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Model students take center stage in fashion show

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Juniors and seniors at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park were "struttin' their stuff" last week, trying out for the 1999 Prom Fashion Show.

Guys and girls were dressed their best in hopes of being selected as one of 32 models to spend nearly 30 hours of practice time for the popular spring show, which features the latest in prom wear for teens.

"We don't have trouble finding people to do the show," said Rachael Maurer, 17, of Plymouth, this year's chair for the event, who attends Plymouth Salem. "They get to strut their stuff in front of the whole school and wear some nice clothes, too."

The contestants were rated by four non-school judges. Two

from John Casablancas Modeling and Career Center in Plymouth Township were looking especially carefully, because they'll be putting the show together.

"I'm not looking for perfection, but for someone who is very real and exciting," said Alyson Stachlewitz of John Casablancas, who will be in charge of choreography for the show. "We want someone who represents the school as a whole. Not everyone is 5 feet 9 inches and size 6 in high school."

"We are looking for variety, not necessarily just good looking or gorgeous people," added Bernadette Strickland of John Casablancas.

Stachlewitz said she's looking to design an entertaining show.

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Hair raising fashion: Top, Andrea Mott, 17, of Canton, shows her best form for the judges as she tries out for the 1999 Plymouth-Canton Schools Prom Fashion Show last week in the Canton cafeteria. Below, Antwan Webb, 17, of Canton struts his stuff.

Paisano's owner to gamble on downtown

■ Frank Yaquinto, owner of Paisano's Casual Dining and Cocktails in Dearborn, plans to open a similar restaurant on Main Street across from Kellogg Park.

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Dearborn businessman Frank Yaquinto has been searching the past three years for a place to open a new restaurant in Plymouth.

And now Yaquinto, who owns Paisano's Casual Dining and Cocktails on Dearborn's east side, will soon be opening a similar restaurant across from Kellogg Park.

"I think Plymouth makes sense for our next move," said Yaquinto. "More restaurant and entertainment venues should help downtown business. It's a bit of a gamble, but ..."

Yaquinto is negotiating with property owner Jim McKeon for two adjacent vacant storefronts on Main Street.

"We haven't completely dotted the i's and crossed the t's, but we're extremely close," said

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Gays protest sex arrests at rest stops

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Standing outside 35th District Court in Plymouth, members of the statewide organization formed to protect the rights of gays called upon the Justice Department to put an end to what it terms "illegal undercover police operations" designed to entrap gays.

The Triangle Foundation, Michigan's statewide civil rights organization for lesbians and gays, claims local and state police are illegally targeting gays and charging them with illegal sexual activity, mainly at area rest stops.

The code name used by some police agencies to describe the anti-gay decoy operations is "Bag a Fag."

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City reconsiders 86% hike on water rates

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Peg Michaels is a senior citizen who lives on a fixed income at Willow Brook condominiums in Plymouth.

As treasurer of her condo group, Michaels had just completed work on a new budget, resulting in dues remaining unchanged for the 32 residents.

But, when she heard water and sewer rates in the city were being

increased for the first time in 10 years, and by nearly double, it hit her like a lead balloon.

"I went through the ceiling when I heard it," said Michaels. "It's just poor management. When Detroit raised its rates, that was the time to do it, gradually."

Michaels started spreading the bad news. Her budgeted line item of \$5,400 for annual water and sewer bills would jump to more than \$10,000, meaning

an unexpected increase in maintenance dues.

Michaels and several of her board members planned on complaining to the city commission Monday night. However, the seniors quickly learned that they, and other city residents, may soon get a break.

Acting City Manager Paul Sincock told city commissioners he was working with financial advisers to re-evaluate the huge increase in water-and

sewer rates.

"There will still be an increase, and it will still be significant," Sincock told commissioners. "However I don't think it will be as significant as 86 percent. We're looking at several financing options."

Sincock said he's receiving help from the American Water Works Association in developing alternatives for funding a \$900,000 deficit in the water and sewer

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Publishers appointed at O&E

HomeTown Communications Network Inc. President Richard Aginian and Observer & Eccentric Newspapers Vice President and General Manager Steve Pope today announced a major reorganization of the O&E management team.

Justin Wilcox, associate publisher of the Troy Eccentric, Rochester Clarion-Eccentric, Oxford Eccentric, Lake Orion Eccentric and Clarkston Eccentric, has been promoted to publisher of these papers, as well as becoming publisher of the Eccentric West Bloomfield-Lakes Edition and the Southfield Eccentric.

Jeanne Towar, HomeTown Communications Network vice president-editorial, will assume the position of Birmingham Eccentric publisher to complement her responsibilities for Home-

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Goose-banger rids park of pests

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If there is a charge for goose harassment, Plymouth Township is guilty.

According to a report submitted to the township board of trustees Tuesday, "harassment techniques have

been successful" in reducing the number of geese from Township Park, located near the intersection of Ann Arbor Trail and Beck roads.

"We checked with the DNR. We checked a number of sources and went through a pretty extensive evaluation," said township Director of Public Services, Jim Anulewicz.



Goose buster: Plymouth Township Parks & Recreation worker Tim Smith demonstrates the "noisemaker" he uses to scare geese from Township Park.

"Finally, we came up with what we thought was the best methodology."

What township officials came up with was a gun.

Not to kill the birds, but to scare them away.

The gun, a small pistol-like model, is used to shoot an explosive device

Please see GEESE, A14

Community invited to new 'Celebration of Hometown'

The First Annual Charter Township of Plymouth "The Celebration of Hometown," a party for the entire Plymouth community, will be Saturday, March 27.

The party is being hosted by a number of community residents, including Anne and Warren Musson, Jim and Carol Thomas, Ron and Mary Pat Edwards, Jim

and Anita Jabara, Robin and Jeff McHugh, Dan Herriman and Mary Ann Prchlik, Lauri and Earl Hall, Bill Steiner, K.C. Mueller and Bill Joyner.

"The Celebration of Hometown" will be held at the Fox Hills Country Club and will be limited to the first 175 couples that RSVP. The price is \$150 per

couple, with some of the proceeds earmarked for a scholarship for Plymouth community students. The evening will include a cocktail hour with entertainment a full sit-down dinner, dancing to a dance band, and fun and fellowship. To make your reservations, call 455-1166.

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Yaquinto. "Hopefully, we'll complete the deal within a few weeks."

McKeon is in agreement the new restaurant will soon be a reality.

"We've reached a verbal agreement on a lease," said McKeon. "We'll be meeting soon with Mr. Yaquinto's contractor and architect."

Yaquinto said he is buying a transferable liquor license, and will open within four to six months if city commissioners approve.

Commissioners have already approved liquor licenses for the Penn Theatre and the soon-to-be open E.G. Nick's restaurant on Forest Street. However, Monday night commissioners reserved comment on a liquor license for the eatery until the deal is pre-

sented for approval.

McKeon, a former Plymouth mayor, said he had "three other nibbles" for the vacant property, two of them restaurants. However, after a couple of visits to Paisano's in Dearborn, he was convinced.

"I was impressed with their service," said McKeon. "I think it would be an excellent addition to the city, and compliment the other downtown businesses."

McKeon's storefronts have been vacant since last summer. Cafe Giverney never got off the ground and closed in August. The Pied Piper moved out in July, with two years left on a lease.

McKeon declined to discuss how much Yaquinto will pay for the space, but did note downtown Plymouth wouldn't be out of line at \$15 per square foot. He also noted it's not unusual for the rent to start out lower to help a business establish itself, with a higher figure towards the end of the lease. McKeon said Yaquinto will sign a long-term agreement of at least 10 years.

Yaquinto added the new restaurant will not be called Paisano's because it will not be a venture with his current partner, Ted Sherman. However, he promises it will be a family-or-

ented restaurant like Paisano's.

"A lot of people are looking for a place they can take the family that's not expensive," said Yaquinto. "We may have some programs for kids on Saturdays. We hope to have jazz or blues playing three or four nights a week."

Yaquinto said pizza will be the mainstay of the menu, which will also feature sandwiches, subs, pasta and fish.

He noted the 3,500-square-foot area should leave him enough room for about 150 seats, which he considers a small, intimate setting. The restaurant is expected to create 20-40 jobs.

Yaquinto also owns a Paisano's carry-out restaurant at Joy and Hix in Westland. The manager, Ed Bielaska of Plymouth Township, said he will become a co-owner of the downtown restaurant and manage it when it opens.

Yaquinto currently sits on the Dearborn Downtown Development Authority, and sees great potential for Plymouth. In fact, with the right mix of retail and entertainment, Yaquinto sees Plymouth's future as being better than that of Royal Oak.

"The new restaurant and entertainment venues will be good for Plymouth, which currently has a lot of retail," he said. "The retailers might even see an increase in their business, which could result in them staying open later. The entire area will become more vibrant."



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HUBSCHMANN

Police protest: Attorney Rudy Serra (left) and Triangle Foundation Executive Director Jeffrey Montgomery rally in protest of law enforcement efforts to target gay men. The press conference was held Wednesday at 35th District Court in Plymouth.

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"The reason we are doing this at 35th District Court is because the state police have committed a massive amount of resources to these operations at several rest areas," said Jeffrey Montgomery, Triangle Foundation executive director. "One of the most active places they're arresting scores of people is the rest stop on I-275 (in Canton)."

Rudy Serra, an attorney and Triangle Foundation board member, said the group is hoping the Justice Department will determine there is a violation of rights, and seek an injunction to stop the operation on a statewide basis. He claims police officers pretend to be interested in private, non-paid sex, and arrest a gay person who responds favorably.

"It's not a crime to have a conversation in which you agree to get together, and yet people are being arrested for

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Jeffrey Montgomery
-Triangle Foundation

it," said Serra. "Dozens of people have been arrested for one reason, because a consenting, interested adult approached them and initiated a sexual conversation, and they responded with interest."

Montgomery said the rest stop on I-275 gets unwarranted coverage by the state police.

"There is not a problem at that rest stop," said Montgomery. "We have consistently tried to get copies of the so-called complaints by citizens

about sexual activity there. We have never been able to find any. Police make that claim to justify to the public why they are there."

"We're here to tell the public the (I-275) rest area is a perfectly safe place to go," added Montgomery. "Maybe we should start calling rest stops 'arrest' stops."

Montgomery looked at the trailers behind him, which temporarily house 35th District Court.

"There's quite a bit of money to be made by courts and municipalities from the fines they get from these operations," he said. "It's disgraceful that a class of people have been targeted to be the cash cows for a place that apparently needs to raise money for a new courthouse."

A state police spokesperson was unavailable for comment as of press time.

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One, two: Dance instructors Sharon Hoyer and Mark Garrett (top photo) demonstrate a step for those attending swing dance lessons at the Plymouth Community Arts Council last week. Couples are gearing up for the annual auction dinner/dance to be held Saturday, Feb. 13. Above, Hoyer gives some one-on-one instruction to Russ and Bonnie King of Plymouth. At right, several of the couples fall in line to swing with Hoyer.

'In the mood'

Couples take steps to swing the night away with PCAC

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If their feet aren't in the right place, at least their hearts are. About 80 swingers are getting "In the Mood" for the upcoming Plymouth Community Arts Council's annual dinner/dance fund-raiser by learning "basic six-count footwork" and other swanky moves.

The PCAC shindig at Fox Hills Country Club Feb. 13 features the nine-piece big band, The Couriers, which is known for its sounds of the '40s, '50s and newer swing music.

Some ticketholders are going full circle to prepare for the night.

The first of two lessons offered at the Sheldon Road arts council by dance instructors Sharon Hoyer and Mark Garrett of Livonia-based Broadway Bound Dance Academy occurred last Sunday.

"We're teaching them East Coast Swing ... they learned a couple of turns this week, and we'll teach them a couple more next week," said Hoyer.

The teaching of the turns came after mastering the basic six steps, she said. No one reported injuries.

"It was great fun," said Jennifer Tobin, arts council director and a swing enthusiast. "The husbands were great, especially with the wives who love to lead."

Tobin had planned to teach the swing class herself but saw Hoyer and Garrett teaching lessons at Boulder's on Ann Arbor Road. She asked the couple to help.

'In the mood' for tickets?

The annual PCAC dinner/dance fund-raiser begins 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13, at the Fox Hills Country Club. Tickets are \$55 per person and can be purchased by calling the PCAC at (734) 416-4278.

A swing renaissance has been sweeping area dance clubs, said Hoyer. "If you go to any of the area clubs, you see people of all ages, from 18 to 85," she said.

The annual PCAC dinner/dance fund-raiser begins 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13, at the Fox Hills Country Club. Tickets are still available.

"In The Mood," will begin with music and a silent auction featuring art items, jewelry, merchandise and services from local merchants. Vacation opportunities will also be available to keep the bidding interesting.

Following a gourmet meal, Marlin Art of New York will auction a variety of art work. All pieces are matted and framed. Various media will be featured, including original lithographs and etchings, woodcuts, silk-screen and posters.

The Couriers will take the stage following the auction. Hoyer and Garrett plan to be on the dance floor with the trainees.

Tickets for "In The Mood" are \$55 per person and can be purchased by calling the PCAC at (734) 416-4278.

Police obtain search warrant to rescue dognapped Labrador

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A 26-year-old Plymouth man received misdemeanor citations for stealing a Canton man's dog and obstructing justice Sunday.

According to police reports, the man was a guest of a 27-year-old Canton man at a party late Saturday evening. After a few hours, the township man asked him to leave because he was picking fights with other guests.

The Canton man asked him several times before he finally left. A short time after the Plymouth man's departure, he noticed his dog, a chocolate Labrador retriever, missing.

Reports said the Plymouth man called the Canton man in the early morning hours of Sunday demanding money for the dog's return. The victim then called police.

Canton officers contacted the Plymouth man. He first denied taking the dog, but later said he would cooperate, reports said.

Upon arriving at the Plymouth man's apartment, officers saw the 26-year-old carry the dog up a flight of stairs, reports said. He then refused to answer his door or phone calls from police dispatch.

Canton officers, who were assisted by city of Plymouth Police, then obtained a search warrant and entered the apartment. The Plymouth man told police he was "dog-sitting" for the Lab.

Police cited him for larceny and obstructing justice. The dog was returned to the Canton man unharmed.

Canton Officer Leonard Schemanske said it was a very unusual case. He said only one or two cases of "dognapping" are reported in the township each year.

The Plymouth man now faces a Feb. 26 hearing at 35th District Court in Plymouth.

Teen dies in accidental shooting

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The death of a 16-year-old Plymouth boy on South Harvey is being called a "tragic accident" by Plymouth police.

Ryan Brown was unloading a handgun when it accidentally went off striking him in the head and killing him instantly, according to police.

City police were called to the home north of Ann Arbor Road at 5:20 p.m. on a report of a gunshot. Brown's sister heard the shot while upstairs and returned to the first floor to find her brother dead.

Neighbors were returning home from work to find the street barricaded with police cars and an ambulance. "I heard they took someone out on a gurney and then the ambulance left slow without its lights on," said one neighbor, who requested anonymity.

The tenth-grader was home-schooled by his parents, Jeffrey and Victoria Brown. He also lived at the two-story house with his three sisters Molly, Jillian and Rachel. Brown attended grade school at St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church on Pennington after moving with his family to the Plymouth community in 1990 from Kalamazoo.

"It appears to be a tragic accidental shooting," said Detective Sgt. Ed Ochal. "It was not a suicide."

Visitation is 2-9 p.m. today at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth. Services are at 1 p.m. Friday at St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church with Rev. Peter Berg and Rev. Paul Schaefer officiating.

Brown is survived by his parents Jeffrey and Victoria Brown; three sisters Molly Jillian and Rachel; grandparents Raymond and Leola Douglas of Plymouth and Ronald and Joyce Brown of Arizona; and several aunts and uncles.

Memorials can be made to St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Staff writer Tony Bruscatto contributed to this report.

'The Sound of Music' premieres

The Plymouth Theatre Guild premieres its latest production, "The Sound of Music," at 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 19, at the Water Tower Theater in Northville.

Other performances are 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, and the weekends of Feb. 26-27, and March 5-6. A Sunday matinee is set for 6 p.m. Feb. 28.

Tickets for "The Sound of Music" are \$12 each when purchased at the door. Advanced tickets can be purchased for \$11 at the Penniman Deli, 820 Pennington in downtown Plymouth, at Gardenview's, 202 W. Main in Northville and at Evola Music, 7170 Haggerty North in Canton. Discounts for groups of 15 or more are available through the phone line at (248) 349-7110 or at the local ticket sellers. All tickets are general seating and nonrefundable.

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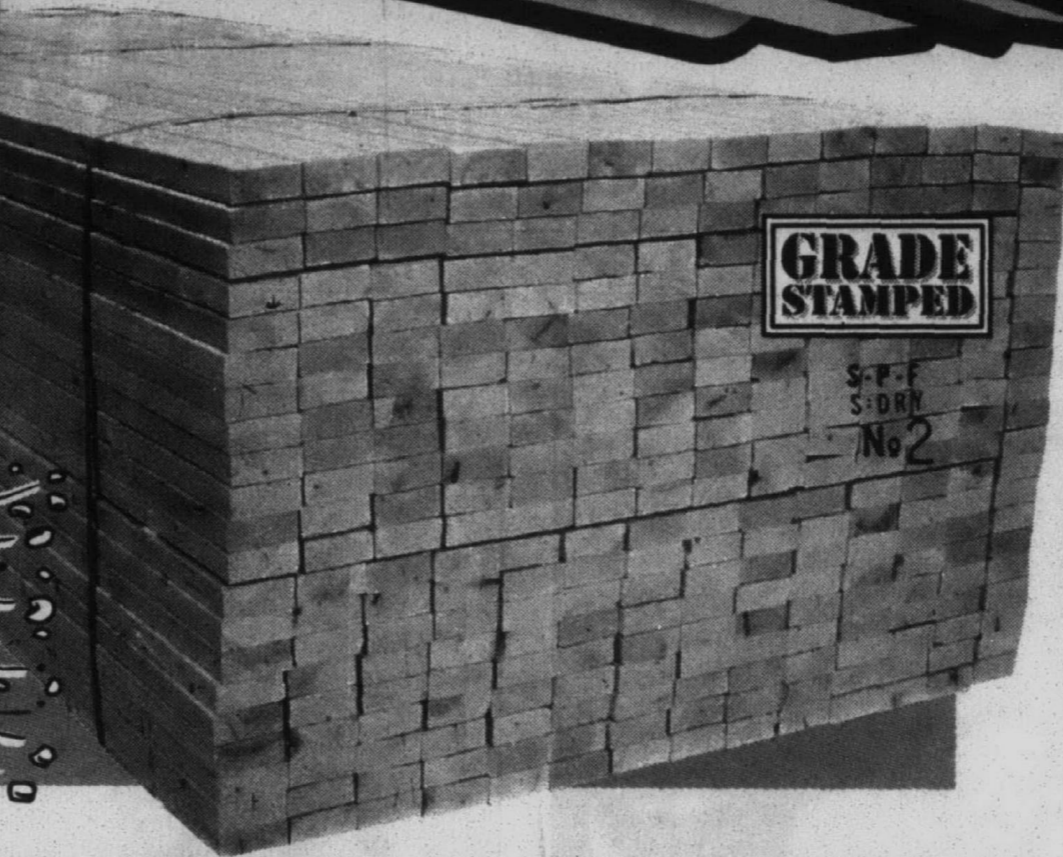
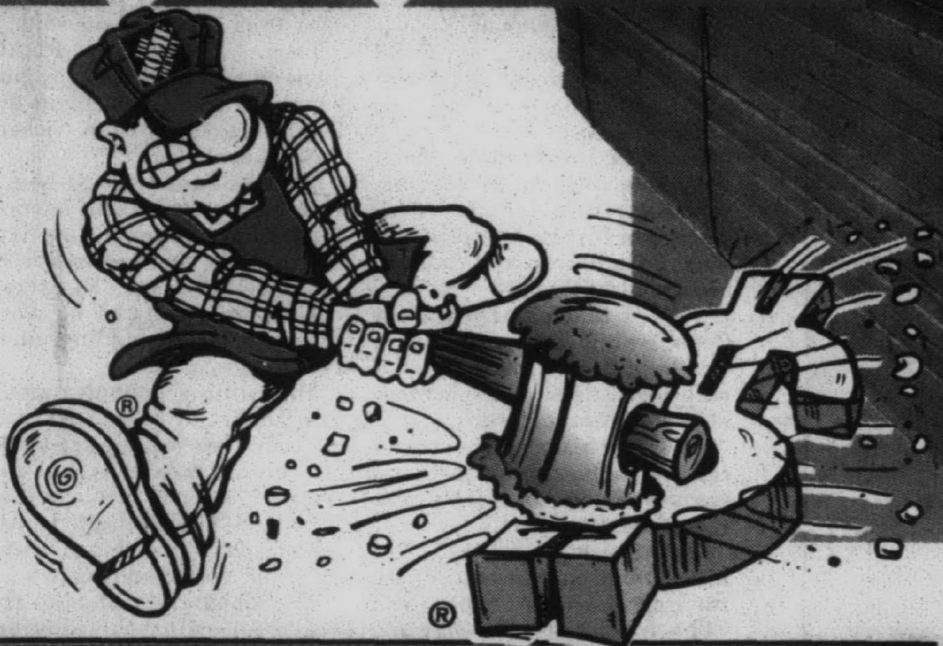
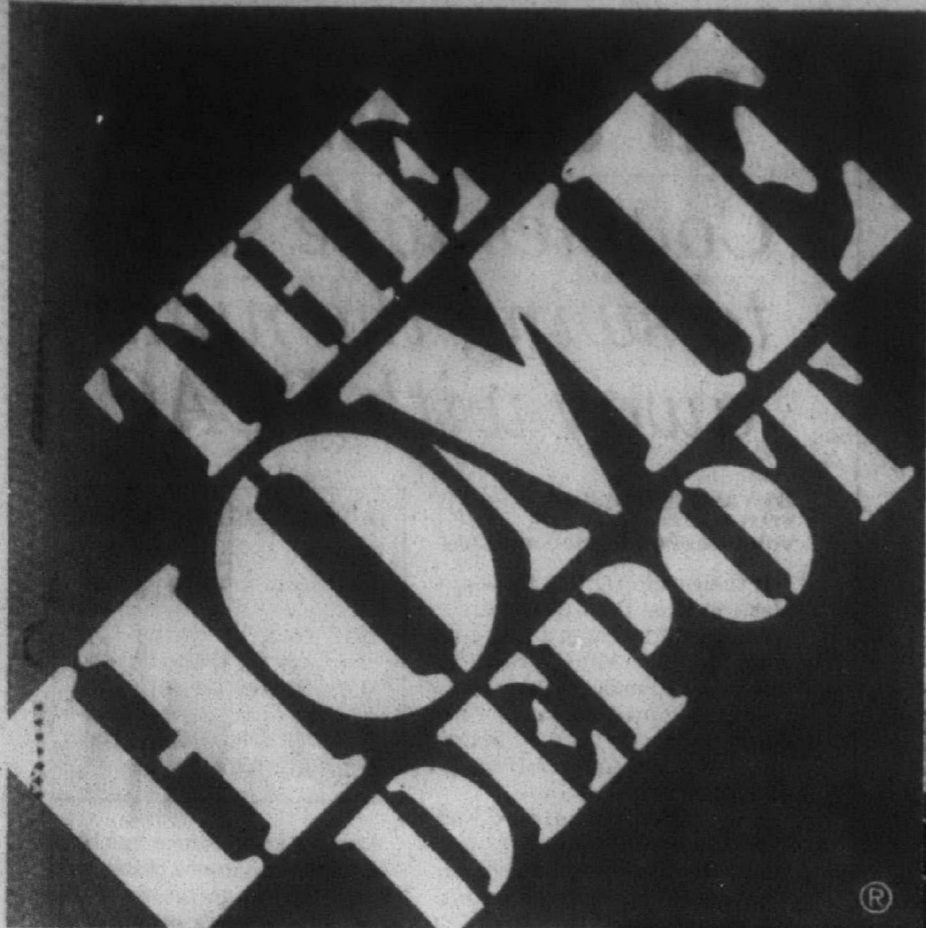
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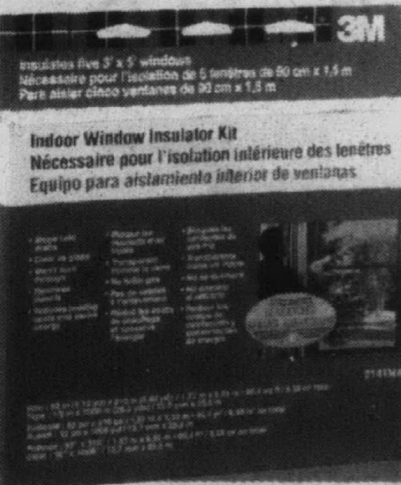
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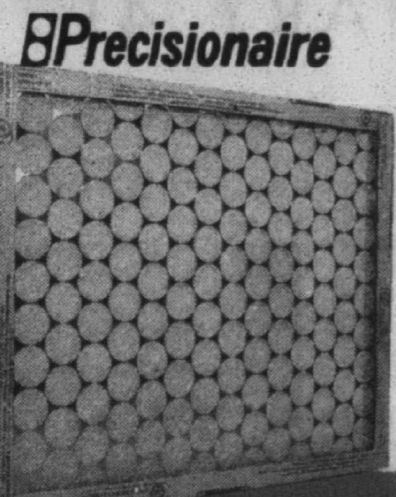
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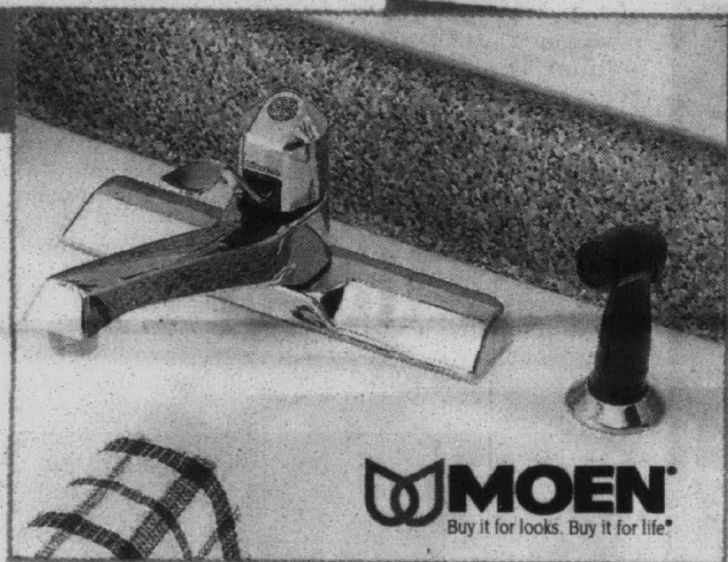
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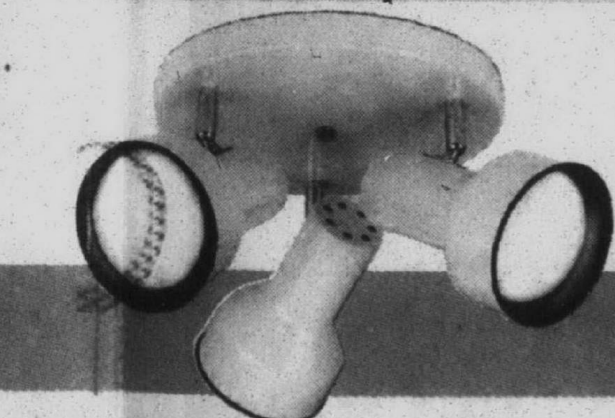
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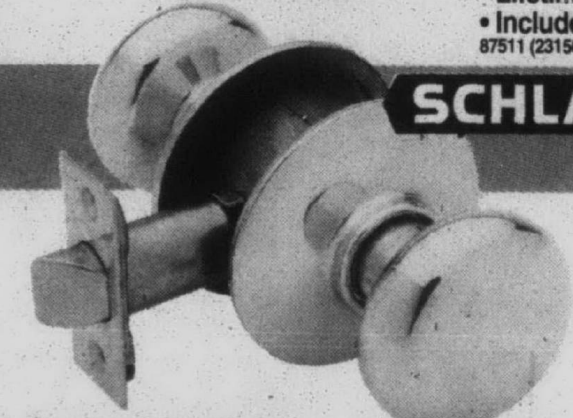
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fund, as well as build cash reserves for future capital improvement projects.

"We're looking at different bonding structures, and longer terms that will allow us the flexibility on how much we raise rates," added Sincok. "We have a responsibility to the citizenry to look at all the options and get the best deal we can."

Last month city commissioners voted overwhelmingly to increase water and sewer rates for the first time in 10 years, from \$3.71 per 1,000 gallons to \$6.65 per 1,000 gallons.

The rate hike, coupled with an increase in the service charge from \$2.84 to \$10 per quarter, would see the current average residential water bill jump from \$69.62 per quarter to \$129.70 per quarter.

The board also approved a \$1.5 million bond to be paid over five years to pay off the \$900,000 water and sewer fund deficit, with the remaining \$600,000 to

'We have to raise our dues because of that, and a lot of people are on fixed incomes.'

Linda Ruffino

-Willow Brook condominiums

be used for sewer improvements in the 1999-2000 fiscal year.

For seniors, like those at the Willow Brook condominiums, 86 percent is just too much.

"That's just tremendously high for us," said Linda Ruffino, another condo board member. "We have to raise our dues because of that, and a lot of people are on fixed incomes."

"We're trying to make the bite as comfortable as we can for the residents, but it's a pretty serious situation," said Commissioner Colleen Pobur. "We understand the residents' concern."

Sincok said a new rate struc-

ture will be ready for commission perusal by the Feb. 15 meeting. And he's hoping for better news.

"We'd like to see if we can refine the increase and get it into the 30 percent or less range," said Sincok. "The 86 percent is a worse case scenario."

Despite the abnormal increase in rates, Sincok said City Hall has received only a half-dozen complaints. However, he expects more once the March bills reach residents' homes.

Sincok said the city administration is also looking at the policy of paying cash for water and sewer capital improvement projects.

"In the last three years we've completed \$3.5 million in system improvements and have paid cash for those instead of financing them," he said. "Whether that's a smart thing, or bad thing, that's something we're struggling with now and looking at."



Teen fashion: Libby Birchmeier, 17, of Plymouth tries out for the 1999 Plymouth-Canton Schools Prom Fashion Show last week in the Canton cafeteria.

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and that means meshing all kinds of personalities to make it come together.

"I have to work with their personalities. I can't make a tomboy come out and be like a diva," she said.

Matt Compton said he "had the jitterbugs" when he first started his tryout.

The Prom Fashion Show has grown quite a bit since its inception 12 years ago.

"I was scared to death to walk out in tryouts, but once I got going it was easy," said Compton, 18, from Canton and a senior at Plymouth Canton. "I hadn't thought about modeling as a career, but if the opportunity presented itself I might pursue it."

The Prom Fashion Show has grown quite a bit since its inception 12 years ago. A simple walk down a runway has transpired into three clothes changes and three different sets.

"This has become a real event. We usually have about 500 people come and see the show," said Gerda Burnside, Salem High School's activity director. "We've gone from a few stores donating clothes to several that show the latest fashions, as well as formal wear. And, we create our own sets."

Burnside initiated the fashion show, borrowing the idea from other schools. She calls this her swan song, as she's retiring at the end of the school year.

"It's fun to watch the kids put on the show," she added. "For some, it's the highlight of their high school career."

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Town's other Oakland County properties.

"With the recent acquisitions of the Rochester Clarion, Holly Herald and Mirror Newspapers of Royal Oak, Birmingham, Clawson, Berkley and Ferndale, we've grown to over 361,000 circulation in Oakland County to become the dominant print media in that important arena," Aginian said. "We have also reorganized our HomeTown Newspapers subsidiary, bringing the Northville Record, Novi News, Milford Times and South Lyon Herald under the direction of publisher Grace Perry. Jeanne's appointment will give us the opportunity to market all these award-winning newspapers as a cohesive group."

Jim Jimmerson, O&E production manager and a 31-year vet-

eran of the newspaper business, will serve as interim publisher of the Observer newspapers, which include the Livonia, Farmington, Garden City, Canton, Plymouth, Redford and Westland Observers. He replaces Banks Dishmon, who recently resigned to accept the position of president of Mid-Michigan Newspapers based in Mount Pleasant.

"I am pleased that we have such outstanding talent available for promotion from within," Pope said in announcing the reorganization. "These changes will strengthen our company as we plan our strategic goals into the new millennium. Justin comes from a newspaper family who owned the Rochester Clarion prior to its purchase by our company; he was raised with printer's ink in his veins. Jeanne

Towar's long history of community involvement will enhance our presence in Birmingham," he added, "and Jim brings a wealth of knowledge to the Observer position. I look forward to the benefits of expanded contributions to our management team from all three of these dedicated staffers."

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Scholarship pie to be eaten up by tobacco settlement details

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What looks like a big pie for Michigan high school graduates may become a Pop Tart as details of Gov. John Engler's scholarship plan are unveiled.

Engler on Jan. 28 advocated offering students who pass their middle school and 11th-grade MEAP proficiency tests up to \$3,000 apiece to use at the public or private college of their choice.

"The Michigan Merit Award Trust Fund will be endowed by money from the recent tobacco settlement," he said. "Legislation creating the trust fund and scholarship will soon be before you," he told cheering representatives and senators.

He didn't say how many scholarships might be awarded or what the total annual cost would be. Some have calculated the annual cost at \$52.5 million; others at \$200 million.

But if students respond to the carrot, more students that ever will take the test and try to get proficiency scores, running up the cost.

How much will Michigan get? In his final weeks as attorney general in 1998, Frank Kelley provided some details of "the tobacco settlement" that show much of the money will go into anti-smoking campaigns.

Kelley said Michigan will get a total of \$8.178 billion over 25 years as "the tobacco companies pay for their damages and change the practices that have, in part, led to the deaths and injuries of millions of Michigan citizens over the decades."

That amounts to \$327 million a year, on average. It's the equivalent of one-fourth of what the Legislature appropriates for 15 state public universities - assuming it all goes into scholarships - if all of it went to scholarships.

But it won't all go into scholarships. Said Kelley:

"The settlement requires the industry each year for 10 years

to pay \$25 million to fund a charitable foundation which will support the study of programs to reduce teen smoking and substance abuse and the prevention of diseases associated with tobacco use."

That \$25 million is nationwide, not just in Michigan alone.

Kelley went on: "The settlement creates an industry-funded \$1.45 billion national public education fund for tobacco control."

Of course, the lawyers get a cut. "The settlement requires the industry to pay for outside attorneys hired by the states," said Kelley. It's unclear whether the attorneys' cut is in addition to or part of the \$8.178 billion total.

Kelley's numbers show the Michigan treasury receiving \$104 million for 1998, zero in 1999, then \$279 million in 2000, \$301 million in 2001, \$362 million in 2002, \$365 million in 2003 and \$305 million each year from 2004 to 2007.

From 2018 to 2024, Michigan will be paid \$348 million a year. By 2025, the total will be \$8.178 billion.

Payday each year will be April 15.

Engler proposed a trust fund, meaning that much of the early revenue will be invested, and the interest used to support the program.

Meanwhile, anti-tobacco groups such as the American Lung Association will argue that their efforts should absorb some of the money.

The settlement requires the tobacco companies "to open, at their expense, a Web site which includes all documents produced in state and other smoking and health-related lawsuits." The Web site must be "in a user friendly and searchable format," Kelley said.

The governor's budget is due Feb. 11. The Legislative Service Bureau, which drafts bills for lawmakers, has a backlog already.

State grants S'craft to help 22 firms with job training

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Schoolcraft College will receive slightly more than \$1 million in state Economic Development Job Training grants to assist 22 firms with job and computer training.

Schoolcraft College President Dick McDowell said the money helps with everything from training on equipment, supervisory training and consultation to outlining managerial tips and cash flow solutions for the companies.

"The money comes to us, we administer the grant, we pay the faculty and buy the supplies," McDowell said. "Most of these programs are in the plant with training and equipment they use."

A \$239,415 grant will fund training for a construction consortium of 12 firms, many of them electrical, general and mechanical contractors. Those firms are Angelo Iafate Construction of Warren; Canadian Machinery Movers, Livonia; City Electric, Troy; Dunn Electric, Ann Arbor; Guardian Electric, Ferndale; Henderson Electric, Detroit; Industrial Power System, Taylor; Kemco Electrical Contracting, Walled Lake; Mortz Bros. Corp., Farmington Hills; Post Electric, Novi; Robert Carter Co., Oak Park; and Shaw Electric of Livonia.

Other firms, their specialties and the grant amounts are: LucasVary of Livonia, a Tier 1 supplier for the auto-

motive industry with electromechanical products, \$152,226; Trico Products Corp. of Rochester Hills, which claims to be the only facility in the world dedicated exclusively to windshield wiper component and system technology, \$133,918; Ghafari Associates Inc. and G-Tech Services of Dearborn, architectural and automotive designers, \$123,291; and General Fasteners Co. of Livonia, distributors of fasteners and fastener-related hardware, \$106,674.

Firms also include Albert Kahn of Detroit, an architectural, engineering, planning and interior design firm, \$80,880; Ace Controls of Farmington, manufacturer of industrial shock absorbers,

air cylinders, flow controls, check valves and other deceleration devices, \$70,248; Link Engineering Co. of Plymouth, builder and designer of test equipment and testing services for springs, electric motors, brakes, friction materials, transmissions, axles, wheels and tires, \$69,362; E & E Manufacturing of Plymouth, manufacturer of heavy gage fasteners, progressive die metal stampings and assemblies, \$52,227; Commerce Industries of Wixom, stamping facility of sheet metal prototypes for the automotive industry, \$23,382; and Hella North America of Plymouth, Tier 1 supplier for automotive industry with electromechanical products, \$20,919.

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Special interest groups lobby for state change

The governor gets the media's and the Legislature's attention, but other groups in Lansing have their own versions of where state government should be going.

Here's a sampling:

Michigan Catholics

As public policy voice for the Catholic Church in Michigan, the Michigan Catholic Conference has a strong interest in money as well as theology. Besides opposing abortion, the death penalty and assisted suicide, MCC favors:

■ "Initiatives which will recognize parental rights" - the wording of groups favoring state vouchers and tax credits for private schools.

■ Federal aid to non-public schools and professional staff.

■ Battling "frivolous regulation or intrusive government intervention" in private schools.

■ Access to basic health care, pain management, hospice care and mental health systems.

■ "Distributive justice" in tax policies; continued opposition to "unfair burden of taxation upon church entities..."

Small Business

The Small Business Association of Michigan says its members "fear a state minimum wage hike, proposed by Democratic legislative leaders."

While the goal is worthy, SBAM said, "it's not fair that employers bear the burden of fighting poverty by having a government-mandated minimum wage hike enacted."

Charter schools

The Michigan Association of Public School Academies wants the 150 cap on charter schools lifted to satisfy "parent demand for choice."

Public school academies operate outside the control of local school districts with self-appointed boards and with charters from state universities.

Of the state's 138 operating PSAs, 75 are in the urban areas of Detroit, Flint, Lansing and Grand Rapids. "It's tragic that

thousands of parents have come to feel that winning a 'charter school lottery' and securing a seat for their child is more valuable than winning cash in the state lottery," said MAPSA President Dan Quisenberry.

Prospect

The Michigan Prospect for Renewed Citizenship "did not find much reason to be encouraged that public school academies are providing innovative teacher methods."

Its principal members are Olivia P. Maynard, former Democratic Party chair and twice its lieutenant governor candidate; former House Speaker Bobby Crim; and former Rep. Lynn Jondahl, also Democrats.

Besides finding that "innovation is a myth" in charter schools, Crim wrote that charter schools were seen as a method to design language and culture programs.

State Chamber

The Michigan Chamber of Commerce, which bills itself as "job providers," promised, "Any legislator who has a 75 percent or better voting record will automatically receive an earned endorsement for election in 2000." It will make its ratings in June or July of that year based on these issues:

■ Education - Allowing mayors to appoint school boards in big cities, removing the cap on PSAs, shifting school elections to August and November, and allowing more waivers on teacher accreditation.

■ Utilities - "a competitive market place for electricity," including recovery of stranded costs.

■ Environment - No barriers to, and incentives for, "brown-field redevelopment;" opposition to the Clinton Administration's Kyoto Protocol to reduce air emissions; support for watershed projects; open markets for solid waste disposal; hold the line on environmental fees.

■ Health - Removing health

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Schoolcraft profs to receive national excellence awards

Two Schoolcraft College teachers have been selected to receive 1999 National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development Excellence Awards.

Donald Morelock, professor of music, and William Schlick, assistant professor of computer information systems/electronics technology, will receive their awards at the NISOD conference May 23-26 in Austin, Texas.

Morelock is an ambassador for Schoolcraft and the arts, offering programs, events and competitions that bring more than 10,000 people to the campus each year. His yearly agenda includes free noon concerts, the Schoolcraft Piano Academy, which has grown to include 90 students; the annual Bach Festival; the Schoolcraft Honors Competition; the Piano Teachers Workshop; and student achievement testing by the Michigan Music Teachers Association, the Federation of Music Clubs and the National Piano Guild.

Morelock, co-director of the Russian Music Institute, takes piano students to study in Russia each summer, and presents a concert when they return. His piano students have gone on to

almost every major music school in the country.

Almost 100 music majors from Schoolcraft have been accepted at the University of Michigan Music School.

Morelock's students have been first-place winners in national competitions, placed fifth in the International Queen Elizabeth of Belgium Piano Competition and competed in the 1988 International Tchaikovsky Competition in Moscow. They have soloed with the Boston Symphony Orchestra, studied at the Moscow Conservatory and produced CDs.

"We need music now more than ever, because we live in such a technological world," Morelock said. "It's a great pleasure, sitting down at the piano and making music rather than turning on a CD. We need the aesthetic pleasure the arts give us."

Schlick, a Schoolcraft alumni, says his goal is to prepare students for technological innovations. To meet this goal, he has developed new classes that include a comprehensive course in computer networking, a Windows NT class, and an electron-

ics class on the Internet. He worked with the collegiate skills department to help students upgrade their skills for electronics classes and taught computer programming to metallurgy students so they could build and control an electronic furnace in 16 weeks.

Schlick said changing education is one of his goals, and he welcomes the challenge of doing something that has never been done. His students go into industry, and Schlick said he wants employers to call him the second day of a student's new job and tell him the student was productive the first day and needed no training to get up to speed. He said he sets up challenges for students they didn't know they would welcome, structures their studies so they strive for an A instead of a C, and helps them grow from being unsure they can handle the class to becoming national honors recipients.

He will co-host and be among the judges at the VICA Electronics Technology Competition Feb. 5 at Schoolcraft, which is a regional competition for high school vocational and community college technical students.

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care costs from the single business tax base; "a common sense standard" for stress claims in worker's comp cases; capping the unemployment insurance trust fund, now at more than \$2.2 billion; cooperative workforce development programs with schools.

■ Regulatory reform - "Overlapping and duplicative regula-

tions exercised by dozens or hundreds of cities, villages and townships will have a negative impact on economic activity, business retention and job growth." Local units should regulate only what the state doesn't.

