357

PLAY WITH ME Fun to play with, you might become attached, lovable, affectionate D/WF, 47, 5'11", you can take me for walks, or show to your friends, college degree, papers available upon request. #1107

SINGLE IN LIVONIA Attractive, financially secure D/WF, 46, 6'1", 185lbs, brown/blue, moustache, N/S, light drinker, enjoys dancing, movies, music of 60s. Seeking attractive, slender, honest SWF, 38-50, who's emotionally ready for LTR. #2724

MOVIE BUFF SWPM, 39, 5'11", N/S, with no children, enjoys the arts, tennis, travel, walking and bookstores. Seeking SWF, 32-45, with similar interests. #1592

LOTS TO OFFER Humorous, yet intellectual, outgoing, active SWM, 40, 5'10", 190lbs, enjoys outdoor activities, reading, writing, theater, and movies. Seeking N/S, friendly, outgoing SWFF, 35-45, petite to medium build, for possible relationship. #2538

CAUTION: DON'T MISS OUT! WM, 51, secure, honest, 6', gray/blue, fit, seeks an honest female, 38-50, for a LTR. #1163

TALK TO MY DAD Warm, kind, sensitive, down-to-earth D/WFM, 40, 5'9", brown/hazel, custodial parent of two, social drinker, enjoys cooking, Cedar Point, camping, socializing. Seeking DWF, with kids, for companionship, serious relationship. West Bloomfield. #2272

AFFECTIONATE GENTLEMAN Kind, caring, funny, easygoing SWM, 63, seeks kind-hearted, fun SWF person, who is a social drinker who enjoys rollerblading, boating, cooking, camping, snowmobiling, salsa dancing, 18-36, kids ok. #2291

SEEKING SOULMATE SM, 63, seeks kind-hearted SWF with SF person, who is a social drinker who enjoys rollerblading, boating, cooking, camping, snowmobiling, salsa dancing, 18-36, kids ok. #2291

A QUALITY GUY Sincere, romantic D/WF, 62, 5'10", seeks: honest woman with sense of humor, for dining out, fall concerts, dancing, plays, seeking and enjoying a great quality love with #2260

LOVE IS REAL SWM, 43, 6'8", 170, no kids, creative, passionate, likes art and nature. Seeking a pretty or cute SWF, 29-39, with no kids, for true love, romance and friendship. #2176

SIMPLE PLEASURES OF LIFE Double Swiss mom, bookstore browsing, warm cozy nights, afternoon strolls, walk in the park, chicken salad on rye, Dr. Brown cream soda, SM, 46, seeks slim, spiritual SWF, 30-45, #2177

WANTED...BEST FRIEND/LOVER Nice-looking SWM, 46, 5'11", 180lbs, enjoys most things, just lacking that special someone. SWF, attractive, warm-hearted, honest, and loyal, age open, smoker ok. Wayne/Westland area. #2172

DEAR FRIEND Fit, lonely D/WF, 47 years young, 5'7", enjoys movies, dining, rollerblading, seeks fit, 35-47, N/S, Slim/medium build a plus. #2087

STARTING OVER Hard-working, honest, sensitive, humorous D/WF, 42, 5'8", 165lbs, with 3 children, enjoys cooking, outdoors, and quiet times. Seeking S/DWF, 35-42, fit, who enjoys children, for possible LTR. #2191

SEEKING GENTLEMAN French, widowed female, teaches at home 3 days a week, seeks kind, widowed or D/WF, with good moral character, who likes to dine out, go dancing, for friendship, possible relationship. #2000

FIRST TIME AD SM, 42, 5'11", 245lbs+, blonde/blue, moustache, seeks a woman, 28-42, 100-160lbs, who looks good in jeans or a dress and is honest. Meet me halfway! #2359

COMPANION NEEDED Kind-hearted D/WPM, 42, 5'9", 145lbs, dad, likes hockey, running, race cars, music, family, yard sales, looking for active lady who needs tender, loving care. #2355

SJM TEACHER, 43 Caring, fun, intelligent guy, searching for a long-term relationship with a bright, warm, attractive woman. I enjoy music, dancing, reading, friends, walks, and festivals. #2350

FIRST TIME AD SM, 45, 6'3.5", wishes to meet lady for friendship, late night dinners, quiet evenings, long walks, movies, special moments, and relationship. #2351

CHARACTER MATTERS Thoughtfulness, understanding, sincerity, everyday warmth coupled with romantic play are paramount to a quality, monogamous, romantic relationship. Athletic, articulate SWPM, 61', seeks You: slim, trim, petite WF, for monogamous LTR. #2140

VERY FRIENDLY SWM, 30, seeks someone to lose weight with. I play tennis, racquetball and use Nautilus equipment. All calls answered. #2143

LONELY SENIOR D/WF, 68, seeks widowed or divorced WF for companionship. Enjoys dining out, movies, plays, concerts. Prefer Oakland County. #2542

CALL AND FOLLOW THROUGH Blonde, spunky, attractive, senior, widowed WF, 53', seeks SWM, 60+, N/D, who likes pets, long drives, families, nature, dinners, dancing. #1959

OUTGOING AND FRIENDLY Active, widowed WF, 73, N/S, enjoys dancing, cards, traveling, looking for outgoing, affectionate WM, who is self-sufficient, but desires companionship. #1960

ENJOYS LIFE SWF, 64, 5'2", blonde, semi-retired, loves to dance, travel, movies, dining, theater, cards. Seeking SWM, 60-70, must dance, have variety of interests, sense of humor, be N/S. #2506

GOOD-LOOKING... SF, 67, 5'4", 115lbs, social drinker, would like to meet SM for dining out, movies, some gambling, and quiet times at home. #2356

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## OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

### Fishing trivia contest

Fishing enthusiasts, take note. Here's a chance to prove your superior fishing knowledge and win tickets to the 11th annual Greater Detroit Sportfishing and Travel Expo.

We'll hold a fishing trivia contest each Thursday in the Observer & Eccentric through Feb. 25. Answer the weekly trivia question correctly and have a chance to win four tickets to the Sportfishing and Travel Expo, which will be March 4-7 at the Palace of Auburn Hills. One weekly winner will be randomly selected from all the correct answers we receive. All entries for this week's question must be postmarked by Monday, Feb. 1.

This week's question is:  
*The biggest freshwater fish in the Great Lakes is the lake sturgeon. What is the weight of the current state record for lake sturgeon?*  
Send in the correct answer to: Fishing Trivia Contest, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009.

### Sixers succeed

It featured everything a championship game should. And in the end, it was the Sixers who emerged with the title in the 7th-8th grade division of the Plymouth-Canton Junior Basketball Association, narrowly defeating the Celtics 61-60 in a game played earlier this month.

Members of the Sixers are David Hoskins, Mike Dendrinis, Rick Hensel, Mike Jones, Mike Lanier, Brian Neher, Brandon Reeves, Mike Savoni, Eric Vanston and Pat Zemaniski. The team is coached by George Dendrinis and Daryl Hoskins.

### Regional standout

The all-Mideast Region NCAA Division I men's soccer team has been announced, and Drew Drummond, a junior at Eastern Michigan and a Plymouth Salem graduate, was selected to the third team.

A midfielder, Drummond was awarded all-region honors for the second time.

### CCJBSA Connie Mack

The Canton Community Junior Baseball and Softball Association is forming a Connie Mack team to play in the Southeast Michigan high school league.

The team will be open to residents in the Plymouth and Canton communities who are freshmen, sophomores and juniors this year.

For more information call coaches Mike Diedrich at (734) 394-0454 or Rich Shook at (734) 455-1984.

### St. Edith football

Any boys entering the fourth through eighth grades in the fall who are parish members of St. Edith, St. Collette, St. Aidan, St. Kenneth or St. Maurice are eligible to play for the Livonia St. Edith football team. Registration is at 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 7 at the St. Edith gymnasium, on Newburgh just south of Five Mile.

For more information call Bill Hamilton at (734) 462-3917 or Brad Dickey at (313) 240-6130.

### Soccer ref classes

A new soccer referee training class will be conducted in the AutoNation USA Community Room, located at 39600 Ford in Canton, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Jan. 30, Feb. 6, Feb. 13 and Feb. 20. You must be at least 12 years old to sign up. Class size is limited.

To register, send your name, social security number and a check for \$43 made payable to the Michigan Referee Committee, to 9115 Muirland Dr., Plymouth, MI, 48170. For further information, call (734) 454-7335.

The Plymouth Soccer Club will sponsor a class for anyone (12 to adult) interested in becoming a soccer referee. The program will consist of four Saturday classes (attendance at all four is mandatory): Feb. 13, Feb. 20, Feb. 27 and March 13, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day. All classes will be in the card meeting room at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

To register, send your name, address, phone number, birth date, social security number and a check for \$43 made payable to the Michigan Referee Committee, Inc., to Brian LaMasse, 238 Coronation Court, Canton, MI, 48188. There are no residency requirements.

For more information, call Brian LaMasse at (734) 397-8325.

## Salem a no-show at Observerland



**Plymouth Salem, the defending champion of the Observerland Tournament, won't repeat that feat. The reason: The Rocks committed to wrestling at a different tournament. That makes Catholic Central the odds-on favorite.**

BY STEVE KOWALSKI  
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Farmington High wrestling coach Al Beyar isn't sure where his team will finish at Saturday's Observerland Meet, but he's sure of one thing.

When the action starts at 9 a.m. Saturday at Livonia Churchill, the Falcons will have the upper hand on at least one of the annual contenders.

"Plymouth Salem: We'll finish ahead

of them won't we?" Beyar said.

In any other year that's a bold prediction for the Falcons, who haven't placed first since winning the inaugural Observerland Meet in 1992 and have rarely finished ahead of the Rocks since.

But this year is different.

Salem, the defending Observerland champion, isn't participating because of a previous commitment to the Holt Tournament.

The two tournaments fall on the

same day for the first time since Salem coach Ron Krueger can remember. He picked Holt over the Observerland because he committed to Holt last spring.

"It's kind of a reciprocal thing," Krueger said. "They come to two of our tournaments every year and we go to theirs. All of a sudden they collided. If the same thing happens next year we'll explain to them 'Hey, we can't come back.'"

"We would rather be at Observerland this week, believe me. The last few years we didn't know if (the Observerland) would run or not. But we made a commitment at the end of last school year (with Holt) and had to stick with

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**What:** Observerland Wrestling Meet

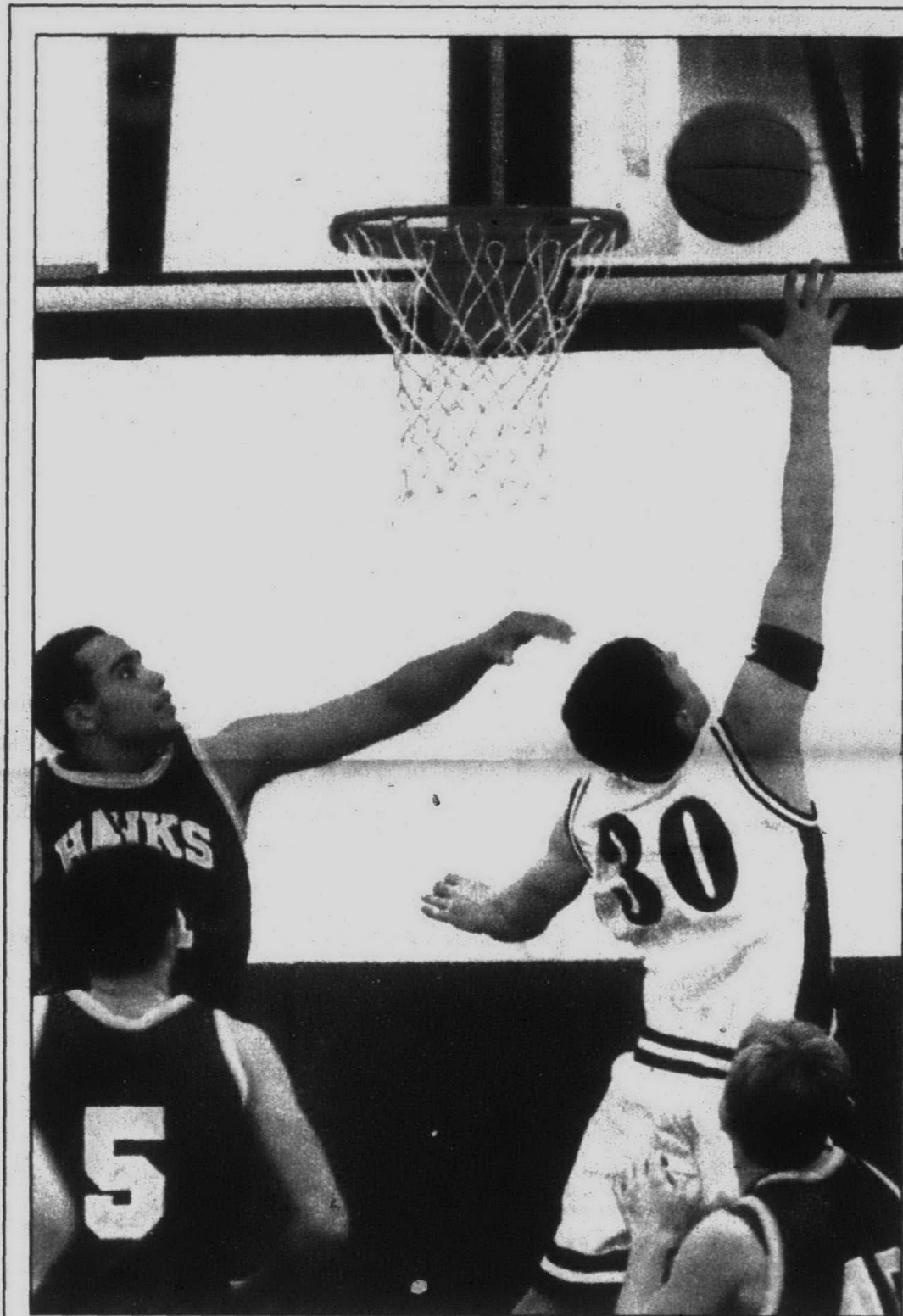
**When:** 9 a.m. Saturday (finals start at 6 p.m.)

**Where:** Livonia Churchill

**Who:** Livonia Stevenson, Livonia Churchill, Livonia Franklin, Livonia Clarenceville, Redford Thurston, Redford Union, Redford Catholic Central, Garden City, Farmington, Farmington Hills Harrison, North Farmington, Wayne Memorial, Westland John Glenn, Lutheran Westland, Plymouth Canton.

**Defending champion:** Plymouth Salem (not participating)

**Admission:** \$5 for adults, \$4 for students.



**Up and in:** Salem's Mike Korduba evades Harrison defenders to put a shot in off the glass. Korduba finished with six points as the Rocks pulled away from a halftime tie to win easily.

## Rocks roll in 2nd half

BY RICHARD L. SHOOK  
STAFF WRITER

Remember your Christmas tree lights? One goes out, you plug another in and they keep on blinking.

That's the Plymouth Salem boys basketball team.

From one season to the next and one quarter to the next. Stick a new kid in there and the system keeps right on working.

Plymouth Salem ran away from Farmington Hills Harrison, 63-47, in the second half Tuesday night to remain undefeated in 10 games this season. The Rocks are 4-0 in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

Eight Rocks scored in the game, half in double figures. Ten Hawks scored but only two were in double figures. Harrison is now 5-4 overall and 2-4 in the WLAA.

"They play that winning brand of basketball," Coach Mike Teachman of Harrison said. "And when the other team makes a mistake, they scarf it up."

"We're sputtering a bit once in a while," said Coach Bob Brodie of Salem, whose team was tied at the half, 23-23. "Harrison took us out of our offense early. They are a tough, physical team."

Salem came out in the second half and got the ball down low to center Tony Jancevski for a turnaround baseliner and a layup (off a nice feed by Adam Wilson) on the first two possessions to take a 27-23 lead.

Wilson knocked down a triple from the left wing and Harrison called timeout. The Hawks recovered with a Lemar Wilson

layup but the Rocks ran off the next nine in a row for a 41-25 lead.

Aaron Rypkowski hit a three, Wilson got a layup off a steal, Rob Jones made a layup off a turnover and Rypkowski sank two free throws.

"That third quarter spurt helped," Brodie said. "Our seniors stepped out. We played well on both ends of the floor. But Harrison fought back and made a run."

The Hawks scored 12 unanswered points and the third quarter ended on a Jones bucket with one second left that made it 43-37. Harrison cut the deficit to 47-43 with 5:57 left but a Rypkowski three-point play put the fire out.

"The did their stuff well," Teachman said. "We tend to do stuff that has proven not to be successful. Jump shot, jump shot, weak pass. You can't shoot jumpers all the time like that."

"We were hurrying everything we were doing. Then they went to a zone, packed it in, and beat us. We made way too many unforced errors."

Andrew Burt and Joe Hundley led Harrison with 10 points apiece but the next highest scorer was at six.

"Joe was a bright spot for us," Teachman said. "He came to play."

Wilson led Salem with 13 points, Jancevski and Rypkowski scored 12 apiece and Jones netted 11.

"We tend to become a spectator team, stand around and watch the guard," Teachman said. "Then when they went into their zone, we really stood

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## COLLEGE HOOPS

### Comeback lifts Ocelots to win over Wildcats

BY C.J. RISAK  
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The game was over, and all that was left for the audience to offer was stunned silence and a few disbelieving smirks. The final outcome, after all, was completely improbable.

Or was it? As Schoolcraft College athletic director Ed Kavanaugh said moments after the Ocelots' comeback behind 78-76 men's basketball victory over Wayne County Community College Monday, "Never a doubt."

Kavanaugh was kidding. Everyone who witnessed the game doubted SC could stretch its win streak to 16-straight. After all, how many times can a team pull off something like this?

The answer for the Ocelots is

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## What a turnaround!

### SC cagers succeeding on and off the court



C.J. RISAK

So what does it all mean?

It was just a little less than two years ago that Schoolcraft College concluded another lackluster season in men's basketball, finishing 6-19 and out of the Michigan Community College Athletic Association playoff picture. It was

nothing unusual.