■ Tax policy - cut the personal income tax to 3.9 percent; cut the state property tax on busi-

ness equipment, machinery and furnishing; cut the single business tax rate over five years from the current 2.3 percent to 1.8 percent; require a three-fifths vote of the Legislature to raise tax rates.

Compiled by staff writer Tim Richard from a mailbox of press releases.

Schoolcraft will honor special alumni

Schoolcraft College is seeking nominations for outstanding alumni who have made significant contributions to their profession, the community and the college.

The award winner will be honored at commencement exercises Saturday, May 8.

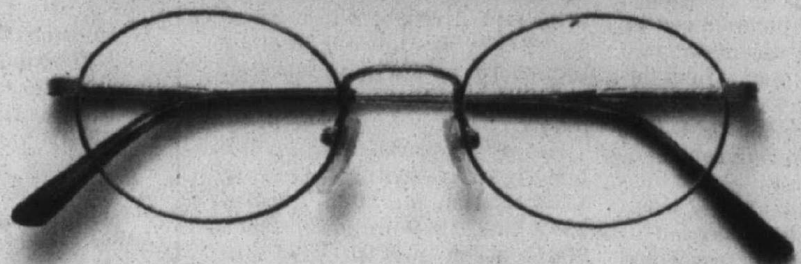
Nominees must have earned 30 credit hours at Schoolcraft, excelled in or achieved special distinction in civic affairs, a professional field or volunteerism and have contributed to Schoolcraft while a student or alumnus.

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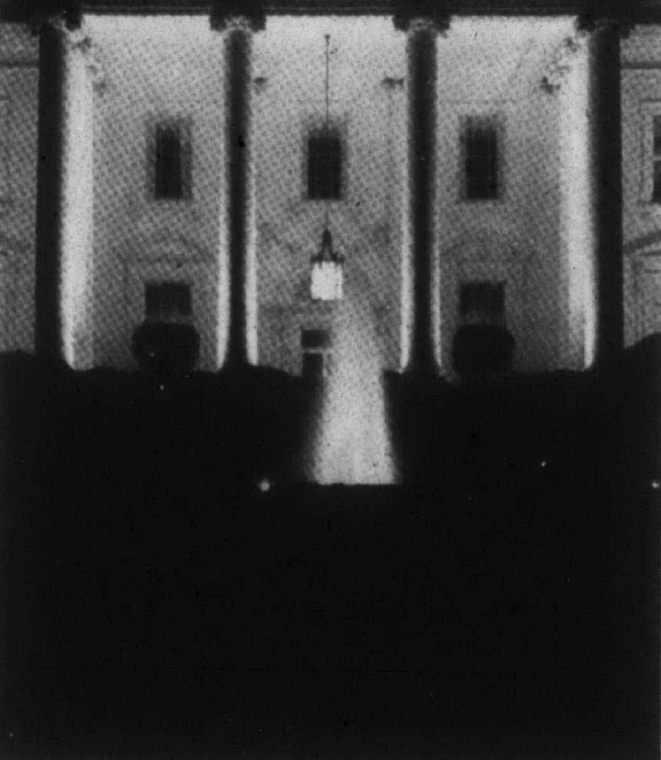
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Pay hikes

Local commissioners say county increases 'too much'

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
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When the state Senate decided not to act on a House resolution to reject pay raises for Gov. John Engler, state senators and House members, their salaries increased Monday.

They also set the table for Wayne County elected officials to receive the same increase as Engler — 18 percent over two years — unless county commissioners reject the pay raise on a two-thirds vote.

Commissioners may act on the pay hike today.

According to the county charter, the county executive receives 97 percent of the governor's salary. The prosecutor, sheriff, clerk, register of deeds and county commissioners, in turn, receive percentages based on the county executive's pay.

Those salaries are adjusted on Jan. 1 of each year that the governor is granted a salary adjustment, unless it is rejected by a two-thirds vote of the commission, which "vote shall be taken," according to the charter.

Unless commissioners reject the raise, Engler's pay hike means County Executive Edward McNamara will earn \$134,594 this year and \$146,707 in 2000, up from his 1998 salary of \$123,481. As of Monday, Engler receives \$138,757 annually and will be compensated \$151,245 in 2000.

County Prosecutor John O'Hair's salary would receive the same percentage pay hikes, to \$132,036 in 2000, as the prosecutor's salary is 90 percent of the county executive. Wayne County Clerk Teola Hunter, Register of Deeds Forest Youngblood, Sheriff Robert Ficano and Treasurer Raymond Wojtowicz would receive 75 percent of McNamara's salary, bringing those salaries to \$110,030 in 2000.

County commissioners would earn \$53,838 this year, and \$58,682 in 2000. Last year they earned a \$49,392 salary, adjusted to 40 percent of the county executive's salary.

Commission Chair Ricardo Solomon, D-Detroit, earns an additional \$12,000 more per year as the chairman, while Vice Chair Kay Beard, D-Westland, and Vice Chair Pro Tem Jewel Ware, D-Detroit earn \$6,000 more annually in their respective leadership positions.

Six commission committee chairs receive an additional \$4,000 a year.

County Executive Edward McNamara said if people averaged out pay raises over the past 10

years and accounted for years when state lawmakers and county elected officials did not receive pay hikes, increases for those officials would probably be less than what the general public receives.

"When you look at the salary we (the governor and McNamara) make, the job is probably worth twice that much, but I think either one of us would do it for about half of what we're paid, because we enjoy what we're doing."

Wayne County has a budget over \$1 billion and employs 6,000 people, McNamara said. "If you relate that to the private sector, the compensation for the CEO for a similar sized company would be high," McNamara said.

Engler still earns less than Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer despite leading a state of 10 million residents, McNamara said.

McNamara didn't seem too concerned about the public's perception of the pay raise. "Given the salary increases, the public may criticize the amounts, but you have to let it roll off your back."

Commissioner Lyn Banks, R-Livonia, called the increase "outrageous," and expected to vote against it. "I think that's a lot, I think that's a heluva lot."

Banks said she supported only one pay raise in her 13 years as a state legislator, and that was a 3.5 percent pay raise over two years. "But this (9 percent) increase is huge."

While she traditionally votes against the pay raise, Banks has grown accustomed to the public's general opposition to any increases.

"There's no way to compensate a politician with tax money that's fair to everyone," Banks said. Politicians are expected to do work for the public as public service, Banks said, and "it doesn't matter what we get paid, it's too much."

Commissioner Kathleen Husk, R-Redford, said the pay hike was too high and she would vote against it.

"It's way above inflation, and I'm not going to be supporting it," Husk said.

Husk had hoped to introduce a resolution opposing it, but decided not to, once she spoke with Solomon, and found she would not get the two-thirds opposition to it.

Husk said 2.5 percent pay hikes in recent years were more reasonable amounts. The commission salary of \$58,000 scheduled for next year probably falls higher than many of the households in her district, Husk said.

"For a middle-class family, it's a lot."

Commissioner John Sullivan, D-Wayne, said he would have to discuss the issue with other commissioners before rejecting the pay raise. Sullivan said he is "more than happy" with his current salary.

"I would be more than happy to reject the pay raise, but for me to deny a raise to the other commissioners who have been here for many years, I could not do that without talking to them first. I would need to look at it."

Beard and Solomon could not be reached for comment.



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Banks: Called the proposed increase 'outrageous.'



Husk: "It's way above inflation and I'm not supporting it."

Area woman puts liquor commission on a steady course

BY TIM RICHARD
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Things have been quiet at the state Liquor Control Commission since 1997 when Chairman Phil Arthurhultz paid back \$4,000 in improper travel and telephone reimbursements and resigned.

Chairing LCC is Jacquelyn A. Stewart, a familiar face in western Wayne and Oakland County politics and government. Stewart presides at hearings in Lansing and, since May of 1998, in an office building on Drake Road, south of Grand River Avenue, in Farmington.

"I had heard stories of \$80 million missing," Stewart said in a recent interview. "But in the audit, we came out real good."

Gov. John Engler had assigned Arthurhultz to privatize the warehousing of liquor, though the state still runs the business. A Treasury Department audit, requested by the agency, concluded: "We generally found that internal control procedures were proper and effective."

The audit said LCC should try to keep its inventory to a minimum and recommended some better paperwork. In general, Kathy Wilbur, director of the LCC's parent, the Department of Consumer and Industry Services, called the audit good and praised Stewart's work.

LCC was formed in 1933, at the end of Prohibition as a bipartisan, five-member agency. It oversees liquor distribution, licenses dealers, collects taxes on spirits, beer



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and wine, and enforces liquor laws.

Stewart had lunch at her desk as she was interviewed about her working career and asked for a civics lesson on LCC operations.

Q. Is your job full time? What do you do?

A. "Yes. There are five commissioners. Two are hearings commissioners — they hear all the liquor violations cases all over the state (sales to minors, sales to drunks, food stamp fraud).

"Then there are three administrative commission-

ers (including herself) who do the day-to-day operations. We sit on the appeal board to hear any licensee objecting to a penalty handed down by a hearing commissioner.

"We do appeals on Tuesday in Lansing, and we probably handle five to seven cases. Then we do appeals in Farmington, and today we had seven."

Q. Is the job easier now that Gov. Engler wants the state out of the wholesale liquor business?

A. "Let me clarify that. The state is not out of the wholesale business. What we're out of is warehousing and distribution. That has been turned over to the private sector.

"We place the order with the industry. The industry sends the product to the ADA (three authorized distribution agents — General Wine & Liquor Co. in Highland Park, NWS Michigan Inc. in Brownstown, and Trans-Con Co. in Bloomfield Hills).

"We've gone from 400 to 164 employees. We have a finance department (20), licensing division (45) and our enforcement division (70)."

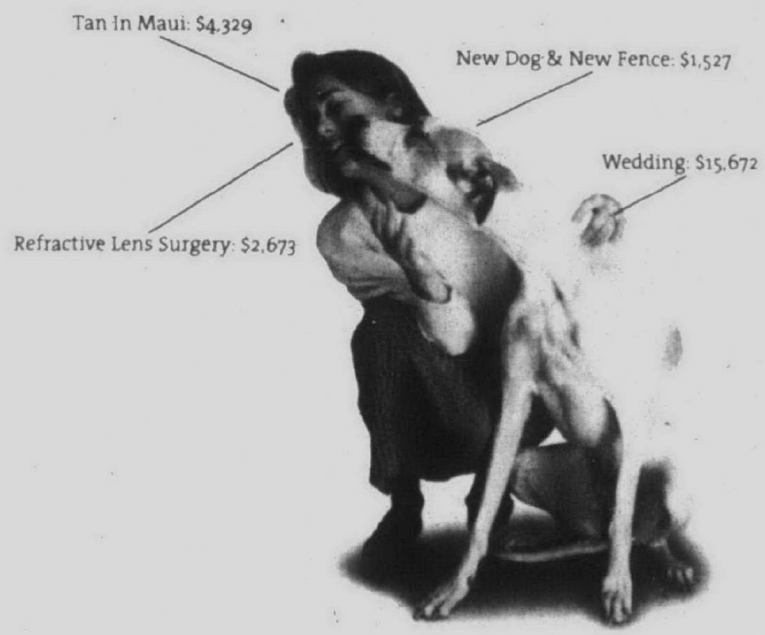
Q. How many licenses are there?

A. "We have 14,000 on-premise licenses (restaurants, hotels, bars) and off-premise, which are SDD and SDM (specially designated distributor and merchant), which are your party stores; we have 3,500."

Q. LCC commissioner was the first political job in 1946 of G. Mennen

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Chamber says thank you to its volunteers

BY VALERIE OLANDER
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About 100 members of the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce met Thursday morning for the annual State of the Chamber breakfast.

"The chamber does a lot and it only does a lot because of the people," chamber president Bill Pratt of General Business Services told the packed audience at Station 885.

One of the accomplishments include a traffic light expected to be constructed soon at Beck and Halyard at the Metro West Industrial Park, near M-14. The chamber's new industrial advisory committee worked with several government agencies to get the traffic light.

However, it is only one project in a list of many. The group of business leaders brings Santa Claus to Kellogg Park, sponsors a late night downtown shopping spree, known as Home for the Holidays, and the Shop Plymouth campaign, a discount card program.

The chamber's annual golf outing and auction are its primary fund-raisers, which allow the group to promote the Plymouth business community year-around.

Last year, the chamber's education committee initiated four informational seminars for its members on subjects such as "Remembering Names" and "Violence in the Workplace."

It also graduated 14 people from the Leadership Plymouth program and reinstated the Hall of Fame program in cooperation with the Evening Kiwanis Club. Winners are to be announced early next week.

The chamber recognized about 70 of its members and awarded with flowers its three-member, full-time staff - Executive Director Fran Toney, Sharon Holroyd, administrative assistant, and Michelle Karako, receptionist.

The focus for 1999 is two-fold, said Pratt - increase membership and increase participation. Currently, 580 members of the chamber represent 40 companies in the Plymouths, he said.

Those who received recognition plaques were:

Auction committee

Puttin' on the Ritz reservation committee: Margaret Slezak of People's State Bank, Cindy Drager of Sunshine Honda, Sandra Florek of Schoolcraft College, Kris Mayer of People's State Bank; Graphics/sign committee Sue Dillion, Chair of Graphic Visions, Inc., Marty Exline of Graphic Visions, Inc.

Sponsorship committee: Michael Kolb, chairman of Hines Park Lincoln Mercury; auctioneer Joseph D. Mouchelle & Melinda Adducci of Joseph Du Mouchelle Fine & Estate Jewellers; Master of ceremonies,

James Anulewicz of Plymouth Township, director of public services; accounting, Mike Mckenan, chairman of General Business Services.

Decorations committee: Michele Ruppall, chairman of DiverseyLever, Mary Kay Balluff of The Wellness Plan, Joyce Costanza of Station 885, Teri Fry of Schweitzer-Bake, Cece Hinske of Freudenberg, NOK, Kathleen Jacobs of Distinctive Kitchen and Bath Gallery, Sue Joiner of Trico Products, Maria Kanjuparamban of Barone Law Offices, Sharon Kay of Thermal Engineering, Kelly Schacht of Old Village Landscaper, Jennifer Schiller of Ann Arbor Cellular, Sylvia Vermeulen of Vermeulen Funeral Home, Kevin Nast of Primerica, Cindy Ash of Greg Ash Survivors.

Hospitality committee: Saundra Florek, co-chair of Schoolcraft College, Jeanne Knopf DeRoche, co-chair of The Knopf Company, Joe Barone of Barone Law Offices, Fred DeRoche of The Knopf Company, Robert Florek, Ronald Griffith of Schoolcraft College, Maria Kanjuparamban of Barone Law Offices, Ron Loiselle, Plymouth City Commissioner, Fran Loiselle of SC Security, Dave Varga of Varga Signs.

Productions committee: Steve Burger, state manager of Tri-Angle Publications Shopper Plus, Terry Peterson, director of Corporate Imaging, Inc., Roger



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMAN

In recognition: Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce President Bill Pratt of General Business Services presents Director Fran Toney with a rose at the State of the Chamber breakfast Thursday at Station 885. The chamber presented recognition plaques to volunteers who made successful its two largest fund-raisers - the auction and golf outing.

Ygeal, lighting/sound director of Performance Sound & Lighting.

Auction prize/donation committee: Bob Seestadt, chair of NBD Bank, Doristene Evans of NBD Bank, Anne Hopper of National City Bank, Kurt Kilby

of NBD Bank, Kay Linville of Dadco, Penny Partusch of Philip Greco Title Co., Sandy Spalding of First Federal, Phil Sugg of AWTEC USA, Inc., Lori Walker of Comerica

Prize packaging/purchasing committee members, Cece Hinske, chair, Nancy Bahr, Chris Finkelstein; Program committee, Dale West of Printing Plus, a service of Unisys Corporation.

Golf committee

Brian Mamo of Community Bank of Dearborn; Tom Willette, co-chair of City of Plymouth Parks & Recreation; Willried Nordhoff of Samsonmatic, Karen McDiarmid of Precision Color, Dave Siegrist, co-chair of CPA; Lee Zelek of Precision Color; Darwin Watts of Absopure Water, and Tom Nunez.

Golf prize committee members are: Joe Gruff of the U.S. Post Office, Jennifer Schiller of Ann Arbor Cellular, Nicole Scott of Dick Scott Dodge, Dave Siegrist of CPA, Michelle Lewis, co-chair of Quality Inn, Suzanne Hughes of Flagstar Bank, Paul Siebert of Dynamic Systems, Linda Namy of Sprint PCS, Nancy Boltik of Art & Elements, Debbie Kato, co-chair of Quality Inn,

Eileen Champine of Philip Greco Title Co., Betty Kraichak of Spit Fire, Inc., Julie Ashley of Meeting Objectives, Mike Kralchak of Spit Fire, Inc., Marion Miller of Auburn on Sheldon Road Bed n' Breakfast, Michael Potter of Manpower Temporary Agency, Suzanne Dufb of Air-touch Cellular, Kris Chernavage, co-chair of Suburban West Community Center.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be accepted until 10:00 a.m., February 18, 1999 at the following:

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

TERRY BENNETT, Clerk

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ADVERTISEMENT TO BID CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

Sealed bids will be received by the Charter Township of Canton Clerk's Office, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, MI 48188 until 10:00 a.m., Thursday, February 18, 1999, at which time the bids will be opened and publicly read aloud for the following:

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TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

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CITY OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that the City of Plymouth will accept sealed bids until 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 16, 1999 for the following:

Trophies Ice Skates

Landscape Maintenance (Mowing & Trimming Services)

Specifications and proposal forms are available at the office of the Purchasing Agent during regular office hours.

The City of Plymouth reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, in whole or in part, and to waive any irregularities.

CAROL STONE, Admin. Services Director

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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

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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 Foresite Design, Inc., 3269 Coolidge Highway, Berkeley, 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

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

February 11, 1999

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1999 AT 7:30 P.M. The meeting will be held in the First Floor Meeting Room in the Township Administration Building located at 1150 S. CANTON CENTER ROAD. The following Agenda will be discussed:

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Roll Call: Cisek, Demopoulos, Johnson, Redfern,

Acceptance of Agenda

- Martin Bierschbach of 814 Ridge Road, Canton MI 48187 is appealing Section 26.00 Schedule of Regulations for Side yard Setbacks. Requesting a variance for the side yard setback for the addition of a garage. Parcel #71-072-99-0005-706 (Building) (TABLED FROM October 8, 1998 ZBA).
- Metro-Detroit Signs of 23544 Hoover, Warren MI. 48089 is representing The Guitar Center at 39415 Ford Road, Canton MI. 48187. Appealing Sign Ordinance #120 Sec. 9, Article 9.1. They are requesting 4 Decorative Signs and 1 storefront sign to be allowed to stay on a permanent basis without a permit. Parcel # 049-99-0001-708 (Building).
- Imperial Sign Fabricators (Joe Russell) of 3077 Highland Pk Dr. Pickerington, OH 43147 is representing Lormax Stern/Office Depot 31500 Northwestern Hwy. Farmington Hills, MI 48334 248-737-7110 for property at 41660 Ford. Appealing Sign Ordinance 120 Section 2.11 and 9.4. Off-Premise Sign and Ground Sign. The new tenant is land locked and will have no visibility from Haggerty or Ford Rd. Parcel # 044-99-0017-707 (Building).
- Syed Aslam, 1180 Millbrook, Canton, MI 48188, appealing Zoning Ordinance Article 26 Sec. 26.02, Schedule of Regulations for Side yard Setback. The request is for a variance of 2' in order to build a house on Lot 6, Aziz Estates #2. Parcel # 096-05-0006-000 (Building).
- Mr. & Mrs. Robert Turnbull, 39775 Edmunton, Canton, MI 48187, appealing Zoning Ordinance Article 26.02, Schedule of Regulations for Front yard Setback. The request is for a variance of 4' in order to build 6' x 21' covered porch. Parcel #004-01-0261-000 (Building).
- Irving Canton LLC, 33481 W 14 Mile Rd. Ste. 100, Farmington Hills, MI 48331 appealing Zoning Ordinance Article 26.02 Schedule of Regulations regarding Rear yard Setbacks for property located at 2540 Pond View Court. Requesting a variance of 2-ft in order to re-locate a porch to the rear of the house. Parcel # 113-01-0005-000 (Building).

Approval of minutes of the regular meeting of January 14, 1999.

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

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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

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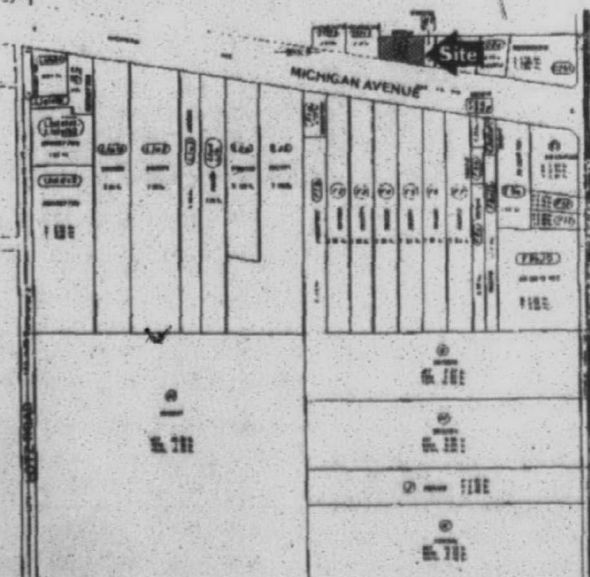
CANTON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, March 1, 1999 in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

MORRIS REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NO. 100 99 0001 000 FROM R-2, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL, TO C-3, REGIONAL COMMERCIAL. Property is located on the north side of Michigan Avenue between Hannan and Lotz Roads. (This request has been amended by the petitioner, and rescheduled from February 1, 1999.)

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



VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

Publish: February 4 and 18, 1999

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CITY OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REQUEST FOR INDUSTRIAL EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE

Notice is hereby given that the Plymouth City Commission will hold a hearing on a request for issuance of an Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption (IFT) Certificate at its regular meeting on Tuesday, February 16, 1999. The public is invited to provide comments or other information on this request, either in writing or in person, at this hearing.

The request is from Tenneco Packaging of America, the tenant for the industrial building located at 936 Sheldon Road, Plymouth, Michigan:

Tenneco Packaging of America, 936 Sheldon Road

TAX ID No. 49-005-02-0006-001: Lots 6 to 15 inclusive except the west part thereof measuring 18.2 feet on the south line of Lot 6 and 29 feet on the north line of Lot 15, also adjacent vacant alley, also Lots 16 to 21 inclusive, also the west one-half of the adjacent vacant street, Auburn Addition to Plymouth Heights, T1SR8E L31 P58 WCR.

The certificate would allow tax abatement on modifications to the existing facility by addition of equipment. The cost of the Personal Property project is estimated to be \$1,473,534. The Certificate would result in an abatement of one-half (1/2) of the property taxes which would be levied, for a period of twelve (12) years.

This notice is given pursuant to the Plant Rehabilitation and Industrial Development Districts Act (P.A. 1974, No. 198, as amended - MCLA 207.551 et. Seq.), which provides that the legislative body of each taxing unit which levies ad valorem property taxes in the City of Plymouth shall be notified of a request for issuance of an IFT Certificate, and shall be given an opportunity for a hearing before the City takes action on the request.

LINDA J. LANGMESSER, CMC/AE
City Clerk

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Williams (later governor and Supreme Court justice) and the last political job of former Senate majority floor leader Phil Arthurhultz. Is LCC a good jumping off spot for politics?

A. "Years ago, when we had 100 state stores, they were all over the state. I imagine if you were a good chair and your employees liked you, they could help you. I've heard stories that Williams did use the position as a catalyst to become governor."

"I don't plan on running for governor."

Q. How do you get this kind of a job?

A. "I had a law enforcement background. I've done a lot of work in the political arena. I worked for (then-Oakland Prosecutor) Brooks Patterson for 16 years. And I worked with Congressman Jack McDonald. I worked long and hard in the field for the Republican Party."

(Stewart attended Henry Ford Community College in 1963, studying political science. After a run for the Legislature in 1970, Stewart worked for 19th District U.S. Rep. McDonald, "a friend of the family," in 1972, coordinated Patterson's campaigns for prosecutor in 1972

and 1982, and handled a number of party posts, including the Republican National Committee and housing director for the Michigan delegation at New Orleans in 1988.)

"When Brooks called me (after the 1972 election) and wanted me to come to work for him, I said, 'Brooks, I'm not an attorney. I'm not a secretary. I have no clue what I could do there.'"

"Well, he said he wanted to hire me as an investigator because he had a lot of projects he wanted to research, like welfare fraud and bad check policies."

"He said, 'Hey, in six months if it doesn't work you can leave, and if I don't think you're working I'll tell you, and you can leave.' Sixteen years later, I was still working for him."

(In 1978, she graduated from Oakland Community College's law enforcement academy, and in 1980, she married Huntington Woods Police Chief Jim Stewart, later a U.S. marshal. He's now retired. They live in Farmington Hills.)

(The LCC must be bipartisan. Stewart was appointed in 1989 by Democratic Gov. James Blanchard and reappointed by Republican Gov. John Engler for

four-year terms.)

Q. As chair of the Liquor Control Commission, you're under the Department of Consumer and Industry Affairs. This is a regulatory and business job, right?

A. "Correct. We're a business and operate as a business. We netted, last fiscal year, \$96.5 million, after all expenses. We took in \$589 million. That's just spirits, not beer and wine. We're like a Fortune 500 company."

Q. Any changes you'd like to see in the next Engler four-year term?

A. "We're looking to change 53 rules to streamline our licensing process to make it more user-friendly. Many are archaic and conflict with cities. We want to streamline that so when people do apply for a liquor license, it's not going to take eight to nine months."

"We are doing decoy operations. Last year, we did 3,100. The commission alone did that. Statewide, about a third of the people where we made stops did sell alcohol to a minor. And a little over 50 percent asked for identification and still sold to them."

"We want to impress not only licensees but their employees

that they have to be more diligent."

Q. You must have been reading the cases of young people killing themselves or getting raped under the influence. We seem to be getting more campus binge cases.

A. "Absolutely. I think it's going to take education. The commission can only enforce its liquor laws on licensees. We can suspend, we can fine, we can revoke their license."

"When you get into the college campuses, the commission has no authority there. That's for the local prosecutor and law enforcement people. But the highway safety people and community health people are putting together programs to make young people aware of the dangers of over-consuming."

Q. Are there political restrictions against having a liquor license?

A. "I think (State Rep.) Keith Stallworth had a license; he just sold his. There was a prohibition on a police officer having a liquor license in the jurisdiction where he works."

"An applicant wanting a license fills out an application which is investigated very thor-

oughly. I think it was Mayor (Donald) Fracassi of Southfield who held a license, and they said he couldn't, so he took the commission to court, and he won."

Q. There's a lot of population movement within the state. Detroit has lost half its population, Flint one-third... Is there a lot of shuffling of liquor licenses from losing areas to areas that are gaining?

A. "Detroit, because of what you said, has about 160 licenses that are over quota. (Quotas are based on population; LCC doesn't lift licenses when a city is over quota.) But if these licensees go out of business, they're allowed to put that license in escrow for a year."

"Last year, the Legislature passed a law that allows all liquor licenses within a county's jurisdiction to be transferred if the local governing unit will

accept the transfer. For example, if I wanted a license in Farmington Hills and there were no local licenses available but Pontiac had one, if the city council of Farmington Hills agreed, a Class C (on premises) license could be transferred."

"So we're looking at all those escrowed licenses, extending them a year so they can try to sell them. Then we will be looking at doing away with them."

Q. There has been a trend in the Engler administration to de-regulate, have fewer inspectors. How does this play out in the LCC?

A. "On the contrary, the governor was responsible for getting us \$700,000 more for additional investigators and (an assistant) attorney general to do decoy operations. He has been very pro-enforcement when it comes to sales to minors."

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BOARD PROCEEDINGS

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, January 26, 1999 at 1150 South Canton Center Road. At 6:30 p.m. a reception was held for Canton employees with twenty, twenty-five of thirty years of service. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Bennett, Burdziak, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Shefferly, Yack
Members Absent: None
Staff Present: Durack, Machnik, Minghine, Santomauro, Ager, Antieau, Crape, Drews, Gordon, Gouin, Kerr, Laird, LeBlanc, Lenaghan, MacDiarmid, Roderick, Rorabacher, Salla, Sharp, Stevens, Tanner Teramino, Wilson, Winkler, Voyles

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to adopt the agenda as presented. Ayes all.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve the Minutes January 12, 1999. Ayes all.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by McLaughlin, to pay the bills. Ayes all.

Expenditure Recap

Table with 3 columns: Fund Name, Amount, Total. Includes General Fund, Fire Fund, Police Fund, Community Center Fund, Golf Course Fund, Street Lighting Fund, Cable TV Fund, etc.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to adopt the resolutions recognizing Banks Dishmon, William Keppen; and to recognize Joseph Teramino for 30-years of dedicated service to Canton, Daniel Antieau, Robin Crape, Marvin Drews, Michael Gouin, William Laird, Davey LeBlanc, William Lenaghan, John MacDiarmid, Bruce Roderick, George Sharp, Gordon Steven, Eddie Tanner and Kenneth Winkler for their 20-years of dedicated service to the Canton Community. Ayes all.

PUBLIC HEARING

CONSIDER TAX ABATEMENT FOR GREENFIELD DIE AND MANUFACTURING

Supervisor Yack declared the public hearing open at 7:20 P.M. Mr. Yack asked for comments from the audience. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to close the public hearing at 7:23 P.M. Ayes all.

RESOLUTION APPROVING APPLICATION OF GREENFIELD DIE AND MANUFACTURING CORPORATION INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE FOR REAL & PERSONAL PROPERTY

WHEREAS, pursuant to P.A. 198 of 1974, M.C.L. 207.551 et seq., after a duly noticed public hearing held on May 3, 1983, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton by resolution established the Northeast Canton Industrial Development District; and WHEREAS, Greenfield Die & Manufacturing Corporation has filed an application for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate with respect to a new facility to be acquired and installed within the Northeast Canton Industrial Development District; and WHEREAS, before acting on said application the Charter Township of Canton held a public hearing on January 26, 1999 at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, at 7 p.m., at which hearing the applicant, the Assessor and a representative of the affected taxing units were given written notice and were afforded an opportunity to be heard on said application; and WHEREAS, construction of the facility and installation of new machinery and equipment had not begun earlier than six months before December 10, 1998, the date of acceptance of the application for the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate; and WHEREAS, completion of the new facility is calculated to and will at the time of issuance of the certificate have the reasonable likelihood to retain, create or prevent the loss of employment in Canton Township; and WHEREAS, the aggregate SEV of real and personal property exempt from ad valorem taxes within the Charter Township of Canton, after granting this certificate will not exceed 5% of an amount equal to the sum of the SEV of the unit, plus the SEV of personal and real property thus exempted.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton that:

- 1. The Canton Board of Trustees finds and determines that the granting of the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate considered together with the aggregate amount of certificates previously granted and currently in force under Act No. 198 of the Public Acts of 1974 and Act No. 255 of the Public Acts of 1978, shall not have the effect of substantially impeding the operation of Canton Township, or impairing the financial soundness of a taxing unit which levies ad valorem property taxes in Canton Township.
2. The application of Greenfield Die & Manufacturing Corporation for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate with respect to a new facility to be acquired and installed on the following parcel of real property situated within the Northeast Canton Industrial Development District, to wit:
A parcel of land being that part of the Northeast 1/4 of section 2, T.2S., R.8E., Canton Township, Wayne County, Michigan, commonly identified as Lot 18, also the West 265 feet of Lot 19, Canton Industrial Park Subdivision No. W, recorded in Liber 100, pages 96, 97; Wayne County Records. Containing 3.556 acres. Parcel no. 005 02 0018 300.
be, and the same is hereby approved.
3. The Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate when issued shall be and remain in force and effect for a period of 8-years, expiring December 30, 2007.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to approve the following budget amendment in the General Fund to establish the Canton Softball Center budget for 1999:

Table with 3 columns: Item, Amount, Total. Includes Increase (Decrease) Revenues: Athletic & Admission Fees, Softball Center Operations, CSC Food Service Contract, etc.

This budget amendment establishes the Canton Softball Center Division budget at \$792,828, decreases the Recreation Division budget from \$1,054,310 to \$737,810, and increases the General Fund budget from \$13,075,369 to \$13,551,697. Ayes All.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, that the request from LaShish Inc. for a new full year Class C license to be located at 1699 North Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48187, Canton Township, Wayne County be considered for APPROVAL "ABOVE ALL OTHERS." It is the consensus of this legislative body that the application be RECOMMENDED for issuance. Ayes all.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to set the public hearing for Whispering Meadows Subdivision Street Lighting Special Assessment District for February 23, 1999. Ayes all.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to approve the following budget amendment in the General Fund for the lease and operation of street and drain cleaning equipment for the storm water management program:

Table with 3 columns: Item, Amount, Total. Includes Increase Revenues: Appropriation from Fund Balance, Increase Appropriations: Storm Water Management Program, Equipment Rental - Storm Water Mgt.

This budget amendment increases the Drain Department budget from \$110,000 to \$270,000 and the General Fund budget from \$13,551,697 to \$13,711,697. Ayes all.

GENERAL CALENDAR

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to adopt the resolution approving the preliminary planned development district for the Links West PDD. Ayes all.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to adopt the resolution establishing a speculative building status for T.L. Properties LLC, (8580 N. Haggerty Road). Ayes all.

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A SPECULATIVE BUILDING TGL PROPERTIES, LLC (8580 N. Haggerty Road) FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE FOR REAL & PERSONAL PROPERTY

WHEREAS, pursuant to P.A. 198 of 1974 M.C.L. 207.551 et seq., after a duly noticed public hearing held on May 3, 1983, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton by resolution established the Northeast Canton Industrial Development District; and

WHEREAS, TGL Properties, LLC, property owner of 8580 N. Haggerty Road, has filed a request to establish the building as a speculative building as described in the attached Exhibit A to be installed within the Canton Business Center Industrial Development District; and

WHEREAS, before acting on said request, the Charter Township of Canton obtained statements from the applicant and the Assessor verifying that no one has occupied this building prior to this request.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton that the request from TGL Properties, LLC, to establish the building located at 8580 N. Haggerty Road as a Speculative Building for purposes of qualifying for future applications for Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificates for qualified businesses to be located within the Canton Business Center Industrial Development District to wit:

Part of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 1, T.2S., R.8E., Canton Township, Wayne County, Michigan, more particularly described as beginning at a point distant South 89 degrees 08 minutes 30 seconds East, 1689.95 feet along the North line of said Section 1 and South 00 Degrees 56 minutes 29 seconds West, 400.05 feet and along a curve to the right, radius of 5789.58 feet, central angle 00 degrees 59 minutes 21 seconds West, an arc distance of 99.95 feet, chord bearing South 01 degrees 26 minutes 10 seconds West, 99.95 feet and continuing along said curve to the right, radius of 5789.58 feet, central angle of 02 degrees 47 minutes 01 seconds, an arc distance of 281.28 feet, chord bearing South 03 degrees 18 minutes 30 seconds West, 281.26 feet from the Northwest corner of said Section 1, and proceeding thence South 89 degrees 08 minutes 30 seconds East, 325.10 feet; thence South 00 degrees 32 minutes 16 seconds West, 259.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees 08 minutes 30 seconds West, 349.86 feet; thence along the easterly right of way line of re-routed Haggerty Road, along a curve to the left, radius 5789.58 feet, a central angle of 02 degrees 34 minutes 25 seconds, an arc distance of 260.06 feet, chord bearing north 06 degrees 00 minutes 07 seconds East, 260.04 feet to the Point of Beginning. Containing 2.00 acres and subject to easements of record. Part of parcel no. 002 99 0001 707.

be and hereby is established as a Speculative Building pursuant to the provision of Act 198 of the Public Acts of 1974, as amended.

MOTION: Bennett

SUPPORT: Kirchgatter

AYES: Bennett, Burdziak, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Shefferly, Yack

NAYS: None

DATE: January 26, 1999

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED Terry G. Bennett, Clerk Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, at a Regular meeting held on the 26th day of January, 1999, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to approve a one year extension of the Janitorial Contract with CleanNet USA for \$63,660 for the Summit on the Park Community Center and \$41,820 for the Administration, Cherry Hill School, DPW, and Grounds Maintenance buildings. Ayes all.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve the contract between Canton Township and the Canton Police Captain's Union to run from January 1, 1999 through December 31, 2001. Ayes all.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak, to approve authorization of Downtown Development Authority bonds for funding construction intersection improvements at Ford and Lilley and at Ford and Sheldon pursuant to the attached resolution. Ayes all.

DECLARING PROJECTED TAX INCREMENT REVENUES OF THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

Minutes of a special meeting of the Board of the Downtown Development Authority of the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, on the 20th day of January 1999, at 8 o'clock p.m., Eastern Standard Time.

PRESENT: Tom Gerou, Greg Greene, Dave Griffin, Jim Horen, Tom Yack, Ralph Shufeldt, Penny Klei and Melissa McLaughlin

ABSENT: Catherine Foege, Hazen Hiller and Dave Khoury

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member Tom Yack and supported by Member Greg Greene: WHEREAS, the Board of the Downtown Development Authority of the Charter Township of Canton (the "DDA") pursuant to Act 197, Public Acts of Michigan, 1975, as amended (the "Act"), and pursuant to the provisions of the Development Plan and Tax Increment Financing Plan of the DDA approved by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton (the "Township") (the "Plan"), has determined that it is necessary and expedient to acquire, construct, furnish and equip certain improvements in the Development Area described in the Plan (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, in order to obtain the lowest financing cost for the Project, it is necessary that the Township issue its limited tax general obligation bonds pursuant to Section 16 of the Act; and

WHEREAS, the DDA is required to provide to the Township Board a statement of the anticipated tax increment revenues for the period during which moneys must be set aside for the repayment of the Township's not to exceed One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000) 1999 Downtown Development Bonds (General Obligation Limited Tax) (the "Bonds") which the Township is requested to issue on behalf of the DDA to finance the Project.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. The DDA hereby requests the Township to issue the Bonds in an amount not to exceed One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000), pursuant to Section 16 of the Act and the DDA hereby agrees to pay to the Township from tax increment revenues received by the DDA the amounts necessary to pay principal of and interest on the Bonds as they come due; provided, however, that to the extent the Township Board determines that it is in the best interest of the Township to redeem all or any portion of the Bonds prior to maturity the DDA may, but shall not be required to, prepay its obligations authorized herein. In the event the funds of the DDA are insufficient to pay the principal of and interest on any Bonds as they become due, and the Township pays such sums from its own funds, the DDA agrees to reimburse the Township in whole for such payments from funds of the DDA as the same are received. The DDA further agrees to reimburse the Township in whole any costs of the Project not financed from the proceeds of the Bonds, including, if necessary, the costs of issuance of the Bonds, and any publication costs or other costs incurred by the Township associated with the design and acquisition of the Project to the extent that there are available tax increment revenues. Title to the Project shall remain with the Township.
2. The DDA hereby acknowledges that the Township will issue its Bonds in reliance upon the agreement and promise of the DDA to pay to the Township all of its available tax increment revenues up to the amounts necessary to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds.
3. The DDA hereby certifies to the Township that the estimated tax increment revenues shown on Exhibit A attached hereto are the DDA's best good faith estimate of said revenues.
4. The DDA hereby covenants to take all action within its control, to the extent permitted by law, necessary to maintain the exclusion of the interest on the Bonds from gross income for federal income tax purposes under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), including but not limited to, actions relating to the rebate of arbitrage earnings and the expenditure and investment of proceeds of the Bonds and moneys deemed to be proceeds of the Bonds.
5. The Secretary of the DDA is directed to deliver a certified copy of this resolution to the Township Clerk.
6. The Secretary or Chairman of the DDA is hereby directed, to file for an exemption from prior approval, or for an order of approval, with the Michigan Department of Treasury - Municipal Finance Division and request any waivers, if necessary.
7. Each of the officers of the DDA is hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver such documents, instruments and certificates necessary for the issuance and delivery of the Bonds.
8. If applicable, the DDA covenants to comply with Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 15c-12 and hereby authorizes the Finance Director of the Township to provide the necessary undertakings. All resolutions and parts of resolution in conflict with the provisions of this resolution are hereby repealed or amended to the extent of such conflict.

AYES: Gerou, Greene, Griffin, Horen, Yack, Shufeldt, Klei, McLaughlin

NAYS: None

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of the Downtown Development Authority of the Charter Township of Canton County of Wayne, State of Michigan, at a special meeting held on January 20, 1999, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act. Dave Griffin, Secretary

Charter Township of Canton County of Wayne, State of Michigan Resolution Authorizing 1999 Downtown Development Bonds

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton County of Wayne, State of Michigan held on January 26, 1999 at 7 o'clock p.m., Eastern Standard Time.

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

ABSENT: Members None

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to ordinances previously adopted (collectively the "Ordinances"), this Township Board has approved a tax increment finance and development plan and certain amendments thereto (said plan including the amendments thereto hereinafter referred to as the "Plan") for the Downtown Development Area ("Development Area") as proposed by the Downtown Development Authority of the Charter Township of Canton (the "DDA") pursuant to Act 197, Public Acts of Michigan, 1975, as amended (the "Act"); and

WHEREAS, this Township Board determines that it is necessary and appropriate at this time to issue a series of limited tax general obligation bonds pursuant to Section 16 of the Act to finance a portion of the costs within the Development Area for certain public improvements in the Development Area (the "Project");

AND WHEREAS, it is the determination of the Township Board that at this time limited tax general obligation bonds in the principal amount of not to exceed One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000) should be issued for the purpose of paying part of the project costs of the Project.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- 1. The DDA has estimated in the Plan that the estimated tax increment revenue of the Development Area, commencing with the year beginning January 1999, will be as shown on Exhibit A attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof, which estimate is hereby approved and adopted by this Township Board.
2. Bonds of the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan (the "Township"), designated 1999 DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT BONDS (GENERAL OBLIGATION LIMITED TAX) (the "Bonds") are authorized to be issued in the aggregate principal sum of One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000) for the purpose of paying part of the costs of the Project, including and the costs incidental to the issuance, sale and delivery of the Bonds. The issue shall consist of Bonds in fully-registered form of the denomination of \$5,000, or multiples thereof not exceeding for each maturity the maximum principal amount of that maturity, numbered in order of registration, dated as of April 1, 1999, or such later date as this Board shall determine in the resolution approving the sale of the Bonds. The Bonds shall bear interest, mature, and be payable at the times and in the manner set forth in Sections 7 and 8 hereof.

The Bonds shall be subject to redemption at the times and prices set forth in Sections 7 and 8 hereof. Interest shall be payable to the registered owner of record as of the 15th day of the month preceding each interest payment date. The record date of determination of registered owner for purposes of payment of interest as provided in this paragraph may be changed by the Township to conform to market practice in the future. Interest shall be payable by check or draft drawn on the Transfer Agent (as hereinafter defined) mailed to the registered owner at the registered address, as shown on the registration books of the Township maintained by the Transfer Agent. The principal of the Bonds shall be payable upon presentation and surrender to the Transfer Agent.

A bank or trust company located in Michigan and qualified to act as bond registrar, paying agent and transfer agent shall be appointed to serve as bond registrar, paying agent and transfer agent (the "Transfer Agent") for this issue. The Township Treasurer is hereby authorized to select and appoint the Transfer Agent. The Township Treasurer is hereby authorized to execute one or more agreements with the Transfer Agent on behalf of the Township. The Township Clerk is hereby authorized to insert the name of the Transfer Agent in the form of notice of sale set forth in Section 8 hereof before publication. The Township reserves the right to replace the Transfer Agent at any time upon written notice to the registered owners of record of the Bonds not less than sixty (60) days prior to an interest payment date.

The Bonds may be issued in book-entry-only form through the Depository Trust Company in New York, New York ("DTC"). So long as the bonds are in the book-entry-only form, the Paying Agent shall comply with the terms of the Letter of Representations to be entered into among the Township, the Paying Agent and DTC, which provisions shall govern registration, notices and payment, among other things, and which provisions are incorporated herein with the same effect as if fully set forth herein. The Supervisor and the Clerk each is hereby authorized and directed to enter into the Letter of Representations with DTC in such form as determined by the Supervisor or the Clerk in consultation with bond counsel, to be necessary and appropriate. The Paying Agent is hereby authorized and directed to also enter into the Letter of Representations with DTC as agent for the Township. In the event the Township determined that the continuation of the system of book-entry-only transfer through DTC (or a successor securities depository) is not in the best interest of the DTC participants, beneficial owners of the Bonds, or the Township, the Township will notify the Paying Agent, whereupon the Paying Agent will notify DTC of the availability through DTC of the bond certificates. In such event, the Township shall issue and the Paying Agent as transfer agent shall transfer and exchange bonds as requested by DTC of like principal amount, series and maturity, in authorized denominations to be identifiable beneficial owners in replacement of the beneficial interest of such beneficial owners in the bonds, as provided herein.

3. The Bonds of this issue shall be executed in the name of the Township with the manual or facsimile signatures of the Supervisor and Clerk and shall have the seal of the Township, or a facsimile thereof, printed or impressed on the Bonds. No Bond shall be valid until authenticated by an authorized officer or representative of the Transfer Agent. The Bonds shall be delivered to the Transfer Agent for authentication and be delivered by the Transfer Agent to the purchaser or other person in accordance with instructions from the Township Treasurer upon payment of the purchase price for the Bonds in accordance with the bid therefor when accepted.

4. The Transfer Agent shall keep the books of registration for this issue on behalf of the Township. Any Bond may be transferred upon such registration books by the registered owner of record, in person or by the registered owner's duly authorized attorney, upon surrender of the Bond for cancellation, accompanied by delivery of a duly executed written instrument of transfer in a form approved by the Transfer Agent. Whenever any Bond or Bonds shall be surrendered for transfer, the Township shall execute and the Transfer Agent shall authenticate and deliver a new Bond or Bonds, for like aggregate principal amount. The Transfer Agent shall require the payment by the bondholder requesting the transfer of any tax or other governmental charge required to be paid with respect to the transfer.

Unless waived by any registered owner of bonds to be redeemed, official notice of redemption shall be given by the Transfer Agent on behalf of the Township. Such notice shall be dated and shall contain at a minimum the following information: original issue date; maturity dates; interest rates; CUSIP numbers, if any; certificate numbers (and in the case of partial redemption, the called amounts of each certificate); the place where bonds called for redemption are to be surrendered for payment; and that interest on bonds or portions thereof called for redemption shall cease to accrue from and after the redemption date.

In addition, further notice shall be given by the Transfer Agent in such manner as may be required or suggested by regulations or market practice at the applicable time, but no defect in such further notice nor any failure to give all or any portion of such further notice shall in any manner defeat the effectiveness of a call for redemption if notice thereof is given as prescribed herein.

5. The Bonds shall be issued in anticipation of and payable in the first instance from payments required to be made by the DDA from tax increment revenues (the "Tax Increment Revenue Payments") pursuant to the Plan and a resolution to be adopted by the DDA (the "DDA Resolution"), which Tax Increment Revenue Payments are anticipated to be in amounts sufficient to pay principal of and interest on the Bonds. In addition, the Township hereby pledges its full faith and credit for the prompt payment of the Bonds. Should the Tax Increment Revenue Payments at any time be insufficient to pay principal of and interest on the Bonds as the same become due, then the Township shall advance as a first bond obligation from any funds available therefor, or, if necessary, levy taxes upon all taxable property in the Township subject to applicable constitutional and statutory limitations, such sums as may be necessary to pay said principal and interest. The Township shall be reimbursed for any such advance by the DDA from tax increment revenues of the DDA as provided in the DDA Resolution. The Treasurer is authorized and directed to open a separate depository account with a bank or trust company designated by the Township to be known as 1999 DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT BONDS, DEBT RETIREMENT FUND (the "Debt Retirement Fund"), the moneys to be deposited into the Debt Retirement Fund to be specifically earmarked and used solely for the purpose of paying principal of and interest on the Bonds as they mature. Into said fund there shall be placed the accrued interest and premium, if any, received at the time of delivery of the Bonds. In addition, there shall be paid into the fund the Tax Increment Revenue Payments as received from the DDA each year until the amount on hand in the Debt Retirement Fund, together with any amounts on hand in the Debt Retirement Fund available for payment of current principal and interest on the Bonds, is equal to all payments of principal and interest coming due on the Bonds prior to the next collection of taxes.

6. The Treasurer shall deposit the accrued interest and premium, if any, received upon sale of the Bonds in the Debt Retirement Fund and shall deposit the balance of the proceeds in a Construction Fund which shall be established by the Township for the Project. Money in the Construction Fund shall be used by the Township solely for payment of costs of the Project, or payment or redemption of the Bonds.

7. The Bonds shall be in substantially the following form: UNITED STATES OF AMERICA STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF WAYNE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON 1999 DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT BOND (General Obligation Limited Tax)

Date of Interest Rate Maturity Date Original Issue CUSIP Registered Owner: Principal Amount: Dollars.

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KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan (the "Township"), acknowledges itself to owe and for value received hereby promises to pay to the Registered Owner specified above, or registered assigns, the Principal Amount specified above, in lawful money of the United States of America, on the Maturity Date specified above, unless prepaid prior thereto as hereinafter provided, with interest thereon until paid from the Date of Original Issue specified above or such later date to which interest has been paid, at the Interest Rate per annum specified above, payable on December 1, 1999 and semiannually thereafter. Principal of this bond is payable upon presentation and surrender of this bond at the corporate trust office of NBD Bank, Detroit, Michigan, or such other transfer agent as the Township may hereafter designate by notice mailed to the registered owner not less than sixty (60) days prior to an interest payment date (the "Transfer Agent"). Interest on this bond is payable to the person or entity which is registered owner of record as of the 15th day of the month preceding the interest payment date as shown on the registration books of the Township kept by the Transfer Agent, by check or draft mailed by the Transfer Agent to the registered owner of record at the registered address. Principal and interest on this bond are payable in the first instance from tax increment revenue payments received by the Township from The Downtown Development Authority of the Charter Township of Canton (the "Authority"). In addition, for prompt payment of this bond, both principal and interest, the full faith, credit and resources of the Township are hereby irrevocably pledged. In case of insufficiency of the tax increment revenue payments for the payment of the principal of and interest on this bond, the Township is obligated to pay the same as a first budget obligation from its general funds or from any taxes which it may levy within applicable constitutional and statutory tax limitations.

This bond is one of a series of bonds aggregating the principal sum of \$1,500,000, issued pursuant to Act 197, Public Acts of Michigan, 1975, as amended, and a resolution duly adopted by the Township Board of the Township for the purpose of paying part of the costs of public improvements in the Downtown Development Area in the Township as described in the Tax Increment Finance and Development Plan of the Authority. The Township has issued the bond to the Township and has pledged its full faith and credit, subject to applicable constitutional and statutory tax limitations, as additional security therefor.

Bonds of this issue maturing in the years 2000 to 2007, inclusive, are not subject to redemption prior to maturity. Bonds or portions of bonds in multiples of \$5,000 of this issue maturing in the years 2008 and thereafter shall be subject to redemption, at the option of the Township, in such order as the Township shall determine and within any maturity by lot, on any interest payment date on or after June 1, 2007, at par and accrued interest to the date fixed for redemption.

In case less than the full amount on an outstanding bond is called for redemption the Transfer Agent upon presentation of the bond called in part for redemption shall register, authenticate and deliver to the registered owner a new bond in the principal amount of the portion of the original bond not called for redemption.

Notice of redemption shall be given to the holders of bonds to be redeemed by mailing of such notice not less than thirty (30) days prior to the date fixed for redemption to the registered owner at the address of the registered owner as shown on the registration books of the Township. No further interest on bonds called for redemption shall accrue after the date fixed for redemption, whether presented for redemption or not, provided the Township has money available for such redemption.

This bond is transferable only upon the registration books at the Township kept by the Transfer Agent by the registered owner of record in person, or by the registered owner's attorney duly authorized in writing, upon the surrender of this bond together with a written instrument of transfer satisfactory to the Transfer Agent duly executed by the registered owner or the registered owner's attorney duly authorized in writing, and thereupon a new registered bond or bonds in the same aggregate principal amount and of the same maturity shall be issued to the transferee in exchange therefor as provided in the resolution authorizing this bond, and upon the payment of the charges, if any, therein prescribed.

This bond is payable out of the Debt Retirement Fund of the Township for this issue, and it is hereby certified and recited that all acts, conditions and things required by law to be done, precedent to and in the issuance of this bond and the series of bonds of which this is one, exist and have been done and performed in regular and due form and time as required by law, and that the total indebtedness of the Township, including this bond, does not exceed any constitutional or statutory debt limitation.

This bond is not valid or obligatory for any purpose until the Transfer Agent's Certificate of Authentication on this bond has been executed by the Transfer Agent.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, The Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, by its Township Board, has caused this bond to be signed in the name of the Township by the facsimile signatures of its Supervisor and Township Clerk and a facsimile of its corporate seal to be printed hereon, all as of the Date of Original Issue.

By: THOMAS YACK, Supervisor
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
County of Wayne, State of Michigan

(SEAL)

Countersigned:

TERRY G. BENNETT, Township Clerk

(Form of Transfer Agent's Certificate of Authentication)

DATE OF REGISTRATION:

CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICATION

This bond is one of the bonds described in the within-mentioned resolution.

NBD Bank,
Detroit, Michigan,
Transfer Agent

By _____
Authorized _____

(Bond printer to insert form of assignment)

8. The Township Treasurer, Clerk or Finance Director are each authorized to file and application for permission to issue the Bonds with the Michigan Department of Treasury or, if applicable, to file an application for exception from prior approval and to pay the fee relating thereto. Upon receipt of an order of approval of the Bonds from the Michigan Department of Treasury, or an order excepting the Bonds from prior approval, the Clerk shall publish notice of sale OF the Bonds in the Detroit Legal News, Detroit, Michigan, or the Daily Bond Buyer, New York, New York, or other authorized newspaper, at least seven (7) full days before the date fixed for the sale of the Bonds, which notice of sale shall be in substantially the following form:

SEALED BIDS for the purchase of the above bonds will be received by the undersigned at the Township Clerk's offices located at 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188, on _____ the _____ day of _____, 1999, until _____ o'clock p.m., Eastern Standard Time, at which time and place said bids will be publicly opened and read. Sealed bids will also be received on the same date and until the same time by an agent of the undersigned at the offices of Bendzinski & Co., Municipal Finance Advisors, One Kennedy Square, Suite 2130, Detroit, Michigan 48226-3322, when, simultaneously, the bids will be opened and read.

The Township Board will meet at 7:00 p.m., on that date at the Township offices, to consider the award or rejection of bids.

BOND DETAILS: Said bonds will be registered bonds of the denomination of \$5,000 or multiples thereof not exceeding for each maturity the maximum principal amount of that maturity, originally dated April 1, 1999, numbered in order of registration, and will bear interest from their date payable on December 1, 1999, and semiannually thereafter.

The bonds will mature on the 1st day of June of each of the years, as follows:

Year	Amount
2000, 2001 and 2002	\$50,000
2003, 2004 and 2005	75,000
2006, 2007 and 2008	100,000
2009, 2010 and 2011	125,000
2012, 2013 and 2014	150,000

BOOK-ENTRY ONLY. The bonds will be issued in book-entry only form as one fully registered bond per maturity and will be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as bondholder and nominee for The Depository Trust Company ("DTC"), New York, New York. DTC will act as securities depository for the bonds. Purchase of the bonds will be made in book-entry only form, in the denomination of \$5,000 or any multiples thereof. Purchasers will not receive certificate representing their interest in bonds purchased. The book-entry only system is described further in the preliminary official statement for the bonds.

PRIOR REDEMPTION: Bonds of this issue maturing in the years 2000 to 2007, inclusive, are not subject to redemption prior to maturity.

Bonds or portions of bonds in multiples of \$5,000 of this issue maturing in the years 2008 and thereafter shall be subject to redemption, at the option of the Township, in such order as the Township shall determine and within any maturity by lot, on any interest payment date on or after June 1, 2007, at par and accrued interest to the date fixed for redemption.

In case less than the full amount of an outstanding bond is called for redemption, the transfer agent upon presentation of the bond called in part for redemption shall register, authenticate and deliver to the registered owner a new bond in the principal amount of the portion of the original bond not called for redemption.

Notice of redemption shall be given to the holders of bonds to be redeemed by mailing of such notice not less than thirty (30) days prior to the date fixed for redemption to the registered owner at the address of the registered owner as shown on the registration books of the Township. No further interest payable on bonds called for redemption shall accrue after the date fixed for

redemption, whether presented for redemption or not, provided the Township has money available for such redemption.

INTEREST RATE AND BIDDING DETAILS: The bond shall bear interest at a rate or rates not exceeding 8% per annum, to be fixed by the bids therefor, expressed in multiples of 1/8 or 1/20 of 1% or both. The interest on any one bond shall be at one rate only and all bonds maturing in any one year must carry the same interest rate. The difference between the highest and lowest interest rates bid shall not exceed 2%. No proposal for the purchase of less than all of the bonds or at a price less than 98.5% of their par value will be considered.

TRANSFER AGENT AND REGISTRATION: Principal and interest shall be payable at NBD Bank, Detroit, Michigan, or such other transfer agent as the Township may hereafter designate by notice mailed to the registered owner of record not less than 60 days prior to an interest payment date. Interest shall be paid by check or draft mailed to the registered owner of record as shown on the registration books kept by the transfer agent as of the 15th day prior to an interest payment date. The bonds will be transferred only upon the registration books of the Township kept by the transfer agent.

PURPOSE AND SECURITY: The bonds are issued pursuant to Act 197, Public Acts of Michigan, 1975, as amended, in anticipation of the collection of certain tax increment revenue payments from The Downtown Development Authority of the Charter Township of Canton (the "Authority") for the purpose of financing improvements in the Downtown development Area as described in the Authority's Development and Tax Increment Financing Plan. The bonds will pledge the full faith and credit of the Township as additional security for payment of the principal and interest thereon, and pursuant to such pledge, should funds primarily pledged be insufficient for payment, the Township is obligated to make such payment as a first budget obligation from general funds or from any taxes which it may levy within applicable constitutional and statutory limitations. The rights or remedies of bondholders may be affected by bankruptcy, insolvency, fraudulent conveyance or other laws affecting creditors' rights generally, now existing or hereafter enacted, and by the application of general principles of equity including those relating to equitable subordination.

GOOD FAITH: A certified or cashier's check drawn upon an incorporated bank or trust company or a Financial Surety Bond, in the amount of \$15,000, and payable to the order of the Treasurer of the Township is required for each bid as a guarantee of good faith on the part of the bidder, to be forfeited as liquidated damages if such bid is accepted and the bidder fails to take up and pay for the bonds. If a check is used, it must accompany each bid. If a Financial Surety Bond is used, it must be from an insurance company licensed to issue such a bond in the State of Michigan and such bond must be submitted to the Township or its financial advisor prior to the opening of the bids. The Financial Surety Bond must identify each bidder whose good faith deposit is guaranteed by such Financial Surety Bond. If the bonds are awarded to a bidder utilizing a Financial Surety Bond, then the purchaser (the "Purchaser") is required to submit its good faith deposit to the Township or its financial advisor in the form of a cashier's check (or wire transfer such amount as instructed by the Treasurer or its financial advisor) not later than Noon, Eastern Standard Time, on the next business day following the award. If such good faith deposit is not received by that time, the Financial Surety Bond may be drawn by the Township to satisfy the good faith deposit requirement. The good faith deposit will be applied to the purchase price of the bonds, in the event the Purchaser fails to honor its accepted bid, the good faith deposit will be retained by the Township. No interest shall be allowed on the good faith check and checks of the unsuccessful bidders will be returned to each bidder's representative or by overnight carrier service. The good faith check of the unsuccessful bidder will be cashed and payment of the balance of the purchase price of the bonds shall be made at the closing.

AWARD OF BONDS: The bonds will be awarded to the bidder whose bid produces the lowest interest cost computed by determining, at the rate or rates specified in the bid, the total dollar value of all interest on the bonds from _____, 1999, to their maturity and deducting therefrom any premium or adding thereto any discount.

TAX MATTERS: In the opinion of bond counsel, assuming compliance with certain covenants, interest on the bonds is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes, as described in the opinion, and the bonds and interest thereon are exempt from all taxation in the State of Michigan except inheritance taxes and taxes on gains realized from the sale, payment or other disposition thereof.

CERTIFICATE REGARDING "ISSUE PRICE": The successful bidder will be Township has designated the bonds as a "qualified tax exempt obligations" for purposes of deduction of interest expense by financial institutions.

LEGAL OPINION: Bids shall be conditioned upon the unqualified approving opinion of Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, attorneys of Detroit, Michigan, a copy of which opinion will be printed on the reverse side of each bond and the original of which will be furnished without expense to the purchaser of the bonds at the delivery thereof. The fees of Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, P.L.C. for services rendered in connection with such approving opinion are expected to be paid from bond proceeds. Except to the extent necessary to issue its unqualified approving opinion as to validity of the above bonds, Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, P.L.C. has not been requested to examine or review and has not examined or reviewed any financial documents, statements or materials that have been or may be furnished in connection with the authorization, issuance or marketing of the bonds, and accordingly will not express any opinion with respect to the accuracy or completeness of any such financial documents, statements or materials.

DELIVERY OF BONDS: The Township will furnish bonds ready for execution at its expense. Bonds will be delivered without expense to the purchaser at DTC in New York, New York. The usual closing documents, including a certificate that no litigation is pending affecting the issuance of the bonds will be delivered at the time of delivery of the bonds. If the bonds are not tendered for delivery by twelve o'clock noon, prevailing Eastern Time, on the 45th day following the date of sale, or the first business day thereafter if said 45th day is not a business day, the successful bidder may on that day, or any time thereafter until delivery of the bonds, withdraw its proposal by serving notice of cancellation, in writing, on the undersigned in which event the Township shall promptly return the good faith deposit. Payment for the bonds shall be made in Federal Reserve Funds. Accrued interest to the date of delivery of the bonds shall be paid by the purchaser at the time of delivery.

CUSIP NUMBERS: It is anticipated that CUSIP identification numbers will be printed on the bonds, but neither the failure to print such numbers on any bonds nor any error with respect thereto shall constitute cause for a failure or refusal by the purchaser thereof to accept delivery of and pay for the bonds in accordance with terms of the purchase contract. All expenses in relation to the printing of CUSIP numbers on the bonds shall be paid for by the Township, except that the CUSIP Service Bureau charge for the assignment of such numbers shall be the responsibility of and shall be paid for by the purchaser.

FINANCIAL CONSULTANT: Additional information may be obtained from Bendzinski & Co., Municipal Finance Advisors, One Kennedy Square, Suite 2130, Detroit, Michigan 48226-3322.

BOND INSURANCE AT PURCHASER'S OPTION: If the bonds qualify for issuance of any policy of municipal bond insurance or commitment therefor at the option of the bidder/purchaser, the purchase of any such insurance policy or the issuance of any such commitment shall be at the option and expense of the purchaser of the bonds. Any increased costs of issuance of the bonds resulting from such purchase of insurance shall be paid by the purchaser, except that, if the Township had requested and received a rating on the bonds from a rating agency, the Township will pay the fee for the requested rating. Any other rating agency fees shall be the responsibility of the purchaser. FAILURE OF THE MUNICIPAL BOND INSURER TO ISSUE THE POLICY AFTER THE BONDS HAVE BEEN AWARDED TO THE PURCHASER SHALL NOT CONSTITUTE CAUSE FOR FAILURE OR REFUSAL BY THE PURCHASER TO ACCEPT DELIVERY OF THE BONDS FROM THE COUNTY.

CONTINUING DISCLOSURE: As described more fully in the Official Statement, the Township shall execute a Continuing Disclosure Undertaking to provide or cause to be provided, in accordance with the requirements of Rule 15c2-12 promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission, on or prior to the last day of the 6th month after the end of its fiscal year, commencing with the fiscal year ending _____, (i) certain annual financial information and operating data, including audited financial statements for the preceding fiscal year, generally consistent with the information contained or cross-referenced in the Official Statement relating to the bonds, (ii) timely notice of the occurrence of certain material events with respect to the bonds and (iii) timely notice of a failure by the Township, as the case may be, to provide the required annual financial information on or before the date specified in (i) above.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT: A copy of the Official Statement may be obtained by contacting Bendzinski & Co., Municipal Finance Advisors, One Kennedy Square, 719 Griswold, Suite 2130, Detroit, Michigan 48226, telephone (313) 961-8222. The Official Statement is in a form deemed final as of its date by the Township for purposes of SEC Rule 15c2-12(b)(1), but is subject to the revision, amendment and completion of a final Official Statement. The successful bidder shall supply to the Township within twenty-four hours after the award of the bonds, all pricing information and any underwriter identification determined by the County to be necessary to complete the Official Statement.

The Township will furnish to the successful bidder, at not cost, 100 copies of the final Official Statement within seven business days after the award of the bonds. Additional copies will be supplied upon the bidder's agreement to pay the cost of the County for those additional copies. Requests for additional copies should be made to Bendzinski & Co., Municipal Finance Advisors, within twenty-four hours of the sale.

THE RIGHT IS RESERVED TO REJECT ANY OR ALL BIDS.

ENVELOPES containing the bids should be plainly marked "Proposal for 1998 Downtown Development Bonds."

TERRY G. BENNETT, Township Clerk

9. The estimated period of usefulness of the proposed Project is hereby declared to be not less than twenty (20) years and its total cost is estimated to be not less than One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000).

10. The Bonds are designated as "qualified tax exempt obligations" for the purpose of deduction of interest expense by financial institutions.

11. The Township agrees, to the extent permitted by law, to take all actions within its control necessary to maintain the exclusion of the interest on the Bonds from gross income for federal income tax purposes under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, including but not limited to actions relating to the rebate of arbitrage earnings and the expenditure and investment of Bond proceeds and money deemed to be Bond proceeds.

12. The Township covenants to comply with Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 15c2-12 and authorizes the Township Finance Director to provide the undertaking for the benefit of the holders and beneficial holders of the Bonds.

13. Each of the Township's Supervisor, Clerk, Treasurer and Finance Director, is authorized and directed to cause the preparation and circulation of a preliminary and final official statement with respect to the bonds; to procure a policy of municipal bond insurance with respect to the bonds or cause the qualification of the bonds therefor if, upon the advice of the financial advisor to the Township, the acquisition of such insurance would be of economic benefit to the Township; to obtain ratings on the bonds; and to take all other actions necessary or advisable, and to make such other filings with the Michigan Department of Treasury or with other parties, and to execute and deliver documents, to enable the sale and delivery of the bonds as contemplated herein.

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

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

NAYS: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED TERRY G. BENNETT, Township Clerk

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the township Board of the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, at a regular meeting held on January 26, 1999, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.

TERRY G. BENNETT, Township Clerk

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to approve a new special revenue fund, Western Wayne Narcotics Forfeiture Fund #266, and that it be used to record the financial activity of Western Wayne Narcotics. Ayes all. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to adopt the following budget for the Building Authority Construction Fund:

Revenues \$2,550,000

Appropriations \$2,550,000 Ayes all.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve the creating and filling of a programmer analyst position in the Public Safety Department. Ayes all.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly, to approve Firefighter Henderson to attend the paramedic training at Huron Valley Ambulance in Ann Arbor for a tuition cost of \$1,800. Ayes all.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to approve the purchase of six Ford Crown Victoria patrol units from Jorgensen Ford, Detroit, MI 48210, using the State of Michigan Bid/Contract #071B9000165, the vehicles not to exceed at total of \$122,308. Ayes all.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly, to approve the signing of an agreement with the State of Michigan for an annual fee of \$7,800.00 and an installation fee of \$1,525.00. Ayes all.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to recognize the Canton Community Junior Baseball and Softball Association, and that the league be permitted to use Canton owned facilities; including in kind maintenance support; in kind administrative support; and the organization will receive the yearly \$2,000 equipment purchase subsidy for the support of the community based sports program. Ayes all.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to introduce and table for publication in the Canton Observer on February 4, 1999 the First Reading of the Amendments to the Misdemeanor Ordinance No. 81(g). Ayes all.

FIRST READING SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE 81

MINOR POSSESSING ALCOHOL (NOT IN A MOTOR VEHICLE) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING MISDEMEANOR ORDINANCE 81 PROVIDING FOR THE PROHIBITION AGAINST PERSONS UNDER 21 PURCHASING, CONSUMING OR POSSESSING ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR, PROVIDING FOR ARREST BASED UPON RESULTS OF PRELIMINARY CHEMICAL BREATH ANALYSIS; PROVIDING FOR LIMITATIONS UPON PARTICIPATION IN UNDER-COVER PROGRAMS; PROVIDING FOR PROHIBITION OF FURNISHING OR USING FRAUDULENT IDENTIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR SCREENING AND ASSESSMENT AND COURT ORDERED DRIVER'S LICENSE SANCTIONS; PROVIDING FOR NOTIFICATION OF PARENTS OR GUARDIANS; PROVIDING FOR PENALTY FOR VIOLATION OF THE ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF CONFLICTING PROVISIONS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR THE SAVINGS OF ALL PENDING MATTERS AND THE EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENTS AND ADDITIONS TO THE CODE.

Ordinance 81 of the Charter Township of Canton is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 46 Persons Under 21, Unlawful Purchase, Consumption or Possession of Alcoholic Liquor; Arrest Based Upon Reasonable Cause Or Upon Results Of Preliminary Chemical Breath Analysis; Participation In Under-Cover Programs.

(1) This Section prohibits the purchase, possession or consumption of alcohol by a person less than 21 years of age.

(a) The first violation is a fine of more than \$100.00 and/or substance abuse treatment and/or community service.

(b) A second violation is a fine of not more than \$200.00 and/or substance abuse treatment and/or community service. The person is also subject to DRIVER'S license sanctions.

(c) A third or subsequent violation is a fine of not more than \$500.00 and/or substance abuse treatment and/or community service. The person is also subject to DRIVER'S license sanctions.

(2) This Section prohibits furnishing fraudulent identification to a person less than 21 years of age and prohibits a minor from using fraudulent identification to purchase alcoholic liquor. The penalty includes suspension of driving privileges.

(3) The Court is authorized to require the defendant to undergo screening and assessment for substance abuse.

(4) For a violation, the Court shall consider prior convictions, and impose the following sanctions:

(a) With one prior conviction, the defendant's driving privileges are suspended for not less than 90 days or more than 180 days. The Court may order the Secretary of State to issue a restricted license after the first 30 days.

(b) For two or more prior convictions, the Court shall order the suspension of the driving privileges for not less than 180 days or more than one year. The Court may order the Secretary of State to issue a restricted license after the first 60 days.

(5) The Court may order a restricted license for hardship reasons to include:

(a) Driving to and from the persons residence and work location.

(b) Driving in the course of the persons employment or occupation.

(c) Driving to and from the persons residence and an alcohol or drug education or treatment program as ordered by the Court.

(d) Driving to and from the persons residence and the Court probation department, or a court-ordered community service program, or both.

(e) Driving to and from the persons residence and an educational institution at which the person is enrolled as a student.

(6) If license sanctions are imposed, the Court shall order the DRIVER'S license surrendered. The Court shall notify the Secretary of State.

(7) A peace officer may use a preliminary breath test for purposes of arrest. The results of a preliminary chemical breath test are admissible in a criminal prosecution.

(8) The parents or guardians of a person violating this Ordinance shall be notified.

(9) This Section does not prohibit a person less than 21 years of age from possessing alcoholic liquor as part of employment.

(10) This Section shall not be construed to limit the civil or criminal liability of the vendor or the vendor's clerk, servant, agent or employee for a violation of this act.

(11) The consumption of alcoholic liquor by a person less than 21 years of age who is enrolled in a course offered by an accredited post secondary educational institution in an academic building of the institution under the supervision of a faculty member is not prohibited by this act if the purpose of the consumption is solely educational and is a necessary ingredient of the course.

(12) The consumption by a person less than 21 years of age of sacramental wine in connection with religious services at a church, synagogue, or temple is not prohibited by this act.

(13) Subsection (1) does not apply to a person less than 21 years of age participating in either:

(a) An undercover operation under the direction of the persons employer and with the prior approval of the local prosecutor.

(b) An undercover operation under the direction of the Plymouth Township Police Department, the State Police, or the Liquor Control Commission.

(14) This Section defines:

(a) Probate Court disposition.

(b) Work location.

SECTION 2. PENALTY. This Section provides that violation of this Ordinance shall be a misdemeanor and provides for penalty for any violation of this Ordinance.

SECTION 3. REPEAL. This Section provides for the repeal of all conflicting Ordinances.

SECTION 4. 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.

SECTION 5. SAVINGS CLAUSE. This Section provides that the adoption of the Ordinance does not abrogate or

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OBITUARIES

LUELLA E. PERRY

Services for Luella E. Perry, 84, of Plymouth were Feb. 2 in the Casterline Funeral Home, Northville, with the Rev. James Hoff of St. Paul's Evangelistic Lutheran Church, Livonia, officiating. Burial was in Glen Eden Memorial Park, Livonia.

She was born June 2, 1914, in Northville. She died Jan. 30 in St. Mary Hospital, Livonia. She was a retired clerk for Ford Motor Co. She was active at St. Paul's Evangelistic Lutheran Church, Livonia.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Gilman Perry. Survivors include her two daughters, Ruth Gibson of New York, Alice Perry of New York; and four sons, Ralph Bauman of Farmington Hills, Kenneth Bauman of Ohio, Arthur Perry of Texas, Charles Perry of South Lyon; and six grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Livonia or Martin Luther Home, South Lyon.

PHYLLIS JEAN EARL

Services for Phyllis Jean Earl, 75, of Dearborn were Jan. 30 in Our Lady Of Good Counsel Catholic Church with the Rev. Douglas Osborn officiating. Burial

was in Mt. Hope Memorial Gardens, Livonia. Local arrangements were made by Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth Township.

She was born April 25, 1923. She died Jan. 27 in Dearborn. She was a homemaker. She was a former member of the Altar Society of St. Albert Great Catholic Church, Dearborn Heights. She lived in Taylor from 1951 to 1989, Plymouth from 1990 to 1998 and Dearborn from September 1998 until her death.

Survivors include her husband, James B. Earl; six sons, David (Ginny) Earl, Stephen (Sue) Earl, William (Debbie) Earl, James (Ann) Earl, Michael (Debbie) Earl, Robert (Yolanda) Earl; two daughters, Jacqueline (Jon) Vachow, Kristin DePaulie; 20 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to American Lung Association, 18860 W. 10 Mile, Southfield, MI 48075-2689 or as Mass offerings.

KATHRYN MARGARET PAGEL

A brief memorial service for Kathryn Margaret Pagel, 94, of Hendersonville was Jan. 31 in Mt. Pisgah Lutheran Church with the Rev. Martin Luecke

officiating. A funeral Mass will also be held 9:15 a.m. Saturday, March 20, in St. Clement's Catholic Church, Rosedale, Md., with the Rev. Richard Florek and Deacon Walter Shipley officiating. Burial will follow at New Cathedral Cemetery, Baltimore, Md. Local arrangements were made by Shuler & Luck Funeral Home.

She was born in Baltimore, Md. She died on Jan. 27. She was a prior resident of Plymouth, where she was very active at St. Kenneth Catholic Church. She had lived in Henderson County since 1993.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William Edwin Pagel. Survivors include her daughter, Catherine C. Bosker of Hendersonville; one sister, Eva Mae (Walter) of Baltimore, Md.; brother-in-law, Leonard Jenkins of Pasadena, Md.; three grandchildren, Pamela (Robert) Joseph of Lake City, Mich., Paul (Sandra) Bosker of Canton, Don W. Bosker of Dublin, Ga.; six great-grandchildren; and 19 nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to Four Seasons Hospice, P.O. Box 2395, Hendersonville, NC 28793, or to a charity of your choice.

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over the heads of the birds in order to scare them.

Two different shots are used. One shot "screams" as it goes over a flock of geese, certain to get their attention, and a second shot is fired over the group, which then explodes.

"It's a noise pistol, which is like a starter pistol," said Anulewicz. "It's simply noise. There's no damage to the birds. As you approach, you shoot that and it propels it out. As it gets over the top of them it whistles, and then it's like an exploding firecracker."

The report gives monthly averages of geese in the park for 1997 and 1998.

According to the report, the average number of geese in the park during November of 1997 was 104.

One year later?

The average was six.

"There were so many geese out there that you could take a sled and slide down the hill," said Anulewicz. He said that the "goose-banger" has been so successful that, most times, park workers no longer even have to fire a shot.

"That has been very successful," he said. "My people tell me that what they have found is that, almost like the Pavlovian theory, as soon as (the geese)

saw a park ranger in a brown suit heading towards them, they took off."

Several communities have tried and failed to get rid of the oft-annoying birds, said Anulewicz.

"Others have used rubber alligators and rubber things and, that seemed to work on a very temporary basis, but they came back later," he said. "I think (the situation at Township Park) was becoming somewhat of a serious problem. The initial reaction was 'kill the beast' but we came up with a solution that respects the concerns and the health of the people."

Happi Truan, marketing director for Critter Control, says that getting rid of geese is a request she hears regularly.

"Every single day I get a call on geese," she said. "They are a very, very persistent bird and there are more and more of them. If they know that there was food there and they can nest there, come hell or high water, they're going to come back."

Truan claims that the most effective way of getting rid of geese is by doing a "goose roundup" where animal control workers trap the birds and transport them elsewhere. Although, according to Truan, this procedure must be done dur-

ing the few days that flocks are returning to Michigan from the south.

"We make a lot of money doing it because it's during our busy season," she said. "But we don't like to do it because it's a real time consuming project."

Truan said she has seen many of the products on the market but doubts their effectiveness.

"There are a few products that are out on the market right now like one that smells like grape cool-aid and it supposedly repels the birds," she said. "It doesn't work. The bird-banger that they're using is probably the second-most effective way to get rid of them."

She did admit to noticing a change in Township Park but feels it might be short lived.

"I have really noticed that there are a lot fewer geese over there and on the golf course (Hilltop)," she said. "But look at the difference between the two winters so far. Last year, it was so mild that they didn't need to migrate. This year it's been so cold that they probably went farther south."

So, does she think that township officials are too hasty in declaring a victory?

"I hate to admit it but, they might be living in a fairyland right now."

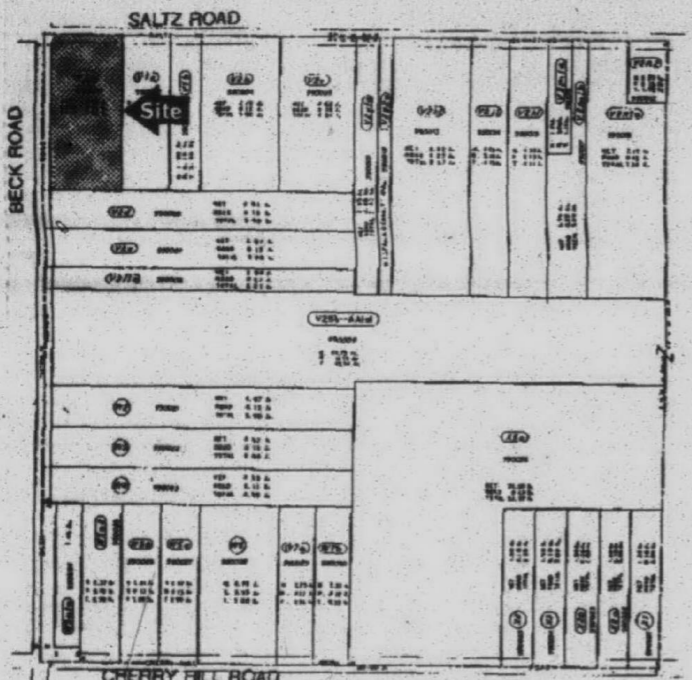
CANTON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

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ZABRAJE REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NO. 063 99 0003 000 FROM RR, RURAL RESIDENTIAL, TO R-3, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL. Property is located on the southeast corner of Beck and Saltz Roads.

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



VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

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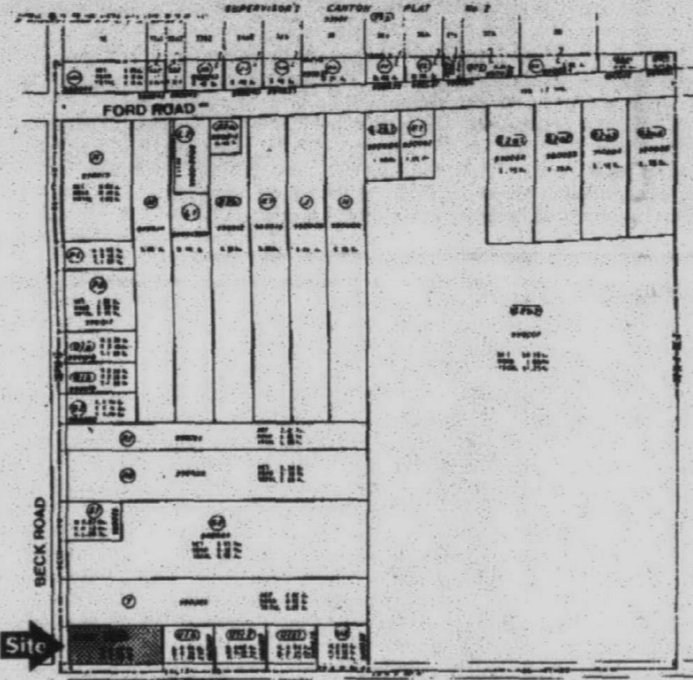
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NICHOLSON REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NO. 062 99 0026 000 FROM RR, RURAL RESIDENTIAL, TO R-3, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL. Property is located on the northeast corner of Beck and Saltz Roads.

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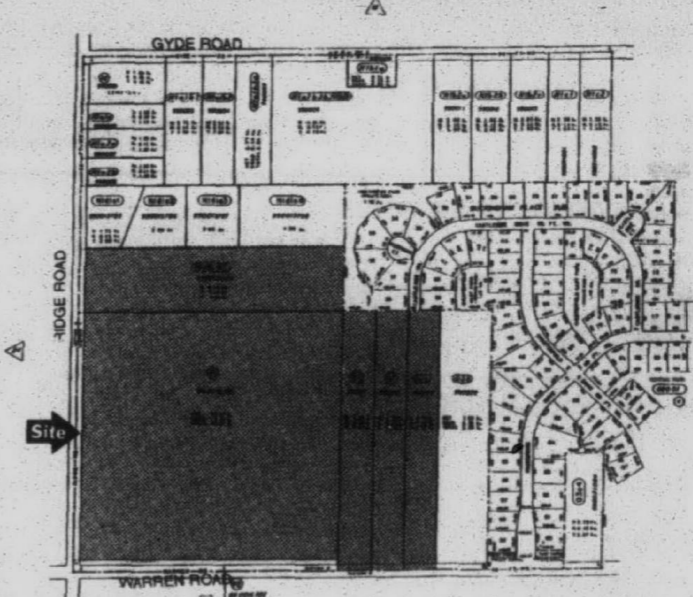
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PHEASANT RIDGE PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PDD) - PRELIMINARY PLAN - CONSIDER REQUEST TO ESTABLISH A PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27.04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE INCLUSIVE OF PARCEL NOS. 019 99 0015 004, 019 99 0016 701, 019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

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



VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

Publish: January 21, and February 4, 1999

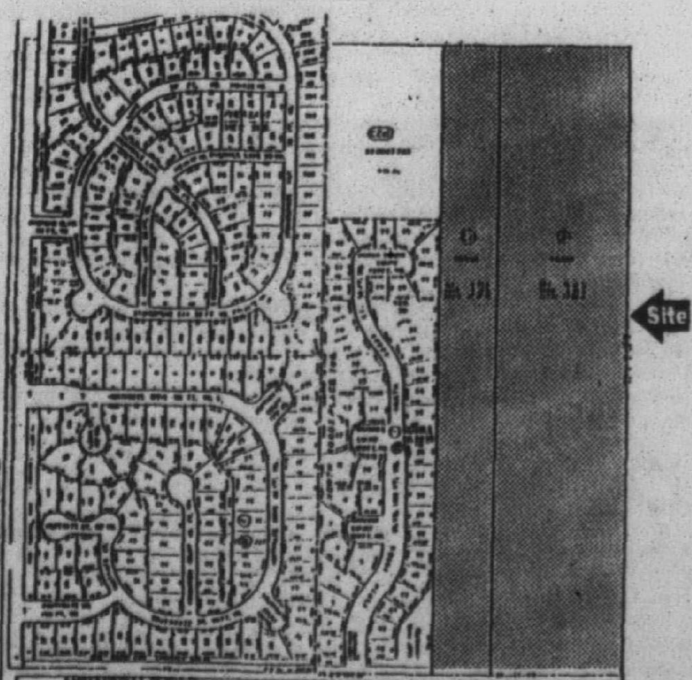
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THE LINES OF PHEASANT RUN WEST PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PDD) - CONSIDER REQUEST TO ESTABLISH A PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27.04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE, INCLUSIVE OF PARCELS 110 99 0001 000 AND 110 99 0002 000. Properties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

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



VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

Publish: January 21, and February 4, 1999

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BOARD PROCEEDINGS

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affect any offense or act committed or done, or any right established or occurring prior to the effective date of this Ordinance.

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Section provides that the Ordinance shall take full force and effect upon publication in the Canton Observer, February 18, 1999.

Copies of the complete text of this Ordinance are available for inspection at the offices of the Charter Township of Canton located at 1150 South Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188 during regular business hours.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly, to introduce and table for publication in the Canton Observer on February 4, 1999 the First Reading of the amendments to the Uniform Traffic Code Ordinance No. 66(h). Ayes all.