Last year was unusual.

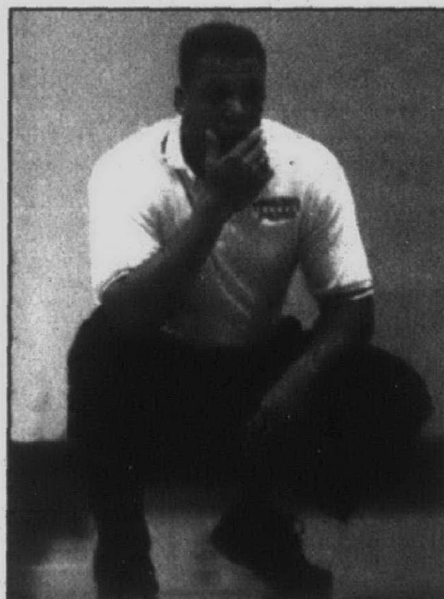
A new coach was brought in: former SC standout and NJCAA All-American Carlos Briggs. The task confronting Briggs was enormous. The hopes for success — marginal, at best.

Imagine the surprise when the Ocelots went 24-7, finishing second in the Eastern Conference.

So was it just a blip in SC's long-standing history of failure? Was Briggs the real deal — or just lucky?

Those questions aren't being asked any longer. This season's 16-0 start has provided the answer.

How can this be? How can a team that languished for so many years in winless obscurity suddenly become a



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHMANN

**Quite a start:** In his 18 months at SC, Carlos Briggs has posted a 40-7 record.

powerhouse, good enough to be ranked 13th in the NJCAA?

Briggs has answers to these ques-

tions. In fact, he's been studying the Coaches' Quotebook fervently, or so it would appear; he has all the proper replies, giving credit to everyone from administration officials like athletic director Ed Kavanaugh to trainer Kim Kotlewski.

It's all necessary, of course, if a coach wants to build a strong program. Briggs has followed the proper procedure in dishing out the praise. But don't misconstrue such actions — such accolades are not just for show. Others do deserve recognition.

They may not be responsible for what the players do on the court, but they play key roles in keeping them there.

Check this out: Not a single SC player was lost to academics at the January semester break. And although the 40 wins Briggs has posted in a season-and-a-half is impressive, keeping everyone eligible is even more amazing.

Remember: In the past decade, if the Ocelots lost two or three guys to grades at the break, it was actually a good year.

Now, such numbers are unaccept-

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# Whalers win 2 more on road



It was a weekend like any other for the Plymouth Whalers - two more road games, two more wins.

The Whalers have played 26 of 46 games on the road thus far this season, and have fared well. Wins at Erie Friday and Saturday gave Plymouth the points lead in the Ontario Hockey League, with 75; Ottawa and Barrie both have better winning percentages, but have played fewer games.

Solid defensive play and an offense that features too many weapons for opponents to handle were both evident in the sweep of the Otters. In Friday's 5-3 victory, the Whalers spotted Erie second-period leads of 1-0 and 2-1 before taking command.

David Legwand played a pivotal role in the comeback, scoring two goals (giving him 24 for the season) and assisting on another. Jason Ward was another major factor; he scored the go-ahead goal 3:45 into the third period, then got an empty-netter to insure the victory with 30 seconds remaining. Ward also assisted on Legwand's first goal.

Goals by Eric Goody (his 15th), who had an assist as well, and Legwand's second of the game gave Plymouth a 3-2 lead going into the third period. Erie's Tyler Renette tied it 3:11 into the final period, but 34 seconds later Ward put Plymouth ahead to stay.

Rob Zepp turned away 27 Otter shots before giving way to Robert Holsinger (one goal allowed, nine saves) late in the second period. Corey Batten made 24 saves for Erie.

Saturday's rematch was close for only one period. Harold Druken's 43rd goal of the season just 3:07 into the game put Plymouth up 1-0; the Otters' Tim Connolly, however, tied it at 7:14 of the period with his 26th goal of the year.

Adam Colagiaco then took command, scoring the go-ahead goal on a power play at 6:18 of the second period, then adding a second power-play goal at 2:28 of the third, giving him 27 for the season. He also assisted on Druken's goal; Druken assisted on Colagiaco's first score.

Inbetween Colagiaco's goals, Ward scored his 12th of the season, a short-handed marker at 13:33 of the second period.

Holsinger had 36 saves in earning the victory for Plymouth. Batten started for Erie and made 17 stops, allowing three goals, before being replaced midway through the second period by J.F. Perras.

The two wins pushed the Whalers' record to 36-8-3 (75 points). Erie is 18-22-3 (39 points).

## Shouneyia leads Ambassadors

John Shouneyia helped the Compuware Ambassadors win twice to maintain their lead in the North American Hockey League, and in so doing he earned NAHL player of the week honors.

Shouneyia, from Bloomfield Hills, scored one goal and assisted on two others in the Ambassadors' 6-1 win over Danville last Friday at Compuware. At Cleveland Sunday, Shouneyia added a goal and three assists to help rookie goalie Tom Fortunate earn his first career win in an 8-2 victory. Shouneyia's seven-point weekend gave him 19 goals and 39 assists for an NAHL-best 58 points.

Shouneyia, who will attend the University of Michigan next fall, will play in the CCM/NAHL All-Star Game Feb. 6 in Grand Rapids.

Division	W	L	T	Pts.
<b>East Division</b>				
Ottawa 67's	35	6	3	73
Peterborough Petes	28	17	1	57
Bellefonte Bulls	24	17	6	54
Oshawa Generals	24	18	3	51
Kingston Frontenacs	14	30	2	30
<b>Central Division</b>				
Barrie Colts	34	7	4	72
North Bay Centennials	19	24	5	43
Sudbury Wolves	16	23	7	39
Toronto St. M. Majors	14	25	5	33
Miss. Ice Dogs	1	42	3	5
<b>West Division</b>				
Plymouth Whalers	36	8	3	75
Sarnia Sting	25	14	5	55
SSM Greyhounds	23	17	4	50
London Knights	20	25	2	42
Windsor Spitfires	13	28	5	31
<b>Midwest Division</b>				
Guelph Storm	29	15	2	60
Owen Sound Platers	26	17	5	57
Erie Otters	18	22	3	39
Kitchener Rangers	16	27	3	35
Brampton Battalion	5	38	3	13

## 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 1:48.52

### 200 FREESTYLE

(state cut: 1:49.39)

Keith Falk (Stevenson) 1:45.36  
Ryan Meekins (Redford CC) 1:48.51  
Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 1:50.61  
Don LeClair (Canton) 1:53.11  
James McPartlin (John Glenn) 1:53.13  
Kurtis Hornick (Canton) 1:53.30  
Bill Randall (Churchill) 1:53.94  
Brian Mertens (Salem) 1:54.89  
Bryant Steele (Redford CC) 1:56.41  
Justin Ketterer (Stevenson) 1:56.78

### 200 INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY

(state cut: 2:03.99)

Keith Falk (Stevenson) 2:00.50  
Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 2:00.95

James McPartlin (John Glenn) 2:07.36  
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  
Mike Malik (Stevenson) 2:12.11  
Jim Gabriel (N. Farmington) 2:12.20  
Brad Nilson (Canton) 2:12.80

### 50 FREESTYLE

(state cut: 22.59)

Andrew Locke (Salem) 22.35  
Matt Zald (N. Farmington) 22.52  
Keith Falk (Stevenson) 22.80  
Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 22.88  
Kurtis Hornick (Canton) 23.00  
James McPartlin (John Glenn) 23.00  
Don LeClair (Canton) 23.09  
Ryan Meekins (Redford CC) 23.38  
Bill Randall (Churchill) 23.55  
Chris Supplee (Franklin) 23.62

### 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

Jared Goldman (N. Farmington) 151.15  
Jason Zykowski (Stevenson) 145.05

### 100 BUTTERFLY

(state cut: 55.59)

James McPartlin (John Glenn) 54.55  
Keith Falk (Stevenson) 54.99  
Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 55.51  
Brett Meconis (Redford CC) 56.39  
Paul Perez (Salem) 57.34  
Kurtis Hornick (Canton) 57.45  
Adam Farber (N. Farmington) 58.89  
Mark Wachsberg (N. Farmington) 59.39  
Josh Morgan (Garden City) 59.88  
Bryant Steele (Redford CC) 1:00.71

### 100 FREESTYLE

(state cut: 49.49)

Keith Falk (Stevenson) 48.92  
Ryan Meekins (Redford CC) 49.30  
Matt Zald (N. Farmington) 49.52  
Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 49.66  
Jim McPartlin (John Glenn) 49.81  
Andrew Locke (Salem) 50.50  
Don LeClair (Canton) 50.59  
Bill Randall (Churchill) 51.36  
Kurt Hornick (Canton) 52.03  
Brandon Digia (N. Farmington) 52.73

### 500 FREESTYLE

(state cut: 4:57.39)

Keith Falk (Stevenson) 4:51.40  
Brian Mertens (Salem) 5:07.00  
Ryan Meekins (Redford CC) 5:07.81  
Mike Malik (Stevenson) 5:11.43  
Justin Ketterer (Stevenson) 5:12.55  
Danny Price (Harrison) 5:20.60  
Lough Rycroft (N. Farmington) 5:23.54  
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  
Livonia Stevenson 1:34.68  
Redford Catholic Central 1:35.35  
North Farmington 1:37.35

### 100 BACKSTROKE

(state cut: 56.39)

Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 55.66  
Jim Gabriel (N. Farmington) 57.95  
Aaron Reeder (Canton) 58.06  
James McPartlin (John Glenn) 58.42  
Devin Hopper (Farmington) 59.24  
Matt Casillas (Salem) 59.46  
Justin Allen (Canton) 1:00.06  
Adam Chiasson (Wayne) 1:00.84  
Brad Nilson (Canton) 1:01.36  
Eric Lynn (Salem) 1:01.49

### 100 BREASTSTROKE

(state cut: 1:03.19)

Adam Farber (N. Farmington) 1:03.71  
Keith Falk (Stevenson) 1:03.76  
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  
Sonny Webber (Wayne) 1:08.52  
Jon Heiss (Canton) 1:08.90  
Mike McCowan (Stevenson) 1:09.29  
Jon Zald (N. Farmington) 1:09.42

### 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

## No new league planned

The Plymouth Canton Baseball Federation has announced it will not begin operations and will rejoin the Canton Community Junior Baseball and Softball Association this season.

"This is what we've been working for," CCJBSA President Harry Hill said. "This will benefit all the youngsters of the Plymouth and Canton communities."

As a result, the CCJBSA will conduct registration from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday in the Canton High School Cafeteria. The league, which will hold a second registration Feb. 13 at the same time and place, is also taking applications by mail.

League officials will be on hand to answer questions. A speedier sign-up is anticipated because the league is instituting a new system with more cashiers.

The rebel league complained of shortening game times, umpiring concerns and fund-raising.

"We always address league problems between seasons and this winter is no different," Hill said. "We'll continue to serve our constituent communities as we have since 1960."

The CCJBSA hopes to announce the names of two umpires-in-chief in the near future. Game times have always

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been subject to field and umpire availability.

The addition of the Canton Softball Center will give the league some 60-72 game dates. The CCJBSA is going to wait until registration is over to determine what realignment is needed.

The CCJBSA offers fund-raising on an optional basis, with proceeds budgeted for field improvement.

Boys and girls ages 7-18 (19 if still in high school) can sign up to play baseball and softball. Birth certificates are needed for first-time players.

Fees are \$75 for boys and girls ages 7-8; \$85 for girls 9-18; \$85 for boys 9-10; \$95 for boys 11-18 (19 if still in high school). There is a family limit of \$225 for non-travel players.

Those in the girls fast-pitch leagues and boys travel programs must sign up in person. Travel program fees are \$200 for girls 10-12, \$325 for girls 13-18 and \$325 for boys 11-18.

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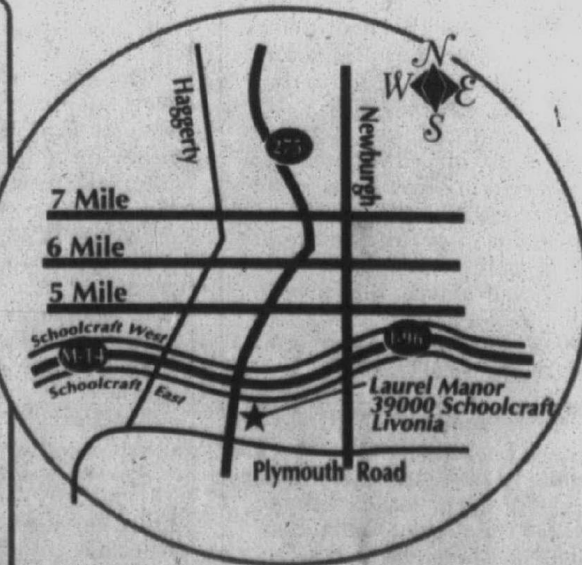
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# Chiefs collect 3rd straight

So far, so good. Plymouth Canton opened its Western Lakes Activities Association basketball season with a lopsided loss at North Farmington. Since then, however, its been all uphill for the Chiefs.

On Tuesday, they overcame a five-point deficit in the final four minutes with a 15-0 run to roll past Farmington, 43-32.

The win was their third straight in league play, evening their overall record at 5-5 and making them 3-1 in the WLAA. Farmington fell to 3-6 overall, 0-3 in the conference.

"It was a hard-fought game," said Canton coach Dan Young. "We hung in there and made the plays when we had to. It was a nice win, a road win."

The Chiefs trailed 32-28 with less than four minutes left when they got it turned around. Joe Cortellini, who led them with 16 points, started it by nailing one of his four three-pointers in the game to trim the deficit to one.

The Canton defense took over after that. Jimmy Reddy got a steal, drove to the basket and was fouled; he hit both free throws to put the Chiefs ahead by a point.

Mike Major followed that with another steal and a basket. Major and Dan McLean made certain the Chiefs stayed in front, each going 4-for-4 from the line in the closing minutes. Canton was 10-for-10 at the stripe in the last quarter.

Jason Waidmann added 10 points for the Chiefs; Major had eight. Matt Mikel's 10 points topped the Falcons; Chad Seaborn

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contributed nine.

Despite the league win streak — Canton also topped Westland John Glenn and Farmington Harrison — Young remained cautious with his optimism. "It's still early," he insisted. "We've still got a lot of work left to do."

**PCA 57, Roper 55 (OT):** Maybe after Friday's lopsided, emotional win over Allen Park Inter-City Baptist Plymouth Christian Academy thought the road would be downhill in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.

Wrong. On Tuesday at Bloomfield Hills Roper, the Eagles found themselves in a heckuva fight. It took strong play from Derric Isensee and Jordan Roose, timely scoring from Mike Huntsman, and a free throw from Evan Gaines to keep PCA unbeaten in the MIAC.

The Eagles improved to 10-1 overall, 4-0 in the league. Roper fell to 2-2 in the MIAC.

"We didn't play poorly," said PCA coach Doug Taylor. "But I think there was a bit of a letdown after that big win last Friday."

"We had two guys step up and play really well."

Isensee was one of them. With 14 seconds left in regulation, he drove down the lane, then dished off to an unguarded Huntsman for the tying basket.

In overtime, the game was tied at 55-all when Gaines stepped to the free-throw line.

He made 1-of-2 free throws to put PCA up a point.

Roose, the other player Taylor spoke highly of, clinched it by stealing the Roughriders' ensuing inbound pass. Roose was fouled; he made one free throw for the final margin.

Isensee finished with 23 points, 12 rebounds and six steals. "He just carried us," said Taylor.

Roose added 13 points, six steals, six assists and five rebounds, while committing just one turnover. "That's the best all-around game he's ever played," his coach said.

Huntsman finished with 16 points.

Roper got 15 points from Neil Ashmond, 12 from Ben Simongon, 11 from Silas Candwell and 10 from Laddie Amdahazy.

**Catholic Central 66, Brother Rice 59:** Nick Moore turned a solid game through three quarters into a spectacular one with a 16-point fourth period Tuesday against visiting Birmingham Brother Rice.

The win pushed Redford Catholic Central's record to 7-4 overall, 3-2 in the Catholic League's Central Division. Rice is 2-8 overall, 1-4 in the division.

Moore finished with 31 points, including three three-pointers. Rob Sparks added 13 points and Matt Lorida had 11.

Ralph Sylvester paced Brother Rice with 13 points. Josh Hammel scored 12 and Chris Aquwa had 11.

CC led 30-27 at the half and 42-39 through three quarters, but the Warriors continued to threaten until the end.

# Shorthanded Rocks knock off John Glenn

Four players were out of the lineup for Plymouth Salem's volleyball team when it traveled to Westland John Glenn for a Western Lakes Activities Association match Monday, but it hardly made a difference.

Even with all the injuries and illnesses, the Rocks still romped past Glenn, 15-1, 15-1.

"John Glenn really didn't play that well," said Salem coach Tom Teeters. "But we did."

The win improved Salem's record to 22-5 overall, 2-1 in the WLAA. The Rockets fell to 3-9-3 overall, 0-2 in the WLAA.

Jill Dombrowski filled in for injured setter Laime Sterling (broken finger) and performed admirably, according to Teeters, collecting 14 assists to kills. "She did a great job," he said.

Everyone got into the act for the Rocks. Angie Sillmon's seven kills led the team; Andrea Pruett added five, Amanda Suder had four, and Sara Jensen and Denise

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Phillips had three aces.

Erica Stein paced the defense with seven digs; Liz Gizicki added four. Aleahka Marquez was the top server with four aces.

The Rocks are idle this weekend, a break that comes at an opportune time, with their abundance of injuries and illnesses. They return to action Monday at Livonia Churchill.

## PCA falls

Southfield Christian had a bit too much for Plymouth Christian Academy to overcome in a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference match Tuesday at PCA.

The loss left PCA at 4-6-1 overall, 1-2 in the MIAC.

Jenny Sutherland led the attack with six kills; she also had three blocks. Melissa Sawthrop collected 16 digs.