FIRST READING SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 66h

UNIFORM TRAFFIC CODE FOR CITIES, TOWNSHIPS AND VILLAGES AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING BY REFERENCE THE UNIFORM TRAFFIC CODE FOR CITIES, TOWNSHIPS, AND VILLAGES; PROVIDING FOR AMENDMENTS TO THE UNIFORM TRAFFIC CODE; PROVIDING FOR THE REGULATION OF THE OPERATION OF VEHICLES; PROVIDING FOR THE REGULATION AND USE OF STREETS, HIGHWAYS, AND ALLEYS AND OTHER PUBLIC AND SEMI-PUBLIC PLACES WITHIN THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ALL OTHER ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT WITH THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR THE SEVERABILITY OF THIS ORDINANCE AND THE PRESERVATION OF ALL PENDING PROSECUTIONS; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES, PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

SECTION 1. ADOPTION OF UNIFORM TRAFFIC CODE.

The Uniform Traffic Code for Cities, Townships, and Villages promulgated by the Director of State Police and published in the 1979 edition of the Michigan Administrative Code, and amendments as published in Quarterly Supplement No. 5 to the 1979 edition of the Administrative Code are adopted by reference as the Uniform Traffic Code for the Charter Township of Canton.

SECTION 2. AMENDMENTS.

The following sections amending the Uniform Traffic Code are adopted.

Sections 1.001a through 1.031a These sections contain definitions for terms used in the Ordinance.

Section 2.17c This section contains the procedure upon arrest for certain offenses.

Sections 2.5 and 2.5a through 2.5g These sections contain the provisions dealing with reports of stolen and recovered vehicles, abandoned vehicle procedures, abandoned scrap vehicle procedures, vehicles removed from private property, vehicles removed by police, abandoned vehicles and jurisdiction of the court, duties of the court and public sale.

Sections 5.9 through 5.10 These sections provide for and regulate the speed of vehicles.

Section 5.15 and Sections 5.15a through 5.15n These sections provide for prohibition against persons operating a motor vehicle under the influence of intoxicating liquor or a controlled substance or a combination thereof; punishments; prior convictions; payments of costs; plea bargains; special verdicts; warrantless arrests; preliminary chemical breath analysis; administration; evidence; presumptions; misdemeanor violations; arraignment, pretrial and adjudication time limits; advice of rights before plea, screening and assessment, sentencing and license sanctions; implied consent; chemical tests; refusal; report to secretary of state; notice and hearing; suspension; confiscation of license, temporary license, report to secretary of state and blood tests; prevention equipment and training funds; annual state police drunk

driving audits; ignition interlock device; commercial motor vehicle operators; and forfeiture of vehicles.

Section 5.16a This section prohibits possession or transportation of alcohol by a minor (a person less than 21 years of age) in a motor vehicle.

Section 5.16b This section prohibits possession or transportation of open containers of alcoholic liquor in a motor vehicle.

Section 5.62a This section prohibits driving on a suspended or revoked license and provides penalties and secretary of state license actions.

Section 5.62b This section provides for impoundment of a vehicle driven by a suspended driver.

Section 5.67 This section provides for graduated licensing provisions; levels; restrictions; provisional period; special provisional cards and validity of operator's or chauffeur's license.

Section 5.70b This section prohibits operating a motor vehicle without evidence of insurance and operating without insurance and penalties and violations thereof.

Section 5.97 This section prohibits overtaking school buses when emergency flashing red lights are activated.

Section 9.3 This section provides for misdemeanor penalties.

Section 9.3a This section provides for civil infraction penalties.

Section 9.4 This section provides for nolo contendere pleas and treatment as guilty pleas.

Section 11 This section provides for the requirement of child restraint systems and penalties for violation thereof.

Section 12 This section provides for safety belt usage, enforcement, and the evidence of negligence for failure of the use thereof.

SECTION 9. NOTICE TO BE PUBLISHED

This section provides for publication of this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. CONFLICTING ORDINANCES REPEALED.

This section provides that all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict with the provisions of the Ordinance are repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY.

This section provides that any unenforceable section can be severed from the remainder of the Ordinance.

SECTION 6. SAVINGS CLAUSE.

This section provides that the adopting of this Ordinance does not affect proceedings or prosecutions for violations of the laws, penalties and matured rights and duties in effect before the effective date of this Ordinance.

SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This section provides that this Ordinance shall become effective upon its publication.

Copies of the complete text of this Ordinance are available for inspection at the offices of the Charter Township of Canton located at 1150 South Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188 during regular business hours.

OTHER

The study session scheduled for February 2, 1999 has been canceled. The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for Tuesday, February 9, 1999 at 7:00 P.M.

ADJOURN

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 P.M. Ayes all.

The above is a synopsis of actions taken at the Regular Board meeting held on January 26, 1999. The full text of the approved minutes will be available following the next regular meeting of the Board on February 9, 1999.

THOMAS J. YACK, Supervisor

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1999

Common ground

We all live in Plymouth, 48170

Anyone looking at Plymouth from afar wouldn't know there are two distinctly separate Plymouths. Anyone close to political circles knows otherwise. There's a tale of two Plymouths — the city and the township.

The Plymouth Joint Services Commission attempts to bridge the gaps. Representatives from the city and township come together once a month to deal with issues involving both communities. Lately, there have been quite a few on the table: the ongoing railroad underpass proposed at Sheldon Road near M-14, three new hires for the Plymouth Community Fire Department, and a central dispatch for police, which could ultimately lead to a combined police department. There have also been talks over the years of merging municipal services and recreation divisions.

For the most part, the joint services commission is able to hammer out the details and reach a consensus. However, other issues have been debated for years, such as merging police dispatch services into one centralized division.

Each representative of the joint commission needs to look at the betterment of the "Plymouth community" as a whole rather than bringing his or her own political agenda to the table. Better communication between both municipalities is needed.

For example, the Sheldon Road underpass is a plan to ease traffic headaches at the CSX railroad crossing near M-14, which benefits both city and township residents. A \$5.25 million federal grant is waiting in the wings and

could be at stake if someone doesn't start moving. To take a close look at how the politics has played out over the past year one could wonder how this will ever come to fruition.

There is an underlying current of bad feelings, although most issues have been resolved. But now we learn that behind the city's brava-do, it is in sad financial shape itself and may not be able to commit to its share of the funding. The city needs to work with Plymouth Township more than ever.

Last week, the township-endorsed plan to expand the Plymouth Community Fire Department by three firefighters was shot down by the city. The city claims it has never seen a budget from the township since the merger of 1994. The city's upset that it hasn't been part of the process until now.

And finally, the location and cost of centralizing police dispatch between the two communities is at issue. It appears to make financial sense, but it has come down to an issue over control. It's also been a subject debated since the early '90s.

City and township officials need to make some tough decisions. Political agendas need to be put aside for the common good of the "Plymouth community." Officials should consider hiring an outside consultant to investigate these very important issues and bring all the facts to the table — not just the ones that are self-serving.

As it has been said before, when it comes right down to it every residents' address is Plymouth, 48170.



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Pothole City

Bumpy ride: This section of Sheldon Road bears the scars of a brutal Michigan winter. The city of Plymouth Municipal Services division has been busy filling potholes with coal patch since the snow began melting. The city budgets \$15,000 annually for pothole repair. Municipal Services Director Paul Sincock is hoping the money will hold out for the short term fix until a more permanent solution is found to repair city roads. Township roads will have to wait for a Wayne County Road Department fix.

LETTERS

Appalled by conduct

I would like to make a statement on the article of Jan. 17 that states Plymouth-Canton Schools settles out of court.

Let me start by saying that I am outraged, mad, disgusted, and ashamed that Errol Goldman, second in command of our school, has done it again. I am a taxpayer and a Plymouth-Canton school parent. I am outraged that I try my best along with my wife to teach my children not to discriminate against anyone and to be fair to all people. Here goes Errol Goldman throwing mud on all our hard work.

This man is required in his job description to set and be an example of high standards of moral conduct to all students and employees of the Plymouth-Canton School District. He has not only shamed us by breaking the rules but has caused the taxpayers to pay a \$50,000 fine. This conduct is not acceptable.

I do not believe that it is the intention of the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education to discriminate against anyone; but I do believe that it is their elected duty and obligation to see that this kind of conduct is not demonstrated by any employee of the Plymouth-Canton Schools. This includes Errol Goldman and others in the administration that feel that they are untouchable by the rules of moral conduct.

This is not the only time that Errol Goldman has caused us great embarrassment. I do not feel comfortable having a person in that high (prestigious) and very important position who exhibits blatant disrespect for the high moral standards of education.

I am sure that most Plymouth-Canton parents will agree that this conduct should not go unnoticed by the board of education, and that the board will come down hard on this type of conduct. I urge the parents of the Plymouth-Canton community and all the taxpayers to call the members of the board of education and express how they feel about Errol Goldman's conduct and that they take harsh action against him, and I don't mean a letter in his file.

Dan Stengle
Plymouth

Opposes charter school

Let me see if I understand this correctly. A company, National Heritage Academies, is going to build a school in our community and use our school tax dollars to make a profit

educating our children? They propose that they will "emphasize strong moral character." Parents too busy or who lack the will to teach their children morals will now be able to have it done for them, subsidized by taxpayers like me. This is ludicrous.

They also make claim that they will "emphasize academics." Don't our public schools, the Plymouth/Canton school system, emphasize academics?

I have some questions that should be asked before a profit-driven company is allowed to set up business in our community to educate and give our children "moral character instruction."

■ Will children who are handicapped and/or have learning disabilities be allowed to attend?

■ Will children who have had disciplinary problems be allowed to attend?

■ Who is checking the moral character of the teachers who will be teaching?

Education in this country may have problems, may not be perfect. Public education has worked for America in the past and can continue to work for us in the future. Charter schools, vouchers or school choice does nothing to improve public schools, that by the way continue to educate the vast majority of children not only here but in the rest of the country.

Even if every parent in Plymouth and Canton wanted to use private or religious schooling for their children it could not be done. There are not enough private schools for everybody. We would clearly be better off to use our scarce resources to improve the system we have used for over 200 years and has contributed to making America a great country, the envy of the world, public education.

Khalil S. Kandah
Canton

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Engler rates across the board

Our news reports on Gov. John Engler's Jan. 28 State of the State address concentrated, naturally, on his plan to use tobacco settlement money for \$3,000 scholarships for every kid who passes the MEAP proficiency tests. Engler had other proposals, mainly good, some bad.

GOOD: You missed it if you watched TV, because the ailing governor cut short his speech. He is seeking to prevent misuse of genetic and personal medical information. "Specifically, genetic testing must not be a precondition for obtaining health insurance. And genetic testing must not be allowed as a precondition of employment," he said.

Voters rejected an initiative that would have regulated physician-assisted suicide, and the Legislature passed pain-management bills. "So to build on what we've done," the governor said, "I will appoint a Commission on End-of-Life Care." No details, but clearly he's trying to blunt the demand of some for aid in dying.

QUESTIONABLE: Engler quoted Democratic President Bill Clinton with approval for saying that "all states and school districts must turn around their worst performing schools — or close them down" and was cheered by Republicans.

Unfortunately, Engler called for raising the lid on the number of charter schools — among the worst performers in the state. He needs to understand that many of his charter schools are bad and should be shut down.

GOOD: In 1990, when candidate Engler was asked about "urban sprawl," he greeted his questioner with a blank stare as if the person were speaking Sanskrit or Swahili. He has changed, apparently, saying, "As we work together to implement Clean Michigan (the voter-approved bond issue), save farmland and reduce urban sprawl, we will make sure that Michigan's rich legacy of natural beauty

and well-managed resources is preserved for future generations."

No details, but at least he isn't equating "sprawl" with "growth."

HOPEFUL: The governor's budget isn't due until Feb. 11, but we hear there will be more money for a Jobs Commission program of grants to community colleges for information technology programs. Oakland and Henry Ford community colleges have received \$5 million apiece. Schoolcraft and other fine community colleges were shut out in round one. Maybe they'll do better in round two.

The governor seems fully to have absorbed the lesson that "career development, including on-the-job training, apprenticeships in a skilled trade, or high-tech training at a community college or university" is every bit as important as agricultural economics, his own college major. Bless him.

PROBABLY GOOD: Engler promises to produce a formula to make sense of how we fund our 15 state universities. We haven't seen it, but we know the Legislature gets into donnybrooks over the higher education budget bill every year and hasn't been able to produce a formula. The universities are of little help — e.g., Oakland and Eastern Michigan produce plausible arguments as to why they're underfunded, but they don't agree on a proper mechanism.

DOUBTFUL: The governor wants to empower the mayor of Detroit — who already has a full plate with snow removal, trash pick-up and bad housing — power to change the governance of Detroit public schools. Why did he leave out the services of the State Board of Education, which is constitutionally empowered to supervise all K-12 public schools?

Suburbanites don't need to be reminded that if he can "do it" to Detroit, he can do it to Pontiac, Flint, Lansing and any school district in the state.

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Gregg Kellez
Canton



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Shannon Coleman



"Maybe so-so. Pretty comfy. They do a pretty good job ... It hasn't been an issue in 20 years, so ..."

Robert Mulligan
Plymouth



"Yes. Fairly safe. I'd be surprised to find out otherwise."

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POINTS OF VIEW

Sex offender list publication not answer to problem

(Editor's note: Michigan's State Police Department plans to release a list of convicted sex offenders via the Internet. Questions about the accuracy of the list and whether it should be released have been raised.)

It is irrelevant to publish the names and addresses of convicted child molesters who have served sentences for their crimes. I don't understand how this information, correct or incorrect, is useful.

It wouldn't have helped my parents protect me from the man who repeatedly molested me when I was 9.

He was just a guy in the neighborhood. If you had known him as the other adults in that community did, you wouldn't have suspected he was a child molester. There was nothing alarming about him. He must have been very careful to earn our trust so

as to obtain easy access to his target.

Just because someone is a child molester doesn't mean they've been convicted. It doesn't mean they've been suspected of molesting a child, or even arrested. In my case, his name wouldn't have appeared on such a list.

Under the circumstances, there was no way for my parents to know this had happened until 12 years later, when I was finally and painfully able to discuss it. It was entirely too late to discover the man's identity or even to begin to think about an attempt to prosecute him.

He was that manipulative, which is one reason why it took me, and my parents, so long to realize what was happening. When he molested me, he told me we were "wrestling." So when my parents questioned why I didn't like him to come over and baby-sit, I



CARRIE GARDETTO

told them I didn't like to wrestle.

Since I have two brothers, the thought of some rough-housing in my parents' absence seemed normal to them. If I were my parents, I wouldn't think there was anything more to it than that.

And what if he had been on a list? What would you do — move? Sure, you can move. Are you safe now? What

about all the people not on the list? Where do they live?

There are more things to consider.

What if someone in your neighborhood is on the list? You can't do anything about it, except move or avoid them. You can make decisions to avoid people on your own. You don't need a list. And anyway, is the neighbor justifiably listed? Maybe not. The police admit up to 40 percent of the names and/or addresses on the list are incorrect.

And if a person isn't on the list, then he or she must be OK, right?

Publication of this list might give some people a false sense of security. Or confirm for them that it's always the person you least suspect. Or suggest they should suspect everyone. Or no one.

Can any of us realistically go about our daily lives with constant caution

against all lurking dangers?

As someone who spent a few years in therapy dedicated to rising above her own molestation, I don't think publishing this list is the answer to the question of how can we protect our children from child molesters.

I don't claim to have the answer. Perhaps a child molester could tell us. It's comforting to think that publicizing a list of convicted child molesters would be a step in the direction of enabling citizens to protect themselves and their children. But I don't think it is.

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Culture that doesn't respect education impedes learning

Many suburban legislators are sweating over a question that doesn't directly concern suburban schools. It's Gov. John Engler's proposal to allow "urban" mayors to appoint new five-member school boards.

"Urban" means Detroit, certainly, and possibly Lansing.

The idea makes our legislators uncomfortable because if the state can replace school boards in one district, it can do so in "my" district. Moreover, suburban legislators don't want to irritate Detroit colleagues unnecessarily.

"This is not a racial issue," said Engler. He was wrong, of course. The president of the Detroit school board, Darryl Redmond, was blunt in our Channel 7 "Spotlight" interview last Sunday when he cited an African proverb that you spend a lifetime learning the rules only to have someone (state government) change the rules when it's your turn to be on top.

Detroit kids' test scores and graduation rate are so bad, however, that Engler is willing to run the risk of a racism charge to turn things around. We all should be sympathetic to the notion that educating kids for the global economy and ideals of citizenship is more important than local — or even racial — control.

I posed this question to Senate Majority Leader Dan DeGrow, R-Port Huron, who will sponsor Engler's bill:

Suppose you let the mayor appoint a new school board. It hires a good superintendent and doesn't try to micromanage the system. Maybe you improve the business operations of the schools.

But how does that affect kids in the classroom? How does it improve MEAP test scores? How does it improve graduation rates?

Remember, DeGrow is one of the better class of Republicans in the Legislature — pro-public school, against vouchers, no darling of the religious



TIM RICHARD

right.

DeGrow replied that his father was a public school superintendent and that a superintendent can turn things around.

An incomplete answer, in my view. I'd like to know how the macro changes at the top being proposed by Engler are going to affect kids.

Sen. Joe Young Jr. and four other Detroit Democrats said: "Before this Detroit caucus will even consider a school takeover plan, that plan must include plans for a core curriculum,

mandated small class size, teacher training, technology improvements and after-school programs."

That was a slightly better answer, though money-oriented.

When Richard Nixon became president, he said the problem with America wasn't its people, who were hard-working and patriotic, but with its Washington leadership.

In Detroit, the problem is people. If you've followed the Detroit papers coverage over the years, you've read that young black males have a disdain for schools because they're run by women. You've read feature stories where girls who try to do well in class are accused by classmates of "acting white."

A black friend who attained a managerial post with a major utility told me how he was ridiculed by other kids for taking books home for study.

A white suburban friend teaches in Detroit. She's excellent — I've visited her class. Yet her hostile colleagues

accuse her of "taking a job away from a black man."

You can hear the same kinds of stories in white "Michigan hillbilly" areas, but they are most pervasive in "urban" areas. You don't hear those kinds of stories in Cassopolis, where Dennis Archer was raised.

The problem is people in a culture that has little respect for education and teachers. Unless Engler and DeGrow know something that I don't, there is little hope that changing the school board, the superintendent, the business manager and business methods can help students learn.

In other words, I don't think top governmental officials have a magic wand that can change people's attitudes. I hope I'm wrong and they're right.

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Engler plan has merit, needs work

Gov. John Engler's State of the State speech last week got a lot of favorable comment, especially for his Michigan Merit Award plan that would give 11th-graders who pass their state MEAP proficiency exams \$2,500 each for study at their Michigan college of choice. Seventh- and eighth-graders who pass their MEAP exams would also get \$500 placed in escrow, kind of a down payment to encourage the kids to keep studying.

"It is important we reward our students who play by the rules, study hard, achieve on their tests and meet high standards," said the governor.

Money for the program is supposed to come from the annual payments Michigan will receive from the national legal settlement between the tobacco industry and various states.

Here's the math: If half the graduating seniors each year qualify for the full \$3,000 scholarship, the cost would be around \$200 million each year. State officials are estimating that Michigan's share of the national tobacco settlement should be around \$8.2 billion over the next 25 years, which works out to around \$330 million annually. In theory, this leaves some money left over for anti-smoking programs.

After a week's reflection, I still think Engler's plan is on balance a good idea, but is needing two changes.

First, kids attending private, parochial or home schools would be eligible to take the MEAP test and win the awards. Fine. But if they are going to get public money for their Michigan Merit Award, their test results should be made public, just like anybody else's. Non-public schools have had a bad habit of clamming up about test scores; now is a good time to break that habit.

Second, Engler said the scholarship money could be spent "at a Michigan school of your choice," suggesting it could go to private universities, colleges or trade schools. Private schools have been feeding off the public trough for years, and there's no need now for further public subsidies for private institutions.

Overall, in addition to encouraging kids to study hard, Engler's proposal also offers an important incentive for kids to take the state high school proficiency tests seriously. In recent years, far too many kids in well-to-do school districts have been skipping the rigorous MEAP tests in reading, writing, science and math. Those who skip don't get state-certified diplomas, but otherwise they have been getting off scot-free.

The governor's initiative changes all that.



PHILIP POWER

Even parents who have been whining that their little geniuses can't possibly be asked to take a MEAP proficiency exam in addition to the SAT and ACT tests they need to take for college admission aren't likely to toss a check for \$3,000 out the window.

What is needed now is for the business community, whose complaining about underprepared kids entering the job market provoked the MEAP test in the first place, to get on the stick. Ask most the human resources folks who actually do the hiring at Michigan businesses if they require MEAP test results on their interview forms; you're likely to get back a bewildered stare.


State universities should get the same message, too. Admissions offices scorn a state MEAP proficiency test on the grounds the ACT and SAT scores predict likely academic success in college perfectly well. Nobody knows, of course, and if colleges actually required test results on their admissions forms kids would realize people are serious about taking the proficiency tests in the first place.

Perhaps now is the time for everybody to get together and cut a deal on the MEAP test.

The governor has put a good idea on the table. The State Board of Education, which has been trying valiantly to get uniform assessment of K-12 academic proficiency accepted as the bedrock of school improvement, has an interest in seeing the governor's idea adopted. The business community should be invited to put up or shut up. And the universities should be asked to quit complaining and try to help solve the problem.

Sounds like a recipe for a successful summit meeting.

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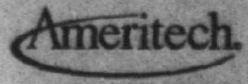
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who will share their experiences. There will be time to ask questions, browse, collect materials and speak with program representatives.

The seminar is free and open to the public, but reservations are required. Presentations begin at 10 a.m. in Room 200 of the McDowell Center.

For information or to make reservations, contact the Schoolcraft Counseling Center at (734) 462-4400, Ext. 5213. Schoolcraft College is at 18600 Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile, just west of I-275 in Livonia

Detroit Edison, DNR team up to offer grants for tree planting

Detroit Edison, in cooperation with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, has established a tree planting grant program for southeastern Michigan. Detroit Edison is providing up to \$60,000 for tree planting grants that are administered by the DNR's Forest Management Division, Urban and Community Forestry Program.

Officials hope the program helps increase properly plant-

ed trees in municipalities and maintains those trees in good condition and health. It is part of Detroit Edison's voluntary participation in the U.S. Department of Energy's Climate Challenge Program.

Local units of government are eligible to apply for tree planting grants of up to \$4,000 each.

Grant applications must be postmarked by Feb. 25. Projects must be completed by Dec. 31.

All grants require matching funds of at least 50 percent. The match may be of cash contributions or in-kind services, but may not include federal funds.

Applications are now available. For information, contact the DNR Forest Management Division, Urban and Community Forestry Program, P.O. Box 30452, Lansing, MI 48909-7952 or call (517) 373-1275.

CAPITOL CAPSULES

Drug grants

Several county agencies will receive a total of \$5.4 million in additional substance abuse prevention and treatment funding, Gov. John Engler has announced.

"Parental drug and alcohol abuse is largely responsible for a surge in child abuse and neglect," the governor said. Among the recipients is the Southeast Michigan Community Alliance, serving Wayne and Monroe counties - \$551,235.

Bills signed

Gov. Engler has signed:

■ A package of bills to provide consumers and patient more information about treating chronic pain. The laws take effect April 1. Among sponsors is Rep. Gerald Law, R-Plymouth. Thrust is to allow use of controlled substances in treatment of pain.

Ameritech hit

Ameritech, the Chicago-based telephone company, continues to get its lumps from critics.

Attorney General Jennifer Granholm has joined opponents of a planned takeover of Ameritech by SBC Communications Inc., of Texas. Despite state efforts to foster competition, Granholm said Ameritech still serves more than 96 percent of access lines in its territory.

Ameritech "is opposed to fair competition," said Richard McLellan, chair of the Michigan Competitive Telecommunications Providers Association. He referred to Ameritech's decision to appeal a Michigan Public Service Commission order to allow increased competition for short-haul long distance calls. McLellan said Ameritech charges Michigan homes \$100 a year more per line than in Illinois.

MMCTPA also blistered Ameritech for raising rates 1.29 percent for business and residential customers at the end of February 1999. It's the seventh raise since the Legislature in 1995 rewrote the Michigan Telecommunications Act, said McLellan.

Appointments

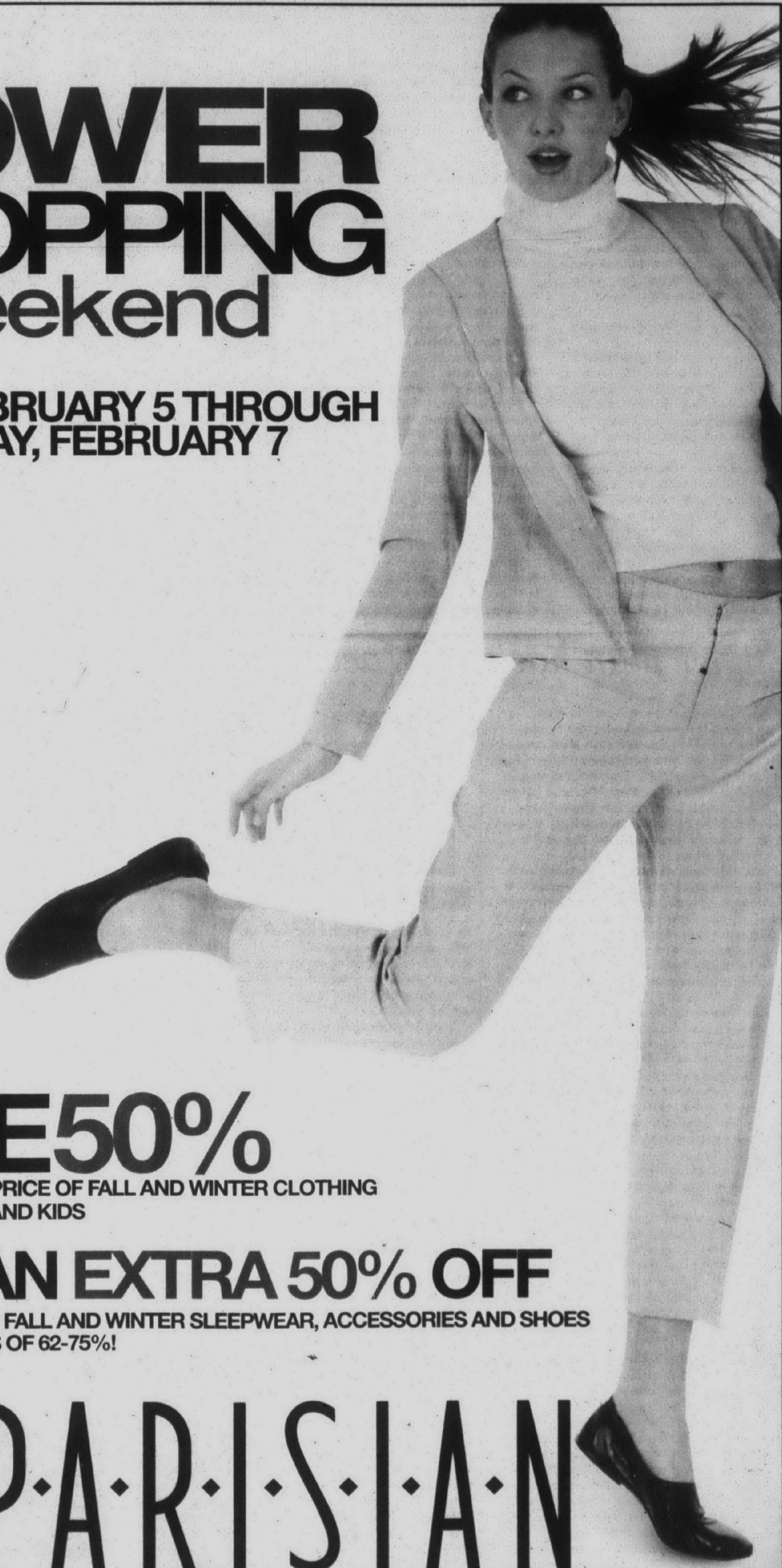
Gov. Engler has appointed:

Francisco Villarruel of Livonia to a new term on the state Civil Rights Commission. An attorney, Villarruel is appointed as a nonpartisan independent. The CRC makes policies for the Department of Civil Rights.

Margaret Chmielewski of Plymouth to a new term on the Statewide Independent Living Council, which aids the disabled in integrating into society. Chmielewski is director of the Office of Programs for Handicapped Students at Michigan State University and will represent disability advocacy groups.

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Official stuff: Educational or frivolous?

Lost amid the hype of presidential impeachment, the bombing of Iraq and the Blizzard of '99, a major piece of legislation squeaked through the Michigan Legislature just before the 1998 session drew to a close. Signed into law by Gov. John Engler at 7:15 p.m. on Dec. 29, 1998, House Bill 4923 became Public Act 454 on Dec. 30.

Getting the legislation passed was a hard-fought battle, and near the end, it was threatened with a gubernatorial veto. But Engler relented at the last minute and approved the legislation, designating the dwarf lake iris as Michigan's official state wildflower.

According to an Engler spokesman, the veto threat had nothing to do with the dispute over whether the dwarf lake iris or the trillium should get the official recognition, but with a concern over the number of such bills that are introduced every year.

"With all of the weighty issues out there, we seem to spend a lot of time debating trivia," John Truscott told a reporter last year. "Where is it going to end?"

It's a legitimate concern. Other bills introduced in the Michigan Legislature last year would have designated the morel mushroom the official state fungus, the green darner dragonfly (Anax junius) as the official state insect, the cherry as the official state fruit, the "cherry burger" (made with Michigan cherries) as the official burger and the spring peeper as the official state amphibian.

Children's education

Many of these ideas, not just in Michigan but in other states, originate in elementary school classrooms. The morel mushroom bill originated with a group of Lake Orion fourth-graders, who had spent four months studying the tasty fungus.

The students and their teacher, Howard Sawicke, approached state Rep. Penny Crissman, R-Rochester, with their proposal, and she introduced a bill to designate the morel as "the official fungus of this state."

Not only did the students manage to get the bill introduced, but they went to Lansing where they testified before the House Agriculture Committee, where the bill eventually died.

Sawicke says the experience taught the students a great deal about the legislative process that they wouldn't have gotten from a textbook. He's probably right.

But some people, including some lawmakers, think that the Legislature shouldn't be dealing with bills that they consider "frivolous." They say there are cheaper ways of teaching students about the legislative process, since processing each bill costs thousands of dollars.

Rep. Howard Wetters, D-Kawkawlin, who chaired the agriculture committee to which the morel bill was assigned, said while he wasn't opposed to giving kids a hearing on such bills, "I don't think we can do this for every fourth-grade class in Michigan."

A look at other state symbols might give you the idea that that's exactly what legislatures have been doing.

Michigan already has a state reptile, state gem, state stone, state fish and state soil, in addition to the more traditional symbols like the state flag and coat of arms, state tree, state flower and state bird. But there is some controversy here.

A bill introduced last year would have repealed earlier legislation that established the apple blossom as the state flower (in 1897) and the white pine as the state tree (in 1955) and would have made the trillium the state flower and the crab apple tree the state tree. That bill died in the Committee on House Oversight and Ethics.

Way out west

Out in Nevada, which already had a state tree (the piñon pine) the legislature adopted "another state tree"

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the edge
@ 105.1

Fine-tuning

'News junkie' helps build station appeal

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
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As a Miami University broadcast student, Julie Maxwell anxiously awaited news about Detroit radio. Radio was her hobby at Plymouth Canton High School but the medium crept into her psyche.

The 1984 Plymouth Canton High School graduate's heart sank when the rock station WLLZ-FM and the alternative outlet WABX-FM changed formats.

"Those were all the stations I grew up with. Even though I was down there, I always kept up on the Detroit area because my family is still here," she said.

And it was Maxwell's family who gave her an earful when WQRS-FM switched from classical music to alternative rock's WXDG-FM "The Edge."

"My mom's favorite station was 'QRS. Boy did I hear about that - twice. When they switched, I got the, 'Why, why, why did they do this to my favorite station?'" said Maxwell.

The second time was when she was hired as the promotion and marketing director in October 1998 for her mother's archenemy - The Edge.

"When I got the job, it was, 'Well, I'm glad you're working, but did you have to work for them? That's the station that took away my 'QRS.'"

Maxwell has frequently heard that sentiment. But the real challenge has been trying to win over the audiences of other Detroit-area alternative stations such as CIMX-FM and WPLT-FM.

"We had to prove what every station has to prove - a quality product, staying power, attractive programming and good prizes," Maxwell said.

WXDG, one of three stations that make up the Greater Detroit Radio Group in Ferndale, had a little help.

"We're real fortunate because our



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HOFFMEYER

Lucky ducats: Julie Maxwell shows off some of The Edge's tickets and passes to such events as Super Bowl XXXIII, Horde Festival and Ultimate Edge sessions with The Dave Matthews Band.

big brothers are WCSX and WRIF, so that's quite a pool of talent to draw on in terms of just relationships and experience and phone numbers - the little nuances of politics and things like that," she said.

Longtime passion

Maxwell, the daughter of Benton and Ann Lindamood of Plymouth,

had the background to pull that off. Media have been a longtime passion of hers.

"I was always a news junkie," Maxwell said during an interview in her Ferndale office which houses dolls of "Dylan" from "Beverly Hills 90210" and "Jay" and "Silent Bob" from the movie "Mallrats." "I loved the radio. I remember having my

dad's transistor, and it was supposed to be the emergency radio in case there was a tornado or something.

"I would have his transistor and at night in the summer with the windows open, when it was really calm and quiet, you could tune it in and get baseball games and hear all these places like Boston, St. Louis or Toronto. It was all these really far-off places that are coming to you from this little box. I just have always been fascinated with that voices in the box."

At Plymouth Canton, Maxwell worked on the CEP Perspective newspaper and the student radio station, WSDP-FM, as a news reporter.

"I thought it would be newspapers all through high school, radio was just a hobby," she said. "I worked at 'SDP (WSDP-FM) in high school. Then I got this part-time job at a commercial station (WOXY-FM) while I was in college and I thought, 'Wait a minute. I'm having fun at this.'"

She honed her radio skills working for the Miami University (Oxford,

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WSDP-FM celebrates anniversary

WSDP-FM, the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools' student radio station, will celebrate 27 years of broadcasting on Sunday, Feb. 14. Since signing on the air in 1972, the station has been providing broadcast training for students at Plymouth Canton Educational Park.

WSDP, 88.1 FM "The Escape," features music, news, community affairs, interviews and live sports.

Many WSDP graduates, like Julie Maxwell of WXDG-FM 105.1 "The Edge," are working in markets across the country.

"Students that don't go into broadcasting have an

excellent opportunity to apply skills learned in many of their classes," said Bill Keith, WSDP station manager. "They also have a chance to gain leadership skills that will be with them for life."

Last year, WSDP produced a guide recounting the station's history. Portions were written by former station managers Bonny Dore, Jeff Cardinal, Andy Melin and Dave Snyder.

Copies of the guide are available at the Plymouth Historical Museum, the Little Professor Bookstore, Canton Township Hall, Dearborn Music or by calling (734) 416-7732.

Choir tunes up for international festival

Making plans: Jerry Smith (left), music director at Ward Presbyterian Church, discusses the annual International Church Music Festival to be held in Bern, Switzerland, in June, with its artistic director, Paul Leddington Wright.



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
SPECIAL WRITER

Livonia resident Alan Brace plans to be an ambassador of peace and love while he participates in the annual International Church Music Festival.

"I think it's a special opportunity to represent our country, to represent Ward Church and to have an opportunity to fellowship with Christians from other parts of the world," said Brace, who has been a member of Ward Presbyterian Church for 20 years.

Brace joins 49 other members of the Ward choir who will be singing with 500 singers from churches across the globe June 8-11 in Bern, Switzerland. The festival has drawn a diverse conglomeration of Christian choirs in an annual event since 1984, excluding 1991 when it was canceled because of the Persian Gulf War.

"There's a sacred spirit that comes out of people's hearts during these festivals," said Jerry Smith, Ward choir director.

The Ward choir has been part of other music festivals, but this is the first year it will participate in the International Church Music Festival.

Smith recently met with Paul Leddington Wright, festival artistic director since 1991, at the Holiday Inn in Livonia. As the two men

talked about the event, the plastic table and chairs by the hotel pool were replaced with thoughts of angelic voices, representing people of varied nations singing in harmony to praise God.

Music would become their universal language that transcends any differences. Wright traveled from England during a whirlwind visit to the United States to meet with eight choirs throughout the country.

"The idea was to bring choirs together from all over the world," said Wright, who worked as organist and director of the Music at Coventry Cathedral in England from 1984 until 1995. The festival is held in the Coventry Cathedral every other year.

"If people come away from the festival and as a result of the music, develop fellowship and enjoyment, and if their faith for the living God is stronger, then it's been effective," Wright said.

The festival also provides scholarship opportunities for choirs, mostly in Eastern Europe, with limited resources.

"They would not normally be able to travel abroad, but because of the scholarship program they can do this," Wright said. "There are great bonds of friendship and fellowship that develop

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STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HOFFMEYER

On "The Edge": Plymouth Canton High School graduates Julie Maxwell, WXDG-FM's promotion and marketing director, and Tim Krukowski, WXDG's weekend air personality and marketing and programming coordinator, plan events to promote the station, known as "The Edge."

CLARIFICATION

In the Jan. 28 edition, the telephone number for Suburban Children's Co-op Nursery should have read as (734) 421-6196. The nursery, at 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia, is open 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.

Also, providing information that was left off the list was the New Morning School at 14501 Haggerty, Plymouth Township, (734) 420-3331. The pre-kindergarten-eighth-grade parent cooperative, the preschool program offers the hands-on learning of appropriate readiness skills. Each day includes individual and group activities. Preschool programs are available two and three days a week at a cost of \$25.65 per session or \$168 monthly non-coop, \$17.50 per session or \$114 per month for level 1 co-op and \$13.50 per session or \$85 per month for level 1.5 co-op. Class hours are 9 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

Ohio) student radio station, WMSR-FM, and the National Public Radio affiliate, WMUB-FM. When Maxwell was a senior, she was hired by WOXY-FM, the commercial alternative station in the Cincinnati area.

She graduated from Miami in 1989 with a triple major of media management, broadcast production and broadcast journalism.

"It was really media-intensive," Maxwell said. "They'd be handing out triple majors left and right, if people are smart enough to figure out it was all scheduling."

Meanwhile, Maxwell worked for WOXY for 11 years, starting out working weekends and covering local and school politics for the morning show. She climbed the ladder at the station, moving from part-time weekends to morning show co-host where she stayed for five years. Yearning for a "normal" schedule, Maxwell moved to the promotions department for six years.

"At the time I thought it would be better hours; I quickly found out that instead of getting up at 4 a.m. I was out until 4 a.m."

she said. "I saw it as something new to try. It gave me more contacts with people in the industry."

Life changes

In fall 1998, Maxwell's life took a turn. She got engaged to Daniel J. Argonis, the owner of Venture Outdoors in Plymouth. She left Cincinnati to come home and plan her May wedding ceremony.

"When I quit, I was without a job - talk about flying by the seat of my pants. It wasn't hard until I got home, moved in and didn't have a job to go to the next Monday morning," Maxwell said with a smile.

But it only took her a month to land the job of promotions and marketing director for WXDG "The Edge."

She and her team of six to eight interns plan bar promotions, "Edge Sessions" where major-label bands play small recording studios, events like "Tubing with Kid Rock" at Alpine Valley and give-aways. Helping her is 1990 Plymouth Canton High School graduate Tim Krukowski, weekend air personality and marketing and

programming coordinator.

"It's really a collaborative effort amongst everyone here," Maxwell said. "I'm responsible for pulling it all together. The department is responsible for taking the ideas, finalizing and figuring out all the details and making it work."

According to "Spike," WXDG's music director and morning show personality, it's working.

"She brings a young, fresh spin to promotions we do," said Spike, a former Farmington Hills resident now living in Ferndale. "She identifies with the listeners because she's a listener, meaning she knows the cool lifestyle-oriented events to put together so that the station's not just about the music, but also about hobbies and the interests of the listeners."

The "Edge Sessions" have become a staple of WXDG. Performers such as Eagle Eye Cherry, Semisonic, Better Than Ezra and Dave Matthews have played for small audiences at Harmonie Park and Overture studios in Detroit and Novi, respectively.

"The idea behind it is to give people the opportunity to see

these hands up close and personal and be able to have an interaction with them, and the chance to ask questions or take pictures," Maxwell said. "We had Dave Matthews in our conference room before Christmas. It was amazing. We created this whole sort of vibe and feel, so when you walked in you weren't walking into a conference room anymore."

"We put zebra drapes up along two walls. We got an oriental rug, we had floor pillows. We had color spotlights to make it a real cozy and intimate atmosphere. That's something that you can't buy."

While some would see planning a private concert with Matthews as a sign of success, Maxwell said success comes from within.

"When I graduated from high school, it was 'good riddance' (to Plymouth). At 18, you're so full of yourself. You're confident and naive. You think you're not going to come home until you're a big success. But coming back home is what made me a success."

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after students from Ely, Nev., suggested the bristlecone pine as a state symbol. And the Nevada state Web site has a page inviting other students to submit their ideas for new state symbols because "some states have symbols which we don't have."

What Nevada does not have is a state tartan. But Georgia does. That land of peanuts and Vidalia onions adopted the "Georgia tartan" as the "official state tartan" in 1997. And those onions and peanuts? The Vidalia onion is Georgia's "official state veg-

etable" and the peanut is the "official state crop."

Massachusetts is a land of symbols. In addition to a state gem AND a state mineral, it has a state rock, state historical rock, state explorer rock and state building rock and monument stone. It also has a state beverage (cranberry juice), a state muffin (the corn muffin, petitioned by schoolchildren in 1986), a state dog (the Boston terrier), state cat (the tabby cat, also petitioned by schoolchildren) and a state heroine (Debo-

rah Samson, who fought in the War of Independence while posing as a man).

Texas has a state dish (chili). California (among its 26 state symbols) lists a state poet laureate and a state fife and drum corps while Alabama recognizes a state freshwater fish (large-mouth bass), state saltwater fish (tarpon), state nut (pecan) and a state Bible.

Both Nebraska and Utah adopted the honey bee as the official state insect after lobbying efforts by elementary school

students who had studied the insect as class projects. And in Illinois the state flower, tree, bird, insect, fish and animal were all selected by schoolchildren.

But a state fungus? Well, there's precedent for that, too. At least one other state, Minnesota, has an official state fungus. And it is, you guessed it, the morel mushroom.

Jack Gladden is the official state copy editor of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. He lives in Canton Township.

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because of this. We benefit from experiencing the music, joy and appreciation that comes from some of the people from some of these other countries."

Even though each choir sings the songs with different accents, somehow together, there is clari-

ty. Every day of the festival begins with morning worship, followed by Bible readings, prayer and more singing.

The principal conductor is Sir David Willcocks, who has been part of the festival since its first year. He recently retired as

music director of the London Bach Choir, a position held since 1960. He was knighted by Queen Elizabeth in 1977.

Beyond the three-day singing festival, members of the Ward choir will also be involved in missionary work, visiting and

singing with choirs from small churches in England.

Betty Currier, a longtime Ward choir member, says she looks forward to singing with such a large group and in taking part in the missionary work. Everyone who attends the festival, including Currier and Brace, will leave with their own stories, Wright said.

Year after year, Wright's story remains intact and inspiring. Coventry Cathedral has an interesting history that coincides with the intent of the festival.

Decimated by bombs during World War II, the church was rebuilt years later. The rubble from the original church was kept at the site to remind people of the "wickedness of war and the wickedness" of Good Friday, marking the death of Christ, Wright said.

An inscription on a cornerstone of the new church explains: "Worship without music does not easily soar." And that, Wright said, describes the essence of the festival.

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WESTERN TOWNSHIPS UTILITIES AUTHORITY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING SYNOPSIS
4:00 P.M., MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 1999

Regular meeting called to order at 4:11 p.m.
Present: Thomas Yack, Kathleen A. Keen-McCarthy, Richard Henningsen,
Agenda - adopted as presented.
Minutes of regular meeting of November 23, 1998 - approved.
Minutes of regular meeting of December 21, 1998 - approved.
Schedule of operating expenses totaling \$576,927.00 - approved.
Operations & Maintenance Report for December, 1998 - received and filed.
Operations Manager's Report for January, 1999 - received and filed.
Interceptor Connection; Canton Township-G&D Spec Building - approved.
Administrative Manager's Salary - approved.
Election of Officers - Chairman - Thomas Yack, Vice-Chairperson/Secretary - Karen Woodside; Treasurer - Kathleen A. Keen-McCarthy; Assistant Secretary - Tim Feas.
Budget Amendment; Operations Manager's Salary and Related Benefits - approved.
Y2K Action Plan - approved subject to changes recommended by WTUA's legal counsel.
Sewer Cleaning & CCTV Inspecting Contract: Phase 3 - "Middle Rouge Parkway Interceptor" - approval to advertise for bids.
The regular meeting was adjourned at 4:57 p.m.

THOMAS J. YACK, Chairman

This is a synopsis. A complete copy of the minutes may be reviewed at the WTUA offices located at 40905 Joy Road, Canton, MI 48187.
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR APPROVAL OF CLUSTER HOUSING OPTION

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Planning Commission has received a request from Triangle Wellworth Homes, Inc. for Approval of the Cluster Housing Option, pursuant to Zoning Ordinance 83, as amended. The subject property is located on the south side of Ann Arbor Road and the west side of Canton Center Road. Application No. 1565/1298.

Public Hearing is required by Ordinance No. 83 and/or Subdivision Ordinance No. 32, of the Charter Township of Plymouth. (Application No. 1565/1298) Tax I.D. Nos. 056-99-0010-000, 056-99-0014-002, 066-99-0015-702.

Questions regarding the application, may be directed to the Community Development Department, Department of Public Services Building, during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The Planning Commission will consider the application at its regular meeting on Wednesday, February 17, 1999, commencing at 7:00 p.m. Written comments will be received prior to the meeting. The address for application review and written comment is: Plymouth Charter Township, Community Development Department, 46555 Port Street, Plymouth, Michigan 48170. Telephone No. 734-453-4372. The meeting will be held in the Meeting Room at Township Hall. The address of Township Hall is 42350 Ann Arbor Road.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: The Charter Township of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at all Township Meetings, to individuals with disabilities at the Meetings/Hearings upon one week notice to the Charter Township of Plymouth by writing or calling the Supervisor's office, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170. Phone number: (734) 453-3840 X 201. TDD users: 1-800-649-3777. (Michigan Relay Service)

MARCIA SAYLES, Secretary
Planning Commission

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE PLAN

The Charter Township of Plymouth, Wayne County, Michigan, will hold a Public Hearing on a proposed Recreation and Open Space Plan for The Charter Township on February 10, 1999 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170.

The purpose of the meeting is to provide the general public with the opportunity to make any comments or recommendations regarding the proposed Recreation and Open Space Plan. A copy of the preliminary Recreation and Open Space Plan can be reviewed at the Township Clerk's office during regular business hours: 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday thru Friday, Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170.

If you have any questions regarding this matter please contact the Division of Public Service at 453-2257.

JAMES D. ANULEWICZ
Director of Public Services

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WESTERN TOWNSHIPS UTILITIES AUTHORITY
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Western Townships Utilities Authority is seeking bids for sewer cleaning and closed circuit television inspection of the WTUA "Middle Rouge Parkway" sanitary sewer interceptor.

Companies or individuals who desire a copy of the bid documents should contact:

Ms. Sandy Forrest
Western Townships Utilities Authority
40905 Joy Road, Canton, MI 48187
(734) 453-2793

All submittals must be received by February 26, 1999 at 11:00 a.m., at the above address. A public opening of the bids will immediately follow the closing at the Middle Rouge offices located at 40905 Joy Road, Canton, Michigan.

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Dance marathon benefits Children's Miracle Network

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When more than 243 dancers put their best foot forward at a 30-hour dance marathon this weekend, they'll be just a small part of a massive student-organized effort to benefit the Children's Miracle Network.

Organized and conducted by the students, the second annual marathon - "Making Kids Smile, Maize and Blue Style!" - will be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday-Sunday, Feb. 6-7, at the University of Michigan Indoor Track Building on State Street in Ann Arbor.

"It's a huge building and we're using the entire track area for the dancers and volunteers, spectators and families," said Jen Riesenberger, public rela-

tions chairwoman. "Every square inch will be used."

This is the second year for the student-organized event which will raise money for the Children's Miracle Network, a non-profit organization whose mission is to generate money and awareness programs to help hospitalized children served by CMN-affiliated hospitals.

All the money raised at the marathon goes to the local CMN-affiliated hospitals, William Beaumont Hospital's facilities in Troy and Royal Oak. In all, there are 170 CMN-affiliated hospitals throughout the United States and Canada.

The money raised at the marathon will go to the children's physical and occupational therapy wards at the Beaumont facilities.

Major undertaking

The marathon is a major undertaking for the students who started organizing this year's event in March 1998. The dance marathon is the largest student-run philanthropic event in the country. It got its start in 1993 when the first one was held at Pennsylvania State University. Now, more than 18 colleges and universities organize dance marathons to raise money for their local CMN-affiliated hospitals.

Last year, the marathon attracted 75 dancers and raised \$30,000 for CMN. No financial goal was set for this year, rather organizers have focused on increasing student participation.

"This is much bigger than last year," said Riesenberger. "We're

really excited we tripled the number of dancers over last year."

The dancers have paid \$30 to be a part of the marathon, plus they have agreed to raise at least \$200 for CMN. Friends, family members, organizations and student-run events like Beaumont Family Field Day, a Swing Night and other fund-raisers and activities have helped them meet or exceed the \$200 goal.

"Many of the dancers have gone over and above the \$200," said Riesenberger. "I know many who have raised \$500."

While the marathon runs 30 hours, participants will not dance continuously. They must stay on their feet, but in addition to music provided by three different disc jockeys, there will be a basketball court and games set

up to keep them moving.

Each dancer also will also have a cadre of volunteers - moralers - who will work shifts to keep dancers motivated during the marathon.

Riesenberger estimates that more than 1,500 U-M students have volunteered their time for the benefit, working on the various committees, as moralers and security guards.

Signing up

Among students who have signed up for the marathon are Avni Patel, Megan Anderson, Robb Smylie, Elizabeth Senk, Ani Shehigian, Natalie Ross and Jill Van Tiem, all of Livonia; Suman Palakodeti, Rupa Patel and Angkana Roy, all of Plymouth, and Niketa Kulkarni, Poonan Desai, Kelly Maltese,

Neha Sha, Dina Patel and Pritee Patel, all of Canton.

The volunteers also have lined up a number of area businesses like General Mills, Jiffy Mix, General Electric, EDS Corp., Microsoft, Wendy's and the Michigan Union Bookstore as its sponsors.

A spectator area has been set aside for people to watch the marathon. Admission is free.

Families and children who benefit from the marathon also will be in attendance, as well as physicians and physical therapists from the hospitals. Riesenberger expects several families to be there.

"Some will be there the entire time. Others will come and go," she said. "Seeing them there the last 10 hours is what keeps the kids (dancers) going."

ANNIVERSARIES

Greenfield

Harry and Marian Greenfield of Westland were the guests of honor at a 50th wedding anniversary celebration at the Wayne Ford Civic League hosted by their children.

Lifelong residents of Westland, they exchanged vows on Oct. 21, 1948, at St. Mary Catholic Church. She is the former Marian Kehr.

The Greenfields renewed their wedding vows at St. Richard

Catholic Church as part of the celebration, which featured a replica of the original wedding cake topped with the original figurines. Five members of their wedding party also were in attendance.

They are the parents and grandparents of Irene Eddy, husband Dan, and children Matthew, Joy, Luke, Marianne and Maureen Maher; Robert, wife Patricia, and children Dominique, Patrick and Camille;

Thomas, wife Pamela, and son Aaron; James, wife Lora, and children Justin, Amber and Erik; Richard and children Derrick and Deven; Kathleen Greenfield and daughter Ashley; Neal, wife Shari, and children Christopher, Ryan and Paige; Mary Werts and husband Scott; and the late Timothy Greenfield.

The couple enjoyed a second honeymoon on a two-week Caribbean cruise.



Frechette

Donald and Beverly Frechette of Livonia celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with an all-day garden party with friends and family in Fowlerville on July 4.

The couple's first date was decided when he and a friend flipped a coin to see who would take the former Beve Adams, to a hot dog roast at Rouge Park. He won't divulge whether he won or lost the bet, but they have been together since then.

They have seven children - Mark and wife Sharon of Newberry, Barry and wife Lauretta of Madison Wis., Renee of San Diego, Calif., Rolland and wife Laure of Fowlerville, Cherie Kolodziejczak and husband Mike of Livonia, Maurice of Ann Arbor



and Andre of Livonia. They also have 12 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Moug

Robert and Marion Moug of Redford celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at an afternoon reception, hosted by their children and held at Bobby's Country House in Livonia.

The couple met in 1943 in study hall at Detroit Pershing High School. They were married on Feb. 12, 1949, in Bowling Green, Ohio. She is the former Marion Pruitt.

They have six married children - Robert and wife Connie of Farmington, Pamela Gilbert and husband Richard of Commerce Township, Glenn and wife Nancy of Commerce Township, Loretta Pietila and husband Keith of

Livonia, Patrick and wife Kim of Walled Lake and Michael and wife Bernadette of New Hudson.

They also have 12 grandchildren - Joshua Gilbert and wife Heather, Christopher Krekler and wife Robyn, Courtney Gilbert, Erin Moug, Kelly Moug, Mandy Moug, Alex and Megan Pietila, Nick Moug, Travis Moug, Katie Moug and Mackenzie Moug - and one great-grandchild, Max Krekler.

He enlisted in the U.S. Navy at age 17 and served from 1943 to 1946. He saw action in the Pacific Theater, including Iwo Jima and Okinawa, during World War II. He is a retired Detroit Police Inspector.



Solid Snake



Psycho Mantis

McFarlane Toys adds 'Metal Gear' figures

Award-winning artist Todd McFarlane has added characters from the Sony PlayStation game "Metal Gear Solid" by Konami to his lineup of action figures.

The Plymouth Township-based McFarlane Toys "Metal Gear Solid" assortment is packed with tons of accessories from night vision goggles to laser sighting devices and with an arsenal of weapons.

The assortment also includes the characters Solid Snake, Liquid Snake, Meryl Silverburgh, Vulcan Raven, Revolver Ocelot, Sniper Wolf, Ninja and Psycho Mantis.


Each figure stands between 6 1/2 inches and 7 1/2 inches tall and is extremely detailed, highly flexible and loaded with accessories.

The manufacturer's suggested retail price is \$5.99. All figures are packaged on blister cards and will be available in February.

Hailed as the first video game ever to receive a perfect score by Electronic Gaming Monthly, and released in October 1998, "Metal Gear Solid" quickly became the No. 1 selling Sony PlayStation game in the United States, according to Ken Reinstein, public relations manager for McFarlane Toys.

The game features the lead character, code-named Solid Snake, who embarks on a military mission to save the world, enhanced by a cinematic plot that explores friendship, betrayal and romance.

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CALENDAR

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN AND AROUND PLYMOUTH

WEEKEND

SINGLES' EVENTS

Single Place holds a walk to the park 10 a.m. every Saturday at Heritage Park, Farmington Road between 10 Mile and 11 Mile in Farmington Hills.

Single Place holds the following social events every Sunday: worship 11 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church Sanctuary; brunch 12:30 p.m. at Northville Crossing Restaurant, 18900 Northville Road, Northville; coffee and cards 6 p.m. at Tuscan Cafe, 150 N. Center, Northville.

Suburban Singles holds a single mingle dance 8 p.m. every Wednesday in the Bonnie Brook Country Club, on Telegraph south of Eight Mile, Redford. Proper attire, no jeans. Ages 21 and up. Admission is \$4, \$3 before 8:30 p.m. For more information, call (313) 842-0443.

Suburban Singles holds an after-dinner dance 7-11 p.m. every Sunday in the Bonnie Brook Country Club, on Telegraph, south of Eight Mile, Redford. Proper attire, no jeans. Ages 21 and up. Admission is \$4, \$3 before 7:30 p.m. For more information, call (313) 842-7422.

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.

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.

OSTEOPOROSIS SCREENING

Oakwood Healthcare System is sponsoring Osteoporosis Screening 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13, in Oakwood Healthcare Center, Canton. Bone density screening identifies individuals at risk for developing osteoporosis. It requires that participant (35-plus, unless on arthritis/steroids medication) place ankle in water bath, extremely low X-ray is transmitted. Within minutes, bone density results are reported and interpreted. Cost is \$10; OHA \$5. Free to authorized Head Start and Oakwood Healthcare Plan members. For registration, call (800) 543-WELL.

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 tradition-

al 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.

OPEN HOUSE

Plymouth Children's Nursery School will have an Open House 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 7, for fall registration. For more information, contact Sharon Eggenberger for classes for 4-year-olds at 981-5398 or Michelle Maxam for the 3-year-old classes at 459-3111.

WE LOVE BARBIE

"We Love Barbie" Barbie & Friends Doll Show will be 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 14, in the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$2 for kids 4-12. The show is exclusively Barbie for sale, old and new. For more information, call R.R. Promotions Inc. at (734) 455-2110.

DINNER SOCIAL

The Dearborn-Livonia Chapter of the U.S. Singletons will host their next dinner social 1 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 7, at the Water Club Grill, 39500 E. Ann Arbor Road, east of I-275 in Plymouth Township. Single adults ages 45 plus wishing further information should write to: U.S. Singletons, P.O. Box 2175, Fort Dearborn Station, Dearborn, MI 48123.

AROUND TOWN

PCCA MEETING

The Plymouth Community Council on Aging will hold a general meeting 1:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 8, in the Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. The Canton Kitchen Band will perform, led by Bernice Russian. For more information, call Phyllis Hess at (734) 453-1234, Ext. 236.

PLYMOUTH UNITED WAY

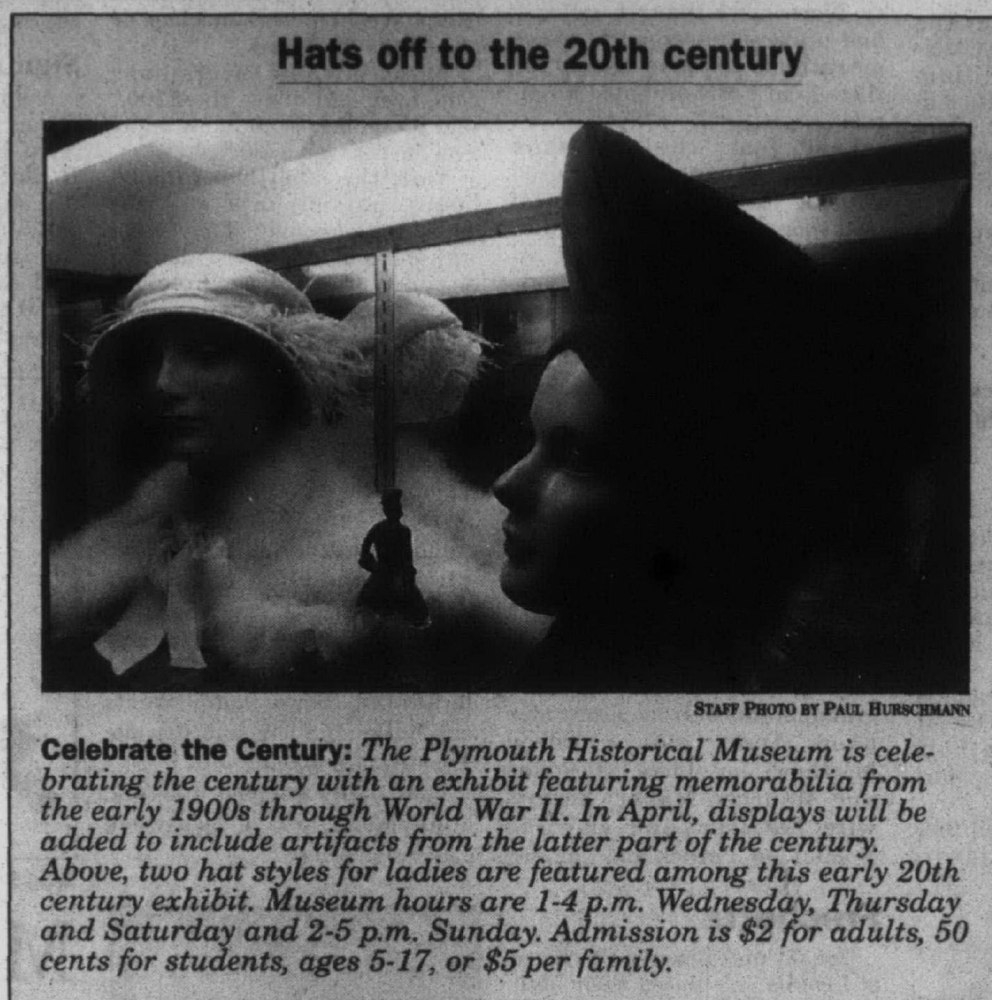
The Plymouth Community United Way will hold its annual meeting 8 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 11, at Johnson Controls, 49200 Halvard, Plymouth. The purpose of this meeting is to elect four board members, four officers, hear reports from the president, secretary, and treasurer, and to conduct such other business as may come before the board. The public is invited to attend. Breakfast will be available.

WINTER WRITER'S SERIES

The Second Annual Winter Writer's Series, sponsored by the Plymouth Poets, will be held 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11, at the Coffee Bean Company. The red poets will include Ann Holdreith, Donna Demeyer, and Liberty R.O. Daniels. They will tell you of the pain, struggles and joys women face in the world today. There will be open microphone time for both women and men.

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



Hats off to the 20th century

Celebrate the Century: The Plymouth Historical Museum is celebrating the century with an exhibit featuring memorabilia from the early 1900s through World War II. In April, displays will be added to include artifacts from the latter part of the century. Above, two hat styles for ladies are featured among this early 20th century exhibit. Museum hours are 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday and 2-5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$2 for adults, 50 cents for students, ages 5-17, or \$5 per family.

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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.

LENTEN PROGRAM

The Plymouth Ministerial Association's 1999 Ecumenical Lenten Program, "The Cross: The Gift of Life," begins noon, Ash Wednesday, Feb. 17 in the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, 701 W. Church, corner of Main. Program will take place on each Wednesday of Lent, through March 24. All the services will take place at First Presbyterian Church, but various member churches of the association will be leading the noon service, followed by a bread and soup lunch provided by another church. Donations to the lunch will be sent to Habitat for Humanity. Residents of the Plymouth area and persons employed in Plymouth are invited to attend. For more information, call 453-0326.

GENERAL MEETING

The Vietnam Veterans of America will hold their general meeting 7:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 8, at 9318 Newburgh, between Joy and Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia.

All Veterans on active duty Jan. 1, 1959-May 7, 1975, regardless of duty station are eligible. For more information, call Don Dignan at (313) 845-3752 or at (734) 525-0157.

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 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 more. 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.

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 Gymboree 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.

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.

MEDILODGE GROUP

The Medilodge Group Inc. has made available to local clubs and organizations a representative for assisted living, long-term care, services available, reimbursement under Medicare and other topics. If interested, call the administrator or admission director at West Trail Nursing Center at (734) 453-3983.

ADULT DAY CARE

Adult Day Care is a weekday program, open 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., serving senior citizens who need some assistance but don't need to be in a nursing home. The program is designed to give relief to the caregiver while providing an enjoyable, activity-filled day in a relaxed, supervised, friendly environment. Professionals assist with the restroom, medications and offer a hot lunch. Transportation and financial assistance are available. For more information, call the Plymouth site at (734) 451-1455 or the Livonia site at (734) 591-2216.

SUPPORT GROUPS

STARTING OVER

Starting Over is a group for widowed men and women younger than 45. Meetings are held the first and third Tuesday of the month at Plymouth Church of Christ. For more information, call (734) 662-5999.

THYROID SUPPORT GROUP

The Thyroid Support Group will meet to educate and support those with thyroid disorders. For more information, call Tracy Green at (734) 453-7945 or e-mail at mitsg@mediaone.net.

ARBOR HOSPICE

Arbor Hospice sponsors grief support programs open to the public. If you would like more information or would like to sign up, call (734) 662-5999.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Community Hospice and Home Care Services has a drop-in grief support group. The group meets 6:30-8 p.m. every third Wednesday of the month to support and affirm people grieving a loss through death. To learn more, call Becky Rouse at (734) 522-4244.

WIDOW AND WIDOWER'S GROUP

Community Hospice & Home Care Services offers those recovering from the death of a partner a chance to share their grief. A trained facilitator guides members through topics ranging from loneliness, sadness, guilt and anger, as well as learning to rebuild a new life. The meetings, which are free, take place 1-3 p.m. every first and third Wednesday of the month. To learn more or to register, call Becky Rouse at (734) 522-4244.

Malkiewicz Kammerer

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Art Bey Gustafson announce their daughter, Robert S. Tr Stan and R of Canton. The bride of Ramona employed as Her fiancé of Plymouth. He was recruited by the U.S. Navy. He was employed in Palmdale, Calif. A fall wedding in California, is planned.

CALENDAR FORM

The Plymouth Observer welcomes Calendar items. Items should be from non-profit community groups or individuals announcing a community program or event. Please type or print the information below and mail your item to The Calendar, Plymouth Observer, 794 South Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170, or by fax to 734-459-4224. Deadline for Calendar items is noon Friday for the following Thursday's paper. Call 459-2700 if you have any questions.

Event: _____

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Location: _____

Telephone: _____

Additional Info.: _____

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WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Malkiewicz-Kammeraad

Dean D. Malkiewicz and Jennifer E. Kammeraad were recently married at Mill Race Village in Northville. The Rev. Simon J. DeVries officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Judith and Peter Kammeraad of Plymouth. The groom is the son of Dorothy McLean of Plymouth and Daniel Malkiewicz of Canton.

The bride is employed as a psychologist. The groom is a graduate student in speech and language pathology.

The bride asked Kathryn Kammeraad to be her maid of honor with Dawn Malkiewicz and Kym Derks as attendants.

The groom asked Damon Malkiewicz to be his best man with Jeffrey DeVries and Steve



Strelecki as groomsmen. Ring bearer was Doran Jones.

The couple received guests at the Wyndham Garden Hotel in Novi before leaving on a honeymoon trip to Maine.

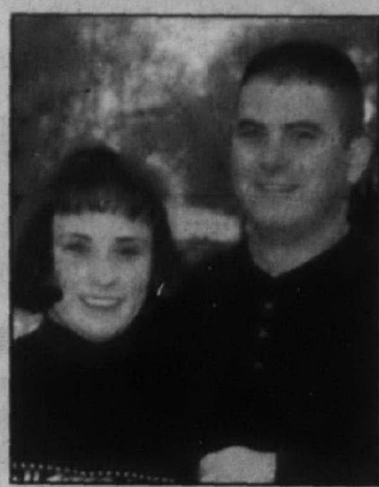
Jarvis-Brink

Ray and Linda Jarvis of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Jill Marie, to Joshua Paul Brink, the son of John and Cheryl Brink of Liberty Center, Ohio.

The bride-to-be is a 1993 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and a graduate of Eastern Michigan University. She is employed by Integrated Health Associates.

Her fiancé is a 1992 graduate of Liberty Center High School. He is employed by M.A. Johnson Inc. as a residential carpenter.

An October wedding is planned at St. Theodore Catholic



Church in Westland.

Morga-Threedy

Richard and Fran Morga of Westland announce the engagement of their daughter, Tina Nicole, to Douglas Charles Threedy of Scottsdale, Ariz., the son of Edward and Irene Threedy.

The bride-to-be is a 1989 graduate of Westland John Glenn High School and a 1996 graduate of Arizona State University with a bachelor of science degree. She is employed at the Phoenician Resort in Scottsdale.

Her fiancé will receive his bachelor of science degree in computer information systems from the University of Phoenix. He also is employed at the Phoenician Resort, where the couple met.



An October wedding is planned at St. Theodore of Canterbury Church in Westland.

Holladay-Paronish

David and Arlene Holladay of Westland announce the engagement of their daughter, Lorene Anne, to John Paronish III, the son of John Jr. and Sonja Paronish, also of Westland.

The bride-to-be is a 1997 graduate of Westland John Glenn High School and the Virginia Farrell Beauty College. She is employed as a manufacturing coordinator at Anson Mold Inc. in Canton and the Perfect Image Salon in Belleville.

Her fiancé is a 1997 graduate of John Glenn High School and is attending Henry Ford Community College where he is studying architecture. He is employed at Town and Country Lanes in Westland.



Barrett-Yessian

Barbara Ann Barrett and Tod Robert Yessian were recently married at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Trenton. The Rev. Jim Vedro officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Gary and Sandra Barrett of Flat Rock. The groom is the son Mary Woods of Trenton and Robert Yessian of Canton.

The bride is a graduate of Thurston High School in Redford. She is employed at Source One Mortgage in Farmington Hills.

The groom is a graduate of Trenton High School. He is employed at Pennsylvania Steel Corp. in Redford.

The bride asked Sandra Barrett to serve as matron of honor with Nancy Yessian and Dawn Graff as bridesmaids. Ashley Barrett was the flower girl.

The groom asked Greg Yessian to serve as best man with Eric Yessian and Gary Barrett as



groomsmen. Graham Yessian was the ringbearer.

The couple received guests at the Grecian Center in Southgate before leaving on a honeymoon trip to Daytona Beach, Fla. They are making their home in Westland.

Gorenflo-Hyslop

Judith Hyslop and John Gorenflo were married Nov. 28 at St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church in Ann Arbor. The Rev. Dwight Ezop officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Jacqueline Avery of Westland. The groom is the son of Barbara Gorenflo of Ann Arbor.

The bride is a graduate of the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor with a bachelor of science degree. She is employed at Frito Lay as a shipping department manager.

The groom attended Eastern Michigan University. He is a graduate of Washtenaw Community College. He is employed at C-Text Inc. in Ann Arbor as a senior account analyst.

The bride, escorted down the aisle by her brother, Keith Hyslop, asked Mary Gills Orwin to serve as maid of honor.

The groom asked Jamie



Gorenflo to serve as best man with Ted Walters as groomsmen.

The couple received guests at the Eagle Crest Country Club in Ypsilanti before leaving on a honeymoon trip to Miami and the Florida Keys. They are making their home in Ypsilanti.

Iorio-Hauk

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Iorio of Grafton, Wis., announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Jennifer Lynn, to Ross Michael Hauk, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ross Hauk of Plymouth.

The bride-to-be is an assistant head teller for Community Bank of Grafton.

Her fiancé is employed by Hauk Farms Inc. in Canton.

A February wedding is planned.



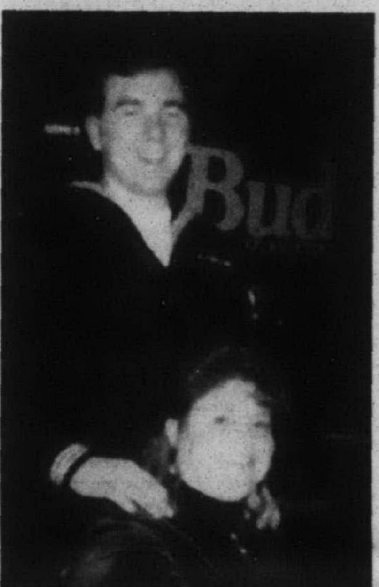
Haight-Truskowski

Art Betz and Margie Gustafson of Tuscon, Ariz., announce the engagement of their daughter, Lisa Haight, to Robert S. Truskowski, the son of Stan and Rosemary Truskowski of Canton.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Ramona High School. She is employed as a bookkeeper.

Her fiancé is a 1992 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School. He was recently discharged from the U.S. Navy. He is currently employed by Loral Space Systems in Palo Alto, Calif.

A fall wedding in Hallister, Calif., is planned.



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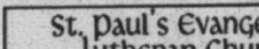
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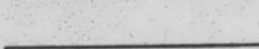
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Listings for the Religious News should be submitted in writing no later than noon Friday for the next Thursday's issue. They can be mailed to 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, or by fax at (734) 591-7279. For more information, call (734) 953-2131.

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 more information, call Bonnie June Legge at (734) 464-7727.

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).

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.

SONGFEST SERVICE
Praise Chapel Church of God will present a songfest service at 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 7, at the church, 32747 Grand Traverse, Westland. Special songs and dance presentations will be performed by congregation members from Wayne, Westland, Livonia, Plymouth and surrounding communities. The program has been organized by the Rev. Travis Goff, music minister, and Cindy Goins, productions director.

INFORMATION NIGHT
Plymouth Christian Academy

will have an information program 3-5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 7, for its preschool through 12th-grade programs and on Monday, Feb. 8, for its kindergarten and beginning garden programs. Visitors will get to meet the teachers, explore the curriculum and visit the campus at Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy, between Lilley and Sheldon, Canton. For more information, call the church at (734) 455-0022 or the academy at (734) 459-3505.

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.

SIGNIFICANT SUNDAY
Unity of Livonia will be involved in the National Random Acts of Kindness Week Monday-Sunday, Feb. 8-14. Members can pick up kindness cards at the church, 28660 Five Mile, Livonia, to give to other people. The cards acknowledge kindness received and remind others of its importance.

At 9:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 14, special services will be held to honor those people who have made a difference in our lives. Special music, refreshments and sharing will be a part of Significant Sunday, concluding Random Acts of Kindness Week.

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

In the workshop, they'll learn to use financial planning tools, establish long-range financial goals, develop a personal financial plan, find money they never knew they had and manage cash



Woman of the Year
At Hosanna-Tabor: When the Council of Lutheran Women gathered at Burton Manor for its 35th annual luncheon last month, Marge Milz was there. Milz, Lutheran woman of the year for 1999 at Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church in Redford, was among 56 women from the Detroit metropolitan churches and intercongregational organizations honored at the luncheon.

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

SINGLE POINT
Single Point Ministries of Ward Presbyterian Church will have its 1999 Winter Divorce Recovery Workshop, for any divorced or separated person, 7-9:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11-March 25, in Knox Hall of the church, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville Township.

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 sixth grade. For more information, call the Single Point office at (248) 374-5920.

MARRIAGE WORKSHOP
The Rev. Gene Evans, founding pastor of Believer's Church in Douglas, Ga., and his wife, June, will present "Heaven on Earth," a marriage workshop weekend, Friday-Sunday, Feb. 12-14, at Cornerstone Family Worship Center, 36924 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia.

The sessions will start at 7 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. Sunday. There will be a dinner at 6:30 p.m. at the Dearborn Inn with June Evans

as the after dinner speaker. The cost is \$50 for all events and the dinner, \$25 for the Friday evening and Saturday morning sessions. Advanced registration requested. For more information, call the church at (734) 522-8463.

WOMEN AGLOW
The Westland/Canton Chapter of Women's Aglow International will have Sally Rousseaux as the speaker at its monthly meeting, 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 13, in the Community Room of AutoNation, 39600 Ford Road, Canton. She serves on the organization's southeast area board in leadership development. She will share how people can tap into the love of Jesus and trust Him with their whole hearts. For more information, call Penni at (734) 261-5268.

VALENTINE'S DAY DANCE
St. John Neumann's Singles will have their annual Valentine's Day dance at 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13, at St. Edith's Social Hall, Newburgh south of Five Mile, Livonia. The cost will be \$8 and includes pizza, pop and a Top 40 disc jockey to spin the latest tunes. No blue jeans allowed. For more information, call Patrick at (313) 277-6083, Jim at (734) 454-4269 or the St. John Neumann hotline at (734) 480-7830.

IN CONCERT
The Talley Trio, a name synonymous with great gospel music, will present a concert 11 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 14, at the Plymouth Church of the Nazarene, 45801 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth.

International pianist and recording artist Enoch Fernando will be in concert 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 14, at Memorial Church of Christ, 35475 Five Mile, Livonia. The performance will take the place of the evening service.

Fernando has shared the platform with such artists as Carmen and Phil Driscoll and Debby Boone. Accompanied with rich orchestrations, his musical styles are so mixed that there is something for everyone at his performance.

The concert is free of charge and open to the public. For more information, call the church at (734) 464-6722.

PANCAKE SUPPER
St. Robert Bellarmine Church will have a pancake supper 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 16, at the church, 27101 W. Chicago at Inkster Road, Redford. For more information, call the church at (313) 937-2744.

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

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 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, at St. Kenneth Catholic Church, on Haggerty south of Five Mile in Plymouth Township. The charge will be \$8 and will include refreshments.

It also will offer a divorce recovery class 7-9 p.m. Sundays, Feb. 21-April 18 (except Easter), at St. Kenneth's. The facilitator will be Marie Petricca from Catholic Social Services. The charge is \$40 for the eight sessions. Preregistration and payment is required. For more information, call Rose at (734) 464-3325 or Nita at (734) 261-9128.

Y2K AND JOSEPH PROJECT
A day-long conference that discusses the facts and implications of the Year 2000 problem and offer solutions for the Christian community will be held Saturday, Feb. 27, at the First Baptist Church of Northville, 217 N. Wing St., Northville.

The conference will begin with registration at 8 a.m. It will include workshops and discussions - "Biblical and Moral Perspectives of Preparedness" with Wade Waterman and "The Joseph Project: Beyond Personal Preparedness" with Michael Balon.

The Joseph Project is aimed at helping prepare the community for potential difficulties the Y2K problem poses. Seating is limited and pre-registration is recommended. The cost is \$10 in

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Christian talk show takes look at marriage, happiness and forgiving

The award-winning Christian television talk show "On Main Street" has lined up an all-star series of interviews to air this month.

Comedian Steve Allen and his wife, actress and Emmy Award winner Jayne Meadows will demonstrate that marriages "made in heaven" still exist and are attainable with a lot of patience, understanding and determination when they join host Dr. Dale Meyer the week of Feb. 7.

Well-respected actors who have achieved 44 years of happiness and success in marriage, Allen and Meadows will share their personal stories and insight on marital bliss in the episode.

Introduced nationwide in 1994, "On Main Street" airs weekly on the cable TV's Odyssey Channel and 46 full power and 31 lower power television stations. Locally, it can be seen 4 p.m. Mondays in Livonia on cable's Livonia TV-12.

Also appearing this month will be Debbie Morris, author of "Forgiving the Dead Man Walking," who will relay her horrifying ordeal with attempted murder and how she came to forgive the men who tried to end her life. Her story was dramatized in the movie, "Dead Man Walking."

Morris will reveal how forgiveness helped heal the emotional scars with which she struggled for years. The episode, "Forgiving the Unforgivable" will broadcast the week of Feb. 14.

Author of "Hustled My Journey from Fear to Faith" and daughter of "Hustler" publisher Larry Flynt, Tonya Flynt-Vega will face up to her childhood and adult experiences in the episode, "The Pits of Porno."

In the program, Flynt-Vega and Meyer will explore the addicting dangers of pornography and how it affects its users and their families. The episode is scheduled to air the week of Feb. 21.

Closing out the month will be

actress Jamie Lyn Bauer, who portrays Laura Horton on the weekday soap opera, "Days of Our Lives."

Bauer will share her testimony and highlight techniques that can rid a marriage of problems in the episode, "The Illusion of Divorce," which will air the week of Feb. 27.

The prerecorded 30-minute Christian talk show shares practical suggestions on today's issues from a Christ-centered, Biblical perspective.

Targeting people age 25-54, "On Main Street" joins the subject matter expertise of special guests with select panel to explore topics in an intimate roundtable setting.

For upcoming program schedules or to check local listings, visit the "Wired with the Word" Web site at <http://www.lhm.org> or call the Lutheran Hour Ministries at (800) 944-3450.

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advance and \$12 at the door. Pizza and drinks will be available for a charge. For more information, call (248) 348-1020.

PRaise AND WORSHIP

Dan Bergen and his son and daughter, Nicholas and Alicia, will minister in a program of praise and worship, featuring vocal, piano, saxophone, violin and drama, 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28, at Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy, Canton.

Bergen has been in concert and church ministry for more than 20 years. He blends contemporary worship song with great hymns of faith to draw participants closer to the Lord. A free will offering will be accept-

ed. For more information, call the church at (734) 455-0022.

NEW BEGINNING

Warren Gilbert will discuss "Managing Memories" when New Beginnings, a grief support group, meets 7 p.m. Thursday, March 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.

MOM TO MOM SALE

Table space is available for the Mom to Mom sale 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, March 6, at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Donations of toys and clothes are welcome. Proceeds will be donated to the Mom-Tot group. For more information, call Vicki at (734) 513-0167 or Kayla at (734) 595-6712.

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 March 19-21 and April 16-

18 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/wvme.

THRIFT SHOP

The Thrift Shop sponsored by First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth has opened its new location at 494 N. Mill St., one block north of Plymouth Road, Plymouth. Hours of operation are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, and noon to 4 p.m. Saturdays. For more information, call the store at (734) 459-1250 or e-mail the church at fpcc@juno.com.

Host providers needed for teen living program

Starfish Family Services is looking for host providers for its Supervised Independent Living Program for teenagers.

SIL helps teenagers leaving residential or institutional care make a healthy, productive transition to independent adulthood. The program works with males and females age 16 to 18 who are unable to return home. All of the young people are adjudicated temporary wards or

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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

College standouts

■ Laurel Weinman, a sophomore on Albion College's women's basketball team and a Plymouth Salem HS graduate, turned in the highest point production in a game by a Briton this season, scoring 24 in a 69-64 loss to Alma last week. Albion is 5-13 for the season.

Weinman is averaging 10.1 points in Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association games and 8.7 points in all games.

■ Mark Bray, a junior on Hope College's men's basketball team from Plymouth Canton HS, got hot when it was needed most in the Flying Dutchmen's 82-73 overtime win over Alma Jan. 27. Bray lit up the Scots for 17 points, connecting on 5-of-7 shots from the field.

The 6-foot-1 guard is averaging 6.5 points, a team-best 3.7 assists, 2.3 rebounds and one steal a game for Hope, 3-3 in the MIAA and 7-9 overall.

■ Madonna University's Katie Cushman still leads the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference in one category and is second in another, even though her team is languishing in last place with a 1-7 record.

Cushman is averaging a league-best 5.0 assists per game; her 2.2 steals per game is second in the WHAC.

Madonna's Chris Dietrich is fourth in the conference in scoring with a 16.1 points per game average; Kathy Panganis is eighth with a 14.0 scoring average. Dietrich is also tied for seventh in assists at 3.0 per game.

In WHAC men's basketball, Mike Massey is fourth in scoring (17.3), Mike Maryanski is 10th in scoring (14.1) and sixth in rebounding (6.8), and Jason Skoczylas is ninth in rebounding (4.9).

CC rules Observerland

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No one was surprised to see Redford Catholic Central walk off with the championship trophy of the Ninth Annual Observerland Wrestling Tournament Saturday at Livonia Churchill.

But the Shamrocks didn't simply walk away with the title, as Livonia Stevenson injected a dose of suspense into the competition and made it interesting with a strong upset bid.

CC needed a victory from senior Broc Naysmith in the last bout of the tournament to overcome the Spartans and capture its third team championship.

The Shamrocks, who trailed Stevenson by three points going into the 215-pound final, finished with 207 and the Spartans 204. Garden City was a distant third (132). Defending champion Plymouth Salem had a prior commitment to a tournament at Holt.

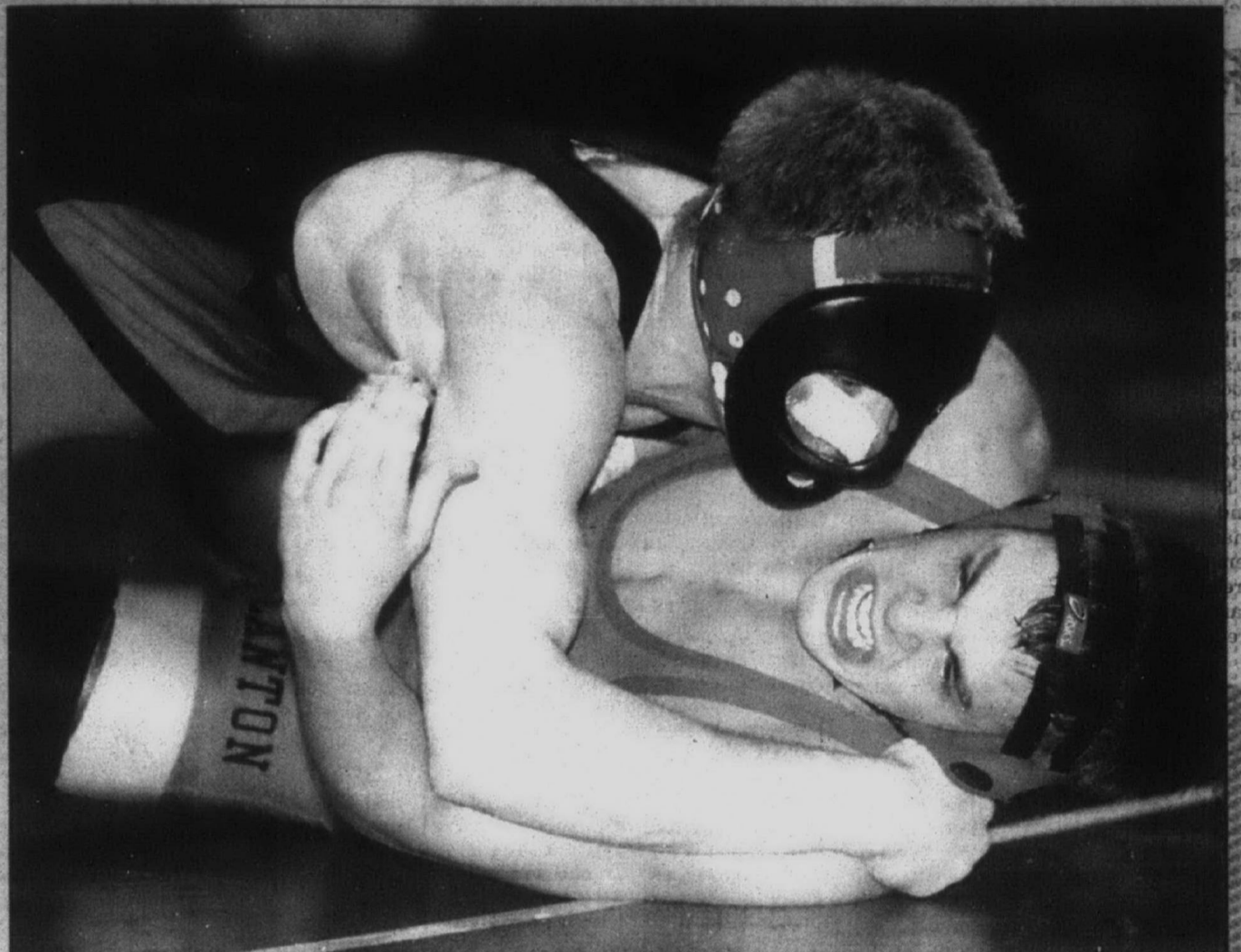
Clarenceville made its strongest showing with a fourth-place finish, and Livonia Churchill, Plymouth Canton, Redford Thurston and Wayne Memorial scored 100 or more points apiece.