PCA hosts Bloomfield Hills Roper at 7 p.m. tonight.

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around.

"They're not an impressive team physically. They're just impressive basketball-ly."

Salem plays octopus defense — like each player has eight hands and knows how to use them — and that kept Harrison from getting more than one shot at the basket per trip for most of the game.

Jancevski made a variety of shots from down low and up near the free throw line. Mike Korduba had six points and played a nice baseline game. Wilson made a pair of threes and distributed the ball well.

"I don't want a one-player or a two-player team," Brodie said. "If you're going to be a good team, all 12 guys have to contribute the best they can."

The Hawks played good defense and showed patience on offense for most of the game. Just not quite enough.

The Rocks just kept plugging new parts into the machine. And it kept running.

**Northville 72, Stevenson 52:** The Mustangs outscored the Spartans in every quarter to capture the WLAA contest.

It was 13-8 after one period, 31-21 at the half and 51-37 after three quarters.

Guard Brett Allen paced visiting Northville with 18 points while Travis Bliss and Marshall Knapp each hit 12. The bigger Mustangs went 18-for-26 from the free throw line.

Stevenson hit 17-of-30 free throws. The Spartans were led

by Keshay McChristian, who had 14 points.

Stevenson (4-5) is now 1-3 in the WLAA while Northville (4-6) improved to 3-1.

**N. Farmington 74, Franklin 20:** In a WLAA game Tuesday, host North Farmington (8-1, 4-0) roared out to a 42-14 halftime lead and coasted past winless Livonia Franklin (0-9, 0-4).

Emir Medunjanin, a 6-6 junior, led the victorious Raiders with 20 points and 10 rebounds. Phil Wartha, a 6-foot junior guard, added 19 points and eight rebounds.

Brian Shulman, a 5-11 junior guard, contributed 11 points and five assists. Joe Ruggiero and Dustin Kuras each scored seven points for the Pats.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### BOYS BASKETBALL

Thursday, Jan. 28  
Garden City at Lincoln Park, 7 p.m.  
Friday, Jan. 29  
Canton Agape at Westside, 6:30 p.m.  
Luth. W'sid at Luth. N'west, 7 p.m.  
Churchill at Harrison, 7 p.m.  
Canton at Franklin, 7 p.m.  
Stevenson at John Glenn, 7 p.m.  
Farmington at Salem, 7 p.m.  
W.L. Central at N. Farm., 7 p.m.  
Thurston at Melvindale, 7 p.m.  
Redford Union at Southgate, 7 p.m.  
Romulus at Wayne, 7 p.m.  
Borgess at Redford CC, 7:30 p.m.  
Loyola at St. Agatha, 7:30 p.m.  
Oakland Christian at PCA, 7:30 p.m.  
Huron Valley vs. Macomb Christian at Marshall Middle School, 7:30 p.m.  
Saturday, Jan. 30  
Harrison vs. Forest Hills Central at G.R. Van Andel Arena, 11:30 a.m.

### MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Saturday, Jan. 30  
Aquinas at Madonna, 3 p.m.  
Macomb at Schoolcraft, 3 p.m.  
Oakland CC vs. Delta CC at Highland Lakes, 4 p.m.  
Sunday, Jan. 31  
Madonna at Aquinas, 1 p.m.  
Macomb at Schoolcraft, 1 p.m.  
Alpena at OCC-High. Lakes, 2 p.m.

### WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Saturday, Jan. 30  
Madonna at Aquinas, 1 p.m.  
Macomb at Schoolcraft, 1 p.m.  
Alpena at OCC-High. Lakes, 2 p.m.

### ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE

Friday, Jan. 29  
Ply. Whalers vs. Ottawa at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m.  
Saturday, Jan. 30  
Ply. Whalers vs. S.S. Marie at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m.

### PREP HOCKEY

Thursday, Jan. 28  
Franklin vs. Stevenson at Edgar Arena, 7 p.m.  
Redford Unified vs. Portage No.

at Redford Ice Arena, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 29  
Stevenson vs. Farm. Unified at Edgar Arena, 6 p.m.  
Redford Unified vs. W.L. Central at Lakeland Arena, 8:30 p.m.  
Saturday, Jan. 30  
Franklin vs. W.L. Western at Lakeland Arena, 5:20 p.m.  
Redford CC vs. G.P. South at Redford Ice Arena, 8 p.m.

### GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Thursday, Jan. 28  
Roper at Ply. Christian, 7 p.m.  
Huron Valley at Franklin Rd., 7 p.m.  
Friday, Jan. 29  
Agape at Franklin Road, 5 p.m.  
Clarenceville at Liggett, 6:30 p.m.  
Saturday, Jan. 30  
Romulus Invitational, 8:30 a.m.  
UM-Dearborn Tournament, 9 a.m.  
E. Kentwood Invitational, TBA.  
TBA — time to be announced.



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THUR., FEB. 11	ORLANDO	7:30PM	SUN., MAR. 28	SEATTLE	12:30PM
WED., FEB. 17	MIAMI	7:30PM	THUR., APR. 1	CHICAGO	7:30PM
TUE., FEB. 23	TORONTO	7:30PM	SAT., APR. 3	ORLANDO	7:30PM
WED., FEB. 24	CLEVELAND	7:30PM	BAD BOYS REUNION GAME		
FRI., FEB. 26	MIAMI	8:00PM	MON., APR. 5	INDIANA	8:00PM
SUN., FEB. 28	NEW YORK	TBA	WED., APR. 7	ATLANTA	7:30PM
MON., MAR. 8	WASHINGTON	8:00PM	MON., APR. 12	CHARLOTTE	7:30PM
FRI., MAR. 12	BOSTON	8:00PM	FRI., APR. 16	NEW YORK	8:00PM
SUN., MAR. 14	ATLANTA	7:00PM	THUR., APR. 22	PHILADELPHIA	7:30PM
WED., MAR. 17	TORONTO	7:30PM	WED., APR. 28	NEW JERSEY	7:30PM
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# CC aims for 3rd Observer title

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If Redford Catholic Central can uphold its favored status and win Saturday's Observerland Meet, it will tie Livonia Stevenson for most championships: three.

Stevenson won in 1994, '95 and '97. CC won in '93 and '96. Farmington won the first Observerland Meet and Plymouth Salem took first place last year.

Depending on how the draw goes, there's an intriguing possible matchup in the heavyweight division between CC's Casey Rogowski and Redford

## MAT NOTES

Thurston's Scott Genord.

The two are also top college football prospects as linebackers. Genord has already committed to Indiana University and Rogowski is headed to Central Michigan University.

The Observerland Meet was formed this decade in part to make it easier to pick members of the All-Area team at the end of the year.

With Plymouth Salem choosing to compete at the Holt Tour-

ament, held at the same time Saturday, some wonder if the Rocks' absence could make it tougher to pick this year's team.

Salem coach Ron Krueger hopes that's not the case.

"Enough teams see each other, and we usually go by how kids finish in the state (meet) anyway," Krueger said. "I don't see it as a big problem, I hope."

The Observerland Meet was held at Garden City its first five years before being moved to Plymouth Salem in 1997 and Westland John Glenn last year.

Livonia Churchill is the third

site in three years and that's just the way it should be, according to Stevenson coach Don Berg.

The 1997 tourney was almost called off before Salem volunteered to host at the last minute.

"It's unfortunate this tournament has had trouble finding a home some years," said Berg, whose gym is too small to host. "I think this tournament should have different sites, that's what makes it a true Observerland Tournament. It's a chore, but I think everybody ought to share that. The kids look forward to it."

## 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. Livonia Stevenson.
4. Livonia Clarenceville.
5. Wayne Memorial.

### INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS

**103 pounds:** 1. Joe Moreau (Livonia Stevenson); 2. Chris O'Hara (Redford Catholic Central); 3. Josh Gunterman (Stevenson); 4. Dan Ton-

dreau (Clarenceville); 5. Kyle Pitt (Plymouth Canton).

**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 Zoccoli (GC); 3. Rob Ash (Salem); 4. Steve Vasiloff (Livonia Churchill); 5. Jim Gourlay (Redford Union).

**125:** 1. Dustin Obeid (Stevenson); 2. Eugene Antonelli (Redford Thurston); 3. Justin Beseler (Wayne); 4. Jesse Stevens (RU); 5. Justin Schafer (Farmington Hills Harrison).

**130:** 1. David Lemmon (Clarenceville); 2. Trevor Clark (North Farmington); 3. Jeff Albrecht (John Glenn); 4. John Pocock (Can-

ton); 5. Tony Lema (Farmington).

**135:** 1. Imad Kharbush (Stevenson); 2. Nate Wensko (Wayne); 3. Josh Henderson (Salem); 4. Jeff Wheeler (Redford CC); 5. Dave Azzopardi (Livonia Franklin).

**140:** 1. Jeff Usher (Thurston); 2. Ryan Shiplott (Franklin); 3. Jim Shelton (Canton); 4. Jake Taylor (Harrison); 5. Mike Falzon (Stevenson).

**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 Ostach (Farmington).

**160:** 1. Robert Demick (Canton); 2. Brian Barker (Stevenson); 3. Pete

Langer (John Glenn); 4. Kurt Spann (Wayne); 5. Eric Toska (Franklin).

**171:** 1. Brian Hinzman (GC); 2. Ryan Mathison (Redford CC); 3. Adam Marcum (Clarenceville); 4. Ben Lucas (Farmington); 5. Scott Archer (Lutheran Westland).

**189:** 1. Steve Myslinski (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. Bryant Lawrence (Thurston); 3. Will Baker (RU); 4. Eric Puninske (Stevenson); 5. Kalan McPherson (Clarenceville).

**Heavyweight:** 1. Casey Rogowski (Redford CC); 2. Brian Brinsden (Farmington); 3. Charlie Hamblin (Salem); 4. Mike Gaffke (Churchill); 5. Carl LaLonde (Thurston).

# Shamrocks shut down East Kentwood, 4-2

Senior center Brad Holland has improved dramatically in the defensive end for the Redford Catholic Central hockey team.

His father, Red Wings' general manager Ken Holland, isn't quite ready to sign him up, but he's got to be smiling at what he sees.

Holland had an assist and was a major reason a speedy East Kentwood team was held to two goals in the Shamrocks' 4-2 win Friday night on the west side of the state.

The win came six days after the No. 1 ranked Shamrocks lost for the first time this year to Trenton, 1-0. The Shamrocks, who beat Riverview Gabriel Richard on Saturday night, 7-2, are now 13-1 overall.

"The outstanding player of the game unquestionably was Brad Holland," CC coach Gordie St. John said. "He's coming on so strong, just getting better every day. He's

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learning to play hockey in the defensive zone. So many forwards are great once they're north of the blue line, not very many know how to play effective defense. He's one of our very best forwards in the defensive zone."

Also earning praise from St. John was seldom-used sophomore goaltender Andy McCoy, who entered in the first period with junior Ben Dunne going to the bench with a stomach ache after making nine saves.

East Kentwood led 1-0 after one period and added another goal in the second period, which ended in a 2-2 tie.

St. John said the game was a virtual carbon copy of the Trenton game in terms of the

referees calling a good game. Only three penalties were called.

"We should send a tape to every official in the state and the same can be said for the Trenton game," St. John said. "Both games had absolutely outstanding officials."

Sophomore forward Rick Buttery's persistence in front of the Kentwood net led to the winning goal, assisted by Pat O'Dea and Ryan Yost with 2:36 left. An insurance goal by Brandon Kaleniecki, his second of the game, assisted by Todd Bentley and Keith Rowe, came with less than a minute left.

Kaleniecki opened the scoring for the Shamrocks with a goal at 2:37 of the second period, assisted by Holland and Rowe. The Shamrocks' second goal came by O'Dea, assisted by Joe Hillebrand and Buttery, at 11:39 of the second period.

due to Clarenceville. They're tough in the upper weights."

Clarenceville is hoping for its best finish ever and its lineup is led by 189-pounder Walter Ragland, a senior, who hopes to get another shot at Livonia Franklin's Steve Myslinski, the likely No. 1 seed. They've split their two matches this year.

The Trojans, 12-6 in duals, also have junior Dan Tondreau (103), 28-7; senior Dave Lemmon (130), 33-3 and No. 1 in Observerland; junior Matt Wehl (140), 24-9; and senior Adam Marcum (171), 28-9.

"We're just looking to place some guys, make a strong finish, just be competitive with bigger schools," Clarenceville coach Todd Skinner said. "It'll give us an indication of what to look forward to in the districts."

## Canton 8th at Belleville

Certainly Plymouth Canton wrestling coach John Demick was hoping for something more.

But with two of the Chiefs best wrestlers sidelined with injuries, the best the team could manage at last Saturday's Belleville Invitational was an eighth-place finish in the 10-team field.

"Belleville always has a tournament with many strong teams," said Demick, in his first season as Canton's head coach after spending a year as the Chiefs' assistant. "This was true again."

But, even with Kevin Stone and Rob Demick out of the lineup, the Canton coach thought his team should have done better.

"We gave the other teams too much respect," Demick said. "Our young squad just didn't go out there confident enough and did not wrestle well in the matches that were winnable for us."

"Nonetheless, I think we learned from this."

Some of the Chiefs did perform well. Jim Shelton, a senior wrestling in the 140-pound division, placed second, and Kyle Pitt, a sophomore in the 103-pound division, finished third.

Also, Joe Faraoni, wrestling in his first varsity tournament, moved up a weight division and came within one win of reaching the third-fourth bracket.

"One of the hidden heroes of the day was Joe Faraoni," said Demick. "And we were really proud of Jim Shelton and Kyle."

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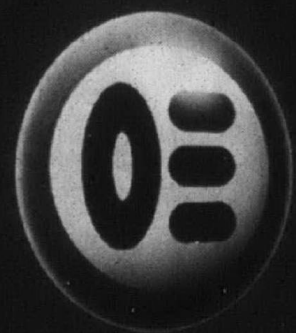
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# Ocelots stay perfect in league play; Crusaders tumble

Forget all the chill, snow and freezing rain — Schoolcraft's women's basketball team is hot.

The Ocelots took a 10-game winning streak into their Wednesday showdown for first place in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association's Eastern Conference at C.S. Mott in Flint.

Schoolcraft drilled Wayne County Community College, 85-55, Monday night to improve to 6-0 in the league after its 10th win in a row overall. The Ocelots are 14-3 overall and are ranked fourth in the NJCAA's Division II.

Schoolcraft took a 47-29 halftime lead

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and maintained it the rest of the way.

Samantha Theisen led the way with 19 points for the Ocelots; she also had six steals and five assists. Esther Ross scored 18 points and had five assists.

Stacy Cavin contributed 14 points and 13 rebounds with Jackie Kocis netting 12 points to go with 11 rebounds.

Joanna Menzie paced Wayne with 20 points. Wayne is now 1-6 in the Eastern Conference, 3-12 this season.

Last Saturday, the Lady Ocelots pulled away from a 43-41 halftime lead against visiting Alpena CC to post an 82-71 victory.

Kocis led SC with 18 points. Theisen added 17, Belinda Reid had 12 and Cavin scored 11.

The loss left Alpena with a 9-7 overall record, 4-3 in the conference.

**Spring Arbor 86, Madonna 75:** A hot-shooting Lady Crusader team stayed even with one of the NAIA's top squads through the opening half, but point pro-

duction and defense both sagged in the second as visiting Spring Arbor pulled away for the win.

Madonna slipped to 12-9 overall, 1-5 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference. The Cougars are 18-2 overall, 5-0 in the WHAC.

The Crusaders led 39-38 at halftime, thanks to 15-of-24 (62.5 percent) shooting from the field. But Spring Arbor outscored them 48-36 in the second half to win going away.

Kathy Panganis paced the Madonna effort with 21 points, 10 rebounds and three steals; Lori Enfield added 14

points, Carissa Gizicki had 12 points and 10 assists, and Chris Dietrich contributed 10 points and three steals. However, the backcourt of Dietrich and Katie Cushman combined for just 10 points on 5-of-17 shooting, with four assists and 10 turnovers.

Spring Arbor was led by Courtney Thompson with 23 points and eight rebounds; Andrea VanderHorst with 20 points and five assists; Kristin Dankert with 15 points and six steals; and Penny Supiran with 12 points, six rebounds and four assists.

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Like an Ocelot fast break, everything seems to be functioning smoothly academically. The team had a combined grade-point average of 2.6 in the first semester.

Can you imagine? In the past, if one player achieved such a "lofty" number, it was noteworthy.

"Education is first and foremost," Briggs explained. "If they work hard and pass their classes, it carries over to the court."

Attitude and discipline — bookmarks to the SC program. As coach, Briggs keeps close tabs on his players' academic progress. He uses all the tools available to him, from the Learning Assistance Center and the tutors provided to the daily study table.

And even if he does throw in a cliché or two to get his point across (what coach doesn't?), what Briggs won't do is play a dodge-and-delay game when it comes to academics or off-court activity. His approach is direct. No nonsense.

"We sit down with (players) at the start and go over it with them," Briggs said. "What their goals are, what they want to do. But we tell them, if they don't pass their classes, they won't go anywhere."

"We're teaching them life skills. In high school, some of these kids passed classes just so they could play."

Of course, saying all the right stuff is one thing. Making believers of everyone on a team is another.

Briggs has apparently bridged that gap. Example: Early this season when a couple of players were falling behind academically, he sat them out a game.

His standards are set, in the classroom and on the court. If a player won't follow those rules, he sits.

Ask Lamar Bigby. SC's leading scorer at better than 18 points a game, Bigby nonetheless was on the bench when the Ocelots battled back to edge Wayne County Community College Monday.

The reason: He wasn't following the plays called by Briggs.

The philosophy is based on consistency, from the classroom to the basketball court.

Of course, it all looks great when the wins are piling up. To accomplish that, a team needs talent. To attract the talent, a coach must be able to provide a player with hope for his future.

In other words, a shot at a scholarship at a four-year college after his two years at SC are over.

Briggs sees that as a major obligation to his players. "That's my job, to move people along," he said. "That's success to me."