"It's just nice to win it," CC coach Mike Rodriguez said. "We've been down all year long as far as our record. These guys just put their hearts and souls together to win it."

"This is a good tournament for us. All year we get ripped on, and here in our own backyard we have a chance to shine a little bit."

"Stevenson is a tough team. We're going to hit them again in the district, so this is not the end."
CC, which is 7-7 in dual meets with two remaining against Clarkston and Rochester Adams, and Stevenson had four individual champions each.

Following Rocky Barker's overtime



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Battle to the end: Churchill's Mike Carter (on top) and Canton's Kevin Stone fought and clawed right to the end of their championship match in the 145-pound weight division at Saturday's Observerland Tournament. Carter emerged with a 5-3 win in overtime over Stone.

victory at 160, the Spartans had a 204-197 lead over the Shamrocks, who needed wins from their two remaining finalists — 189-pound

John Abshire and Naysmith — to win the meet.
In a bout between All-Observerland football players, Abshire edged

Clarenceville's Walter Ragland 3-1 and then Naysmith clinched the title

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Rock nemesis

Salem upset; Canton cruises

The prediction from both Plymouth Salem's Bob Brodie and Plymouth Canton's Dan Young was that it would be a tough go this season in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

With the league season passing the half-way mark, it appears to be just that.

Four teams are muddled within a game of first place, and Salem — which went into Tuesday's game unbeaten — isn't on of them. That's because the Rocks got ambushed by the same team that finished their season last year in the district final: Northville.

BASKETBALL

That leaves Walled Lake Western (12-0 overall) and North Farmington as the WLAA's only unbeaten; Western is first at 6-0, with North second at 5-0. Canton and Salem are next, both at 5-1.

Salem's loss to Northville, 57-55 at Salem, was Tuesday's biggest surprise in the WLAA. The Rocks went into the game at 11-0 with non-league wins over Belleville, Ann Arbor Huron, Detroit Northern, Riverview and

West Bloomfield. Northville, on the other hand, was 1-5 in its non-league games and 5-7 overall.

"I don't know how they lost so many games," said Brodie. "Northville's good. They've got size, quickness. I was impressed with them."

The Mustangs (4-2 in the WLAA) led wire-to-wire, according to Brodie, and it was their first-half onslaught that caught Salem flat-footed. Northville nailed five three-pointers in the first two quarters and opened up a 37-26 halftime lead.

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Short-handed Ocelots can't keep pace Mott

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Flint Mott took advantage of Lamar Bigby's absence to earn its second win over nationally-ranked Schoolcraft College within six days.

With the Ocelots' top scorer out of the lineup due to an eligibility issue (see related story), the Bears took over sole possession of the first place in the Eastern Conference of the Michigan Community College Athletic Association with an 81-70 victory Monday night over the host Ocelots.

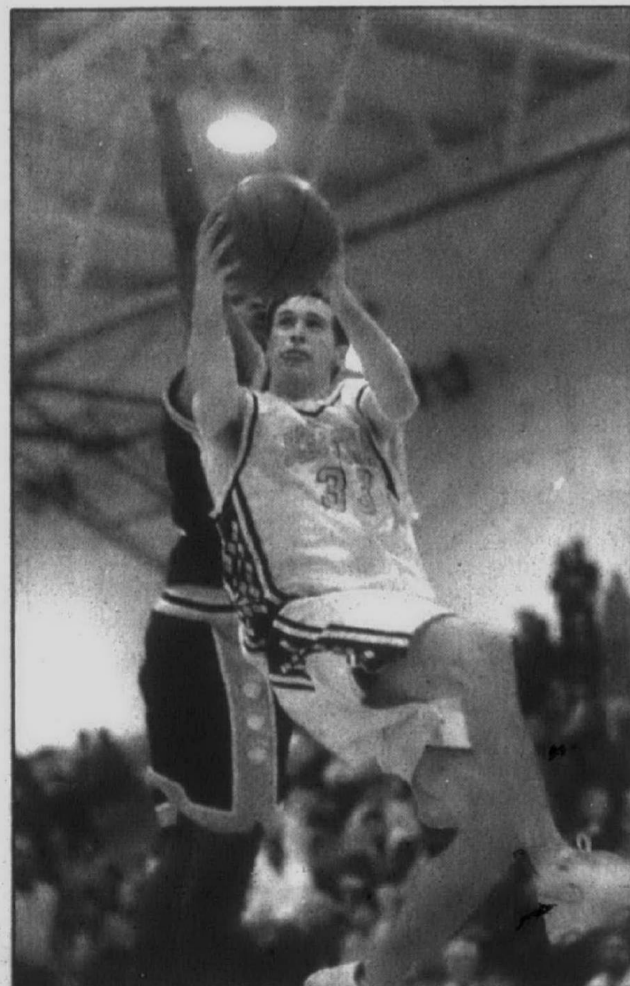
Mott, a 78-75 winner over SC on Jan. 27, is now 16-3 overall and 7-1 in the conference. SC falls to 17-2 and 6-1.

Daniel Lawson, a 6-foot-6 guard out of Detroit Mackenzie, led Mott with 17 points. Point-guard Richard Bryant added 15.

The Bears made 10 three-pointers to Schoolcraft's three (all by Quentin Mitchell).

"Tonight we shot the ball much better from the three-point line even though we didn't make free throws (19 of 38)," Mott coach Steve Schmidt said. "But our trademark has been defense. To hold Schoolcraft to 75 points and then 70 — against a team that is averaging close to 100 points a game — that's what won us the game."

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Finding the bucket: Schoolcraft's Derek McKelvey drives for two points against Mott.

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Canton, Salem trail pack at Farmington

How good is Hartland's gymnastics team?

At last Saturday's Farmington Invitational, Hartland scored 136.00 points and finished fourth in a 14-team field. Clarification — that was Hartland's B team. The Eagles' A team scored 145.10 to outdistance runner-up Farmington's Tri-team, which scored 138.95.

Plymouth Canton finished sixth with a 131.65, while Plymouth Salem was ninth with 125.05.

Northville/Novi's A team was third with 137.55. Following Hartland's B team was Jackson County West (133.55); St. John's was seventh (130.90), Grosse Pointe North was eighth (129.20), with Dearborn Edsel Ford 10th (123.75), Northville/Novi B 11th (118.50), Fraser 12th (110.80), Farmington B Tri-team 13th (92.30) and Linden 14th (38.35).

Liz Fitzgerald and Amy Driscoll each had solid all-around performances for Canton in Division II. Fitzgerald scored 34.4 in the all-around, placing fourth in the uneven parallel bars (8.85), seventh in the floor exercise (8.3) and seventh in the vault (8.45). She scored 8.3 in the

GYMNASTICS

balance beam.

Driscoll scored 33.8 in the all-around, taking a third in the bars (8.9), a sixth in the floor (8.85) and a 10th in the vault (8.4). She scored 7.65 in the beam.

Salem's top scorer was Melissa Drake, competing in Division I, with a 34.80 all-around; April Aquinto, in Division II, with a 33.45 all-around; and Janine Schmedding, also Division II, with a 31.20 all-around.

Drake's best mark came in the floor (9.15). She added an 8.65 in the bars, an 8.6 in the beam and an 8.4 in the vault. Aquinto's scores were 8.7 in the beam, 8.65 in the floor, 8.45 in the bars and 7.65 in the vault, while Schmedding had marks of 8.3 on floor, 8.15 on vault, 7.75 on bars and 7.00 on beam.

Maggie Bett had a 31.70 all-around in Division II for Canton, with an 8.2 in the vault, 8.0 in the beam, 7.9 in the floor and 7.6 in the bars. Kristen Schilk scored 30.05 in the Division II all-around, with an 8.4 in the floor, 7.95 in

bars, 7.5 in vault and 6.2 in beam.

Other noteworthy scores for the Chiefs: Michelle Farnsworth, an 8.2 in floor and an 8.0 in vault; and Jessica Krueger, an 8.15 in floor.

For Salem, other noteworthy scores were Mahshid Pirzadeh, 7.8 in floor, and Ann-Marie Zielinski, 7.6 in vault.

The Rocks continued a busy week with dual meets both Monday, against Western Lakes Activities Association rival Northville/Novi, and Tuesday at non-league foe Troy Athens.

Salem lost Monday's meet at Northville HS, 134.4-132.8, but Rocks' coach Melissa Hopson was fairly pleased with the performance, particularly by Aquinto, who had the second-best all-around score of 34.65 with marks of 8.9 on floor, 8.75 on beam, 8.6 on bars and 8.4 on vault.

Drake, whose first-place finish in the all-around at the Adrian Invitational Jan. 23 helped Salem finished second, added an all-around score of 34.45, with marks of 9.1 on floor, 8.6 on bars, 8.5 on beam and 8.25 on vault.

Schmedding's 32.65 also was a solid score. She had marks of 8.25 on floor,

8.2 on bars, and 8.1 on beam and vault. "She's improving day by day," said Hopson.

Kara Dendrinis, Mahshid Pirzadeh and Ashley Heard all reached state regional qualifying scores in vault, with Heard scoring 8.0; she also had a 7.7 on bars and a 7.35 on beam. Kelsey Ensor added an 8.0 on floor, and Pirzadeh scored 7.65 on floor.

On Tuesday at Athens, Salem got a dual-meet win, but Hopson wasn't happy with the performance — and the resulting 128.70 team score. Athens had a 127.05.

"It was not a good night," Hopson said. "We had a lot of falls on bars and we had two falls on floor. They are tired (after three competitions in four days). I don't know if their heads weren't in it or not."

Aquinto led Salem with a 33.5 all-around, scoring 8.65 in vault, 8.4 in beam, 8.3 in bars and 8.15 in floor. Drake had a 33.2 all-around, with an 8.9 in beam, 8.8 in floor, 8.1 in vault and 7.4 in bars, and Schmedding had a 30.95 all-around, with an 8.0 in floor, 7.9 in vault, 7.65 in bars and 7.4 in

beam. Heard scored 8.1 in the beam, 7.6 in the vault and 7.55 in the bars, and Pirzadeh had a 7.05 in both floor and beam. Dendrinis scored a 7.6 in vault.

Last Thursday against Northville-Novi, Canton came up short in losing by a 136.35-133.25 score in a WLA dual meet at Northville.

Top scores for the Chiefs: Fitzgerald, 9.05 in bars, 8.9 in beam, 8.65 in vault and 8.45 in floor for a 35.05 all-around; and Driscoll, 8.9 in floor, 8.75 in vault, 8.3 in bars and 7.4 in beam for a 33.35 all-around.

Schilk added a 32.6 all-around, with an 8.6 in beam, 8.4 in floor, 8.1 in bars and 7.5 in vault; Bett had a 31.7 all-around with scores of 8.6 in beam, 8.05 in floor, 7.9 in vault and 7.15 in bars; and Farnsworth, with a 31.50 all-around with scores of 7.95 on the floor, 7.75 on the vault, 7.7 on the beam and 7.1 on the bars.

This Saturday, Canton will host most of the top teams in the state at the Canton Invitational. "We're looking forward to this weekend," said Hopson, "to see if we can improve our team score."

Defense spurs Whaler win



The Plymouth Whalers' defense limited the Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds to eight shots in the first two periods and just 23 for the game Saturday in posting a 4-0 shutout victory in front of 3,999 fans at Plymouth's Compuware Arena.

The win raised the Whalers' record to 37-9-3, first in the Ontario Hockey League's West Division. The Greyhounds are 23-19-5.

Rob Zepp had 23 saves in posting the shutout for Plymouth. Jake McCracken had 39 stops for the Greyhounds.

Kris Vernarsky and Damian Surma each collected a goal and an assist to lead the Whaler offense. Surma assisted on Vernarsky's second-period goal, his second of the season, which gave Plymouth a 1-0 lead. Adam Colagiacomo (No. 28) and Harold Druken (No. 44) added goals for the Whalers in the second period.

Surma's ninth goal, scored short-handed, made it 4-0 with 6:31 left in the final period; Vernarsky assisted.

Shaun Fisher added two assists for Plymouth.

Ambassadors still 1st

The Compuware Ambassadors will take the top record into the North American Hockey League all-star game break after beating the Danville Wings 5-1 Sunday, after losing 5-4 in a shootout to the Springfield Junior Blues Saturday.

Compuware is 27-9-4 overall, two points better than the streaking St. Louis Sting (26-11-4 with a 14-game unbeaten streak). In the win over Danville Sunday, the Wings scored first but the Ambassadors answered with five-straight goals. Pete Broccoli had a goal and two assists for Compuware, with Steve Jackson and Mark Mink contributing a goal and an assist.

Compuware's record means that Ambassadors' coach Mike Vellucci will guide Team North at the NAHL all-star game Saturday in Grand Rapids. The defending Robertson Cup playoff champions retain a narrow lead over St. Louis in a battle for first-

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Sudbury Wolves	18	24	7	43
Toronto St. M. Majors	16	26	5	37
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Plymouth Whalers	37	9	3	77
Sarnia Sting	27	15	5	59
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place honors and the automatic bye into the Gold Cup National Junior A Championship Tournament.

THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL	Wayne Co. at Oakland CC, 3 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 4	Farm. Unified vs. Northville at Farm. Hills Ice Arena, 8 p.m.
Clarenceville at Liggett, 7 p.m.	Saturday, Feb. 6
Friday, Feb. 5	Redford CC at Alpena, TBA.
C'ville at Luth. East, 7 p.m.	W.L. Central vs. Franklin at Lakeland Arena, 11:20 a.m.
Luth. Westland at Liggett, 7 p.m.	Stevenson vs. Millford at Lakeland Arena, 2:20 p.m.
Churchill at Canton, 7 p.m.	Redford Unified vs. Dearborn at Adray Arena, 8 p.m.
W.L. Western at Franklin, 7 p.m.	Friday, Feb. 5
Stevenson at W.L. Cent., 7 p.m.	Whalers at Kitchener, 7:30 p.m.
John Glenn at Farmington, 7 p.m.	Saturday, Feb. 6
Salem at N. Farmington, 7 p.m.	Whalers vs. Toronto Majors at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m.
Harrison at Northville, 7 p.m.	Whalers at Sarnia, 7 p.m.
River Rouge at Wayne, 7 p.m.	Friday, Feb. 5
Garden City at Allen Park, 7 p.m.	W. Highland at Agape, 5 p.m.
Thurston at Trenton, 7 p.m.	Saturday, Feb. 6
Redford Union at Fordson, 7 p.m.	A.A. Pioneer Invit., 8:30 a.m.
Borgess at N. Dame, 7:30 p.m.	Schoolcraft Invitational, 9 a.m.
DeLaSalle at Red. CC, 7:30 p.m.	Friday, Feb. 5
St. Alph. at St. Agatha, 7:30 p.m.	Redford CC at Alpena, TBA.
Taylor Baptist at PCA, 7:30 p.m.	Churchill vs. Stevenson at Edgar Arena, 6 p.m.
Huron Valley at Beth., 7:30 p.m.	
W. Highland at Agape, 8 p.m.	
MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL	Wayne Co. at Oakland CC, 1 p.m.
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with a second-period pin over Kalen McPherson, a Clarenceville sophomore. "What better person to get it than my grandson," Rodriguez said, referring to Naysmith. "He delighted grandpa. I'm always proud of him no matter what he does."

"I was especially pleased with John Abshire coming back. It was his first competition all year, and he gets in the finals and wins it. He jumped into the lineup and gave his whole heart to the team effort."

CC's other winners were senior heavyweight Casey Rogowski, who was named the most outstanding wrestler in the upper weights, and 152-pound senior Mitch Hancock.

Stevenson's Joe Moreau and Josh Gunterman shared the MOW award in the lower weights after winning the 103 and 112 titles, respectively. The fourth winner for the Spartans was 135-pound Imad Kharbush.

"Josh Gunterman came out of

nowhere to win," Stevenson coach Don Berg said, adding Gunterman was a No. 4 seed. "That was unbelievable."

"The kids wrestled hard and they wrestled well. That's all you can ask — they do their best and that's what they did."

Rogowski, the defending Class A champion who extended his record to 26-0 this season and (75-0) over the last two, and Naysmith were the only repeat winners.

"It's a good award to get after a hard day's work," Rogowski said of his selection for MOW honors, although he barely broke a sweat in competition.

His pin of Farmington junior Brian Brinsden at 1:35 was his longest bout of the day. He dispatched Clarenceville's Justin Green and Garden City's Brad Tinney in the first period, also.

Rogowski, who will go to Central Michigan on a football scholarship, and the 6-foot-2, 240-pound Brinsden looked evenly-matched physically, but Rogowski

shot the first takedown and quickly maneuvered for the pin.

"The last guy I wrestled was really strong, but I caught him in a move," Rogowski said, adding he later learned Brinsden didn't wrestle last year. "I've wrestled all four years, so experience might have been a factor."

"Casey is a very talented young athlete; he's on a mission," Rodriguez said. "He knows what he has to do, and he doesn't get sidetracked."

In the only head-to-head meeting between CC and Stevenson in the championship round, Moreau scored a technical fall over CC's Chris O'Hara, 17-2.

Moreau (34-2) was able to consistently outmaneuver his taller, heavier-looking opponent in their first-time meeting.

"I think it's great," said Moreau of his MOW award. "I only wrestled one match before (the finals because of an injury default), so I was all pumped up. After losing the last two years in the finals, it's nice to break that streak."

"After I took (O'Hara) down, he reversed me and had legs in, and I had to get out of that. After that, I got the bar-arm in and just kept turning him."

Stevenson's Gunterman is a 103-pounder who wrestled up a weight class and still topped the competition to improve his record to 20-8.

"I'm pretty excited because I was an underdog today," he said. "I beat a couple guys who had beaten me earlier in the year. It's really going to make me better for the state tournament."

Gunterman won a 19-10 decision over Westland John Glenn's Jesse Purdon in the finals, evening their season series at 2-2.

"I don't know what was in me today," Gunterman said. "It was my day, I guess."

"Basically, I just wrestled my style — a lot of movement, not going upper body because I was giving up size. I concentrated on shooting and getting out, not locking up with (Purdon) because he throws a lot."

"Also, I'm getting in better shape. The coaches have been working us hard. We've been having morning workouts. I think that's helping me a lot. I didn't seem to get very tired in my matches today."

Other champions are Wayne's Jon Gregg (119), Thurston's Eugene Antonelli (125) and Jeff Usher (140), Clarenceville's Dave Lemmon (130), Churchill's Mike Carter (145) and Garden City's Brian Hinzman (171).

Kharbush, Carter and Barker scored takedowns in overtime to defeat Wayne's Nate Wensko, Canton's Kevin Stone and John Glenn's Pete Langer, respectively.

In the 135 final, Wensko rallied from a 5-2 deficit after one period to take a 7-6 lead over Kharbush on a takedown with 35 seconds remaining, but then he was assessed a stalling point with 16 seconds left, sending the bout into overtime.

EIGHTH ANNUAL OBSERVERLAND WRESTLING TOURNAMENT

Jan. 30 at Livonia Church

TEAM STANDINGS

1. Redford Catholic Central, 207; 2. Livonia Stevenson, 204; 3. Garden City, 132; 4. Clarenceville, 118; 5. Livonia Churchill, 110.5; 6. Plymouth Canton, 109.5; 7. Redford Thurston, 104.5; 8. Wayne Memorial, 100; 9. Westland John Glenn, 94.5; 10. Redford Union, 86; 11. Farmington, 83.5; 12. Livonia Franklin, 78; 13. Farmington Harrison, 46; 14. Lutheran Westland, 41; 15. North Farmington, 23.

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

- 275 pounds:** 1. Casey Rogowski (CC) pinned Brian Brinsden (F), 1:35; 3. Mike Gaffke (LC) decisioned Brad Tinney (GC), 3-1 in overtime; 5. Derek McWatt (PC) pinned Carl Lalonde (RT), 0:37.
- 103:** 1. Joe Moreau (LS) won by technical fall over Chris O'Hara (CC), 17-2 at 3:51; 3. Scott Massey (GC) pinned Joe LaBlanc (RU), 0:57; 5. Dan Tondreau (Clarenceville) pinned Steve Lenhardt (LC), 0:56.
- 112:** 1. Josh Gunterman (LS) dec. Jesse Purdon (JG), 19-10; 3. Mike Kassabri (WM) won by injury default over Pat Sayn (GC); 5. Doy Demick (PC) pinned Tom Beudenburg (CC), 4:21.
- 119:** 1. Jon Gregg (WM) dec. Steve Vasiliou (LC), 7-5; 3. Zack Yaffai (LS) dec. Vinnie Zoccoli (GC), 11-9; 5. Steve Sargol (FH) pinned Lee Warren (LF), 1:30.
- 125:** 1. Eugene Antonelli (RT) dec. Greg Musser (PC), 13-11; 3. Dustin Obied (LS) pinned Brian Reed (GC), 1:53; 5. Dave Teets (JG) pinned Jim Gorlay (RU), 1:25.
- 130:** 1. Dave Lemmon (Clarenceville) dec.

Jeff Albrecht (JG), 7-5; 3. Jesse Stevens (RU) pinned Tony Lema (F), 3:30; 5. Jay Abshire (CC) dec. Brian Kassa (NF), 6-1.

135: 1. Imad Kharbush (LS) dec. Nate Wensko (WM), 9-7 in overtime; 3. John Pocock (PC) dec. Derek Azzopardi (LF), 9-2; 5. San LeClerc (Clarenceville) dec. Ron Sarata (CC), 11-6.

140: 1. Jeff Usher (RT) dec. Mike Falzon (LS), 12-8; 3. Sean Bell (CC) dec. Ryan Shiplett (LF), 17-11; 5. Jake Taylor (FH) dec. Matt Weihi (Clarenceville), 15-1.

145: 1. Mike Carter (LC) dec. Kevin Stone (PC), 5-3 in overtime; 3. Ken Raupp (WM) dec. Ryan Zajdel (CC), 10-8 in overtime; 5. Allen Duff (LF) pinned Josh Fee (GC), 0:47.

152: 1. Mitch Hancock (CC) dec. Brandon LaPointe (LC), 11-4; 3. Tony Pikur (RT) pinned Eddie Traynor (GC), 0:26; 5. Mark Ostach (F) pinned Rob Simpson (Clarenceville), 2:01.

160: 1. Rocky Barker (LS) dec. Pete Langer (JG), 11-9 in overtime; 3. Robert Demick (PC) dec. Eric Toska (LF), 6-1; 5. Jeremy Rockwell (RT) pinned James Molar (LW), 3:25.

171: 1. Brian Hinzman (GC) dec. Andy Wood (F), 13-5; 3. Mike Radley (LS) dec. Adam Marcum (Clarenceville), 15-3; 5. Scott Archer (LW) pinned Jason Hilliker (CC), 2:43.

189: 1. John Abshire (CC) dec. Walter Rajand (Clarenceville), 3-1; 3. Steve Myslinski (LF) pinned Ollie Muscarella (RU), 3:17; 5. John McFarland (LS) dec. Ian Cole (FH), 10-1.

215: 1. Brocc Naysmith (CC) pinned Kalen McPherson (Clarenceville), 3:32; 3. Will Baker (RU) won by injury default over Scott Genord (RT); 5. Nick Smith (WM) pinned Jeff Sinning (LC), 1:42.

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 1:42.19
Livonia Stevenson 1:44.30
Plymouth Salem 1:45.23
Plymouth Canton 1:45.60
Redford Catholic Central 1:47.35

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
James McPartlin (John Glenn) 1:50.75
Don LeClair (Canton) 1:53.11
Kurtis Hornick (Canton) 1:53.30
Brandon Digia (N. Farmington) 1:53.63
Jim Gabriel (N. Farmington) 1:53.78
Bill Randall (Churchill) 1:53.94
Brian Mertens (Salem) 1:54.89

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
Mike Malik (Stevenson) 2:08.52
Paul Perez (Salem) 2:09.59
Brett Meconis (Redford CC) 2:11.34
Mike Nemer (Stevenson) 2:11.54
Aaron Reeder (Canton) 2:11.69
Aaron Shelton (Salem) 2:12.05
Jim Gabriel (N. Farmington) 2:12.20

(state cut: 22.59)

Matt Zaid (N. Farmington) 22.30
Andrew Locke (Salem) 22.35
James McPartlin (John Glenn) 22.65
Kurtis Hornick (Canton) 22.73
Keith Falk (Stevenson) 22.80
Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 22.88
Don LeClair (Canton) 23.09
Mark Wachsberg (N. Farmington) 23.18
Ryan Meekins (Redford CC) 23.38
Bill Randall (Churchill) 23.55

DIVING

Greg Brazunas (Redford CC) 256.30
Chris McFarland (John Glenn) 246.35
Joe Lebovic (N. Farmington) 232.85
Mike Mattis (Redford CC) 230.50
Justin Goodwin (N. Farmington) 197.45
Greg Kubitski (Salem) 180.95
Blake Brunner (Canton) 177.00
Kory Stevens (Redford CC) 172.10
Mike Baskin (Stevenson) 157.00
Pat Tondreau (John Glenn) 155.00

100 BUTTERFLY

(state cut: 55.59)

Keith Falk (Stevenson) 54.00
James McPartlin (John Glenn) 54.55
Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 55.51
Brett Meconis (Redford CC) 55.68
Adam Farber (N. Farmington) 56.59
Paul Perez (Salem) 57.13
Kurtis Hornick (Canton) 57.45
Mark Wachsberg (N. Farmington) 57.84
Bryant Steele (Redford CC) 59.10
Josh Morgan (Garden City) 59.88
Aaron Shelton (Salem) 59.88

100 FREESTYLE

(state cut: 49.49)

Matt Zaid (N. Farmington) 48.17

Keith Falk (Stevenson) 48.92
Ryan Meekins (Redford CC) 49.30
Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 49.66
Jim McPartlin (John Glenn) 49.81
Andrew Locke (Salem) 50.50
Don LeClair (Canton) 50.59
Kurtis Hornick (Canton) 50.94
Mark Wachsberg (N. Farmington) 51.12
Bill Randall (Churchill) 51.36

500 FREESTYLE

(state cut: 4:57.39)

Keith Falk (Stevenson) 4:51.40
Brian Mertens (Salem) 5:07.00
Ryan Meekins (Redford CC) 5:07.61
Mike Malik (Stevenson) 5:10.60
Kurtis Hornick (Canton) 5:10.60
Justin Ketterer (Stevenson) 5:11.17
Ed Lesnau (Redford CC) 5:16.83
Danny Price (Harrison) 5:20.60
Craig Paske (N. Farmington) 5:22.45
Loch Rycroft (N. Farmington) 5:23.54

200 FREESTYLE RELAY

(state cut: 1:31.99)

North Farmington 1:32.60
Plymouth Salem 1:32.80
Plymouth Canton 1:33.38
Livonia Stevenson 1:34.68
Redford Catholic Central 1:35.35

100 BACKSTROKE

(state cut: 56.39)

Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 55.66
Jim Gabriel (N. Farmington) 57.15
Aaron Reeder (Canton) 58.06
James McPartlin (John Glenn) 58.42
Devin Hopper (Farmington) 59.24
Matt Casillas (Salem) 59.46
Justin Allen (Canton) 59.62
Keith Falk (Stevenson) 59.69
Brad Nelson (Canton) 1:00.48
Adam Chiasson (Wayne) 1:00.84

100 BREASTSTROKE

(state cut: 1:03.19)

Adam Farber (N. Farmington) 1:02.68
Keith Falk (Stevenson) 1:03.76
Kevin VanTien (Stevenson) 1:05.23
Mike Nemer (Stevenson) 1:06.15
Josh Markou (Redford CC) 1:06.70
Aaron Shelton (Salem) 1:07.90
Mike Kruszewski (Redford CC) 1:08.43
Sonny Weber (Wayne) 1:08.52
Mike McGowan (Stevenson) 1:08.78
Mike Malik (Stevenson) 1:08.81

400 FREESTYLE RELAY

(state cut: 3:23.09)

Livonia Stevenson 3:25.31
Redford Catholic Central 3:25.50
North Farmington 3:26.08
Plymouth Canton 3:29.29
Plymouth Salem 3:32.75

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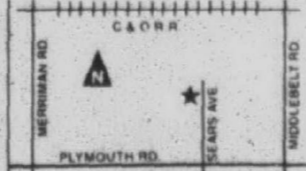
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The complexion of the game changed in the final five minutes of the first half and the first six minutes of the second.

Flint Mott CC's Monisa McGee knocked down a shot with 5:07 left in the opening half to put the Lady Bears up 30-21. But for the remainder of the half, Schoolcraft College outscored Mott 8-2 to narrow the deficit to 32-29, then the Lady Ocelots opened the second half with a 15-3 run that put them in control to stay.

Final score: SC 68, Mott 62.

The win gave the Ocelots' women's basketball team some additional breathing room in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association's Eastern Conference. They are now 17-3 overall, 9-0 in the conference, and are riding a 13-game winning streak. Mott fell to 12-8 overall, 5-3 in the conference.

"I think we really broke it open when Stacy (Cavin) started hitting those threes," said SC coach Karen Lafata of a designed strategy. "We called it, and it worked."

For much of the first half, the 6-foot-2 Cavin had successfully posted up inside, but Mott's 6-2 Nicole Buford had disrupted her shooting. Cavin had just one basket and four points in the opening half.

It took her less than five minutes to double that total in the second half. Cavin drained a pair of three-pointers from the top of the key and added another two-point basket to spark SC's second-half start. She finished with 16 points and nine rebounds in the game.

"I thought we played well for most of the first half," said Mott coach Wray Cannaday. "We had three straight possessions where we stopped them (late in the half), but we didn't score. Then we forced a turnover in the closing seconds, but we gave it right back to them and they scored at the buzzer."

COLLEGE WOMEN'S

"I can't think of a worse-case scenario." The Bears never gave up, for sure. A basket by Jackie Kocis allowed SC to stretch its lead to 46-36 with 13:15 left in the game, but Mott answered with a 12-5 stretch (five scored by LaShawn Grays) that narrowed the gap to 51-48 with 7:14 left.

But the Bears never got any closer. SC answered with a six-point run of its own and kept Mott at bay the remainder of the game, thanks largely to the offensive efforts of Samantha Theisen, who scored eight of her game-high 26 points in the last six minutes. Theisen also sparked on defense with four steals.

"To their credit, they play hard all the time," said Mott's Cannaday of SC. "Our guards just didn't play well and theirs did."

SC's miniature backcourt — which consists of 5-5 Esther Ross, 5-3 Antone' Watson and 5-3 Jamie Lewandowski — wasn't at full strength, with Lewandowski still recuperating from a sprained knee. But with Lewandowski able to play about eight minutes, it was enough; Watson scored 11 points. Jackie Kocis added five points and 11 rebounds.

Mott got 20 points from Jamee Greenwood, 11 from McGee and 10 from Grays.

"Now we've got a three-game lead with seven games to go," said a somewhat relieved Lafata, whose Ocelots must still visit Henry Ford, Alpena and Oakland CC.

It's not over yet, but the picture is clearing and starting to look quite bright.

SC 85, Macomb CC 39: Last Saturday, the host Ocelots jumped out to a 37-17 lead by halftime and never let up in posting a lopsided win over the team current SC coach Karen Lafata guided to the NJCAA Tournament last season.

The Monarchs aren't enjoying the current campaign. They fell to 3-14 overall, 2-8 in the Eastern Conference.

Five Ocelots reached double figures in scoring and another netted nine points. Leading SC was Antone' Watson with 20 points; Stacy Cavin added 18, Belinda Reid had 12 and both Samantha Theisen and Kim Washnock (Farmington HS) scored 10. Jackie Kocis chipped in with nine.

Breean England's 11 points topped Macomb. Jessica Davis had nine.

Aquinas 77, Madonna 69: Madonna University didn't shoot well and host Aquinas College did. The Lady Crusaders also didn't rebound very well, while the Lady Saints did.

If that isn't a formula for disaster . . . Madonna's loss Saturday at Aquinas left it with a 1-7 record in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference, 12-11 overall. Aquinas is 8-13 overall, 3-5 in the WHAC.

The Lady Crusaders converted just 11-of-31 first-half floor shots (35.5 percent) and were just 24-of-63 for the game (38.1 percent); Aquinas hit 15-of-29 in the opening half (51.7 percent) and 31-of-60 for the game (51.7 percent). The Saints also enjoyed a commanding 44-29 edge on the boards.

Kathy Panganis' 18 points paced Madonna; she also grabbed five rebounds and two steals. Chris Dietrich added 14 points, a team-best seven boards and two steals, but committed six turnovers. Katie Cushman and Kristi Fiorenzi (from Plymouth Canton) added 11 points and two steals apiece, and Carissa Gizicki had eight points and four assists.

For Aquinas, Ronda Bolitho had 21 points and four assists; Nicole Mielhke totaled 16 points, 16 rebounds and three blocked shots; Mary Bond had 15 points; and Jill Murray scored 12.

Madonna trailed 34-26 at halftime.



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

Driven to score: Schoolcraft's Antone Watson drives past a Mott defender en route to scoring two of her 11 points.

Madonna holds off Aquinas for 2nd league win

MEN'S HOOP

Playoff hopes for Madonna University's men's basketball team were rekindled Saturday with a 64-59 victory over Aquinas College at Madonna.

The win boosted the Fighting Crusaders into a tie for sixth in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference with a 2-6 record. They are 6-17 overall. Aquinas fell to 3-5 in the WHAC, 10-12 overall.

Madonna is currently tied with Spring Arbor for sixth, one game ahead of Concordia College.

A strong shooting performance in the first half (14-of-29, 48.3 percent), particularly from three-point range (6-of-14,

42.9 percent), helped the Crusaders take a 35-25 lead into the intermission. But it didn't last; Aquinas overcame an 11-point deficit (47-36) with 12:08 left to play by scoring the next eight points and outpointing Madonna 13-2 in the next 5 1/2 minutes.

It was a battle from that point on. A basket by Ross Willick with 1:18 left gave Aquinas a 59-55 lead, but those

would be the final points scored by the Saints. Mike Massey hit five free throws (three after being fouled on a three-point attempt), Mark Mitchell got one more, and Jason Skoczylas collected a basket and a free throw to provide the game-winning margin for the Crusaders.

Massey's 23 points paced Madonna; he also had five rebounds. Skoczylas

added 22 points (9-of-12 from the field), three assists and four steals, and Mike Maryanski totaled five points and 10 rebounds.

Aquinas got 23 points from Courtney Norman and 13 more from Mike Jackson.

Madonna outrebounded the Saints by a 34-31 margin, including a 10-5 advantage on the offensive boards.

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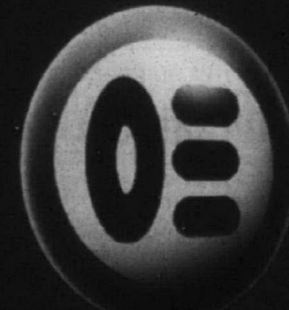
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Madonna fills holes in lineup

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There are some notable losses from the Madonna University men's soccer team that won 20 games last fall and came within a victory of qualifying for the NAIA National Tournament.

Scott Emert, the team's leading scorer (22 goals) and the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference player of the year, and defender Ryan Mollien — both NAIA honorable mention All-Americans — have graduated. So have forward Victor Rodopolous (from Livonia Franklin), midfielder Jason Hazinski (Redford Thurston) and defender Keith Gniewek (Plymouth Canton).

Filling those holes is the top priority on coach Pete Alexander's off-season list. So far, he's succeeded.

Of course, it helps to have the kind of recognition Madonna has received in its first two years in the WHAC, both of them having ended with the Fighting Crusaders earning the championship. They were 20-3 overall this season, 14-0 in the WHAC.

"This is the first time we've ever had any All-Americans," Alexander said of Emert, Mollien and junior midfielder Charlie Bell, who will return next season. "So far, our

SOCCER RECRUITING

recruiting's done real well. "But (the success) not only gives us recognition among the people we want to recruit, but also from teams across the country."

The losses of Emert and Rodopolous will impair the offense, which is why Alexander went after some scoring help. He believes he found it in Ryan Konley, a Plymouth Salem and Schoolcraft College graduate, and Tim Rais, from Farmington.

Konley is slated to play either outside midfielder or forward. "He's going to be a key for us," said Alexander. "He led Schoolcraft in scoring the last two years."

Rais was a Division II second team all-state selection after scoring 20 goals and assisting on 11 others in his senior year at Farmington. In his three-year career with the Falcons, Rais scored 74 goals and assisted on 35 others. He was an all-Observer selection last fall.

"There's lots of speed there," said Alexander. "He's a great talent."

Others that could help offensively are John Sterling, a midfielder/forward from Westland and John Glenn who's "got good speed and he's

good with the ball — their best player, in my opinion" and Bart Mays, a midfielder from Livonia Stevenson that Alexander figures will "give us some leadership. He's a strong player who will help the younger players develop."

The Crusader defense will need some bolstering, too, with the loss of Gniewek and Mollien. Helping out there will be new recruits Bill Fischer, from Livonia Franklin, a sweeper/stopper/defensive midfielder type who "has a lot of strengths"; Jeff Parent, a defender from Plymouth Canton; Andy MacDonald, a defender/midfielder from Utica Eisenhower; P.J. Stranahan, a defender from Troy who's "a very good player"; and Oleg Chovkovy, who grew up in Russia and played at Berkley HS the past three years.

Madonna keeper Dave Hart is entering his senior season, so Alexander will also bring in a couple of understudies in Walled Lake Central graduate Doug Campau ("He's very athletic — he'll learn a lot there next year," Alexander said) and Plymouth Canton grad Doug Koontz.

Whether or not the pieces that are returning and the additions can add up to another WHAC championship remains to be seen, but Alexander is certainly confident — as always.

Salem stops Churchill

VOLLEYBALL

Injury and illness had plagued Plymouth Salem's volleyball team the last couple of weeks, but on Monday at Livonia Churchill the Rocks overcame it against a tough Charger squad.

After dropping the opening game of the Western Lakes Activities Association match 15-9, Salem battled back to beat Churchill 15-12, 15-10 to run its league record to 4-1. The Rocks are 24-5 overall.

Amanda Suder, who had been out since last week with a virus, returned and played exceptionally well, leading the Rocks with 16 kills and three service aces. Angie Sillmon also performed ably, collecting 14 kills, 17 digs and three blocks.

SC Invite up next

Thirty-two teams, including defending state champion Temperance Bedford, will take to the courts at two sites this Saturday for the 26th annual Schoolcraft College Invitational girls volleyball tournament.

Bedford, gunning for its fifth

title in the last six years, will open pool play at 8:45 a.m.

Admission is \$3 for adults and \$2 for students.

Here are the pools for six different courts at Schoolcraft:

•Pool A (Court No. 1): Grand Blanc, Redford Thurston, East Kentwood, North Farmington;

•Pool B (Court No. 2): Farmington Hills, Mercy, Livonia Franklin, Ferndale, Madinet Heights Bishop Foley;

•Pool C (Court No. 3): Redford Union, Birmingham Marian, Livonia Stevenson, Dearborn;

•Pool D (Court No. 4): Bedford, Flint Powers Catholic, Ypsilanti, Walled Lake Western;

•Pool E (Court No. 5): Livonia Clarenceville, Carleton-Airport, Livonia Churchill, Midland;

•Pool F (Court No. 6): Garden City, Livonia Ladywood, Novi, Plymouth Salem;

•Pool G: Northville, Birmingham Seaholm Harper Woods Regina, Farmington Hills Harrison;

•Pool H: Walled Lake Central, Westland John Glenn, Harper Woods, Fenton.

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Mott trailed 27-26 with 3:42 left in the opening half, but went on a 12-2 run to gain 38-29 lead at intermission thanks to four straight triples.

Schoolcraft trailed by only one, 59-58, with exactly five minutes to go in the second half on Mitchell's trey.

But Mott answered with a 9-0 spurt, capped by two Arnold Lakes free throws with 2:25 left, giving the Bears a 68-58 advantage.

Schoolcraft, which shot 38.4 percent from the floor on the night (25 of 65), would never recover.

"I'm excited with the win because we control our own destiny in the conference," Schmidt said. "We put ourselves in the driv-

er's seat to come in here and win.

"Schoolcraft has a great team and they match up athletically with us. But we used 12 guys and I think we're able to wear teams down because all 12 are solid. That's a tremendous advantage."

Point-guard Dave McGlown led SC in scoring with 15 points, while Michael Murray added 12. Mitchell, David Jarrett and Dashawn Williams each contributed nine with Derek McKelvey, who was held scoreless from the three-point line, getting eight.

It was obvious they were missing Bigby, a player who can score inside and outside.

"Our kids played hard, but we didn't play well in the last five minutes the first or second half," Briggs said. "But I'm proud of the

way with played without Bigby. We've had some adversity lately and to be 7-2 in the conference... I'm proud of where we're at and we're going to get better."

On Saturday, Mitchell scored a team-high 17 points in the Ocelots' 85-57 homecourt victory over Macomb CC.

SC, which jumped out to a 47-29 halftime lead, also got 14 from Reggie Kirkland.

McGlown and Williams each chipped in with 10, while Murray added nine.

NOTE: Briggs said three players — Bigby, point-guard Mario Montgomery and Williams — would be suspended for Wednesday's St. Clair CC game for violation of team rules.

Eligibility problems sideline SC star

BY BRAD EMONS
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Schoolcraft College star forward Lamar Bigby, held out two games over an eligibility issue, could return to the lineup Monday against Oakland CC.

Officials from the National Junior College Athletic Association were checking an eligibility complaint lodged by Iowa Western CC coach Jim Morris.

Bigby, averaging 18 points per game, missed Monday's first-place showdown against Flint Mott (an 80-71 SC loss).

The 6-foot-5 forward was not given a release of the original letter-of-intent he signed last spring with the community college in Council Bluffs, Ia.

Bigby later asked out of his commitment with Iowa Western to play for SC's Carlos Briggs, who served as an assistant coach for his summer Detroit AAU basketball squad.

SC athletic director Ed Kavanaugh, who spoke with Morris on Tuesday night, was given assurances that SC's leading scorer would be released from his letter by Wednesday.

"I don't believe the NJCAA will impose any further penalties and the two games Lamar sat out will serve as punitive action," Kavanaugh said.

When contacted Tuesday at his office, Morris admitted he notified NJCAA officials about Bigby after "getting a tip" that forward was playing this season for the 13th-ranked Ocelots.