Four of his players from last year's team — Kevin Melson, Pete Males, Jose Bru and Emeka Okonkwo — have parlayed their accomplishments into chances to play at four-year schools. In return, that can only help Briggs sustain his own program.

"Work hard in life and you'll be successful," Briggs preaches.

Cliche or not, the message is getting through — on and off the court.

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three of the last four.

"I'm getting old," second-year SC coach Carlos Briggs said. "If we've got nine lives, I'd say we used up three of them — in the last week."

Last Saturday, SC fought back to edge visiting Alpena CC 94-93 in overtime. And on Jan. 16, the Ocelots edged Henry Ford CC 79-78.

SC, ranked 13th in the NJCAA's Division I, improved to 16-0 overall and 6-0 in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association's Eastern Conference. Wayne CCC is 5-3 in the conference.

The final seconds of Monday's game produced a pair of heroes in dramatic circumstances. After the opening moments of the game, SC led just twice in the game: on a three-pointer by Derek McKelvey with 2:45 left to play, and on Dashawn Williams' two free throws with under a second remaining.

The lead provided by McKelvey's triple lasted 11 seconds; back-to-back threes by the Wildcats' Donald Tinsley and Marcus Clark gave Wayne CCC a 73-68 advantage with two minutes to play.

With under a minute left, the Wildcats still had a four-point lead (74-70). But faulty free-throw shooting down the stretch cost them; they made just 3-of-8 from the line in the final 1:06.

McKelvey, whose 20 points led the Ocelots, stepped to the forefront again in the game's closing seconds. David McGlow's driving layup with 34 seconds left trimmed Wayne CCC's lead to

74-72; with 30.77 to go, Sherman Williams made 1-of-2 free throws to increase the deficit to three.

Dashawn Williams missed a tying triple-try with 19 seconds remaining, but the Ocelots rebounded and called timeout with 14:31 seconds on the clock. The play was set up for McKelvey; he worked his way to the wing, and his off-balance three-pointer knotted it at 76.

The Wildcats were out of timeouts; they tried to quickly inbound the ball, but Dashawn Williams intercepted the pass and was intentionally fouled on his way to the basket. With .86 seconds showing, Williams nailed both free throws for the win. Williams finished with 13 points; Mike Murray had 15 and McGlow scored 12.

Wayne CCC got 26 points from Bennie Theriot, 22 from Tinsley and 14 from Clark.

"As the Schoolcraft coach said, it's too bad someone had to lose that game," said Wildcat coach Roger Turner. "Our execution down the stretch wasn't good. I always tell these guys, there's no 'I' in team, and tonight they played like a team most of the time. Then all of a sudden, instead of running the offense they decided to take over and do it themselves."

"They guys just got to believe in each other and the plays down the stretch. But it's coming together. They're going to take this and learn from it."

Although SC wasn't particularly impressive in its performance, Briggs was happy with

the way team played largely without top-scorer Lamar Bigby. Averaging more than 18 points a game, Bigby scored just two in the first half and finished with six in limited playing time.

"He wouldn't run the plays, he wouldn't do what we asked," said Briggs in explaining Bigby's benching. "This showed him that we can play without him, and it showed the other guys they can win without him."

"We never quit. We play until the end. Fortunately, we got some big play and hit some big shots."

Still, waiting until the final seconds to pull games out is playing with fire, and Briggs knows it. "We can't keep playing from behind," he said. "But I teach the guys that if they work together, they can overcome anything."

Maybe so, but remember: This Ocelot has just six lives left.

**SC 94, Alpena CC 93 (OT):** In a game between Eastern Conference unbeaten, SC prevailed — but not without a battle.

The Ocelots trailed in the waning seconds in both regulation and overtime, but still managed to pull out the win. Dashawn Williams paced SC with 19 points, six of those coming in OT; McKelvey added 17, Murray netted 14 and David Jarrett scored 11.

The Lumberjacks, who also lost Sunday at Henry Ford CC to fall to 6-2 in the conference (12-7 overall), got 22 points from Jamal Edwards, 19 from Jeremy

DeLaughter, 17 from Dennis Smolinski and 16 from Kevin Brown.

Alpena led 45-44 at the half; it was tied at 82-82 at the end of regulation.

**Spring Arbor 71, Madonna 54:** Madonna University played well at Spring Arbor College Saturday — for a half.

The Fighting Crusaders led 36-35 at the half after converting 14-of-30 floor shots (46.7 percent), including 6-of-12 three-pointers. But the Crusaders, with a roster trimmed to eight with academic losses and player defections, could not maintain the pace.

The Cougars outscored Madonna 36-18 in the second half, limiting the Crusaders to 6-of-26 shooting from the field (23.1 percent). They made just 1-of-12 threes in the second half.

The loss dropped Madonna to 5-14 overall, 1-4 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference. Spring Arbor is 5-18 overall, 2-4 in the WHAC.

The Crusaders got 20 points from Mike Massey; 15 points, nine rebounds and three assists from Jason Skoczylas; and 10 points and 10 boards from Mike Maryanski.

Spring Arbor was led by Bryan Gordon with 22 points and 12 rebounds and Chad Chadwell with 18 points.

Madonna was outrebounded 52-41, including a 22-10 Cougar advantage on the offensive boards, and had 14 turnovers compared to nine for Spring Arbor.

## SPORTS NEWS

### Madonna winners

Redford Thurston High product Brandy Malewski was named Most Valuable Player for the Madonna University women's volleyball team, which held its post-season awards banquet Sunday at Bushwood Golf Course.

Malewski, also named the team's top offensive player, propelling the Lady Crusaders to their second straight Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference crown and a 12-0 WHAC record.

Malewski, a junior, was also named NAIA All-America squad (second team).

Other team awards went to Livonia Ladywood's Marylu Hemme (Freshman of the Year), Stephanie Uballe (Most Improved and Coaches Award), Jennifer Russell (Defensive Player of the Year and Miss Volley-

ball), Erin Cunningham (Coaches Award).

Russell and Rayna Vert, both seniors, were also honored for their careers and contributions to Madonna volleyball.


Setter Deanne Helsom and Vert were also named as NAIA All-America Scholar-Athletes.

Vert and Malewski earned selection to the All-NAIA Great Lakes Regional Team.

### Soccer sign-up

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).

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# CC standout commits to Central Michigan and football

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The Central Michigan University campus in Mount Pleasant is a couple hours away by car, but as far as Dennis and Kathy Rogowski are concerned, it's in their neighborhood.

Their son, Redford Catholic Central senior Casey Rogowski, made a verbal commitment Monday night to play football for CMU. In picking the Chippewas he turned down a scholarship offer from Miami (Fla.) and chose to quit waiting for an offer from Duke, where his high school teammate Nick Brzezinski had already committed.

CMU defensive coordinator Brian Van Gorder heard it from Rogowski first. Rogowski, 6-foot-3 and 235 pounds, is an all-state candidate in baseball and

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the defending Division I heavyweight champion in wrestling, but he's a football player first.

"Coach Van Gorder was happy, real happy," said Rogowski, who can sign a national letter of intent Wednesday, Feb. 3. "He told me I have the opportunity to come in and compete for a starting job as a freshman (at middle linebacker). He sees me calling the defense and maybe eventually being a captain. All of them are great coaches. It's a great place, nice campus. They said the team is really close. It's like a home away from home and the town is really into the school."

The apple doesn't fall far from the tree is the accurate way to describe the

relationship between Casey and his father, a Redford Union schools teacher. And now that can be said literally and figuratively.

Rogowski made official visits to Miami and Duke.

"Miami was just too far away," the younger Rogowski said. "I had to wait for Duke. They said they were going to offer two others before me and if one didn't commit I'd get it. But I didn't want to risk waiting and then have Central give away my scholarship. I'm happy with the scholarship I have. Everyone at home is happy."

The Chippewas start the 1999 season with a Thursday night home game against Eastern Illinois followed by consecutive road games at Syracuse and Purdue before a home date with Mid-American Conference title contender Miami (Ohio). Miami finished 10-1 last

year, beating North Carolina along the way.

CMU, which finished 6-5 overall in 1998 under head coach Dick Flynn, plays at Michigan State in 2001.

When CC coach Tom Mach thinks of Rogowski, he thinks of one of his best players ever and the day in August when he broke his leg in a four-way scrimmage.

Rogowski came back in the fifth game and led the Shamrocks to their second-straight Class AA state championship.

"I think it's a great match," Mach said. "Central wanted him very badly and they showed that. I'm ecstatic for him because when I think about it I think back to the third play in the scrimmage. I think about where he was then and where he is now, and it's great."

Central recently renovated its 30,000 seat Kelly/Shorts Stadium and is adding an Indoor Athletic Complex that will be completed in March.

"Oh wow, it's awesome, top of the line," Rogowski said. "The weight room is huge."

Rogowski said he'll also have the opportunity to play baseball at Central. His teammates, Bob Malek and Anthony Tomey, have signed with Michigan State and Eastern Michigan, respectively, and will be regular opponents of CMU's.

"It'll be fun to see those guys, but weird playing on a different team," Rogowski said.

Rogowski, who has a 3.3 grade point average and got a 20 on his ACT, wants to be a teacher like his dad with an emphasis in physical education.

## OUTDOORS CALENDAR

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### SHOWS

**CAMPER, TRAVEL & RV**  
The 16th annual Pontiac Silverdome Camper, Travel & RV Show runs through Jan. 31 at the Silverdome. The show features a full slate of seminars, previews of the latest RVs, travel trailers, campers and accessories, and representatives from vacation destinations and properties from throughout the Midwest and Canada. Show hours are 9-9:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday, Jan. 28 and 29; 11 a.m.-9:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30, and 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 31. Admission is \$6 adult, \$3 for children, and children under five will be admitted free.

**BOAT SHOW**  
The annual Detroit Boat Show will be held Feb. 6-14 at Cobo Center, (800) 932-2628.

**DEER AND TURKEY**  
The annual Michigan Deer and Turkey Spectacular will be held Feb. 12-14 at the Lansing Center, (800) 324-3337.

**CAMPER AND RV**  
The annual Detroit Camper and RV Show will be held Feb. 13-23 at the Novi Expo Center.

**BOAT, SPORT AND FISHING**  
The 16th annual Pontiac Silverdome Boat, Sport & Fishing Show will be held Feb. 17-21 at the Silverdome.

**SPORTFISHING EXPO**  
The 10th annual Greater Detroit Sportfishing and Travel Expo will be held March 4-7 at the Palace of Auburn Hills. The show will feature a special appearance by national walleye angling champion Ted Takasaki on Friday, March 5. Other speakers of national renown scheduled to speak at the show include walleye pros Mike McClelland and Keith Kavajecz, bowhunting expert Chuck Adams, In-Fisherman Magazine editors Dave Csanda and Matt Straw, and Michigan's own Tom Huggler.

**OUTDOORAMA**  
Outdoorama '99 Sport and Travel Show will be held Feb. 26-March 7 at the Novi Expo Center, (800) 777-6720.

**CLASSES**

**FLY TYING**  
Paint Creek Outfitters in Rochester offers a variety of fly tying classes for beginners and advanced tyers. Call (248) 650-0440 for more information or to make a reservation for an upcoming class.

**ACTIVITIES**

**SPORTING FLIES**  
The Paul H. Young Chapter of Trout Unlimited is hosting its 5th annual Sporting Flies Fundraising Challenge beginning at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 4, at the Southfield Civic Center. Individuals and teams can try their hand at casting to targets on an artificial stream. Admission is free and the cost to walk the course is \$5 per person. Proceeds from the event will be used by the Paul H. Young Chapter for stream restoration projects in Michigan. Call (248) 594-8283 for more information.

**SKI/HIKE**  
Join members of the Southeast Michigan Group, Sierra Club on a hike/cross country ski tour of Indian Springs Metropark during this program, which begins

at 12:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 31. Call (248) 557-7768 for more information.

**ISLAND LAKE HIKE**  
Join members of the Southeast Michigan Group, Sierra Club on a long (six-eight miles), fast-paced hike through the Island Lake Recreation Area on Sunday, Feb. 7. Interested participants should meet behind Oil Dispatch on the southwest corner of Middlebelt and I-96 in Livonia. Call (313) 584-5351 or (734) 421-4397 for more information.

### SEASON/DATES

**BOBCAT**  
Bobcat season runs through Feb. 16 in Clare, Crawford, Gladwin, Iosco, Kalkaska, Missaukee, Ogemaw, Osceola, Roscommon and Wexford counties and in Arenac County west of I-75 and north of M-61. The season runs through March 1 in the Upper Peninsula and in Alcona, Alpena, Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Emmet, Montmorency, Oscoda, Otsego, and Presque Isle counties in the northern Lower Peninsula.

**CROW**  
The late crow season runs Feb. 1-March 31 in the Lower Peninsula.

**COYOTE**  
Coyote season runs through April 15 statewide.

**FOX**  
Gray and red fox season runs through March 1 statewide.

**GOOSE**  
A special late Canada goose season runs through Feb. 7 in the southern Michigan Goose Management Unit. Check the 1998-99 Michigan Waterfowl Hunting Guide for specific boundaries.

**RABBIT/HARE**  
Rabbit/hare season run through March 31 statewide.

**STURGEON**  
Sturgeon spearing season is Feb. 1-28.

**TURKEY**  
Feb. 1 is the deadline to apply for a spring wild turkey hunting

permit.

### CLUBS

**SOLAR**  
The School for Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation (SOLAR), a non-profit organization interested in promoting the appreciation of outdoor activities, meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Colony Hall in Southfield. Call (248) 988-6658 for more information.

**CLINTON VALLEY BASS**  
Clinton Valley Bass Anglers club is seeking new members (boaters and non-boaters are welcome.) The club meets monthly at Gander Mountain in Waterford. Call Mike Daly at (248) 666-8910 for more information.

**METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS**  
Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the cafeteria at Garden City High School. Call Dominic Liparoto at (248) 476-5027 for more information.

**MICHIGAN FLY FISHING**  
The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Junior High School. Call (810) 478-1494 for more information.

**FOUR SEASONS**  
The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, in Livonia. Visitors are invited and refreshments will be served. Call Jim Kudej at (734) 591-0843 for more information.

**FISHING BUDDIES**  
Fishing Buddies Fishing Club meets the third Tuesday of each month in Rochester Hills. The meetings are open to all anglers (boaters and non-boaters). Call (248) 656-0556 for more information.

**HURON VALLEY STEELHEADERS**  
The Huron Valley Steelheaders meets the third Thursday of each month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 27600 Hall Rd., Flat Rock. Call Carroll White at

(734) 285-0843 for more information.

**BASS ASSOCIATION**  
The Downriver Bass Association, a non-tournament bass club, meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Gander Mountain in Taylor. Call (734) 676-2863 for more information.

### MEETINGS

**NRC**  
The monthly meeting of the state Natural Resource Commission will be Wednesday and Thursday, Feb. 10-11, at the Lansing Center (Wednesday) and the Steven T. Mason Building (Thursday) in Lansing. Persons who wish to address the commission or persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation should contact Teresa Golden at (517) 373-2352 one week in advance.

### ARCHERY

**JUNIOR OLYMPICS**  
The Oakland County Sportsman Club in Clarkston offers a Junior Olympic Archery Development Program beginning at 1 p.m. on Sundays. Call (248) 623-0444 for more information.

**JUNIOR ARCHERS**  
A weekly program for junior archers begins at 9 a.m. Saturdays at Detroit Archers in West Bloomfield. Call (248) 661-9610 or (313) 835-2110 for more information.

### SHOOTING RANGES

**BALD MOUNTAIN**  
Bald Mountain Recreation Area in Lake Orion has shotgun (skeeet & trap, sporting clays, 5-stand), rifle, pistol, and archery shooting facilities. Range hours through Dec. 31 are 10 a.m. to sunset Saturdays, Sundays and Wednesdays. On Mondays and Tuesdays only the sporting clay course is open, noon to sunset. Bald Mountain is located at 1330

Greenshield Road, which is three miles north of the Palace of Auburn Hills off M-24. Call (248) 814-9193 for more information.

**PONTIAC LAKE**  
Pontiac Lake Recreation Area in Waterford has rifle, pistol, shotgun, and archery ranges. Range hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesdays through Sundays. Pontiac Lake Recreation Area is located at 7800 Gale Road. Call (248) 666-1020 for more information.

**ORTONVILLE RECREATION**  
Ortonville Recreation Area in Ortonville has rifle, pistol and shotgun shooting facilities. Range hours are noon to 5 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. The Ortonville Recreation Area is located at 5779 Hadley Road. Call (248) 693-6767 for more information.

### METROPARKS

**METROPARK REQUIREMENTS**  
Most Metropark programs are free while some require a nominal fee. Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all programs. Call the respective parks toll free at the following numbers: Stony Creek, (800) 477-7756; Indian Springs, (800) 477-3192; Kensington, (800) 477-3178.

**WINTER BIRDS**  
Bring your binocular and take a walk through the park in search of winter birds during this program, which begins at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 30, at Kensington.

**ICE FISHING FOR BEGINNERS**  
Learn the basics of ice fishing then wet a line in Kent Lake during this program, which begins at 1 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 31, at Kensington.

**FULL MOON WALK**  
Learn about moon folklore and wildlife in the winter during a walk under the light of the full moon during this program, which begins at 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 31, at Stony Creek.

**1999 PERMITS**  
The 1999 Huron-Clinton Metroparks annual vehicle entry

permits and boat launching permits are on sale at all Metropark offices. Vehicle entry permits are \$15 (\$8 for senior citizens). The annual boat launching permit is \$18 (\$9 for senior citizens). Call (800) 47-PARKS for more information.

### OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS

**COUNTY PARK REQUIREMENTS**  
Advanced registration is required for all nature programs at Oakland County Parks. Call (810) 625-6473 to register or for more information.

**BEGINNER WOODCARVING**  
Learn the basics of woodcarving while carving a small songbird figure during this program, which begins at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 30, at Independence Oaks.

**STARLIGHT SKI TOUR**  
Take an evening cross country ski tour during this program, which begins at 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, at Independence Oaks.