Morris would not say who was the source of his information.

"I thought the whole thing was highly irregular as far as them recruiting him and I felt they (Schoolcraft) were going around the rules," he said. "I would have given him a release if they would have followed the correct channels."

Morris admitted that by denying Bigby a release during the entire summer, he was hoping the forward would change his mind and honor his original commitment.

"I was going to hold it over their heads as long as I could," he said. "But once he didn't graduate from high school (at North-ern), I just gave it up, but apparently he (Bigby) went back and got his GED (General Equivalency Diploma) and that made him eligible."

Morris said he did not want to deny Bigby the right to play. "If they were to ask for a release today, that would be no problem," he said. "But they haven't done that yet. They could fax me a form and I'd release him."

After notifying the NCJAA in

BASKETBALL

Colorado Springs of Bigby's asking out of his letter with Iowa Western, Briggs and Kavanaugh felt confident and assured by NJCAA officials (prior to the season) that the Detroit Northern product could play this season if he met certain conditions.

The first stipulation cited was that he could not receive an athletic grant-in-aid and would attend a junior college in the "nearest district or service area."

Bigby, who resides in Highland Park, was under the impression that he could play for any one of three community colleges that offer men's basketball in Wayne County including Schoolcraft, Henry Ford and

Wayne County CC.

"I took a visit to Iowa Western and at the time I didn't have any other options and I felt kind of pressured to sign with them," Bigby said. "But later I was concerned about my mother. I didn't want her in a situation of living alone. I felt it would be better if I could play here (Schoolcraft) and stay around home."

Briggs maintains he did nothing improperly as far as Bigby coming to Schoolcraft.

"Lamar came to us and I told him he needed a release before he could play for us," Briggs said. "At no time did we recruit Lamar. And if he didn't get a release, we could not give him a scholarship."

"But we were given the O. that if we had met all the stipulations

and complied with those rules, he would be eligible to play. And now this comes up at this time of the season. It doesn't make any sense."

Briggs' last conversation with Morris occurred in June. At the time, Morris told Briggs he would not grant Bigby a release from his letter-of-intent with Iowa Western.

But apparently Morris changed his mind after learning Bigby had been forced to sit out two games.

"Nobody cares about this kind of stuff when you're 0-20," Kavanaugh said. "But when you're 17-2 and nationally ranked, you're bringing more attention upon yourself."

WAYNE COUNTY COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Wayne County Commission Committee on Environment, Drains and Sewers will hold a public hearing on amending Chapter 129, User Fee Ordinance, Article XI, Department of Environment section 11.103 Industrial Surveillance Fee. The Industrial Surveillance Fee is intended to recover the costs related to permitting, sampling, monitoring and enforcement of the above discharge permits. The Wayne County Department of Public Works - Industrial Pretreatment Program conducted an evaluation of the existing fee structure and will propose a new rate methodology designed to more equitably and accurately reflect the actual costs attributable to the significant industrial users. The proposed fee consists of two parts: an administrative component and a sampling and laboratory analysis component (monitoring).

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1999, 1:00 p.m.
Room 402, Wayne County Building
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF REDFORD REQUEST FOR BIDS - NOTICE TO BIDDERS

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12200 Beech Daly
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BID CATEGORIES

2A Landscaping and Irrigation
2B Automatic Sliding Doors
2C Drywall and Acoustical
2D Toilet Compartments and Toilet Accessories

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Bids will be received until 12:00 P.M. Thursday, February 18, 1999, A.J. Etkin Construction Co. located at 30445 Northwestern Hwy., Suite 250, Farmington Hills, MI 48034.

All bids will be publicly opened and read aloud in the Board Room of the Charter Township of Redford, Town Hall Building, 15145 Beech Daly, Redford, MI 48239 on Thursday, February 18, 1999 at 2:00 P.M. The Charter Township of Redford reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids. Any bid submitted will be binding for ninety (90) days after the date of the bid opening. BID SECURITY in amount of 5% minimum of the Proposal is MANDATORY for amounts exceeding \$12,500.

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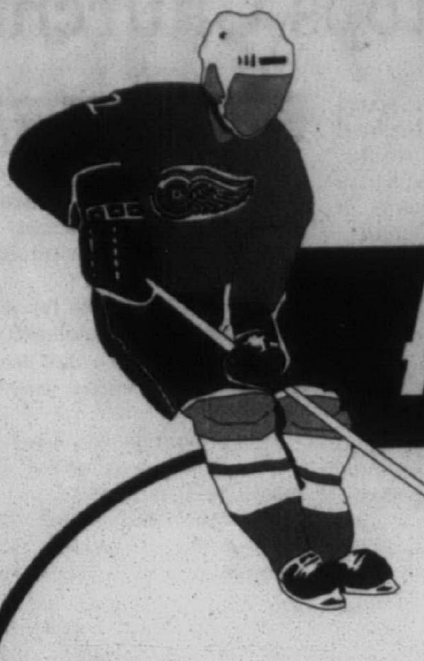
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EASY ON THE EYES
Keep me laughing and I'm yours. Blue-eyed blonde, 30, 5'6", 118lbs, attractive with a sharp mind and quick wit. Looking for the same. #2638

SEEKING TALL MAN
SWF, 5'6", 126lbs, blonde/blue, nice figure, seeks funny, down-to-earth man, 36-42, strong physique, who can handle life's little ups and downs. #2600

I HATE PICKLES!
SWF, 24, 5'3", blonde/blue, enjoys music, movies, just have fun. Seeking honest, smart male, 23-30, for casual dating, possibly more. Must possess nice smile and friendly eyes. #2690

COUCH POTATOES
DWF, 33, 5'10", blonde/blue, slim, mother of three, smoker, social drinker, enjoys dancing, hockey, darts, etc. Seeking a man, 36-42, with similar interests. HW proportionate, honest, faithful, trustworthy. #2415

BEST FRIENDS
Attractive, easygoing, humorou DWF, 32, 5'5", medium build, Auburn/green, enjoys nature, walks, movies, dinner, travel, cooking. Seeking honest, caring, kind SWM, 30-40, who is over the past, ready for possible LTR. #2415

INTERESTED IN ART?
Pretty SWF, early 40s, seeks sincere, sensitive, art-inclined SWM, 40-50, for possible relationship. #2552

BLUE-EYED BLONDE
Young, attractive WF, 30, 5'7", medium build, seeks down-to-earth, romantic, commitment-minded WM, 45-60, for LTR. #2644

MISSING INGREDIENT
DWF, 29, 5'4", HW proportionate, blonde/green, likes animals, snowmobiling and keeping active. Seeking handsome, fit S/DWM, 27-33, with similar interests, for friendship, possible LTR. #2537

LET'S PLOW TOGETHER
This flirtatious blue-eyed blonde would love to take a ride in your truck. There is something about a man in a truck, 30-43, who loves kids, and is attractive and easygoing. #2455

ALLURING BRUNETTE
Attractive, very fit, feisty, fun-to-be-with professional, 35, 5'5", 110lbs, seeks caring confident, stable, open-minded, honest and humorous man, 35-50. Happily enjoying a satisfying relationship. #2536

LOOKING FOR MR. RIGHT
Easygoing SWF, 31, 5'7", medium build, dark/hazel, ne married, two daughters (4 and 9). Seeking clean SWM, 25-35, for friendship, possible more. Must enjoy being around children and animals. #2456

A NEW BEGINNING
Widowed lady, young 63, blond hair, enjoys movies, theater, dining in/out, animals, walking, swimming. Free to spend time with loving, caring white gentleman, 50s. #2157

STOP LOOKING
Cute SWF, 28, 5'5", brown/blue, seeking active SWM, 28-36, who enjoys music, animals, for possible LTR. No games, no lies or N/Drugs. #2298

FLY ME TO THE MOON
Attractive SWFF, 30, social drinker, enjoys snowmobiling, sports, boating, travel. Seeking attractive, fit SWM, 28-35, for possible LTR. #2292

READ THIS AD
SWF, 32, 5'2", brown/brown, full-figured, likes movies, reading, dancing, birds, writing letters. Seeking a SWM, 32-44, under 5'10" and 250lbs, N/S. #2358

5'7" AND PRETTY
Pretty, fun loving, easygoing, brown-haired, green-eyed girl, 34, medium build, full-figured, would like to start exercising, enjoys many things in life. Seeking attractive SWM, financially/emotionally secure, HW proportionate, Dexter Pinchney Area. #2171

UNCHAINED MELODY
Slim, attractive DWF, 31, N/S, seeks professional S/DWM, 50-60, 5'10", for C&W dancing, rollerblading, hanging out. Lavinia area. #2534

DOWN-TO-EARTH
Attractive, fun-loving, outgoing SWFF, 27, enjoys traveling, working out, movies, Red Wings, quiet nights, much more. Seeking SWM, 35-35, who is fun, caring, and has a sense of humor. #2086

HEALTHY RELATIONS
Classy, slender, youthful, playful, outgoing, professional SWF, 5'4", blonde/brown, homeowner, no dependents, N/S, social drinker, seeks educated, fit, fun, and successful. Let's meet for coffee and see what happens. #2149

LET'S START WITH COFFEE
Widowed WF, 60, 5'1", blonde/blue, N/S, social drinker, financially/emotionally secure, enjoys dining in/out, theater, golf, playing cards. Seeking honest man, 58-64, with good sense of humor, to share the golden years with. #2500

MAKE BEAUTIFUL MUSIC
DWF, 44, financially secure, professional musician, sexy, classy, blonde/blue, romantic, seeking an outgoing, secure, college-educated S/DWM, 35-50, passionate, fit, for a possible LTR. #2160

HUGGABLE & LOVABLE
Attractive SFF, 44, 5'3", blonde/blue, medium build, with passion for life, seeks kind-hearted SWPM, 40-55, with good sense of humor, who is ready to enjoy life. #2412

WAITING FOR LIGHTNING...
to strike an appealing DWF, 50lbs, seeks a gentleman, 50-61, to enjoy dancing, dining out, casinos, and a good friendship leading to possible relationship. #2445

DRAWN TO WIDOWERS
Real, pretty, smart, attractive, brown-haired, green-eyed, values family, honesty, morals, dignity. Interests: sports, dining, gardening, reading, walks. Seeking family-oriented male. #2446

DELIGHTFUL AND DOWN-TO-EARTH
Catholic SWF, 38, 5'7", brown/brown, smoker, social drinker, mother of three, enjoys camping, fireplaces, dancing and dining. Seeking a Catholic SWM, 38-46, with a love for family lifestyle and partnership. All calls welcome. #2446

ANSWER MY AD
You'll be glad you did. Looking for educated, fun-loving, happening, NS, get, 53-68, for wonderful life together. I'm adventurous, witty, outgoing, considerate, fit, smart, sincere. Please call. #2443

CLASSY LADY
Blonde-haired, blue-eyed, petite SWF, 43, honest, sincere, enjoys dancing, traveling, dining, walks, romantic evenings at home, seeks gentleman, 30-50, #2322

LITTLE RED
Spontaneous SF, 5'3", 130lbs, red/green, smoker, N/D, for honest relationship with SM who doesn't want to play games. Dark eyes and long hair. #2323

YOU'RE A RE
healthy, happy, spiritually fit and emotionally available. Very attractive, petite SWF, 40ish, N/S, N/D, 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, dining out, for friendship, travel, travel, and having good conversations about it. #2269

ON EDUCATED BF, 50, 5'6", 147lbs, no dependents, seeks mature male, 46-55, settled but fun to be with. Must be romantic. No baggage. No hang-ups. NS mandatory. #1806

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

WANTED: BEST FRIEND
DWM, 37, 5'10", 170lbs, enjoys outdoors, and being active. Seeking, affectionate, fit, loving, outgoing, and fun. Must be a good listener. #1665

SINGLE IN DISTRICT
Honest, down-to-earth SWM, 35, would like to meet special SBF 25-45, for friendship, possible relationship. I like music, movies, and occasional times. #1286

NEW TO RESPOND
SWF, 28, blonde, brown hair, nice physique, outgoing, sports, music, seeks someone who is fun, caring, and full-time. #2526

VERY PERSISTENT
Attractive, intelligent, financially/emotionally secure SWM, 37, 5'10", 160lbs, seeks a woman who is fun, caring, and full-time. #2526

GEMINUS OVI
Attractive SWF, 37 (looks 27), 5'10", 100lbs, hazel eyes, blonde hair, seeks a man who is fun, caring, and full-time. #2526

PRETTY BLONDE LADY
Refined, giving, fun, intelligent, DWF, 32, 5'2", 125lbs, brown hair, financially/emotionally secure, enjoys walking, tennis, cooking, dining out, for friendship, travel, travel, and having good conversations about it. #2388

LOOKING FOR LOVE
Attractive, intelligent, financially/emotionally secure SWM, 37, 5'10", 160lbs, seeks a woman who is fun, caring, and full-time. #2526

SEEKING A DATE
Slim, sensual, spiritual, successful SJM, 46, 5'9", 162lbs, seeks relationship-oriented SF, 30-45, who enjoys Borders, Royal Oak, art films, dance clubs, and to Middle Eastern cuisine, jazz, classical, contemporary music. #2177

NO CLEVER AD
Outgoing DWF, mid-50s, seeks kind-hearted lady for LTR. Will answer. #2526

WORKING
Handsome, rugged, athletic, financially secure, trustworthy SWM, 38, 6'1", 220lbs, has herpes (wants to be honest), seeks old-fashioned, attractive girl. Children ok. Let's talk. #2454

ATTRACTIONAL SWM, 36, 6'190lbs, brown/blue, professionally employed, enjoys dining out, movies, seeks an attractive SWF, for dating, friendship, possible LTR. Garden City. #1534

HAPPY-GO-LUCKY
Sensative, honest, 35 year-old SWM, who's athletic and outgoing, likes all outdoor and indoor activities. Seeking S/DWF, who is also sensitive and honest, with similar qualities for LTR. #2441

SOMEONE SPECIAL
SWM, 28, 5'11", 175lbs, dark brown/blue, likes long walks, cuddling with someone special. Seeking SWF, 23-30, who like the same and more, for relationship. #2502

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

HONOR AND CHERISH
Never married, attractive, tall, sensitive, committed, Christian SWPM, enjoys hiking, travel, adventure, fun. Seeking attractive, slender, committed, never married SWCF, 30-40, for friendship, dating, possible LTR. #2530

CONFIDENT, SECURE MAN
Pretty, classy, slim, secure, open, fit, 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, 5'5", brown/amber, seeks romantic, energetic, athletic, professional man, 25-35, 5'10", for possible serious relationship. #2451

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

NEW YEAR WITH YOU
Fit, hardworking, honest, open-minded SWM, 35, 5'11", seeks like-minded SF, race open. Respond to this ad and make both our days... or more! #2242

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"We dug ourselves a hole," said Brodie.

Salem didn't fall into it and stay there, however. The Rocks trimmed the lead to a point in the closing seconds, but missed a game-tying free throw. Northville rebounded and Marshall Knapp — who led the Mustangs with 18 points — was fouled. He converted 1-of-2 foul shots to push their lead to 57-55.

Salem had two chances to erase that deficit, and Adam Wilson (who scored 13 points) took both. His first three-point attempt was deflected, but Wilson got the ball back and tried another three that missed as time expired.

Rob Jones led Salem with 14 points; Tony Jancevski had 12. Ryan Eller added 13 for Northville.

"We think we can beat anybody," said Brodie. "But we also know that if we don't come to play for four quarters in this league, it's trouble."

That was redefined Tuesday.

Canton 70, W.L. Central 43: While Salem's struggled and lost, Canton continued to cruise, winning its fifth-consecutive game in the WLAA Tuesday at Canton.

Joe Cortellini, the Chiefs' senior guard, nailed seven three-pointers to carry Canton with 27 points. Jason Waidmann added 17, and Dan McLean and Mike Major scored seven apiece.

"We played well defensively and we scored inside," said Young. "We got some good shots and knocked them down."

The keys to Canton's victory: Jim Reddy's ability to handle Central's pressure defense, and the Chiefs finding the passing lanes inside — which forced the Viking defense to collapse, allowing Cortellini to get open for his three-point shots. Canton led 32-20 at halftime and 54-31 after three quarters.

"We really passed and caught the ball well," said Young. "And we didn't turn it over much. Jim Reddy did very well against their pressure."

Gory Heitsch's 25 points topped Central (5-6 overall, 1-5 in the WLAA).

Still, even though the Chiefs are on a roll, Young would voice nothing more than "cautious optimism."

"We've just got to continue to get better, we've got to continue to improve," the Canton coach said. "And we want to continue to understand that we've got a long road to go."

PCA 65, Flat Rock 53: Plymouth Christian Academy gained its 12th win in 13 games Tuesday, disposing of host Flat Rock with a 28-9 second-quarter rampage.

Mike Huntsman led the Eagle charge, scoring 12 of his game-high 20 points in the second period. Derric Iensee added 15 points in the game for PCA, while Jordan Roose had six assists.

Mike Nutter scored 19 for Flat Rock, which fell to 2-12.

PCA led 13-11 after one quarter and 41-20 at the half. The Rams outscored the Eagles 33-24 in the second half, but could not catch them.

Agape 74, Saline Christian 49: Canton Agape Christian was never threatened Tuesday by visiting Saline Christian in improving its Metro Christian Conference record to 4-1. The Wolverines are 5-4 overall.

Saline Christian fell to 3-6 overall, 1-4 in the MCC.

Julian Wettlin led Agape with 24 points and 13 rebounds, both season highs for the junior guard. Kirk McKelvey added 16 points and Steve Mecklenburg had 13.

Saline got 17 points from Brennan Ball and 16 from Robert Smith.

Agape led 13-8 after one quarter and 31-18 by halftime. A 25-15 third-quarter surge increased the Wolverines' advantage to 56-33.

Redford CC 73, U-D Jesuit 64: Is there a player in the state hotter than Redford Catholic Central senior guard Nick Moore?

Moore reached the 30-point barrier for the third straight game Tuesday night, scoring 30 in the Shamrocks' victory over visiting U-D Jesuit.

The win improved the Shamrocks to 9-4 overall and 5-2 in the Catholic League Central Division where they remain hopeful of a regular-season championship.

U-D Jesuit fell to 8-4 overall, 3-4 in the Central.

Moore knocked down six three-point shots, five two-point

shots, and made both of his free throw attempts. He also grabbed nine rebounds.

Senior guard Dan Jess added 18 points, including three triples, and junior guard Rob Sparks added nine points. Senior forward Dave Lusky led with 11 rebounds and chipped in with seven points.

Senior guard Mike Jones led U-D Jesuit with 22 points, including five three-point baskets. Senior forward Vince Alexander added 16 points.

U-D Jesuit led 16-8 after one

quarter before the Shamrocks' half-court trap started dominating, causing 19 turnovers.

CC outscored U-D 19-10 in the second quarter and 17-11 in the third to open up a 44-37 lead.

Farmington 56, Churchill 53 (OT): Junior center Justin Milus scored a game-high 25 points Tuesday as the Falcons (4-7, 1-4) earned their first WLAA win of the season at the expense of host Livonia Churchill (3-9, 0-5).

"We couldn't contain Milus, he did a nice job in the low post,"

Churchill coach Rick Austin said. "We didn't do a good job of rebounding."

Chad Seaborn and Matt Mikel each contributed 10 points for Falcons, who let a 40-34 third quarter lead slip away.

Junior forward John Bennett, who led Churchill with 17 points, hit a 3-pointer to send the game into overtime.

Devin White and Ryan Vickers added 14 and 11, respectively for Churchill, which missed a chance to win it with three chances at the end of regulation.

W.L. Western 68, Stevenson 29: WLAA leader Walled Lake Western (12-0, 6-0), all alone the top of the standings, invoked the 40-point mercy rule clock Tuesday in trimming visiting Livonia Stevenson (4-8, 1-4).

Ben Dewar led the victorious Warriors with 22 points. Jeff Mitchell and Johnny Eagle contributed 12 and 11, respectively.

Western led 34-15 at halftime and pulled away with a 32-8 run in the third quarter. Stevenson, which trailed by

only four with two minutes left in the half (20-15), got a team-high 10 points from junior guard Keshay McChristian.

Wayne 55, Ypsilanti 40: Jamar Davis scored 20 points, including six 3-pointers Tuesday, propelling Wayne Memorial (4-8, 4-3) to the Mega Conference-Red Division triumph over the host Braves (1-6, 2-10).

Nathan Wade and Robert Price contributed 11 and 10, respectively, for the victorious Zebras.

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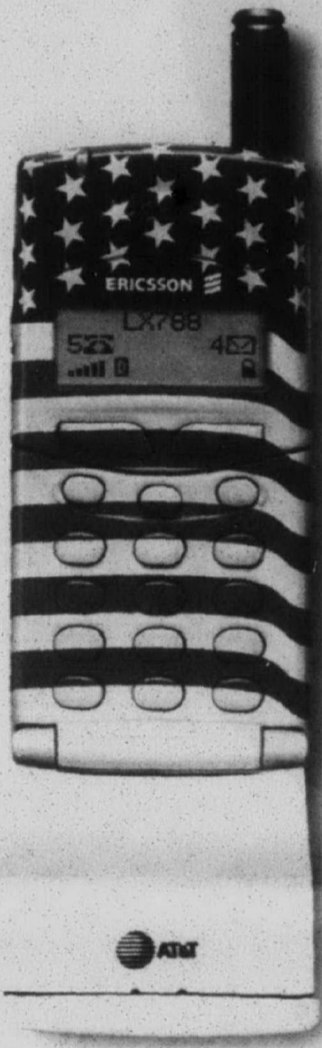
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Alpena Tourney offers CC a new challenge

Playing in the tough Michigan Metro High School Hockey League, which includes eight-time Class A champion Trenton, it's not as if Redford Catholic Central has to travel four hours to find quality competition. But the Shamrocks are looking forward to a new challenge, playing two games on consecutive

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days at the Alpena Tournament. CC opens the tournament at 4 p.m. Friday against Calumet, which has won four of the last seven titles in Class B-C-D. CC has won three Class A titles,

including two under coach Gordie St. John since 1994. If the Shamrocks beat Calumet, they face the winner of the game between Alpena and Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook, on Saturday. Alpena is a three-time Class A champion, winning the last time in 1993. Cranbrook won the B-C-

D title in 1997 and was runner-up to Calumet in '96 and '98. The Shamrocks warmed up for the tournament with a 7-1 victory Saturday over Grosse Pointe South at Redford Ica Arena. They are 14-1 overall, 9-1 in the Metro. "We're looking for a couple

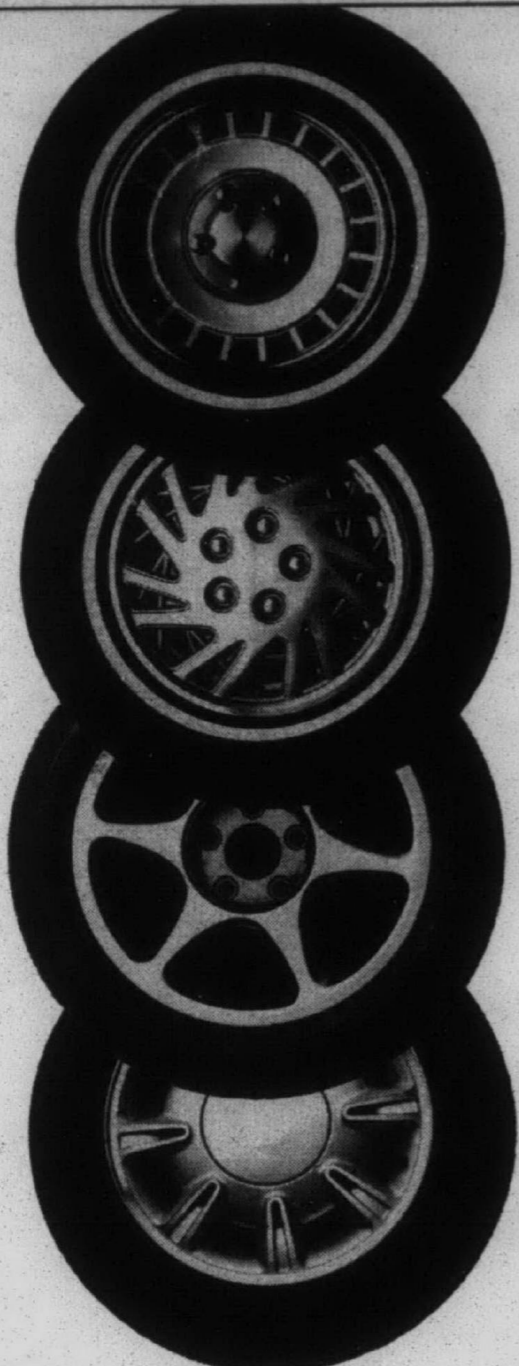
tough games," St. John said of the trip. The Shamrocks plan to leave early Friday morning and play about four hours after they arrive. St. John doesn't expect conditioning to be a problem since CC made a similar trip minus the overnight stay earlier this year to East Kentwood and won 4-2. "They're young, they'll have their legs," St. John said. "Any time you have to travel and play two games in 24 hours helps you get ready for state's."

South, the Class A runnerup last year to Trenton, was no match for the Shamrocks. CC, which lost to South in a regional final last year, led 2-0 after one period and 5-1 through two. The Shamrocks enjoyed a 41-8 shots on goal advantage with Andrew McCoy and Matthew Modelski sharing time as goal-tenders. Senior forward Keith Rowe led the Shamrocks with two goals and Chris Morelli, Pat O'Dea, David Moss, Jim Spiewak and Rick Buttery scored one goal each. Morelli opened the scoring

with a power play goal assisted by Moss and Sean McGowan at 10:38 of the first period. Moss made the lead 2-0 scoring on an assist from Matt Van Heest with 1:38 left in the first. The Shamrocks raised the lead to 3-0 only 33 seconds into the second period when O'Dea scored with assists to Buttery and Derek Genrich. Morelli scored, assisted by John Bowers and Brad Holland, for a 4-0 lead before Spiewak's unassisted goal put the Shamrocks up 5-0.

South cut its deficit to 5-1 with a goal before the end of the second period. A short-handed, unassisted goal by Buttery 38 seconds into the third period gave the Shamrocks a 6-1 lead. CC finished the scoring with a goal by Rowe, assisted by Holland midway through the third.

"It wasn't anything where anybody stood out, just a fantastic, good all-around team effort," St. John said. "Around the first couple weeks of February are the dog days, guys are working hard all year, looking forward to the playoffs. They're playing OK but will be playing a lot better before the season is over."



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Young leads Ladywood; Franklin rips Western

Senior Jenny Young, bound for Central Michigan, came up with 26 kills, five solo blocks and two aces Thursday as host Livonia Ladywood turned back Birmingham Marian in a Catholic League Central Division match, 13-15, 15-11, 15-7. Young, a 6-foot-1 senior, hit at a .404 clip as Ladywood improved to 21-12-1 and 4-1 in the Central. Setter Erin Bartee had 32 assist-to-kills and three solo blocks. Megan Lantoo added 21 assists. Tracey DeWitt contributed seven digs and passed at 85 percent.

Franklin keeps rolling
Livonia Franklin won its fifth straight Western Lakes Activities Association match without a loss Monday with a 15-4, 15-6 victory at Walled Lake Western. The Patriots improved to 25-9-1 overall. Juniors Tera Morrill and Andrea Kmet each had six kills with one ace apiece. Sophomore Kerstin Marshall had three stuff blocks, while junior setter Lyndsay Sopko had 33 assist-to-kills. Junior Rachel Bramlett added two kills, while senior Lindsey Duprey was five-for-five serving.

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SHOWS

BOAT SHOW

The 41st annual "All New" Detroit Boat Show will be held Feb. 6-14 at Cobo Center. Sponsored by Michigan Boating Industries, the show features more than 300 boat dealers and marine businesses, over 1,000 boats of all sizes and styles, the latest in services, accessories, engines and electronics, and one-stop on-site financing. There will also be a boating life theater, a kids boating clinic, contests and giveaways. Show hours are noon-10 p.m. Saturdays and Wednesday, noon-6 p.m. Sundays and 3-10 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Admission is \$8 adult and children 12 and under will be admitted free. Seniors over age 62 will be admitted free of charge on Monday. Call (800) 932-2628 for more information.

DEER AND TURKEY

The annual Michigan Deer and Turkey Spectacular will be held Feb. 12-14 at the Lansing Center. The show features some 300 exhibit booths, trophy deer, bear and elk contests and displays, live animals, wild game cooking school, archery trick shot specialist Byron Freguson, a free instructional archery range for children, an outdoor skills demonstration center, an outdoor photo contest, over 40 informational seminars and more. Show hours are 4-9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 12, 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13, and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 14. Admission is \$8 for a one-day adult ticket, \$14 for a two-day adult ticket, \$3 for youths ages 6-14, and children under six will be admitted free. Call (800) 324-3337 for more information.

CAMPER AND RV

The annual Detroit Camper and RV Show will be held Feb. 13-23 at the Novi Expo Center. The show features all types of 1999 recreational vehicles including folding campers, motor homes, travel trailers, truck campers, fifth wheels. Over 300 models will be on display ranging in price from \$3,000 to over \$200,000. There will also be RV and campground information, family entertainment, family entertainment and more. Show hours are 2-9 p.m. weekdays, noon-9 p.m. Saturdays, and noon-6 p.m. Sundays. Admission is \$6.50 for adults and children under 12 will be admitted free. Two-for-one coupons are available at participating RV dealers. Call (517) 349-8881 for more information.

BOAT, SPORT AND FISHING

The 16th annual Pontiac Silverdome Boat, Sport & Fishing Show will be held Feb. 17-21 at the Silverdome. The show features fishing seminars, outfitters, 100 merchandise booths, over 400 trailerable boats and much more. Show hours are 9-9:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, Feb. 17-18; 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 19; 10 a.m.-9:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20; and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 21. Admission is \$6.50 for adults and \$3 for children. Children ages five and under will be admitted free. Discount tickets are available at participating Marathon Stations and Elias Brothers Restaurants.

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.

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, Cheboy-

gan, 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.

CLUBS

SOLAR

The School for Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation (SOLAR), a non-profit organiza-

tion 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.

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a. Moms b. Sweethearts c. Children d. Teachers

2. The first paper valentines were given...
a. during the Elizabethan era (the 1500s).
b. by cayemen
c. by Ben Franklin.

3. We celebrate Valentine's Day on February 14 because:
a. St. Valentine was born on that date.
b. The first heart-shaped box of chocolates was manufactured on that date.
c. It is said that bird mating begins on that date.

4. Which statement is true of the roaring twenties?
a. America first began selling commercial valentines.
b. Receiving a valentine during Prohibition was illegal.
c. Shoes with hearts on them were all the rage.

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b. was born in the heart of an artichoke on February 14.
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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. 8. Bloomfield Hills resident Julius "Chip" Drotos caught a state record and line class world record green sunfish in 1990 while fishing in Kirkwood Lake in Oakland County. The 1-pound, 8-ounce fish still stands

in the record books. This week's trivia question is: *According to the National Freshwater Fishing-Hall of Fame, what pound test line (line class) did Drotos catch the fish on?* Send in the correct answer to: Fishing Trivia Contest, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. Remember, all entries must be postmarked by Monday, Feb. 8.

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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. The commission will be taking public comment on 1999 deer season regulations. 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.

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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.

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BALD MOUNTAIN
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PONTIAC LAKE
Pontiac Lake Recreation Area in Waterford has rifle, pistol, shotgun, and archery ranges. Range hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesdays through Sundays. Pontiac Lake Recreation Area is located at 7800 Gale 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 12-5 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.

SNOWFLAKE ARTISTRY
Learn about snow and make a lovely take-home-and-hang-up picture during this program, which begins at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, at Kensington.

ICE HARVESTING
Learn about the history of ice harvesting by helping to cut blocks of ice from the Huron River using antique ice saws during this program, which begins at 1 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 6-7, at the Kensington Farm Center.

BEGINNER ICE FISHING
Learn the basics of ice fishing then wet a line in Kent Lake during this program, which begins at 1 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 7, at Kensington. Ages 17 and older must have a valid Michigan fishing license.

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 perm its are \$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.

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.

TUNING YOUR TOT INTO WINTER
Ages 3-6 will tune-in to the outdoors through songs, stories, a short hike, a craft and a snack during this program, which begins at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 10 and Thursday, Feb. 11, and again at 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13, at Independence Oaks.

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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.

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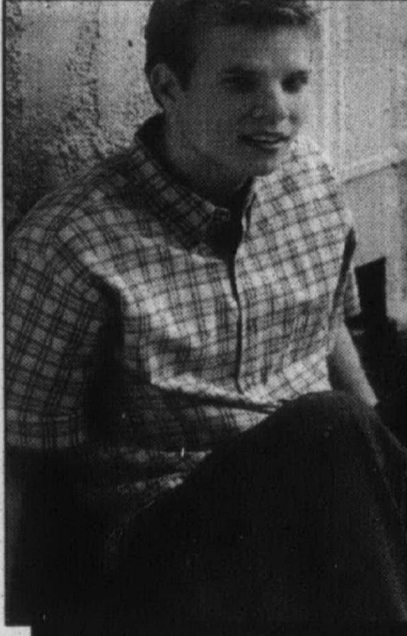
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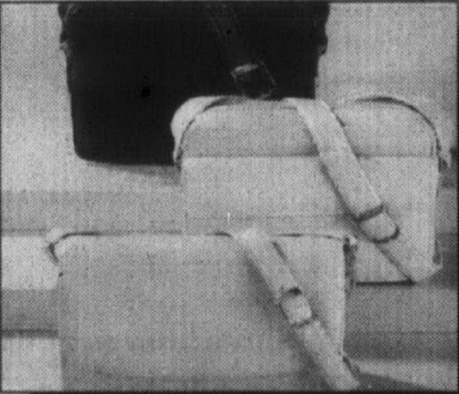
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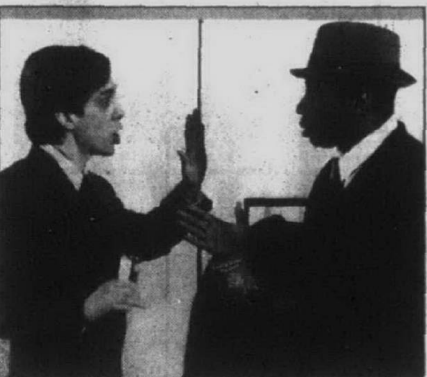
The Farmington Players present "The Fantasticks" 8 p.m. tonight at the Players Barn, 32332 W. 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills. Tickets \$14, call (248) 553-2955.

SATURDAY



Evelyn Glennie, the "First Lady" of solo percussion, appears with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and conductor Dennis Russell Davies, 8:30 p.m. at Orchestra Hall in Detroit. Tickets \$18 to \$48, call (313) 576-5111.

SUNDAY



Youtheatre at Music Hall in Detroit honors Black History Month with a new biography "Paul Robeson, All American," written by Ossie Davis and presented by New York's Theatreworks/USA. Tickets for the 2 p.m. performance, recommended for families with children ages 7 and above, are \$7 in advance, \$8 at the door. Call (313) 963-2366.

HOT TICKET



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STAFF PHOTO BY GUY WARREN

Today's stars: Mark Ridley stands in front of a wall of autographed photographs of well-known comedians who have appeared at his club.

KING OF THE Castle CELEBRATES 20TH YEAR

BY KEELY WYGONIK
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Class clown of his Walled Lake Central High School class, Mark Ridley has been making people laugh for a long time.

On Jan. 4 he celebrated the 20th anniversary of the comedy club he started in the basement of The Meating Place, a restaurant in West Bloomfield.

Now one of the top comedy clubs in the country, Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle has called Royal Oak home since 1989.

Framed autographed pictures of today's comedy stars decorate the walls including Tim Allen, Jerry Seinfeld, Dave Coulier, David Letterman, Ellen DeGeneres and Richard Belzer.

Ridley chuckles as he remembers when he had to give people their money back after Paul Reiser performed. It was before those "Mad About You" days with Helen Hunt.

"People walked out, they didn't like his show," said Ridley.

Reiser's autographed picture is revealing — "To Mark & the Comedy Castle, certain parts were fun."

New direction

Always a lover of comedy, Ridley really wanted to make films. After graduating from Wayne State University with a bachelor's degree in TV, radio and film, Ridley applied to the University of Southern California film program.

While hanging out at the Comedy Store in 1978 California, waiting to hear if he made the cut for the program, he watched Richard Pryor, David Letterman and Steve Martin perform.

Ridley wasn't chosen for the program but came home with an idea — to open a comedy club like the Comedy Store.

While working as a waiter, he began

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■ **Jack Simmons** — through Feb. 7. Simmons has been featured on "Comic Strip Live" and "Show-time."

■ **O'Brien & Valdez** — Feb. 10-14. This comedy team has appeared on A&E's "Comedy on the Road," and "An Evening at the Improv." Also appearing, Frank G.

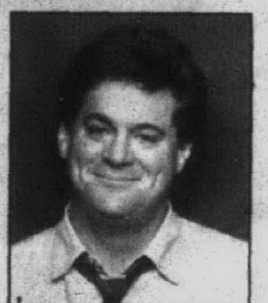
■ **Lewis Black** — Feb. 17-21, a regular on the "Conan O'Brien Show," and commentator on Comedy Central's "The Daily Show." Also appearing, Steve Bills.

■ **Blair Shannon** — Feb. 24-28, a regular on the stages of Las Vegas and Atlantic City. Also appearing Gary George.

Special Engagements

■ **Carol Leifer** — March 19-21, seen on the her on TV show "All Right Already," and a writer and performer on the "Seinfeld Show." Tickets \$17.50 Friday-Saturday; \$15 Sunday.

■ **Richard Jeni** — March 25-27, star of TV's "Platypus Man," and numerous cable specials. Also appearing Hal Spear. Tickets \$20 Thursday; \$22.50 Friday; \$25 Saturday.



Featured comedian: Jack Simmons is performing at Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle through Feb. 7.

MUSIC

Maynard Ferguson has a 'Brass Attitude'

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
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When Maynard Ferguson was cutting the mustard at 18, he was jitterbugging.

Today when college students spontaneously start moving to the music of Ferguson's Big Bop Nouveau Band, they're "swing dancing." Whatever it's called, the 71-year-old jazz master is delighted.

"We often do halftimes at major football games. When we did a recent Washington-Arizona game, a pep rally and half time. At the pep rally for about 4,000 people, you could see the people swing dancing," he said. "Half-time the cheerleaders, men and women, when we played 'Just Friends,' they all started dancing. I was amazed they could swing dance. It's great for jazz music."

Ferguson has been involved with jazz music since he was a teenager in Montreal. He began playing at the end of

WHO: Jazz trumpeter Maynard Ferguson and his Big Bop Nouveau Band

WHEN: 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6.

WHERE: Adray Auditorium of the MacKenzie Fine Arts Center, Henry Ford Community College, 5101 Evergreen Road, Dearborn.

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the swing era, played with the great bop players and made his reputation as an aggressive, hard blowing trumpet player with Stan Kenton's progressive jazz band.

Saturday, he brings that bright, high register, aggressive sound to Henry Ford Community College in Dearborn.

"The current band is really great personnel," he said in a telephone interview from Las Vegas. "They're great players, many of them out of the University of Miami. The band is three trumpets plus myself, one trombone, piano, bass and drums and two saxophones, which is the lineup I've had for

the last three years."

Ferguson enjoys playing with young musicians and often does clinics as he take his band around the world. He got his start in music at an early age, originally as a classical violinist who soloed with the Canadian Broadcasting Company Orchestra when he was 11. He was encouraged by his violinist mother to pursue music. Even if it wasn't the classical music she preferred, she wanted him to be exposed to the best.

"When I was in Montreal, my mother was just slightly disappointed that I wasn't going to be a classical violinist,"

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Maynard Ferguson

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developing his idea. Local media personalities helped him promote those first comedy nights in the basement of the restaurant where he worked — The Meeting Place.

Featured local comics included Bill Thomas, Leo DuFour, and Dave Coulier. In those early days, Tim Allen was his opening act when Ridley started Open Mike Night in February of 1979.

"Leo auditioned for me over the phone," said Ridley. "I didn't know what I was looking for. Tim (Allen) approached it as a job. He was very professional and wore a suit when he performed."

Ridley's comedy nights took off right away, and pretty soon he was searching for a bigger place. His present location, the old press room for the Royal Oak Tribune, located just around the corner, is his seventh venue.

"I can't complain," said Ridley. "We've had well over a million customers, and a billion laughs."

He's a little concerned about the future. There are fewer clubs now than there were when comedy clubs were at their peak 1985-1990. Metro Detroit has more

comedy clubs than anyone else — 13 within 45 minutes of each other.

"You're seeing everything you would see on TV," he said. "People come back to the club hoping to see the next Drew Carrey."

When he started in this business, no one ever thought a stand-up comedian would get their own show. Now it's pretty common.

In fact, Mike Bonner, a stand-up comedian from Detroit, was recently picked to be one of 25 performers for the 1999 U.S. Comedy Arts Festival, March 4-7 in Aspen, Colo. The festival will be taped for HBO and aired later this year.

"This could be Mike's big break," said David Gladstone of Off N Running Mgt. in Los Angeles. "Every television producer in the industry is there looking for next year's sitcom star."

Bonner is co-managed by Ridley and described as a "hip Bill Cosby."

There will always be new talent, and Bonner could be one of stars of tomorrow. For a comedian, staying fresh is a challenge.

Ridley can spot comedians who steal from others. He collects comedy albums and knows all the routines.

"A lot of times you have to tell a comedian, 'no,'" said Ridley. "We have a very high bar."

Local comedienne Alyce Faye of Farmington has performed at the club, and still smiles at the memory of Ridley telling her "nice job."

"He doesn't hand out compliments freely," she said. "It's a crawl, walk, run, process. You have to pay your dues."

Faye is working with Ridley on his newest venture — Evershed Productions. "It's the name of the street I grew up on in Walled Lake," said Ridley. "I get a lot of calls from comedians, and people looking to hire comedians. We want to promote laughter throughout the country."

Ridley and Faye say they can work with "whatever the budget allows." Believing laughter is the best medicine, they would also like to bring humor to hospitals, and present seminars.

Faye is helping Ridley promote and market Evershed Produc-

tions. "There's so much stress and tension in the workplace," she said. "We had a chuckle buffet for Secretary's Day, and can do stressbuster seminars."

Ridley is also opening another club with a partner, Mark Curtis in Chicago — The Black Orchid Showroom & Lounge. It will offer music and comedy, and is located in the same building as Second City. A tentative April opening is scheduled.

This will be a big year for Ridley. Besides celebrating the 20th anniversary of his club, he's getting married, and signed a new 10 year lease for Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle.

"He's considered an A room in the business," said Faye. "His club is a class act."



Lots of laughs: Mark Ridley in the main seating area of Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle in Royal Oak. The club celebrated its 20th anniversary on Jan. 4.

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he said in a bright booming voice that matches his playing style. "She went to a record store and ran into just the right record sales person. She decided that if I was going to be a jazz trumpet player I had to study classical music. But she said to the clerk, 'I want you to give me every record you have from the best American jazz trumpet players.'"