### STATE PARKS

**STATE PARK REQUIREMENTS**  
Maybury State Park, Proud Lake Recreation Area, Bald Mountain Recreation Area, Highland Recreation Area, and Island Lake Recreation Area offer nature interpretive programs throughout the year. A state park motor vehicle permit is required for entry into all state parks and state recreation areas. For registration and additional information on the programs at Maybury call (810) 349-8390. For programs at Bald Mountain, call (810) 693-6767. For programs at Proud Lake and Highland, call (810) 685-2433. For programs at Island Lake, call (810) 229-7067.

**RIVER TRAIL SKI/HIKE**  
Take a naturalist-led cross country ski tour (weather permitting) or foot hike through Proud Lake Recreation Area during this program, which begins at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30, at Proud Lake.

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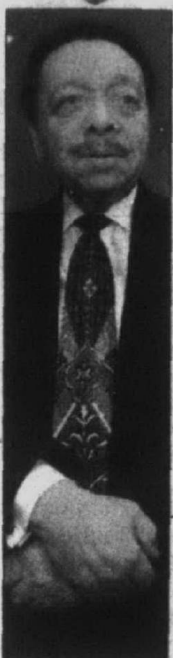
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## THE WEEKEND

### FRIDAY



Lucius Theus, Southfield's diplomat of the arts, invites you to a fine art auction, held in conjunction with Park West Gallery, to benefit the Southfield Federation for the Arts. 7 p.m. today, and Saturday, Jan. 30 at the Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road (south of 10 Mile Road). No charge for admission, call (248) 424-9022 for information.

### SATURDAY



Margery Deutsch guest conducts the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra 8 p.m. at Plymouth Canton Little Theatre, 8415 N. Canton Center Road, (at Joy Road). Afterglow at the Willow Brook Inn, 44255 Warren Road, east of Sheldon Road, Canton. Tickets \$12 adults, \$10, seniors/college students, students K-12th grade free, call (734) 451-2112.

### SUNDAY



The Second City-Detroit presents "Daimlers are a Girl's Best Friend," a fifth anniversary celebration show retrospective, 8 p.m. at the club, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets \$10, call (313) 965-2222.

### HOT TICKET



Harlem Globetrotters World Tour visits The Palace of Auburn Hills 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30. Tickets \$18, \$15, \$13 and \$11.50. Call (248) 645-6666 to charge tickets, or (248) 377-0100 for information.

## QUEEN OF DETROIT

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO  
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Alberta Adams epitomizes the blues. Left on a doorstep by her alcoholic mother, Adams was forced to raise herself. Her four marriages were unhappy ones, but now she can't escape adulation.

Sitting regally in Steve's Soul Food restaurant, Adams is approached by a woman in her 30s who overheard Adams recalling her career.

"I didn't know you was a singer. I can hear it in your voice. You sound like Sarah Vaughan. I'm gettin' my book. I want my book autographed," she said.

Returning from her car, the woman hands Adams a paperback book about a protein diet, and a pen. Superstitious, Adams asks her to lay the pen on the table.

**WHO:** Alberta Adams  
**WHAT:** Along with Johnnie Bassett and the Blues Insurgents celebrates release of "Born With the Blues" (Cannonball Records)

**WHEN:** 9:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 29

**WHERE:** Music Menu, 511 Monroe St., in the Greektown area of Detroit.

**HOW:** Cover charge is \$5 for the 21 and older show. For more information, call (313) 964-6368. Cannonball records can be reached at <http://www.cannonball.com> or [cbirecords@aol.com](mailto:cbirecords@aol.com).

#### Other upcoming performances include:

■ 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5, with the Blue Suit Blues Band at Sports Bar and Grill, 166 Maple, Wyandotte, (313) 285-5060

■ 8 p.m. Saturday, March 13, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills, (248) 644-4800.

debut full-length CD, the appropriately titled "Born With the Blues," which Adams recorded with guitarist Johnnie Bassett and producer Ron Levy. She also appeared on "Blues Across America — The Detroit Scene," a compilation on Cannonball.

When Adams, who is in her late 70s, is told she must be proud of her accomplishment, she replies, "Well, yes and no. I'm not big headed. I don't swell up. I'm proud of it."

"Born With the Blues" shows the range of Adams' talents from the jazzy ballad "Searchin'" to the R&B-flavored "Goin' Home Tomorrow" to the rap of "Pair and a Spare."

Please see **BLUES**, E2

# Born WITH THE Blues



Fifty-year career: Alberta Adams, who is in her late-70s, has been performing since she was 17. Now she is releasing her debut full-length CD, "Blue With the Blues" (Cannonball Records).

## COMEDY

# Comedian goes back to Stone Age for humor

## CAVEMAN LOGIC ACCORDING TO ROB BECKER

"Defending the Caveman" starring creator Rob Becker opens Tuesday, Feb. 2 and continues through Sunday, Feb. 21 at the Fisher Theatre in Detroit. Performances 8 p.m. Wednesday-Friday; 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday. Tickets \$44.50, \$38.50 and \$34.50 available at the box office and Ticketmaster outlets. To charge tickets call (248) 645-6666, or information call (313) 872-1000.

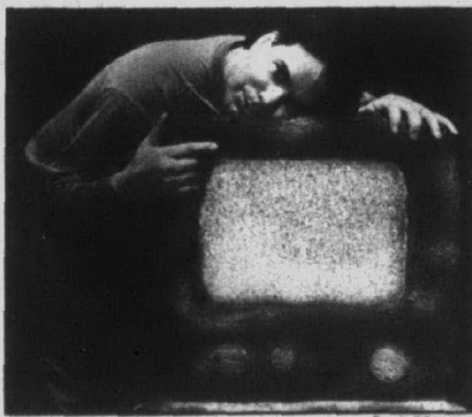
BY KEELY WYGONIK  
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Men and women are different, and comedian Rob Becker who makes "Defending the Caveman" his business, knows why.

"Men are hunters. Women are gatherers," said Becker whose one man show "Defending the Caveman" opens Feb. 2 for a three-week run at the Fisher Theatre in Detroit. Because men are hunters they can only focus on one thing at a time. Women, because they are gatherers, can multi-task and do lots of things at one time.

Take driving for instance. "Men have a narrow focus," said Becker. "They don't talk, because they don't want to scare the animals. They lock in on their prey until it's dead. When men drive, they don't talk, they look straight ahead."

Women make men crazy when they drive. "Because women are gatherers they often take other women and small children along," he explained. "They maintain conversations because they want to keep



JOAN MARCUS

Direct from Broadway: Rob Becker wrote and stars in "Rob Becker's Defending the Caveman," an affectionate comedy about men and women.

track of the members in their group and scare away the animals."

Becker says he sees it all the time in morning traffic — "Women on their cellular phones, putting on makeup, making waffles on a hot plate on the seat next to them, making to-do lists — my wife sees drive time as a time to get things done."

Women are comfortable doing more than one thing at once, men aren't. A lot of it has to do with vision.

"Men have target vision," said Becker. "They track things in space." Women have

Please see **CAVEMAN**, E2

### Why do men have trouble finding their keys?

"Studies will show that men have an easy time targeting moving things. Women are better at separating fine visual details. They have to be, because they're gatherers and have to be able to scan the landscape to separate the berries to find which ones are the best. We don't separate fine details. If the keys were moving, we'd find them. That's the same reason why we can't find the milk when you say it's in the refrigerator."

### Do men and women shop differently?

"Yes. Men are hunters. We track our prey, kill it and it's over. No hunt, no trail. When a man's shirt wears out, he hunts down a new shirt. The malls know this, that's why they put the men's stores at the entrances and exits. They know we won't wander, we'll go home."

"We don't understand why women get upset when they tell us to go to the store to buy bread, and we bring home only bread. 'What else did you get?' they'll

ask, we don't understand. "Men go out and get what they want; women will shop around. The gatherer doesn't know what's out there. Like when I buy jeans. I know when I go to the store they'll always have my size. When I go shopping with my wife, they'll have the shirt she likes, but not her size. She's got to give up and move on to something else. I've learned a lot shopping with my wife. They have incomplete inventory in women's clothes, that's why they shop around. Women's clothing is like a Rubric's Cube. Like shopping for shoes. She'll say she wants formal shoes, then a handbag to go with them. But she doesn't want a formal handbag. She wants a bag that's sporty that she can do more things with. Gatherers have to wander to see what's in season, what's ripe. It's very similar. She might need a sporty handbag and not be able to find it."

### How do men dress?

"Men have two ways of dressing. It's either I dressed up for you, or I don't care."



# Harlem Globetrotters aim to please their many fans

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Half showmanship, half good

## Blues from page E1

"There's variety. I ain't got no straight blues all the way through. I throw in a bit of some of the other things — jazz, blues. I really like jazz, but I can't leave the blues. I'm the queen of the blues in Detroit, Michigan."

Adams was born Roberta Louise Osborne in the early 1920s in Indianapolis. Six months after Adams' birth, her alcoholic mother put her on a doorstep believing that someone else could provide a better life for her baby.

"I was an orphan. I never seen my father. He could be in here now and I wouldn't know. Somebody called my auntie in Boston and she picked me up and brought me to Detroit when I was 3 years old. I lived with her until I was 10 then I left her and I went to live with another auntie," Adams explained.

"She had nine children. I got nothin' but the crumbs from the bread, the juice from the greens, no dessert. I went to school with no stockings on. I had a hard life. I raised me myself. Sometimes I couldn't get a glass of water. Sometimes I had to lay in doorways. This is why I'm singing the blues. I'm nothing but the blues."

Adams first married when she was 17, but the relationship turned ugly after she gave birth to a child.

"I was 17 and he was 29 or 30.

basketball, Hubert "Geese" Ausbie knows all the Harlem Globetrotter moves. He spent 24 years playing on the team, coming to the Palace of Auburn Hills this Saturday, before becoming a coach. He was recently promoted to a new position — Vice President of Global Ambassadors.

"Most of our shows center around kids," he said. "Over half

of the kids come with their parents and grandparents. Our fans are 3 years old up to 90."

An outstanding athlete, Ausbie joined the team in 1961 after competing against more than 500 players from around the country. He even turned down a pro baseball contract with the Chicago Cubs to pursue a career with the Harlem Globetrotters.

Ausbie relishes the role he chose. "It's like home now," he said. "It's something I love. I want to make kids happy."

Entertaining goes hand-in-hand with education. "We tell young kids to stay in school, stay away from drugs and alcohol. We go to schools when we're on tour, and tell kids they can survive and have fun without drugs. We

are role models and try to be the best we can. We're using the talent God has given us."

Paul "Showtime" Gaffney is the current reigning Clown Prince of Basketball. He and his team will face the New York Nationals when the 1999 "Memories, Always Different, Always Fun" World Tour visits the Palace.

"The Harlem Globetrotters have always been about million-dollar smiles," said Gaffney. "You know there is nothing quite as thrilling and rewarding as the smile of a child who's enjoying a Harlem Globetrotter game. We've been making memories for more than seven decades. That's what makes the Globetrotters experience so special."

## Caveman from page E1

better peripheral vision; because they're gatherers they need to scan the landscape to see where the ripe fruit is."

Women who talk and drive at the same time scare men. "We want to watch the road when we drive. We don't understand how women can turn to say something to someone. It's because they have better periphery vision. Women get in far fewer accidents than men, yet we're the ones staring at the road."

Men and women often don't see eye to eye, and that's the reason Becker saw a need to start "Defending the Caveman."

He was motivated partly by his wife, Erin. As they were planning their wedding, Erin showed him envelopes in lots of different shades and asked which one he liked best. Becker gave the wrong answer — "You go and pick it."

Erin was offended and felt abandoned. Becker was confused. They still got married, and at home he began noticing that women's magazines had horrendous articles about men. Once he was even held captive at a party.

"I was with a group of women, and they were dissing men in a big way like I wasn't there," he said. "Then, someone said, 'He's a man, ask him.' I stood up for men, and they started laughing, and nodding."

It was the nodding part that got to him. He and Erin talked about it, and pretty soon Becker had a whole lot of material about the differences between men and women. "A lot of the anger start-

ed melting away, and she started liking me more and more," said Becker about his wife.

First he wanted to explain men to women. Then he started explaining women to men. "I show how those differences affect our relationships, and cause misunderstandings," he said.

People really started laughing when Becker put himself into the situation. "When I said, 'I'll be honest, I hate to ask for directions,' the audience started roaring."

Becker has been doing stand-up comedy since 1981. He makes frequent guest appearances on national radio and TV shows.

He wrote "Defending the Caveman" over three years 1988-1991 as a one-man show to make people laugh.

"It's therapeutic in the sense that laughter is the best medicine," he said. The show, which originally opened in San Francisco, has been sold out in Dallas, Washington, D.C., Philadelphia, Chicago and on Broadway where it is the longest running solo show.

"My goal," he said "is for people to stop trying to change each other, and begin understanding each other. The more we explore our differences, the more we come together. If we would spend more time understanding each other and less time trying to change the other person, we would spend less time fighting, and more time laughing and enjoying each other's company."

He winds up hurting me and I laid on my stomach in the hospital for about four months flat."

Her 17th year echoed the life of Ella Fitzgerald, who grew up a dancer in Harlem.

"I used to tap dance. I was in a club dancing and the little girl that sang the blues had taken sick. The manager said, 'I don't know what to do about a singer tonight.' I said let me sing. He said, 'Why don't you just keep on singing.'"

Finally, telling him she knew two songs, Adams persuaded him to give her a chance. "Stay in your spot for the tap dancing and you can go and do them two tunes," he told her. "I did them two tunes, and I stayed there five days. I've been singing the blues ever since."

Other forays into music weren't so successful. Adams tried to become a chorus girl but was rejected because of her age. She even lied a few times to get her foot in the door.

"I had this little costume on and I was singing, 'A tisket a tasket, I lost my yellow basket.' He (the manager) said, 'Get her off that stage. She was too young.' I was determined to be in show business and here I am."

Her talent led her to recording sessions with Chess Records, which released 45 rpm singles of her music. She received no

money for her efforts.

"My manager (and drummer) R.J. Spangler looked into it and finally found MCA had my records. Mr. Chess passed and then his son passed. MCA's got all the Chess Records. Eventually I'll be getting some of them royalties, some of that money."

Adams has performed with "the best." Her favorite aspect of show business is the people that she has been able to meet — Dinah Washington, Sarah Vaughan, Della Reese, B.B. King and Duke Ellington.

"Boy, I can name them. I've been around. I've been with the best."

Adams calls "Born with the Blues" her "miracle."

"I've got my own style. Nobody can copy my style. I got showmanship. You got to have showmanship to stay in show business. You can find singers a dime a dozen. But you have to have something to go with it. You got to get out there and get to the people," Adams said.

That she does. Adams uses Johnny Bassett and the Blues Insurgents or the Blue Suit Blues Band as her backing musicians, and is occasionally joined by her drummer/son Rick Gould. (Her other son and daughter are doctors.)

Wherever Adams goes, she brings the crowd to their feet.

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BY JON KATZ SPECIAL WRITER

"As middle-aged men they wanted to have occasionally what they thought young men like me have regularly. But I wasn't having it regularly. As a matter of fact, I wasn't even having what they have occasionally!"

And that, in a Neil Simon nutshell, is the plight of Chuck Baxter in "Promises, Promises," the musical version of "The Apartment," 1960's Best Motion Picture.

Baxter's an accountant in a New York insurance company, a schnook with a heart of gold

who has something worth its weight in gold: the key to his West 67th Street bachelor pad. He therefore less-than-eagerly lends the place out to four under-sexed executives who promise promotions in return.

The show ran for three years on Broadway. Featured in the chorus was Royal Oak's Donna McKechnie, who would go on to win a Tony Award in "A Chorus Line." That was 30 years ago. And while the "Promises" plot is as anachronistic as love beads, Stagecrafters maintains the Royal Oak connection with a solid production directed by Vonnie Miller that has enough energy to melt snow for blocks around.

Doug Clark adds another credit to his impressively versatile résumé as Chuck, who stays late trying to impress personnel manager Mr. Sheldrake while fantasizing about that cute Fran Kubelik from the cafeteria. Clark has the Jack Lemmon stammer down pat, knows how to time a Simon line, and wisely reigns in his proven vocal abilities just enough to perform the songs as the character, not as

the actor would.

Now about those songs. Aside from the familiar title tune and "I'll Never Fall in Love Again," these are surely the silliest songs Burt Bacharach and Hal David ever wrote. The kings of 60s pop when they were tapped to compose this show, it couldn't have taken more than a weekend to whip out dopey ditties like "She Likes Basketball," "It's Our Little Secret" and the embarrassing "Turkey Lurkey Time."

That said, the entire score is trademark Bacharach, fraught with frequent and unpredictable time signature changes as challenging as a hurdles race — if the hurdles were set by a blindfolded man. Under the musical direction of Priscilla Benson, the cast literally doesn't miss a beat.

Amy Lauter of Livonia is a cheery and wholesome Fran, jilted by that slime Sheldrake and oblivious to Chuck's moonings. She's strongest when singing, with a folksy quality that's right for the period and for her solos. Doctor Dreyfuss is the character given the most

obvious Simon adaptation, and Pat Reid does the Borscht Belt bedside manner to near perfection — he could, however, come in just a tad sooner on some of those snappy comebacks. Lynette Yeager as zaftig Margie MacDougall, the owl-draped bar pickup with a passion for Aqua Velva, works hard for that well-earned applause after her two scenes.

The show's primary letdown is David McIntosh of Birmingham as Sheldrake. He shows little of the authority and intimidation which squeeze Chuck into a compromising position, setting up the events to follow. His scenes with Fran are weak for the same reason. The ballad "Wanting Things," however, is nicely rendered.

Neil Olcott, Alan Castle, Brian Golden and Bill Glace ham it up with gusto as the aforementioned four philanderers. And we can't leave out pit singers Becky Fisher, Diana Geralt, Mikaleen McClure and Debbie Goody-Teregan; their "bops" and "aaahs" are so...so '60s.



On stage: Amy Lauter of Livonia as Fran Kubelik (left), Doug Clark as Chuck Baxter, and David McIntosh of Birmingham as J.D. Sheldrake appear in "Promises, Promises."

Spend some time laughing at St. Dunstan's 'Moon Over Buffalo'

St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild of Cranbrook presents "Moon Over Buffalo" 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays through, Jan. 30 with additional show 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 28, at the theater, 400 Lone Pine Road, on the grounds of Cranbrook Educational Community, Bloomfield Hills. Tickets \$12 adults, \$10 students/seniors, call (248) 644-0527.

BY MARY JANE DOERR SPECIAL WRITER

It is hard to not be buffaloeated by the lunacy in St. Dunstan Theatre Guild of Cranbrook's most recent comedy, Ken Ludwig's "Moon Over Buffalo." A host of eight actors make the show an evening full of laughs. The (Act II, Scene II) cross between Cyrano de Bergerac and

Private Lives), was the highlight of the evening.

As the aging, formerly esteemed stage actor George Hay playing Cyrano — part of the time, Richard Hartle has a difficult time keeping something that looks more like a "carrot" than a nose on his nose. That is just the way things are in this story about an itinerant theater company doing "rep" in Buffalo. Each matinee and evening performance features the same actors playing different parts in the various plays. This road show is featuring Noel Coward's "Private Lives" and Edmond Rostand's "Cyrano de Bergerac."

Rehearsals are going badly: a leading actress, Eileen (Elizabeth Robinson), is pregnant by philandering George; Richard

(Jeffrey A. Reseigh) is trying to court his wife, leading lady Charlotte Hay (Mary Jolliffe) who is annoyed with husband George's infidelity; the hard of hearing Ethel (Joyce Morehouse) is constantly confusing the situation with misinformation; and the charming Rosalind (Marnie H. Diehm) has arrived to introduce her fiancé, the rather stiff and awkward weatherman Howard (Chris Steinmayer) to her eccentric parents. Roz's former fiancé Paul (Frank Wiswall) is also acting with this defunct company and isn't any happier to see Roz than she is to see him.

Only moments before curtain, Charlotte and George have a

fight when

Eileen owns up to Charlotte (with a note on her Variety Magazine) that she's been fooling around with her hubby. George disappears to get drunk. Eileen leaves for a doctor's appointment, and Roz is left to fill in as Sibyl in "Private Lives."

But, is "Private Lives" the afternoon's matinee or "Cyrano"? The drunk George dresses for Cyrano not Elyot. With the great film director Frank Capra supposedly in the audience to offer the couple their chance to jump from small town theater to the big screen, disaster ensues. The drama Cyrano is crossed with the sophisticated humor in

"Private Lives" and the result is an excruciating hilarious comedy.

As Roz, the bright and talented Diehm has the fun of playing Sibyl in the solo balcony scene in "Private Lives." She, of course, runs out of ad-libs when father George misses his cue and, then, arrives in his Cyrano costume.

Roz's former fiancé Paul (Frank Wiswall) is Victor, who is supposed to fall in love with Sibyl.

Together Wiswall and Diehm make a good chemical equation. Their timing is great and they play well off of each other. It is hard to say whether Howard Steinmayer makes a better

weatherman or a better Gen. George Patton. Both are funny. Joyce Morehouse adds a lot of spark to the plot as the cantankerous Ethel.

Hartle and Jolliffe are two versatile actors who have the experience of knowing how to time lines and make facial expressions to give those lines their humorous effect.

As Charlotte, Jolliffe is more matronly than theatrical, but with her acting skills, facial expressions, and natural ability to time her lines, her interpretive style wins out. Together the couple make the evening a very satisfying one.

Advertisement for El Dorado Country Club Live Comedy. Features Pete George performing on Friday & Saturday, January 29 & 30. Includes a photo of Pete George and promotional text: "Buy 1 ticket get 1 FREE! with ad".

Advertisement for Fishbone's 9th Annual Mardi Gras "Fat Tuesday" Masquerade Party. Held at Rhythm Kitchen Cafe in Grosse Pointe Woods. Features prizes: 1st prize \$1,500.00 cash, 2nd prize \$1,000.00 cash, 3rd prize \$500.00 cash. Party on Tuesday, February 16, 8:00PM til Midnight.

Large advertisement for the Stratford Festival. Headline: "Gangsters, Murderers, Blood Sucking Counts! What the hell's going on at Stratford?". Lists plays: DRACULA, WEST SIDE STORY, THE SCHOOL FOR SCANDAL, A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM, PRIDE AND PREJUDICE, MACBETH, RICHARD II, THE ALCHEMIST, THE TEMPEST, GLENN. Includes a photo of a scene from Dracula and promotional text: "BOX OFFICE OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK!", "One Call and You're Here! 1 800 567-1600".

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## A Guide to entertainment in the Metro Detroit area

### 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 martials 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

**FISHER THEATRE**  
"Rob Becker's Defending the Caveman," Tuesday-Sunday, Feb. 2-21, at the theater, in the Fisher Building, Detroit. 8 p.m. Tuesdays-Fridays, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturdays, and 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sundays. \$34.50, \$38.50 and \$44.50. (248) 645-6666/(313) 872-1000

**MEADOW BROOK THEATRE**  
"Having Our Say," continues through Jan. 31 at the theater on the campus of Oakland University in Rochester. (248) 377-3300

**PLANET ANT THEATRE**  
"Garage," a hilarious musical comedy written by and starring Detroit Second City mainstage alumni Joshua Funk and Nancy Hayden, chronicles three decades in the life of an ill-fated band formed in the 1970s in a Hamtramck garage, opens Thursday, Feb. 4, 8 p.m. and midnight Thursdays, 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturday, and 7 p.m. Sundays through February, at the theater 2357 Caniff, Hamtramck. \$10. (313) 365-4948 or <http://www.planetant.com>

### COLLEGE

**WSU BONSTELLE THEATRE**  
"The Piano Lesson" by August Wilson, 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays Jan. 29-30 and Feb. 5-6, and 2 p.m. Sundays, Jan. 31 and Feb. 7, at the theater, 3424 Woodward, Detroit. (313) 577-2960

**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, Thursday-Sunday, Jan. 28-31, in the lower level of the Hilberry Theatre, 4743 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$8, \$6 students/seniors. (313) 577-2972

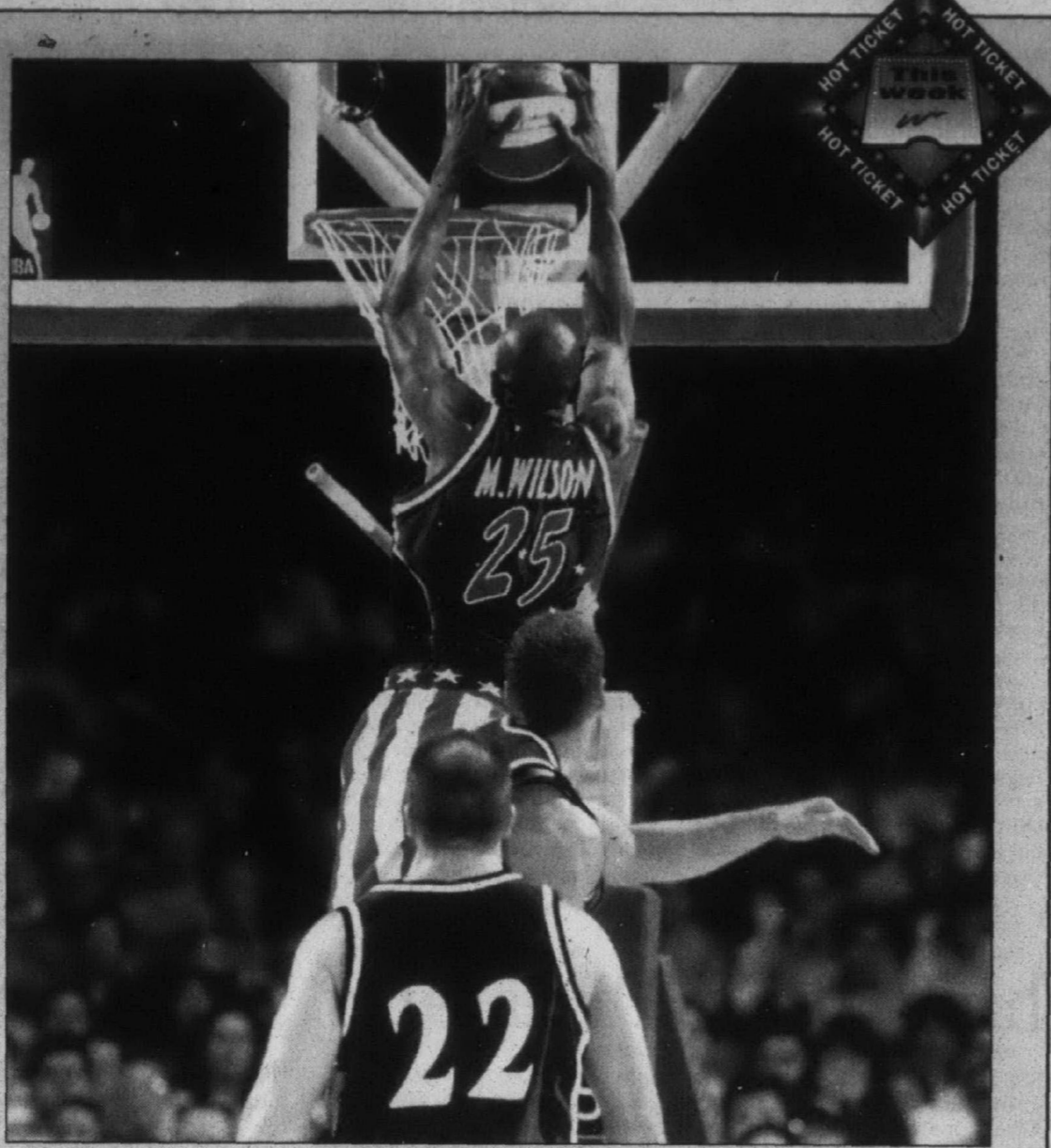
### COMMUNITY THEATER

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**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, through Feb. 14, 2 p.m. Sundays, Feb. 7 and 14; 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 28; 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 31, at the historic Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, downtown Royal Oak. Tickets \$12-\$14, call (248) 541-6430

### 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. Wednesdays-Fridays, 2 p.m. and 7:30 Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sundays. \$50 Wednesdays-Thursdays and Sundays, \$55 Fridays-Saturdays, in advance at 8 W. Lawrence St., Pontiac. (248) 745-8668/(248) 645-6666



**Family show:** Known as the most popular, and most recognized, basketball team in the world, the Harlem Globetrotters bring their "Memories. Always Different. Always Fun," World Tour to The Palace of Auburn Hills 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30. Tickets \$18, \$15, \$13 and \$11.50 reserved. Children 12 and under, and seniors 60 and over, will receive \$2 off \$18, \$15 and \$13 seats. Special VIP seating packages are also available. Call (248) 645-6666 to charge tickets, or (248) 377-0100 for more information. On the web, <http://www.palacenet.com> (See related story on Page E2).

### YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

**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 THEATRE**  
PuppetART presents "The Firebird" from an old Russian folk tale, noon and 2 p.m. Saturdays, Jan. 30 and Feb. 6, 13 and 20, at the theater, 26 E. 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

**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

**YOUTH THEATRE**  
"Paul Robeson, All American," a biography about the actor/singer, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 7, at Music Hall Center, 350 Madison Ave. at Brush, Detroit. \$8, \$7 advance. (313) 963-2366

### SPECIAL EVENTS

**FINE ART AUCTION**  
In conjunction with Park West Gallery to benefit the Southfield Federation for the Arts, 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 29-30 at the Where: Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road (south of 10 Mile Road). No charge. For information, call (248) 424-9022

**DSO OVERTURES**  
A mixer that includes dinner and live jazz, 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5, Mario's Italian Ristorante, 4222 Second Ave., Detroit. A DSO concert, featuring Scottish percussionist Evelyn Glennie, and guest conductor Dennis Russell Davies, follows at 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5, at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$35. (313) 576-5130.

### BENEFITS

**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 Road, Southfield. Free. (248) 424-9022

**STEVE KRASS MEMORIAL BENEFIT**  
With Speedball, Thee Lucky Stiffs, Feisty Cadavers, Moloko Plus, Gutter Punx, Bumpin Uglies, 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>

**WILD SWAN THEATRE**  
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

### FAMILY EVENTS

**"SESAME STREET LIVE"**  
"Elmo's Coloring Book," through Sunday, Jan. 31, Fox Theatre, 2111 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$9, \$12, \$16 and \$24.50. All ages. (313) 983-6611

**STRING FIGURE FUN**  
Learn or make popular string figures with Marcia Gaynor, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 2, ages 8 and older, in the multi-purpose room at the Ann Arbor Main Library, 343 S. Fifth Ave. Free. (734) 327-8301

**WALLED LAKE ICE FESTIVAL**  
Ice carving demonstrations, pancake breakfast, Polar Golf Outing, chilli 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 N. Pontiac Trail, south of Maple Road, Walled Lake. (248) 926-9004

### CLASSICAL

**ANN ARBOR SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**  
"Unfinished Masterpieces" concert featuring University Musical

Society Choral Union, 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30, free concert lecture to all ticket holders at 7 p.m. with Julie Jaffee Nagel who explores Mozart and his relationship with his mother, in the Michigan Theater, Ann Arbor. \$29, \$23, \$16, seniors \$2 discount; Sit-in tickets for middle and high school students \$10, \$7, \$5, half-price rush tickets at the door for students with ID. (734) 994-4801 or by e-mail at [a2so@wnet.com](mailto:a2so@wnet.com)

**"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; Special family performance, 2-3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30, Rackham Auditorium. \$10 children, \$20 adults. (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 Shifrin 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 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. \$12. \$9 students/seniors/Academy of Early Music members. (734) 769-2999 or [kch@ic.net](mailto:kch@ic.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**  
With conductor Junichi Hirokami, features Tchaikovsky's fifth symphony and selections by Bizet, 8 p.m. Thursday Jan. 28, 10:45 a.m. Jan. 29, and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$13-\$48, and \$40-\$60 box seats. (313) 576-5111 or <http://www.detroitssymphony.com>

### FOU TS'ONG

The award-winning pianist performs Mozart piano concertos D minor, K. 466 and B flat major, K. 595 with the Michigan Chamber Symphony Orchestra, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, at Temple Beth El. \$20, \$15 Steinway Society members, \$10 seniors/students. (248) 601-MCSO

**CHRISTOPHER LAUGHLIN**  
The classical guitarist presents a solo recital, 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 29, at the Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. \$12, \$8, \$5 students. (734) 769-2999 or [kch@ic.net](mailto:kch@ic.net)

**PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**  
Presents chamber concert with guest conductor Margery Deutsch, and Youth Artist Competition winners Faith Scholfield 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 Ave. Followed by meet the artist and buffet in Romanesque Hall and Kresge Court. \$25. (313) 886-7207

### POPS/SWING

**STARLIGHT DRIFTERS**  
10 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 3, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 543-4300 (western swing)

### AUDITIONS

**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

**MICHIGAN RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL**  
Auditions for performers for the 1999 resident company, minstrels, magicians, jugglers, acrobats, swordfighters, human chess cast, courtiers, peasants' militia, admiral, Mayor's councillor and mummies, by appointment only, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2-5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30, in Varner Hall at Oakland University, Rochester. (800) 601-4848

**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 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

**ROSEDALE COMMUNITY PLAYERS**  
Auditions for three men and three women for an April production of "The Dining Room" by A.R. Gurney, 7:30 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, Feb. 8-9, at the Upstage Theater, 21728 Grand River, east of Lahser, Detroit. (313) 881-0978

**STAGECRAFTERS 2ND STAGE**  
Auditions for nine men and four women for John Weidman's "Assassins" with music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim 7 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, Feb. 8-9 (6:30 p.m. registration), at the Baldwin Theatre, 415 South Lafayette, Royal Oak. For performances April 16-18, 22-25 and 30, and May 1-2. (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

**DANNY CARTHANE AND COMPANY**  
9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 29-30, at Ja-Da, 546 E. Larned between Beaubien and St. Antoine, Detroit. (313) 965-1700

**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, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$15-\$46. (313) 576-5111 or <http://www.detroit-symphony.com>

**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 Bambu 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)

**SHEILA LANDIS**  
With Rick Matle, 10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 29-30, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Free. 21 and older. (313) 886-8102; 8-10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5, Borders Books and Music, 1122 S. Rochester Road, Rochester. Free. All ages. (248) 652-0558

**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 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. \$25, \$15, \$10. (734) 769-2999 or [kch@ic.net](mailto:kch@ic.net)

**SHAHIDA NURULLAH TRIO**  
8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 5, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (vocal/piano/bass)

**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 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. \$12. (734) 769-2999 or [kch@ic.net](mailto:kch@ic.net)

**HARVEY THOMPSON TRIO**  
9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 30, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (vocal/piano/bass)

**PAUL VORNHAGEN TRIO**  
8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, Jan. 29, and 8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, Feb. 4, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (sax and vocal/piano/bass)

**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

**ALTAN**  
7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 2, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$16. All ages. (734) 761-1800 or <http://www.a2ark.com> (Irish)

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**HUUN-HUUR-TU**  
The Throat Singers of Tuva, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 4, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$15 in advance. All ages. (734) 761-1800 or <http://www.99music.com>

**IMMUNITY**  
9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 28, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 543-4300 (reggae)

## FOLK/BLUEGRASS

**TISH HINOJOSA AND SARA HICKMAN**  
8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$15. All ages. (734) 761-1800 or <http://www.a2ark.com>

**THE LUDDITES**  
With The Layabouts, 9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5. 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 or <http://www.alvins.xtcom.com>

**MICHAEL SMITH**  
With hosts Jim Bertin and George Garcia (aka George and Me), 8-10:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30, at the Off-the-Wall Acoustic Coffee House, at St. William Parish Hall, Walled Lake. \$10, \$20 family, \$7.50 student, refreshments included. (248) 624-1421

## DANCE

**"A PERFORMANCE CLASS"**  
Christina Kammueler presents her adult advanced/professional level students, 11 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 31, at Marygrove College, Detroit. Free. (248) 932-8699

## VALENTINE'S DAY DANCES

**ITALIAN AMERICAN BANQUET CENTER**  
With music by the Mike Wolverton Band, and a dinner of chicken piccata, oven-roasted potatoes, pasta marinara, pasta carbonara, peas and mushrooms, salad, rolls, coffee, tea and dessert, 6-11:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 12, Italian American Banquet Center, 39200 Five Mile Road, Livonia. \$25. (313) 534-5924/(734) 422-3415

**ST. BARBARA CHURCH**  
Music by Muza-Mix, dinner, door prizes, 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13, St. Barbara parish gym, 5277 Calhoun, Dearborn. Tickets \$20 per person, \$12 for teens ages 12-18, accompanied by an adult. Bring your wedding picture for the "My Valentine" display. Deadline for tickets is Monday, Feb. 8, call (313) 582-8383.

**VFW POST 3323**  
Music by The Larados, sponsored by Stilettoes, 7:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 13, VFW Post 3323, 1055 S. Wayne Road, Westland. Tickets \$22 per person, food, snacks, beverages, door prizes. You must be 21, call (734) 722-7907, (313) 849-0233, (734) 397-5659, (734) 427-2169 or (248) 542-5997.

## COMEDY

**JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB**  
Jim Hamm, John McDonnell and Rich Higginbottom, Thursday, Jan. 28; Joey Kola, Jim Hamm and Rich Higginbottom, Friday-Saturday, Jan. 29-30 (\$15); John Joseph with the music of Johnny B., and Rich Higginbottom, Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 4-6 (\$14), 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**  
Kevin McPeck, 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 29-30 (\$10, \$22.95 dinner show package); Pam Stone, 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 5-6 (\$12, \$24.95 dinner show package), and 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 7 (\$10, \$22.95 dinner show package), at the club, 5070 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

**MAINSTREET COMEDY SHOWCASE**  
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); Leo DuFour, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 4 (\$8), 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5 (\$10), and 5:45 p.m., 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6 (\$10), at the club, 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 996-9080

**MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE**  
John Heffron of WKQI-FM, Q95.5, and Mike Young, Thursday-Sunday, Jan. 28-31; Jack Simmons and Mark Boyd, Wednesday-Sunday, Feb. 3-7, 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

**CRANBROOK ART MUSEUM**  
"Weird Science: A Conflation of Art and Science," featuring four artists' projects representing an ongoing exploration of a specific area of science, some incorporate specimens from Cranbrook Institute of Science, an Eastern Box turtle, satellite broadcasting prototypes, and a chicken coop, through April 3, lectures by the artists opening weekend Jan. 30-31 Feb. 25, March 11, at the museum, 1221 North Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. Museum hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays-Sundays, until 9 p.m. Thursdays. \$5, \$3 students/children/seniors. (248) 645-3323 or [www.cranbrook.edu/museum](http://www.cranbrook.edu/museum)

**DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM**  
"Frontiers to Factories: Detroiters at Work 1701-1901," "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

**HENRY FORD MUSEUM/GREENFIELD VILLAGE**  
"Rhythm Rising: Exploring America's Musical Roots" celebrates the contributions of African-American to world music weekends in February, blues guitar and vocals by Robert Jones noon and 2 p.m. Feb. 6, 13-14, Will Davidson (spirituals) noon and 2 p.m. Feb. 7, 20, 21, 27-28, The Gabriels (New Orleans jazz) 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Feb. 6-7, Taslimah's Ragtime Band 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Feb. 13-14, So Much Fun by Bob St. Thomas (jazz) 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Feb. 20-21 and Perfect Blend (freedom songs) 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Feb. 28-March 1, also cooking demonstrations, dramatic presentations of an African tale, historical photo exhibit, and hands-on activities to create traditional African kufi hats, paper beads, quilt squares, at the museum during regular hours 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, 20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn. \$12.50, \$11.50 seniors, \$7.50

kids 5-12, members and children under 5 free. (313) 271-1620

**MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY**  
In celebration of Black History Month, the museum presents story theater performances 10 a.m. to noon Mondays, Feb. 1, 8, 15 and 22; historical films noon Saturdays, Feb. 6, 13, 20 and 27; lecture series 3 p.m. Saturdays, and an African and African American Expo with workshops for grades K-12, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Feb. 20, at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, 315 E. Warren, at Brush, Detroit. Activities free with museum admission \$5, \$3 ages 17 and under. (313) 494-5800

## POPULAR MUSIC

**BIG DAVE AND THE ULTRASONICS**  
Celebrate release of CD with party and performance, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (jump blues)

**BLUE CAT WITH KEN MURPHY**  
9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 29-30, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

**BLUE MOON BOYS**  
10 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 3, The Cavern, 210 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 332-9900; 10:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5080 (rockabilly)

**FRANKIE BONES**  
9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30, Motor, 3515 Caniff, Hamtramck. \$10, partial proceeds benefit the Detroit New Media Association. 21 and older. (313) 369-0080 or <http://www.detroitnewmedia.org/>

**BONNE TEMPS ROULLE**  
10:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5080 (R&B)

**CHISEL BROS. WITH THORNETTA DAVIS**  
9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 4, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 543-4300 (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 BAND**  
9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty St., Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 451-1213 (blues)

**GLEN EDDIE**  
8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 28, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

**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. 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. All ages. (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)

**PETE "BIG DOG" FETTERS**  
8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 2, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

**FLETCHER PRAIT**  
With Dean Fertita, 9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30, Gold Dollar, 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$6. All ages. (313) 833-6873 or <http://www.golddollar.com> (pop)

**PONTIAC**. \$7 in advance. 18 and older. (248) 335-8100 or <http://www.961melt.com> (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 GRAVY**  
9:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 4, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (313) 832-2355 (rock)

**GRAVITY GAMES**  
With Teen Idols, Gutter Punx, Outsiders, John Cusack Attack, and Elephant Ear, 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5, Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron St., Pontiac. \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door. (248) 833-2362 or <http://www.961melt.com> (punk)

**GRAYLING**  
9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5. 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 (rock)

**AL HILL AND THE LOVE BUTLERS**  
9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

**HOPE ORCHESTRA**  
1 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 31, Borders Books and Music, 612 E. Liberty St., Ann Arbor. Free. All ages. (734) 668-7100 (rock)

**LISA HUNTER**  
9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 29, Lonestar Coffeehouse, 207 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. All ages. (248) 642-2233

**J-TRAIN**  
9:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5, C.K. Diggs, 2010 Auburn Road, Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 853-6600 (R&B)

**JIM'S BIG EGO**  
10 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 2, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (rock)

**KUNG FU DIESEL**  
With Big Sam and Culture Bandits, 9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 4, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5. 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 or <http://www.alvins.xtcom.com> (rock)

**PATTI LABELLE**  
With Gerald Levert, 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5, Fox Theatre, 2111 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$40 and \$50. All ages. (248) 433-1515 (R&B)

**JOHN D. LAMB**  
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)

**MUDPUPPY**  
9:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 29, Cavern Club, 210 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 332-9900; 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 543-4300 (blues)

**MYSTERY TRAIN WITH JIM MCCARTY**  
9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 28, Bobby J's Music Cafe, 29 Front St., Lake Orion. Free. 21 and older. (248) 814-8550; 10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5, Hamlin Pub, 1988 S. Rochester Road, Rochester. Free. 21 and older (248) 656-7700 (R&B)

**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)

**MIKE NOLAN**  
9-11 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5, BC Beans, 2964 Biddle Ave., Wyandotte. Free. All ages. (734) 284-2244 (pop)

9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 29, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty St., Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 451-1213 (blues)

**OPIE'S DREAM**  
8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 4, JD's Macomb Theatre, 31 N. Walnut St., Mount Clemens. Cover charge. 18 and older. (810) 913-1921 (rock)

**TEDDY RICHARDS**  
With Merge and The Neptunes, 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Cover charge. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com> (rock)

**ROXANNE**  
10:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 29, Bo's Bistro, 51 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac. Free. 21 and older. (248) 332-6800 (acoustic rock)

**KRISTIN SAYER BAND**  
9:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30, C.K. Diggs, 2010 Auburn Road, Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 853-6600 (rock)

**SAX APPEAL**  
8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 4, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

**SHAMAN'S MASK**  
10:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30, Bo's Bistro, 51 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Free. 21 and older. (248) 332-6800 (jam rock)

**SISTER SEED**  
With Jill Jack and Jason Magee, 9:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (rock)

**SLOAN**  
8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 29, Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. \$13 in advance, \$15 day of show. All ages. (248) 333-2362 or <http://www.961melt.com> (pop)

**STEVE SOMERS AND VALERIE BARRYMORE**  
8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 3, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (R&B)

**SUGAR BLUE**  
10 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30, Amer's First Street Grill, 102 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$8. 21 and older. Friday, Jan. 29, show canceled. (734) 213-6000 (blues)

**TANGERINE TROUSERS**  
6-8 p.m. Thursdays in January, The Good Food Co. East, 75 W. Maple Road, Troy. Free. All ages. (248) 362-0886 (acoustic pop)

**TILES**  
With Discipline and House of Usher, 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30, JD's Macomb Theatre, 31 N. Walnut St., Mount Clemens. \$8 in advance, \$10 day of show. 18 and older. (810) 913-1921 (prog rock)

**TOTALLY DISTURBED**  
With Powertrip and Blindsided, 9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 29, JD's Macomb Theatre, 31 N. Walnut St., Mount Clemens. Cover charge. 18 and older. (810) 913-1921 (rock)

**TWISTIN' TARANTULAS**  
9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 4, Karl's, 9779 Old N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. Free. 21 and older. (734) 455-8450 (rockabilly)

**UNITY**  
9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 29-30, D.L. Harrington's Chop House, 2086 Crooks Road, Rochester Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 852-0550 (top 40 covers)

**VAL VENTRO**  
9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Free. 21 and older. (313) 886-8101

**WALK ON WATER**  
8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 4, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$6. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com> (rock)

**THE WITCH DOCTORS**  
9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 29, Ford Road Bar and Grill, 35505 Ford Road, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (734) 721-8609; 9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty St., Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 451-1213 (blues)

## CLUB NIGHTS

**ALVIN'S**  
The Hush Party with resident DJs Melvin Hill and DJ Cent, 10 p.m.

Mondays; and Club Color, featuring funk and disco, 8 p.m. Wednesdays (free before 10 p.m.), at the club, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5. 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 or <http://www.alvins.xtcom.com>

**BLIND PIG**  
"Swing-a-billy" night with dance lessons from 7-9 p.m. Sundays with DJ Del Villarreal, at the club, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5, \$3 after 9 p.m. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555

**CLUTCH CARGO'S/MILL STREET**  
"Flashback" night with "The Planet" WPLT on level two (Clutch Cargo's), old school funk on level three, and techno and house on level four, 8:30 p.m. Saturdays, at the club, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. Free before 9 p.m. 21 and older. (248) 333-2362 or <http://www.961melt.com>

**THE GROOVE ROOM**  
Funk, hip-hop and top 40 with DJ Mac D, Thursdays. Women admitted free; "Love Factory" alternative dance night Fridays; Alternative dance with DJ Matt Saturdays; Alternative dance Tuesdays; gothic, industrial and retro with DJ Paul Wednesdays. Free, at the club, 1815 N. Main St. (at 12 Mile Road), Royal Oak. Free before 10 p.m. nightly. 21 and older. (248) 589-3344 or <http://www.thegrooveroom.com>

**MAJESTIC THEATRE CENTER**  
"Good Sounds," with music by The Tonehead Collective and images by Thomas Video, 9 p.m. Fridays at Magic Stick, 18 and older. Free; "Work Release," Rock 'n' Bowl happy hour with bowling, music and complimentary food from the Majestic Cafe, 5-8 p.m. Fridays at Garden Bowl. \$6. 18 and older; "Rock 'n' Bowl" with DJ Del Villareal, 9 p.m. Fridays and DJ Gutterball, 9 p.m. Saturdays at Garden Bowl. Free. 18 and older; "The Bird's Nest," punk rock night with live performances, 9 p.m. Mondays at Magic Stick. Free. 18 and older; "Soul Shakedown" with DJ Big Andy, 9 p.m. Tuesdays at Magic Stick. Free. 21 and older. (313) 833-9700

**MOTOR LOUNGE**  
"Back Room Mondays," service industries employee appreciation night, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Mondays. Free. 21 and older; "Community Presents" with resident DJs, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Tuesdays. \$3. 18 and older; "Maximum Overload," 9 p.m. Fridays. \$6. 18 and older; "Divine" with DJs Mike Clark, Mark Flash and Brian Gillespie, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Saturdays. \$6. 21 and older, all at the club, 3515 Caniff, Hamtramck. (313) 396-0080 or <http://www.motor-detroit.com>

**ONE X**  
"Men 4 Men" New York-style dance party with DJ St. Andy spinning high-energy, progressive house, 10 p.m. Fridays; "Family Funktion Internal Groove" DJ Alton Miller, 10 p.m. Saturdays, at the club, 2575 Michigan Ave., in Detroit's Corktown area. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 964-7040

**ST. ANDREW'S/THE SHELTER**  
"Three Floors of Fun," 9 p.m. Fridays. \$3 before 11 p.m., \$5 afterward. 18 and older; Alt X2K dance night, 10 p.m. Saturdays; "Incinerator," 9 p.m. Wednesdays in The Shelter. \$6. 21 and older. St. Andrew's and The Shelter are at 431 E. Congress, Detroit. (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com>

**STATE THEATRE**  
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MOVIES

# 'She's All That' has its moments, but not many

BY VICTORIA DIAZ  
SPECIAL WRITER

"She's All That" is a slick-looking, watchable movie that definitely has its moments. Unfortunately, it doesn't have quite enough of them. Just when you think it may really start to spread its wings and fly, it lapses back into yet another wearisome cliché.

Set in and around an upscale high school in sunny La-La land, "She's All That" stars Freddie Prinze Jr. as Zack Siler, a gorgeous, but sort of thoughtless guy who is definitely prom king material. He's an excellent student. He's president of the senior class. He's captain of the soccer

team. When he speaks to one of the "lesser" female students in the halls of Harrison High School, she almost dies with delight on the spot, even though he doesn't even call her by the right name. You know the type.

Leading lady Rachael Leigh Cook is Laney Boggs, a girl who wears very big glasses, never plucks her eyebrows, and excels in art class. She spends much of her time worrying about Bosnia, chemicals in food, and looking after her rather befuddled father (played mumbly by Kevin Pollak). Doomed is what she is when it comes to winning any popularity contests, of course, but then, she couldn't care a fiddle or a fig. You know the type.

Enter Zack's statuesque girlfriend, Taylor Vaughan (Jody Lyn O'Keefe), Shifty as a snake, she's determined to get what she wants. You know the type. Her seductive clothes are to die-for and she's a knockout. Therefore, she's a natural for queen of the prom.

Soon after this comedy begins, Taylor hits the rather cocky Zack with some stunning news. During spring break, she has met and fallen for the earthy Brock Hudson (Matthew Lillard), one of the "stars" of television's "The Real World." This little twist of reel vs. real is like a breath of fresh air in this often-stale film (as is Lillard's depiction of the ever-repulsive, almost frighten-

ing Brock). It's also the occasion for a lively dance scene presented in a kind of flashback form in which the present is cinematically "layered" on to the past. While this adds a touch of welcome inventiveness, it seems ultimately not to fit well into the rest of the movie, though.

In any case, it doesn't last very long, and soon we're back in the Pacific Palisades, hanging out with Zack, who is putting a brave face on things, and betting his big-talking buddies that he can make one of the most unpromising girls in high school not only his date for the prom, but turn her into something of prom queen caliber. All they have to do is pick the girl.

Would it surprise you at all to learn that Laney Boggs, bespattered with paint and dressed like a bag lady, stumbles into their line of vision at about this time?

You know the story that follows. At first, Laney gives him the requisite brush-off. Then, she gives in a little. Then, he tells her she has beautiful eyes. Then, she gets a makeover, puts on an arrest-me-red dress, goes to a party attended by Zack and his friends, and regrets doing such a thing. There's the requisite beach party, volleyball game, fat kid with the soft heart, pesky kid brother, funny-hat-at-the-fast-food-place, and gross-out scenes of high school hi-jinks (after seeing this movie, you may never look at pizza the same way again). Eventually, the couple starts to see each other and themselves in a new light. As I say, you know the story.

In casting Freddie Prinze, Jr.



Comedy: Rachael Leigh Cook and Freddie Prinze Jr. in Robert Iscove's "She's All That."

as Zack, director Robert Iscove (making his film debut here) has gone far toward keeping this picture alive. The young actor is eye-catching, for sure. The camera, as they say, loves his face. But his charm goes far beyond his dark good looks. He's so convincing as the self-assured but naive Zack that he seems not to be acting at all. In a supporting role as Dean Sampson, one of Zack's macho cohorts, a relatively unknown actor named Paul Walker turns in a performance that also appears close to effortless.

well, although this may be mostly because her character often tends to be slightly wooden. Anna Paquin, who won an Oscar for Best Supporting Actress in 1993 for "The Piano," plays Zack's sister, but seems most of the time to fade into the woodwork and to be wasted in this role.

In showing us Prom Night, Iscove, a former dancer and choreographer, pulls out all the stops, and we see some of the best scenes in the movie at this point. It's a little too little, though, and a little too late as well.

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**"SIMPLY IRRESISTIBLE"**  
 Contemporary love story about a woman with a restaurant and a department store executive who fall in love. But as strange things begin to happen, the man begins to wonder if there isn't witchcraft involved. Stars Sarah Michelle Geller, Sean Patrick Flanery.  
**"THE CHILDREN OF HEAVEN"**  
 Tender and moving tale of compassion, determination and deep family love about an impoverished brother and sister in Tehran, Iran.  
**"RUSHMORE"**  
 Jason Schwartzman, Bill Murray, and Olivia Williams star in this coming-of-age comedy of a high school student who has tended to everything in school except the most important concern - girls.  
**"PAYBACK"**  
 "This remake is based on the book "The Hunter" about a hard-boiled criminal who tracks down his wife and former friend, who ran off together after double-crossing him. Stars Mel Gibson.  
**"SAVING PRIVATE RYAN"**  
 Re-release - story based in true events of six U.S. Army soldiers on assignment behind enemy lines to save one private. Stars Tom Hanks.

**Scheduled to open Friday, February 12**  
**"MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE"**  
 While walking on a beach a journalist finds a bottle containing a love letter from a man to his wife. She falls in love with the letter writer and sets out to find him. Stars Kevin Costner, Paul Newman, Robin Wright Penn and John Savage.  
**Scheduled to open Friday, February 19**  
**"OFFICE SPACE"**  
 A frustrated computer programmer and some equally frustrated colleagues hatch a plot which could lead to a very lucrative and early retirement. Stars Jennifer Aniston, Robert Livingston.  
**Scheduled to open Friday Feb. 26**  
**"THE 24 HOUR WOMAN"**  
 Contemporary comedy about a television producer balancing her personal and professional lives during her pregnancy and the subsequent birth of her daughter. Stars Rosie Perez.  
**Scheduled to open Friday, March 5**  
**"ANALYZE THIS"**  
 A psychiatrist helps a domineering mob boss overcome his various psychological troubles, not the least of which is ordering a hit. Stars Robert De Niro, Billy Crystal.  
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 Animated musical telling of the story of the patient school teacher and the overbearing King of Siam. Stars the voices of Miranda Richardson, Ian Richardson, and Daryl Hammond.  
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Animated feature: Anna (voiced by Miranda Richardson) and the King (voiced by Martin Vidovic) in "The King and I" opening March 19 at metro Detroit movie theaters.

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### 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 premium 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. Daniels stars as ambitious TV reporter Tim O'Hara who stumbles upon a martian show space ship has crash-landed on earth. "My Favorite Martian" also stars Christopher Lloyd, Elizabeth Hurley, Daryl Hannah and Ray Walston. The film opens in theaters nationwide on Friday, Feb. 12.

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**"20 DATES"**  
 A young filmmaker is struck with an idea that had the potential to change his luck all at once: to make a movie that would chronicle his own dogged and indelicate quest for true love. The result, an insightful look at one hapless romantic's roller coaster ride through singlehood filmed Candi Camera Style. Written and directed by Myles Berkowitz.

**Scheduled to open in April**  
**"HIDEOUS KINKY"**  
 Kate Winslet, Said Taghmaoui, Bella Riza and Carrie Mulan star in this drama set in the 1960s about a woman who takes off for Morocco and her two young daughters in an attempt to find the peace and happiness that have eluded her.

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STREET SCENE

# Musicians keep alive spirit of nice guy Steve Krass



CHRISTINA FUOCO

Before Feisty Cadavers singer Steve Krass was killed outside Harpo's nightclub in Detroit, he was an advocate of helping others.

"Steve just liked to help everybody. He was pretty much the nicest guy. People always say that about somebody after they die, but he was," said Mike Mouyianis, formerly of St. Andrew's Hall in Detroit.

A group of his friends want to continue that spirit by banding together to host the Steve Krass Memorial Foundation concert at

7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30, at St. Andrew's Hall in Detroit.

The Feisty Cadavers, Speedball, Thee Lucky Stiffs, Moloko Plus, Gutter Punk, Bumpin' Ugies, Cold as Life, Elephant Ear and Joey Nobody Allstars are scheduled to perform during the 18 and older show. Tickets are \$7. For more information, call (313) 961-MELT or visit <http://www.961melt.com>.

Mouyianis, Speedball member Bill Kozy, and the Feisty Cadavers' Dave Cocaine have been planning the event for two months. This is the third such concert since Krass' death in 1996.

Krass, a former Redford resident, was shot in the head during a Jan. 14, 1996, robbery

attempt outside Harpo's nightclub on Detroit's east side. Krass, who attended the Motorhead and Speedball concert there, died three days later at St. John Hospital in Detroit. He was 32.

"It was a bizarre night. I walked out five minutes before him. I had my junky car and he had a new car. My car was five spaces away from his. I remember I had a Super Bowl party and when he died the fier that I gave him for it was in his pocket."

The first benefit, held late February 1996, raised nearly \$17,000. The funds went toward funeral expenses, the pressing of the Feisty Cadavers' album that was wrapped up shortly before Krass' death, and the Steve

Krass Memorial Foundation.

The album was released as "Feisty Cadavers and The Brotherhood Krass CD," a 24-song compilation that included the six songs the band recorded with Krass, and 17 Feisty Cadavers songs covered by Detroit-area bands including The Trash Brats, Big Block, Speedball, and the now-defunct trio Hoarse. The CD is available on the Dallas-based Idol Records. For more information, write to P.O. Box 720043, Dallas, Texas, 75372; [idolusa@aol.com](mailto:idolusa@aol.com); or visit <http://www.zhotspot.com/idolrecords>.

With the money, the organization has purchased Red Wings tickets for underprivileged children, and helped pay the bills for a Downriver family whose moth-

er was stricken with cancer. This year Mouyianis explained, the foundation will donate the money to a Red Wings charity.

"Steve was a big Red Wing fan," he said.

He is hoping that the concert will bring together the aloof Detroit music scene.

"There's no scene anymore. I'm on the road. I tour manage The Suicide Machines. I'm on the road most of the time during the year. Usually when I come home, I go out and see bands. Now there's almost nothing," he said.

"There's no bands. Bands don't play. If they do, it's 10 of them at once. Hopefully this will bring everything together again, if for nothing else, for one day."

### Successful benefit

The Saturday, Jan. 23, benefit for Joe LaFata, the former drummer for The Final Cut and Tyrone's Power Wheel, raised \$7,650.

"His mom and dad were just flabbergasted. Brad (Cousens, general manager of Clutch Cargo's in Pontiac), myself and the guys in Tyrone's all went over Joe's yesterday (Sunday) and had dinner. He's cancer-free right now. He just has to finish rehab and move on with his life," said Craig Posegay, who organized the event.

"Talking to his mom and dad,

they were in tears about the whole thing. They were so grateful. It helped financially but they said more importantly it lifted Joe's spirits. He knows Detroit didn't forget about him. He knows his friends are behind him."

LaFata, who recently finished radiation treatment for brain cancer, made a guest appearance at the benefit at St. Andrew's Hall to introduce headliners the Howling Diablos. Local pop band Charm Farm reunited for the event - with dancer Mikki Lutes. Guitarist Steve Zuccaro, lead singer/producer Dennis White, and keyboard Ken Roberts will release an album under the name Control Freq. on F-111/Warner Bros. Records in April.

"Dennis (White, lead singer, producer) brought 12 people and he donated \$250 at the door. The guy working the door donated \$20. It was just unbelievable. Everybody was just great."

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# Movie merges Hollywood and Hamtramck

### BACKSTAGE PASS



ANN DELISI

Coming to a theatre near you ... a feature film that's a little bit Hollywood and a whole lot Hamtramck.

It seems that a large percentage of major productions that have been set in the Detroit area were mostly or entirely shot somewhere else. Not so with "Stardust," a new feature film from co-producers Charles Cirgenski and Jeanine Menlove. The two filmmakers are based in Hamtramck and that's where the production and filming took place.

While I don't intend to do a movie review or give too much of the plot away in this column, I can tell you that the story involves a scientist whose experiment on the family vacuum cleaner causes the machine to, in effect, come to life. Sounds intriguing to me. Imagine living with someone who actually is designed to do housework. Aside

from those robots on the Jetsons, it's a new concept to me.

As a segment producer of Backstage Pass on Detroit Public Television, Chris McElroy went behind-the-scenes of "Stardust" to discover more about this merging of Hollywood and Hamtramck.

"It could have been shot anywhere, but the producers wanted to give an urban feel to the film and have the family living in an environment that most filmgoers experience. Too often, Hollywood depicts families that live in an upper middle class neighborhood that just isn't realistic for many who pay to see the movie," he says.

The Hollywood touches in "Stardust" are provided by the talented actors who join the cast of predominantly local actors. The imports include Giancarlo Esposito, who has distinguished himself through appearances on network television's acclaimed "Homicide: Life on the Street" series and in the films by Spike Lee, and Amanda Donohoe, one of my favorites from the "L.A. Law" series.

"What was exciting for me in

visiting the set and one of the editing sessions was to see the extraordinary production values that go into a feature film. It became clear from this production that there is a huge pool of gifted people that remains in this area, although many talented filmmakers have left to pursue their craft," says McElroy.

I hope you're as anxious as I am to see a distributor acquire the film for national release soon. That's Hollywood-speak for "Hey, I want to see this movie."

One of the fascinating things about the Detroit arts scene is how it keeps sprouting unusual attractions. Right across from where the Hudson's building once stood is the new home of Detroit's first-ever theatre devoted exclusively to puppets. PuppetART is a troupe of professional puppeteers, trained in the former Soviet Union, masters of theater, performance and design. The theatre opened in August, presenting classical stories as well as folk tales from around the world. More than just a unique and educational show for children, it's a distinctive addi-

tion to the performing arts available here, and we'll introduce you to it on Backstage Pass, as segment producer Dave Toorongian offers a sampling from a production of "Cinderella" and the Russian folk tale "The Firebird."

Sniff around the Detroit area and you'll find a rock group named Fez that relies on a glockenspiel and other quirky instruments, and a sense of humor. It also interesting to see how the intimate Recital Hall at the Detroit Institute of Arts has become a venue for classical musicians who are emerging as world class artists. The last discovery, Brazilian-born pianist Arnaldo Cohen, gives a Pro Musica performance there, and also in a Backstage Pass appearance to air on Detroit Public TV 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan.

If you ever feel that some of your entertainment choices are getting stale, keep looking and you'll find fresh and creative happening throughout our area. If I'm wrong, I'll move to Hamtramck and become a glockenspiel-playing puppet.

# 'At First Sight' earnest, thoughtful drama

BY BOB THOMAS  
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

What happens to a person who gains sight after a lifetime of blindness? This is the most compelling element of "At First Sight," an earnest, thoughtful drama based on a real event.

The best-selling author-physician Oliver Sacks provided the story in his book "An Anthropologist on Mars." Sacks has gained a reputation for uncovering unusual medical cases. One of them became the basis for the Robin Williams-Robert De Niro movie "Awakenings," which "At First Sight" resembles. Both illustrate the limits of medical miracles.

Virgil Adamson (Val Kilmer) works as a masseur at a high-priced mountain spa. He lives alone next door to his sister Jennie (Kelly McGillis), his long-time guardian. At night he listens to broadcasts of the New



True story: Amy (Mira Sorvino) introduces Virgil (Val Kilmer, left) her associate and ex-husband Sam (Steven Weber) in "At First Sight."

York Rangers and skates alone on a pond hidden in the woods.

Amy Benic (Mira Sorvino), a burned-out New York architect, arrives at the spa for the regimen of rest and yogurt. She becomes intrigued by the handsome young man who gives her a sensuous massage. Only after-

ward does she realize that he is blind (this is hard to believe).

A love affair ensues, and against Jenny's wishes, Virgil accompanies Amy to Manhattan. She helps him overcome his reluctance to consult about new techniques for improving damaged sight.

Virgil fears the operation, and his sister opposes it. But Amy prevails. For the first time Virgil is able to see. In the beginning, the burst of light pains him. Soon he adjusts, but now he must grasp the elements of depth perception and other factors that children learn in their infancy. This is absorbing stuff.

Despite its good intentions, the rest of "At First Sight" seems strangely unmoving. The characters and events of Steve Levitt's screenplay have an air of predictability, and Irwin Winkler's direction lacks excitement. John Seale's cinematography contrasting the mountain greenery and the bold colors of Manhattan is a vital asset.

Val Kilmer, the most underrated of today's leading men, brings humanity and charm to the role of Virgil, and Mira Sorvino in her first big lead role shows she has what it takes.

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DINING

# Area restaurateurs predict dining trends

BY ELEANOR HEALD  
SPECIAL WRITER

Millennium fever has brought a rash of predictions. Not to be left out, I interviewed area restaurant trendsetters for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

Having opened or done conversions for eight restaurants in the last two years, Matt Prentice, president of the Unique Restaurant Corporation based in Beverly Hills, is the Detroit-metro area's prime mover and shaker.

Prentice was recognized among the top 50 "New Taste Makers," food service players shaping the tastes of tomorrow in the Jan. 25 issue of "Nation's Restaurant News," a weekly trade publication for the restaurant and food industry.

"The restaurant industry must appeal differently than it did 10 years ago," Prentice said. As an example, he pointed to Duet, his Detroit restaurant, where he has tried to embrace four elements: "look, food, entertainment and attitude." He described appearance as urban chic in feel, the food as creative, entertainment as an "anchovy can" in the bar on Friday and Saturday evenings around 10 p.m. and attitude as very comfortable and not at all stuffy.

"In the most popular restaurants across the country, there's a playful attitude with casual attire, but very serious food," he added.

As a viable trend, Prentice pointed to mashed potatoes. It began about two years ago, but it's really hot today. "We're serving a scoop of mashed potatoes in a martini glass and garnishing with rock shrimp, mango, lobster, chives or a chardonnay sauce over Yukon golds. We've even done sweet potatoes with duck cracklings."

In the cool, but going to hot category, Prentice cited pork. "It's too cheap to ignore," he said. "Pork Scallopini will be a popular menu item. Next is duck. Chefs are learning how to prepare it and in this market, we're getting it fresh from Indiana daily."

Prentice said waffles and cakes are not for breakfast or dessert anymore. Potato cakes and rice cakes will be part of

- Where to locate area trend-setting restaurants mentioned:
- **Cafe Bon Homme** — 844 Penniman, Plymouth, (734) 453-6260.
  - **Capital Grille** — in Somerset North, Troy (248) 649-5300.
  - **Duet** — 3663 Woodward Ave. (at Mack), Detroit (313) 831-DUET.
  - **Five Lakes Grill** — 424 North Main, Milford (248) 684-7455.
  - **The Lark** — 6430 Farmington Road, West Bloomfield (248) 661-4466.
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appetizer preparations.

He predicts that in addition to P.F. Chang's and Wolfgang Puck's Cafe, more national upscale restaurant chains will come to the area. We'll see an upscale Asian restaurant with a talented chef in the mold of Executive Chef Takashi Yagihashi at Tribute. There'll also be upscale Middle Eastern and perhaps upscale vegetarian in a Kosher venue.

"There's demand for high quality at any price in dining," he continued. "It's as strong as I've ever seen it. And without doubt, there's a resurgence in prime beef. Steak houses are power dining scenes. The high-end market is controlled by Morton's, Capital Grille, No.VI Chophouse and Ruth's Chris. Mid-market is dominated by Outback Steakhouse."

**Fine dining**

Prentice believes restaurant prices will rise as the labor crisis in the area worsens. He also believes there will be a disappearance of bagel and coffee houses because there are too many.

"Fine dining as we've come to know it will disappear," he added. The Lark and Tribute are so good, they'll always have a niche. Old-fashioned fine dining with a piano player is out. For fine dining people will expect a top chef, exquisite wine cellar,

on-premise talented pastry chef and an experienced Maitre d'."

On that note, I talked to Mickey Bakst, Tribute's well-known Maitre d'. "Today's younger, affluent diners want to be recognized," he maintained. "They want a sense of friendliness and warmth in a restaurant. They also want to be visually stimulated by decor. Success of fine dining requires the human factor. It is a social event."

Bakst recognizes that service is a major part of the dining experience. "Finding people who will make serving a profession grows increasingly difficult in a tight labor market. It is a wait-person's job to instantly recognize needs of each diner. It's emotionally hard work, but a person can make a very good living if they regard the job as a profession. This is our biggest challenge: if we don't satisfy, with both great food and service, we don't deserve to succeed."

And that upscale Japanese restaurant Prentice mentioned? Bakst said he and Chef Takashi have talked about it. "In about two years," Bakst confirmed.

**Quality**

Bakst agrees with Prentice that the area will see more corporate (national chain) restaurants, but in the mid-price level with mass appeal. "As in all industries, the big are getting bigger and the small chef-owner



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**New Taste Maker:** Matt Prentice, president of the Unique Restaurant Corporation, at Morels, A Michigan Bistro, in Bingham Farms.

restaurant needs to be the highest quality to succeed."

On that sound byte, I interviewed two of the most successful, Brian Polcyn, chef/owner of Five Lakes Grill in Milford and Greg Goodman, chef/owner of Cafe Bon Homme in Plymouth. "Quality never goes out of style," noted Polcyn. "We must offer diners high quality, good service and perceived value."

Both Goodman's and Polcyn's cooking styles have evolved in response to what dining clientele like to eat. "Repeat diners trust the new ideas I present, but today, a daily vegetarian selection on the menu is a must," Polcyn said. It's not steamed vegetables, but five different selections cooked five different ways. People are eating more fish, which has become half of the menu."

Goodman views the "all you can eat concept" as dead. "I agree people will look for quality not quantity. Gen-Xers don't want to spend 2 1/2 hours eating. The over 45 set does not want to leave a restaurant groaning.

Our culture has been into excess, but that's over with dining. People want three or four courses at most. They want a 4-ounce fish and/or meat course.

"When diners see a higher price point, they have higher expectations. If they aren't delivered, the restaurant is history."

Travels around the world have impacted selections offered by Polcyn. "After returning from the Mediterranean, I noticed I went through that phase. Asian cuisine, as an international style, holds a lot of creative interest for me." Goodman noted that Asian-influenced food is becoming widely embraced by Gen-Xers.

Polcyn contended that his Maitre d' and wine steward Ron Edwards is an integral part of the dining experience at Five Lakes Grill. People expect to

have their taste preferences recognized.

Goodman concluded by predicting that the Detroit-metro area will be regarded as having some of the nation's best restaurants. "There's a huge economic base here, but since the area lacks convention and tourism enjoyed by Chicago, New York or San Francisco, we must attract and then retain clientele at the 80 percent level at least."

In agreement with Bakst, Polcyn commented that when James Beard was asked about which was his favorite restaurant, he responded "where they know me."

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