She brought home records by Bix Biederbecke, Louis Armstrong, Harry James, Roy Eldridge, Rex Stewart of the Duke Ellington Orchestra and early Miles Davis and Dizzy Gillespie.

"It was a great record collection. My brother has it now," Ferguson said. His brother, Percy, was also a musician, who started a jazz band that featured Maynard and another prominent Canadian jazz master, pianist Oscar Peterson.

At 16, Maynard Ferguson took over leadership of the band, while continuing his classical studies at the French Conservatory of Music. It was with this young band that he developed his ability to play at the sonic bending high range for which he is world famous.

His band opened for the top American bands that came to play — Charlie Barnet, Jimmy Dorsey and Stan Kenton. From 1950 to 1953 Ferguson established himself with his high register playing as the leader of Kenton's brass section.

Sometimes critics have praised Ferguson's technique while attacking his improvising skills or questioning his moves into popular music — including the megahit version of "Gonna Fly Now" (the theme from "Rocky").

"I've had such a happy career, I have to leave that to others," Ferguson said. "I have that control at the upper register and the stamina. I'm 71 years of age and still have it. It was a trademark. It doesn't bother me at all."

Ferguson tells young players they have to prepare for performing the way athletes prepare. He said that's why he's still able to reach the stratosphere.

"I'm careful of my health as I get older," he said. "It's an athletic thing. As you get older, when you want to get back in shape, at 70 it's like being a 37-year-old National Football guy who has to come back to camp early to get ready."

He said he's impressed with young musicians who can play at a wide range. In the old days, he said, a band would have a "screech" trumpet player who came in just to handle the high notes. Today, young trumpet players are able to move up and down the scale with versatility. He also credits music education for the fact that almost all musicians today can read music and improvise.

The Big Bop Nouveau Band will be playing music from their new Concord album, "Brass Attitude," and other Ferguson favorites. The band is planning tours of Japan and Europe, the Blue Note in New York City, House of Blues in Los Angeles and numerous college dates across the country.

Ferguson is also producing records for French pianist Christian Jacob and composer, arranger, trombonist Tom Garling.

And don't even mention retirement.

"As long as I'm healthy and feel good, this is what I love to do," he said.

Groups present special film shows

Mark your calendars, here are some film events taking place in your neighborhood:

■ Yiddish Film Series — in the Jimmy Prentice Morris Building, Jewish Community Center, 15110 W. 10 Mile Road, Oak Park, continues its Yiddish Film Series with the movie "Sing

Along with Israel." 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 7 and 12:45 p.m. Monday, Feb. 8. There is no charge, call (248) 967-4030 for information.

■ "Home of the Brave" — film starring James Edwards, Lloyd Bridges and Steve Brodie, will be shown 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 19 at the Southfield Centre for the

Arts, 24350 Southfield Road. The 1949 film was one of the first U.S. films to deal with racism, and is being shown as part of the Southfield Classic Cinema Series.

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THEATER

Revue will benefit St. Dunstan's Greek Theatre

St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild of Cranbrook presents "Heart and Music: Broadway's Best in Song" — a musical revue fundraiser to benefit lighting equipment improvements for the Cranbrook outdoor Greek Theatre.

"Heart and Music: Broadway's Best in Song" will enable St. Dunstan's to make substantial enhancements to the quality of lighting in the Greek Theatre.'

*Amy Lynn Smith
St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild, vice president*

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Cabaret-style seating will be available in the front section of the theater for patrons who make a donation of \$30 or more per ticket. These patrons are also invited to attend a reception prior to the performance.

Standard seating is also available for a ticket price of \$15 each.

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from "Rent," "Les Miserables," "Ragtime," "Miss Saigon" and many other well-known musicals.

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The Cranbrook Greek Theatre is one of only a handful of Greek-style amphitheaters in the entire country.

"Heart and Music: Broadway's Best in Song" will enable St. Dunstan's to make substantial enhancements to the quality of lighting in the Greek Theatre — to better showcase the beauty and majesty of this glorious outdoor theatre, said Smith.

"Heart and Music: Broadway's Best in Song" stars Kim Brown, Kendall Doman, Jeff Drown, Krystyn Irvine, Joey Johnson, Peggy Lee, Scott McDonald, Jamie Richards, Nicki Stacey.

Jamie Richards is directing the show, music director is Marlene Loucks, choreographer is John Mettiello.



Rehearsing: St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild of Cranbrook cast members rehearse for the opening of "Heart and Music: Broadway's Best in Song."

Strong performances key Bonstelle's 'The Piano Lesson'

August Wilson's "The Piano Lesson" continues through Feb. 7 at the Bonstelle Theatre, 3424 Woodward Ave., Detroit on the campus of Wayne State University. Tickets \$8 to \$10, call (313) 577-2960.

BY SUE SUCHYTA
SPECIAL WRITER

Set in 1936 Pittsburgh, "The Piano Lesson" explores the struggle of an African American family over their reverence for the past and their dreams for the future.

Boy Willie has a one time chance to buy the land he has farmed for others for many years. He realizes that selling the family's heirloom, a hand-carved piano, will give him enough money to buy the deed and his dream. However, his sister Bernice won't part with it because the piano is carved with the images of their ancestors, and endowed with their spirits — indeed, her father died taking



Drama: Joel Steingold as Boy Willie and Judi Williams as his sister Bernice, in a scene from "The Piano Lesson."

the piano from the descendants of their ancestors' slave owners. The struggle between the piano's significance to their past and the

financial means it represents to

a better future are key to the story.

However, playwright Wilson's story, as rich as its characterizations and narratives are, becomes weighed down with lengthy dialogues — there are simply more stories and background than the story needs. After developing all of the characters and letting the audience watch the clash of wills build to a crescendo, Wilson ends the play with a disappointing short-cut allowing supernatural forces, instead of the forces of his strong characters, to resolve their difficult conflict. Even though his characters treated the supernatural as believable elements in their lives, he sells them short by not letting them reach their own resolution, however painful and wrenching.

Joel Steingold, who recently turned in a strong performance

as Van Helsing in "Dracula," carried the same charisma and powerfulness into the role of Boy Willie. Fiercely intent on buying the farm he has worked as a sharecropper, his energy fills the stage, and his single-minded purpose comes across strong and forcefully.

Guest actress Judi Williams matches him as Bernice, the strong-willed sister whose quiet will matches Boy Willie's vocal anger.

Isiah Davis III as Doaker is a natural to his role of the older and wiser relative, delivering the

wisdom of experience in a quiet yet firm, impossible to ignore, manner. He serves as the buffer between Boy Willie's headstrong anger and Bernice's steadfast stubbornness.

Technically, there was some carelessness. Although the windows were backlit to denote day and night, the characters always stepped out the front door into a pitch black night. And after Bernice filled a tea kettle at the tap, she removed it from the stove less than a minute later — not enough time to even take the chill off.

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FISHER THEATRE

"Rob Becker's Defending the Caveman," through Sunday, Feb. 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

JEWISH ENSEMBLE THEATRE

"Never the Sinner," John Logan's dramatization of the Leopold and Loeb story of the 1924 thrill killing of 14-year old Bobby Franks, Feb. 10 to March 7, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday and Sunday, 8 p.m. Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday, at the Aaron DeRoy Theatre, lower level of the Jewish Community Center, 6600 West Maple Road at Drake, West Bloomfield. \$13-\$23, discounts for seniors/students. (248) 788-2900

MEADOW BROOK THEATRE

"Scotland Road," Jeffrey Hatcher's chilling thriller about a woman found floating in the Atlantic in 1998 claiming to be a Titanic survivor, Feb. 10-March 7, 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>

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Timberlake Wertenbaker's "Our Country's Good," a compelling drama that explores the human bond between captives, captors and the redemptive power of art, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 11-13, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 14, at the Lydia Mendelsohn Theatre, central campus of University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. \$18, \$14, \$7 students with I.D. Contains adult language and situations. (734) 764-0450

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

Charles Dickens' classic "A Tale of Two Cities," runs in rotating repertory to March 4, Moss Hart's riotous comedy "Light Up the Sky" opens Feb. 12 and continues in rotating repertory to April 1, at the theater, 4743 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$10-\$17. (313) 577-2972

OAKLAND UNIVERSITY

"Death and the Horseman" by Wole Soyinka, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 4-6 and Friday-Saturday, Feb. 12-13; matinees, 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 7 and Feb. 14. Presented by the Department of Music, Theatre and Dance in the Varner Studio Theatre on campus. Tickets \$10 general, \$8 seniors and \$5 students, call (248) 370-3013 or (248) 645-6666.

COMMUNITY THEATRE

P.T.D. PRODUCTIONS

"The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940," John Bishop's mystery/farce, 8 p.m. Feb. 11-14 and 18-20, at the Riverside Arts Center, 76 North Huron Street, Ypsilanti. \$12, \$9 seniors/students. (734) 483-7345

ST. DUNSTON'S THEATRE GUILD OF CRAINBROOK

"Heart and Music," Broadway's best in song, 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, Feb. 5-6 and 12-13, 400 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills. \$15, \$30 for show and 6:30 p.m. reception (funds go to the purchase of lighting equipment for the outdoor Greek Theatre. (248) 584-0698

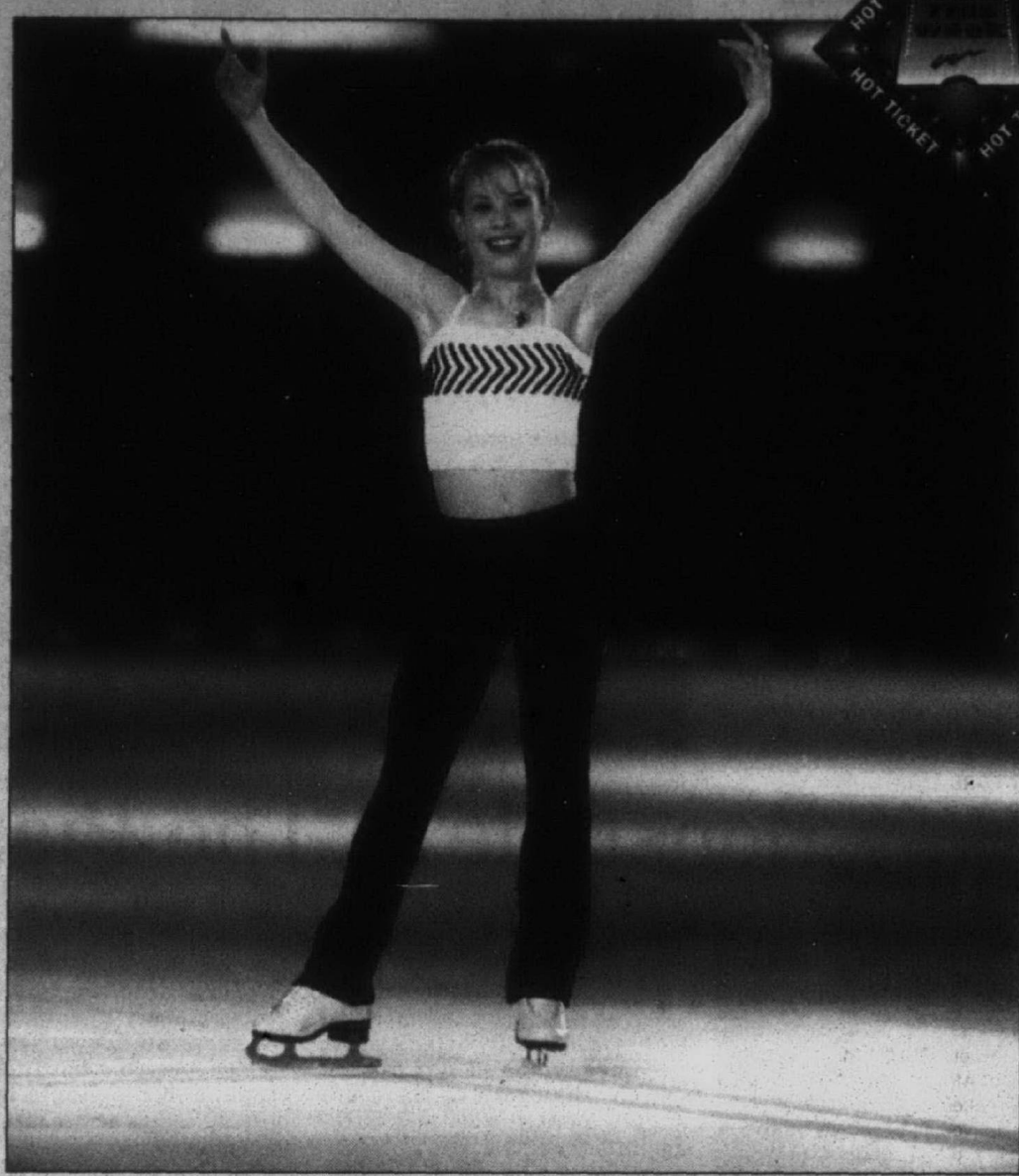
STAGECRAFTERS

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, Royal Oak. \$12-\$14. (248) 541-6430

WAYNE STAGE IV ADULT COMMUNITY THEATRE

"The Curious Savage," a comedy by John Patrick, 7:30 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, Feb. 12-13 and 19-20, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 14, at the State Wayne Stage IV Theatre, on Michigan Avenue, Wayne. \$10, \$5 seniors/students. (734) 721-7400.

FARMINGTON PLAYERS



Stars on Ice: Tara Lipinski joins Olympic Champions Scott Hamilton, Kristi Yamaguchi, Ilia Kulik, Ekatarina Gordeeva, and other skating professionals in *Discover Stars on Ice*, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6 at The Palace of Auburn Hills. Tickets are \$58, \$45 and \$32, reserved, at The Palace Box Office and all Ticketmaster centers. To charge tickets, call (248) 645-6666 or Online www.ticketmaster.com. Call (248) 377-0100 for more information. The skaters will perform to a variety of musical styles and compositions including songs by Count Basie, Quincy Jones, Aretha Franklin and The Brian Setzer Orchestra.

"The Fantasticks" by Tom Jones and Harvey Smith, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 5-6, Feb. 12-13, Feb. 19-20 and Feb. 26-27; 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 7 and Feb. 14 in the Players Barn, 32332 W. 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills. Tickets \$14, call (248) 553-2955.

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 and Saturdays, in advance at 8 W. Lawrence St., Pontiac. (248) 745-8668/(248) 645-6666

DAVE & BUSTER'S

"Contract: Death," a comedic mystery in which the lead character attends a business convention along with unhappy wife, jilted mistress and business rival, 8 p.m. Saturdays, Feb. 6 through March 13, at the D & B entertainment center, M-59 and M-53, Utica. \$32.95. Not recommended for children under age 18. (810) 930-1515

YOUTH

DETROIT PUPPET THEATRE

PuppetART presents "The Firebird" from an old Russian folk tale, noon and 2 p.m. Saturdays, 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

YOUTH THEATRE

"Paul Robeson, All American," a powerful biography about the actor/singer, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 7, at Musical Hall Center, 350 Madison Ave. at Brush, Detroit. \$8, \$7 advance. (313) 963-2366

SPECIAL EVENTS

"ART CHAT"

By the artists and curator of the exhibit "Extraordinary Stitches: The Art of Fiber and Thread," on the use of textiles in the work of modern Jewish artists, 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18, at the Janice Charach Epstein Gallery in the Jewish Community Center, 6600 West Maple Road at Drake, West Bloomfield. Free. (248) 661-7641

ASTROLOGY PSYCHIC FAIR

Astrologers, card readers, palmistry, psychics, lectures, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, at the Troy Holiday

Inn, Rochester Court, off Rochester Road between Big Beaver and Maple Road, Troy. \$5. (248) 528-2610

"THE CITY SESSIONS"

A performance variety show featuring Michael Salingier, Cleveland poet; saxophonist Faruq Z. Bey; Detroit poet Aurora Harris, and theatrical skit by Lyn Coffin and company, 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 7, at Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., on the Wayne State University campus, Detroit. \$5. (313) 832-1857

COIN SHOW AND EXHIBIT

Birmingham-Bloomfield Coin Club sponsors this show where coins can be bought, sold, traded and appraised, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 7, at the Birmingham Masonic Temple, 357 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. Free. (248) 644-8818

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 or <http://www.detroitssymphony.com>

EXCHANGE STREET JAZZ GALLERY

Presents jazz vocalist Judi Cochill and watercolors and sculpture by Bernard Franz, 8-11 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5, at All Saints Episcopal Church, Pontiac. \$4. (248) 334-4571 or allsaint@ix.net.com

GOLF SHOW

Noon to 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6 and until 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 7, at the Gibraltar Trade Center-Taylor, Eureka and I-75 (Exit 36). (734) 287-2000

MARDI GRAS CELEBRATION

Hosted by St. Sabina, 7-11 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, music by Dusan Malinowski, in the Activities Hall, on Ann Arbor Trail between Telegraph and Beech Daly. \$10. (313) 561-1977/(313) 277-5073

SPRING HOME AND GARDEN SHOW

2-10 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Feb. 4-5, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6, at the Novi Expo Center, I-96 and Novi Road. \$6.50, \$4.50 seniors, \$3.50 children ages 6-12, \$9 family tickets available at Farmer Jack. (248) 737-4478 or <http://www.builders.org>

BENEFITS

BENEFIT FOR ANN ARBOR TENANTS UNION

Featuring Lisa Hunter, Brian Lillie, Chris Buhails and K.C. Groves, 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 306 N. Division St., Ann Arbor. \$5 donation. (734) 663-0518

THE RAINBOW CONNECTION

An evening of romance, fine food and music by Alexander Zonjic, 5-8 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 14, at the Skyline Club, 2000 Town Center, Suite 2800, Southfield. \$85 per person, with proceeds to benefit The Rainbow Connection, a nonprofit that grants wishes for children with life threatening illnesses. (810) 783-9777

"THE RHYTHM IS GOING TO GET YOU"

Latino Family Services' fundraising dinner/dance 6 p.m. to midnight Friday, Feb. 12, limited edition ties and scarves by artist/designer Dominic Pangborn will also be available to raise fund for Latino Family Services, in the Ambassador Room of Cobo Hall, Detroit. \$75. (313) 841-7380

SUZANNE SOMERS

Guest speaker for the annual CHOICES fund-raising event on behalf of the Women's Allied Jewish Campaign, March 3 at Adat Shalom Synagogue, 29901 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills. A minimum \$180 contribution to the 1999 Women's Campaign required along with the \$25 admission fee. Luncheon will be served. Reservation deadline is Feb. 15, call (248) 642-4260, Ext. 181.

FAMILY EVENTS

TWO OF A KIND

1 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 7, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$6. All ages. (734) 761-1800 or <http://www.a2ark.org>

EVENING VOYAGES: TUNES AND TALES

Family program featuring traditional storytelling with story to celebrate African-American History Month by Elizabeth James, geared for listeners age 6 to adult, younger listeners not admitted, 7-7:45 p.m. Monday, Feb. 8, in the multi-purpose room at the Ann Arbor Main Library, 343 S. Fifth Ave. Free. (734) 327-8301

ORIGAMI FUN

An origami expert visits to demonstrate paper folding projects for the entire family, under age six may need assistance and should be accompanied by an adult, 7-8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 9, in the multi-purpose room at the Ann Arbor Main Library, 343 S. Fifth Ave. Free. (734) 327-8301

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

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WALLED LAKE ICE FESTIVAL

Ice carving demonstrations, pancake breakfast, Polar Golf Outing, chili cook-off, nonprofit fair, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, and until 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 7, in the Walled Lake Community Education Building Courtyard, 615 N. Pontiac Trail, south of Maple Road, Walled Lake. (248) 926-9004

DEARBORN SNOW FRIEZE

City Hall Park, Michigan Ave. (between Schaefer and Maple) Thursday-Sunday, Feb. 4-7, snow sculpting, entertainment, and other events. Call (313) 943-2180 for information.

VALENTINE'S DAY

AMERICAN POLISH CULTURAL CENTER

Buffet dinner/dance featuring the music of Walt Lipiec, 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 14, at the club, 2975 E. Maple at Dequindre, Troy. \$15. Reservations required. (248) 689-3636

FARMINGTON COMMUNITY BAND

Annual Valentine (buffet) Dinner Dance featuring the Farmington Community Band Dance Band, 6:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 12, at the Glen Oaks Country Club, 13 Mile between Middlebelt and Orchard Lake roads, Farmington Hills. \$35 per person. (734) 261-2202/(248) 489-3412

HOTEL SAVARINE SOCIETY ORCHESTRA

Dance to the music of the orchestra 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 14, at the Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road. \$8. (248) 424-9022

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

KERRYTOWN CONCERT HOUSE

Two shows for Valentine's Day Sunday, Feb. 14—a songfest with David Owens and his barbershop quartet at 4 p.m. and love songs and poetry with Joanna Hastings & Friends at 8 p.m., at the concert house, 415 N. Fourth Avenue, Ann Arbor. \$10, \$7, \$5 students for each show. (734) 769-2999 or kch@ic.net

"A NIGHT OF HEART AND SOUL"

A Valentine's Day celebration with Regina Belle, Peabo Bryson and Najee, 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 14, at the Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$35, \$27.50. (248) 433-1515/(248) 645-6666

ST. BARBARA CHURCH

Music by Muza-Mix, dinner, door prizes, 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13, St. Barbara parish gym, 5277 Calhoun, Dearborn. \$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. (313) 582-8383

SWEETADELINES GREAT LAKES CHORUS

Give your special person a singing valentine delivered by a quartet from the Sweet Adelines anywhere in Macomb or Oakland county, anytime 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 12-13 or noon to 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 14. Donation \$25 in person, \$10 by phone anywhere. Reservations recommended by Feb. 8. (810) 264-1018/(810) 725-2446

VFW POST 3323

Music by The Larados, sponsored by Stillettoes, 7:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 13, VFW Post 3323, 1055 S. Wayne Road, Westland. \$22 includes food, snacks, beverages, door prizes. 21 and older. (734) 722-7907/(313) 849-0233/(734) 397-5659/(734) 427-2169/(248) 542-5997

CLASSICAL

AMERICAN STRING QUARTET

4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 7, Rackham Auditorium, 915 E. Washington St., University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. \$16, \$24, \$28 and \$30. All ages. (734) 764-2538 or <http://www.ums.org>

BIRMINGHAM MUSICALE

"A Parade of American Music," soprano Soo Yeon Kim, flutists Johanna Beth Sennett and Phillip Dikeman, and saxophonist Betty Hixon, 1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11 at the Community House, 360 South Bates, Birmingham. \$2 guest donation. (248) 475-5978

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

With conductor Dennis Russell Davies, and percussionist Evelyn Glennie, 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Feb. 4-5, and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, "Classical Roots" with conductor Leslie Dunner, tenor James N. Moore Jr., the Brazeal Dendard Choral, and its director Brazeal Dendard, 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 12, and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets at the box office. (313) 833-3700 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

REDFORD CIVIC SYMPHONY
The orchestra continues its 43rd season with a concert featuring young artists from Thurston High School 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 7, in the cafeteria at Thurston High School, Redford. Free.

PONTIAC-OAKLAND SYMPHONY

Second annual David Daniels Young Artists Concert 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 7 in Varner Recital Hall on the Oakland University Campus. Tickets \$15 general admission, \$10 seniors and students. (248) 370-3013 or (248) 645-6666.

POPS/SWING

SHAKIN' NOT STIRRED

9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 12, Boulders, 1020 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. Free. 21 and older. (734) 459-4190 (swing)

STARLIGHT DRIFTERS

1 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 7, during the Rockers game at Joe Louis Arena, 800 Civic Center Dr., Detroit. Tickets at Ticketmaster. All ages. (313) 983-6606 (western swing)

H-V-I ORCHESTRA

9-11:30 p.m. Thursdays, at the Soup Kitchen, 1585 Franklin, Detroit. (313) 259-1374; 7-9:30 p.m. Sundays, at the Heidelberg, 215 N. Main, Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 663-7758

ORGAN

MOTOR CITY THEATRE ORGAN SOCIETY

Winter Movie Series continues with Henry Fonda, Lee J. Cobb and E.G. Marshall, in "Twelve Angry Men," 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5, and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6 (organ overtures start 30 minutes earlier, guest organist all performances Richard Dengate), at the Historic Redford Theatre, 17360 Lahser Road at Grand River, Detroit. \$2.50. (313) 531-4407

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

B.W. PRODUCTIONS

Auditions for males and females ages eight to adult for the semi-musical/comedy gospel "When God Comes Down From Heaven," no experience necessary but plus, training provided, call for audition appointment. (313) 865-2375

FIANDRE ENTERPRISES/DRAMATIST PLAYSERVICE

Non-equity auditions for Larry Shue's "The Foreigner," 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6 (by appointment), must do comedic dialogue two minutes or less, callbacks 7:15 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 9, at 1515 Broadway, across from the Detroit Opera House. (313) 538-5739

JAZZ & SPIRIT DANCE THEATRE OF DETROIT

Auditions for modern and jazz dancers age 18 and up, 6:30-8 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays, Feb. 9, 11, 16, 18, 23 and 25, at the Northwest Activities Center, 18100 Meyers, between Curtis and McNichols, Detroit. (313) 862-0966/(313) 342-1000

KERRYTOWN CONCERT HOUSE

Peter Soave plays the music of Argentinian composer Astor Piazzolla on bayan, a high-tech chromatic button accordion, with the Detroit String Quartet and Arbor Saxophone Quartet, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6 (\$25, \$15, \$10); Russian bass-baritone Solomon Soloviev sings arias and songs, 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 7 (\$10, \$7), at the concert house, 415 N. Fourth Avenue, Ann Arbor. (734) 769-2999 or kch@ic.net

LAKELAND PLAYERS

Open auditions for nine principal roles for "Once Upon a Mattress," 7-9:30 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, Feb. 8-9, high school age and older, bring audition song of your choice, at Mason Middle School, Walton Blvd between Sashabaw and Clintonville roads. (248) 674-4738

ROSELAND COMMUNITY PLAYERS

8 days a week

Making contact: Please submit popular music items for publication to Christina Fuoco; all others to Linda Chomin, two weeks in advance to the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150 or by fax (734) 591-7279

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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 Balaivou Theatre, 415 South Lafayette, Royal Oak. For performances April 16-18, 22-25 or J 30, and May 1-2. (248) 541-4832

THEATRE GUILD OF LIVONIA-REDFORD
Accepting submissions for original one-acts by local artists in play/script format running 15-45 minutes each, deadline March 1, send four copies to the Theatre Guild, c/o Sean Kelley, P.O. Box 51574, Livonia, MI, 48150. For more information, call (313) 531-0554

JAZZ

JUDIE COCHILL TRIO
Classes for students grades 1-12 in scene study, Broadway dance, hip hop, improvisation, private voice coaching, and participation in Tinderox 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

ELIZA
9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 5, at the Copper Canyon Brewery, 27522 Northwester Hwy., Southfield. (248) 223-4700

MAYNARD FERGUSON
4 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, Adray Auditorium, MacKenzie Fine Arts Center, Henry Ford Community College, 5150 Evergreen Road, Dearborn. \$25. (313) 845-6470

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)

SHEILA LANDIS
8-10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5, Borders Books and Music, 1122 S. Rochester Road, Rochester. Free. All ages. (248) 652-0558; 8-10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 12, Borders Books and Music, 17141 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe. Free. All ages. (313) 885-1188

LORI LEFEVRE
With Jimmy Lee Trio, 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 12-13, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 21 and older. (734) 662-8310

SHAHIDA NURULLAH TRIO
8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Fridays, Feb. 5 and 12, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (vocal/piano/bass)

OASIS
Flint band featuring pianist Cliff Monear and vocalist Stephanie, 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 5-6, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 21 and older. (734) 662-8310

GARY SCHUNK TRIO
9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (piano/bass/drums)

RANDY VOLIN & THE SONIC BLUES
Saturday, Feb. 6, at Memphis Smoke, 100 South Main, Royal Oak. (248) 543-4300

PAUL VORNHAGEN TRIO
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 Koltun, 9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Thursdays at Forte, 201 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 594-7300

ROBERT WALTER'S 20TH CONGRESS
8 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 7, Amer's First Street Grill, Ann Arbor. \$6 in advance. 21 and older. (734) 99-MUSIC/(734) 213-6000 or http://www.99music.com (acid jazz)

PHIL WOODS QUARTET
7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$20 in advance. All ages. (734) 761-1800 or http://www.99music.com

WORLD MUSIC
THE ARTICLES
10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, Amer's First Street Grill, 102 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$6. 21 and older. (734) 213-6000 (Jamaican jazz/ska)

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

JIM PERKINS
9:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 12, C.K. Diggs, 2010 Auburn Road, Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 853-6600

FOLK/BLUEGRASS

ALY BAIN AND PHIL CUNNINGHAM
Fiddler and accordion player perform 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 9, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$13.50. All ages. (734) 761-1800 or http://www.a2ark.org

GREY EYE GLANCES
7:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 7, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$10. \$9 members, students, seniors. All ages. (734) 761-1800 or **JAN KRIST**

9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Free. 21 and older. (313) 886-8101

LONGSOME AND BLUE
8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 10, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$10. \$9 members, students, seniors. All ages. (734) 761-1800 or http://www.a2ark.org (bluegrass)

DICK SIEGEL
8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 12, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$12.50. All ages. (734) 761-1800 or http://www.a2ark.org

POETRY

AMIRI BARAKA
The legendary playwright, American poetry, fiction and essay writer reads 12:30 p.m. and Wednesday, Feb. 10, with Detroit poets and playwrights Alvin Aubert and Ron Allen, room 3234 of the Wayne State University English Department Building, 51 W. Warren Avenue, and 7:30 p.m., (313) 577-2450, at YMCA of Metro Detroit's Arts & Humanities Center on the WSU campus at 51 W. Hancock, west of Woodward, Detroit (313) 267-5300, ext. 338. \$5, free for Writer's Voice members.

HENRY FORD ESTATE-FAIR LANE
Tours of the 56-room family home of automotive pioneer Henry Ford and wife Clara, 1:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, 1-4:30 p.m. Sunday, at the University of Michigan-Dearborn, 4901 Evergreen Road, Dearborn. \$7. \$6 seniors/students. (313) 593-5590

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 five 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. 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 East Warren, at Brush, Detroit. Activities free with museum admission \$5. \$3 ages 17 and under. (313) 494-5800

DANCE

CONTRA DANCE
Ann Arbor Council for Traditional Music and Dance presents calling by Eric Zorn to music by the Contrapreneurs, no partner needed, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6 (open jam for string band musicians of all levels at 4 p.m.), at the Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor Saline Road, south of I-94, Ann Arbor. \$7. (734) 665-7704

MERCÉ CUNNINGHAM DANCE COMPANY
8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 12-13, Power Center for the Performing Arts, 121 Fletcher St., Ann Arbor. \$16. \$24, \$28 and \$34. (734) 764-2538 or http://www.ums.org

ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCING
Ann Arbor Council for Traditional Music and Dance presents workshop and dancing led by Eric Arnold, Helen White and Don Theyken to live music. 7:15-9:45 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 9, at the Chapel Hill Condominium Clubhouse, 3350 Green Road, north of Plymouth Road, Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 662-5158

BALLROOM/POLKA DANCE
Featuring the music of "The Carousels," 3-7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 7, at the American Polish Cultural Center, 2975 East Maple at Dequindre, Troy. \$4. (248) 689-3636

COMEDY

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John Joseph with the music of Johnny B., and Rich Higginbottom, Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 4-6 (\$14); Mike Green, Joey Bielaska and Bam Bam, Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 11-13 (\$12), 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
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); Dan Wilson, 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 12-13 (\$12, \$24.95 dinner show package), and 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 14 (\$12, \$24.95 dinner show package), at the club, 5070 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

MAINSTREET COMEDY SHOWCASE
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); Wayne Cotter, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11 (\$10), 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 12 (\$12), and 5:45 p.m., 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13 (\$12), 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 996-9080

SECOND CITY
"Daimlers are a Girl's Best Friend," a fifth anniversary celebration show retrospective, 8 p.m. Wednesdays-Sundays, 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

CRANBROOK ART MUSEUM
"Weird Science: A Conflation of Art and Science," through April 3, 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

DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM
African American Family Day Saturday, Feb. 6, 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) 833-1805 or http://www.detroithistorical.org

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Tours of the 56-room family home of automotive pioneer Henry Ford and wife Clara, 1:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, 1-4:30 p.m. Sunday, at the University of Michigan-Dearborn, 4901 Evergreen Road, Dearborn. \$7. \$6 seniors/students. (313) 593-5590

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8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 10, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

THE ALLIGATORS
9:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5, Cavern Club, 210 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 332-9900 (blues)

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9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 12, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty St., Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 451-1213 (rockability)

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9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11, Kari's, 9779 Old N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. Free. 21 and older. (734) 455-8450 (jump blues)

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10:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5060 (rockability)

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9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, Mount Chalet, 4715 Woodward Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 549-2929 (blues)

BONNE TEMPS ROULLE
9:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, C.K. Diggs, 2010 Auburn Road, Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 853-6600 (R&B)

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8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 12, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. \$12 in advance. 18 and older. (248) 335-8100 or http://www.961melt.com (honky-tonk

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With Kent, 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 12, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$13 in advance. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com (pop)

CHEF CHRIS BLUES BAND
9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, Boulders, 1020 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. Free. 21 and older. (734) 459-4190 (blues)

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9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 4, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 543-4300 (R&B)

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9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty St., Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 451-1213 (blues)

DOVETAIL JOINT
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STEVE FERGUSON AND THE MIDWEST CREOLE ENSEMBLE
8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$12.50. All ages. (734) 761-1800 or http://www.a2ark.org (blues)

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Headline "Bandomonium," a local band competition with a first prize of playing MTV's "Spring Break." 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$7 at the door. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or http://www.radioedge.com (variety)

FOOLISH MORTALS
10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, Woody's, 208 W. Fifth St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 543-6911; 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 12-13, Mr. B's Roadhouse, 6761 Dixie Highway, Clarkston. Free. 21 and older. (248) 625-4600 (rock)

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With Black Beauty, Starlight Drifters and Big Barn Combo, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$13. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or http://www.themagicbag.com (rockabilly/western swing)

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, Pontiac. \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door. All ages. (248) 333-2362 or http://www.961melt.com (punk)

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9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 5-6, Boge's, 142 Walled Lake Road, Walled Lake. Free. 21 and older. (248) 669-1441; 10 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 7, and Tuesday, Feb. 9, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 543-4300; 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 10, Oxford Inn, 43317 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. All ages. (248) 305-5856 (rock)

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8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5, Borders Books and Music, 30995 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 737-2225 (alternapop)

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J-TRAIN
9:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5, C.K. Diggs, 2010 Auburn Road, Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 853-6600; 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, Shark Club, 6650 Highland Road, Waterford. Free. 21 and older. (248) 666-4161; 10:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 12, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5060 (R&B)

JARIMELO
With Fat Astro, 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5. 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 (rock)

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PATTI LABELLE
With Gerald Levert, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 5-6, Fox Theatre, 2111 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$40 and \$50. All ages. (248) 433-1515 (R&B)

JOHN D. LAMB
9:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5060; 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 12-13, 5 Hole inside Second City, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 471-3388 (acoustic pop/rock)

JAKE LOCK
Member of Moloko Plus, 10 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 7, in Garden Bowl in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Free. 18 and older. (313) 833-9700 (punk)

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With Au Revoir Borealis, 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 18 and older. (313) 833-9700 (rock)

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8 p.m. Thursdays, Feb. 4 and 11, JD's Macomb Theatre, 31 N. Walnut St., Mount Clemens. Cover charge. 18 and older. (810) 913-1921 (rock)

THE PLAIN
7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. Tickets at Ticketmaster. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com (rock)

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With Bullseye Virus, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 4, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$4. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555; With Trale and Polecat, 9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5. 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 (rock)

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KRISTIN SAYER
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Celebrates release of CD "If You Were Me," with a party and performance, with special guests 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)

60 SECOND CRUSH
With The Gepetto Files, C-Lit and erotic art and vendors as part of "Cupid's Vengeance," 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 12, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5. 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 (rock)

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MOVIES

Mel Gibson gets his 'Payback' in latest flick

BY VICTORIA DIAZ
SPECIAL WRITER

If you're yearning to feel bruised, bloodied, and beaten-up, there's no need to visit the Kronk gym and volunteer as a sparring partner for an up-and-coming prizefighter. Instead, check out Mel Gibson's latest rock-em, sock-em flick, "Payback." By movie's end, you'll probably hurt all over.

In almost every scene, some wretched dreg of humanity gets shot, kicked, punched, whipped, stomped on, stabbed, carved, hammered, ripped, or burnt. For good measure, somebody dies from an overdose of dirty heroin too. Imagine a cinematic carnival

of pain, and you will begin to get a bead on "Payback."

Gibson is Porter, a thief who has been double-crossed by his partner-in-crime, Val Resnick, a creepy sort played with just the right reptilian touch by Greg Henry (moviegoers may well remember his chilling drill bit in "Body Double."). Resnick not only swipes Porter's share of the duo's heist money, but he also sets things up so that Porter's wife shoots her husband in the back, and leaves him to die. (One memorable close-up involves Resnick grinding out a cigarette in a glistening puddle of Porter's blood.)

But Porter doesn't die. At least, not physically. In a way,

he's as indestructible as Bugs Bunny — though not nearly as reasonable. And ultimately, though it makes an attempt at sepulchral humor now and then, this movie is no laughing matter.

After he recovers (following some sordid surgery that we witness up-close and personal), back he goes to the scene of the crime, discovering even more reason to see that his brand of justice is carried out.

When he declares that "nice guys always finish last," somehow we just know justice is going to be the vigilante. To say that he is fixated on recovering his share of the heist money at this point is putting it mildly. Sure, he's going to have to get

past the mob (here called "The Outfit") to do it, and wade through a heap of other human garbage as well. But he's past caring. He's like a machine, programmed to go after that \$70,000, and anybody who gets in his way is going to be either (1) maimed or (2) dead.

Much of what is wrong with this picture has to do with Gibson's confusing, almost-robotic character. Who is this guy who's supposed to be our hero? He's not Dirty Harry Callahan. He's not Martin Riggs of "Lethal Weapon." He's not taxi driver, Travis Bickle. These were violent characters, but at least we knew enough about them to feel some of their pain. Porter, on the other hand, is not just a flawed individual, he often comes across like he's living a nightmare to which we have no real access. It's tiring. Then, it's tiresome. And, though Gibson struggles manfully with this odd role, eventually, we'd just like to go lie down someplace, very far away from this movie.

Director Brian Helgeland (who co-wrote the script with Terry Hayes) has assembled a supporting cast that deserves stronger showcasing. Just about all of the film's many villains especially make indelible marks. William Devane, leering as only he can, takes a particularly chilling turn as a jackal-like, second-level syndicate boss. James Coburn slithers onto the screen in a brief appearance as another underworld kingpin, and provides some of the film's comic relief. ("Now, that's mean!" he splutters when Gibson's hair-trigger character blows a hole in one of his expensive attaché cases. "That's just mean!") The best of the beastly bunch is Kris Kristofferson who, as the squinty-eyed, raspy-voiced head of The Outfit, is like evil in an expensive suit.

The cold, gray steel and hard edges of a modern-day megalopolis serve as an appropriate landscape for "Payback," enhancing the dark aura of the story. Director of photography Ericson Core's grainy imaging adds another harsh and effective



Drama: Mel Gibson stars as Porter and Maria Bello as Rosie in "Payback."

touch. Also, this is a film that could have almost been made in black-and-white. Chances are, you'll come away from it remembering only one color: bloody red.

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Scheduled to open Friday, Feb. 12
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Scheduled to open Friday, Feb. 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.

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Weird February inspires arts



ANN DELISI

"It's still not weird enough for me." Although I'm unsure whether this quote attributed to writer Hunter S. Thompson is something he actually said, I can't think of a better mantra for this weirdest of all months.

February is a month that not only varies in length, but in popular pronunciation. When we hear one 'r' or two, we tend to cut each other some slack. After all, it's February.

In keeping with this spirit of weirdness, plenty of attractions are scheduled throughout the Detroit area and on Detroit Public TV's Backstage Pass program to increase your intake of the unusual.

et. In February of 1999, instead of banishing buffoons, I say we should celebrate them. Theatre Grottesco founder John Flax and company veteran Elizabeth Wiseman offer some fodder in this week's Backstage Pass.

We can always count on the DIA's Detroit Film Theatre to serve up some quirksiness. Curator Elliot Wilhelm recommends "Six String Samurai," to be presented Feb. 15.

"It's an American-made post-apocalyptic rock and roll film which features a mysterious hero and a cannibalistic 'Clever' family. Very funny and very strange," he says. I never trusted Eddie Haskell, and now I'm not so sure about June.

Weird Science, an ambitious exhibition which just opened at Cranbrook Educational Community, offers an artistic journey through the often peculiar pursuit of scientific discovery. A collaboration of Cranbrook's art museum and institute of science, the exhibit features the work of four artists, who through such use of specimen jars and a custom-built chicken coop, create a dramatic setting for the study of reptiles and amphibians, genetic engineering and space travel. Weird Science is a highlight on the Detroit area's winter/spring arts calendar, according to Marsha Miro, who takes viewers on a tour of the exhibit.

It has been a half-century since the heyday of the Hastings Street entertainment district, an area off I-75 near Wayne State University that thrived on such blues artists as John Lee Hooker,

Harmonica Shaw and Uncle Jessie White. They created a recognizable sound that was largely unheralded nationally.

"There were many artists that came out of the Hastings Street blues era, but, unfortunately, there was no local record label to support them," says Backstage Pass music producer Ron Pangborn.

"It may have been difficult for these artists to build Detroit's reputation as a center for blues because we're so close to Chicago, which had just about everything going for it in promoting the careers of blues musicians. Places like St. Louis and Memphis had the benefit of established record labels that helped build a blues tradition for those cities," Pangborn says.

Now, here's the good news. Many of the great artists from Hastings Street are still around and performing, and their work will finally be available on a new "Hastings Street Grease" collection to be released later this year on Toledo-based Blue Suit Records.

Harmonica Shaw, Uncle Jessie and others from Hastings Street share memories and music during an event at the Monroe Library on February 17, and in our studios on Backstage Pass, airing Sunday, February 7, and repeated Thursday at 5:30 p.m. and Friday at midnight.

And remember, it's a month when weirdness can strike at any time, so make it a good kind of weird.

STREET SCENE

The Flys remember when as they judge others

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The Flys vividly remember the days of lugging gear up stairs, running a van into the ground, and begging for gigs in L.A. clubs. Although the band, which has scored a hit with "Got You (Where I Want You)," has been together for 10 years, those days aren't so far off.

All those thoughts are coming back to the quintet as it headlines and judges the "Bandemonium" contest. It comes to St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, in Detroit on Friday, Feb. 5.

Sponsored by Sam Goody, Pepsi, Loreal, and Gibson guitars, "Bandemonium" will feature two local bands competing for the chance to play MTV's "Spring Break." There are four to five judges at each Bandemonium event, including a member of The Flys.

"It's been pretty cool. We see some pretty cool bands, although we have to judge people, and I don't like to judge people," guitarist Peter Perdichizzi said.

"It's a bit weird. I see myself in a lot of these people and how we struggled for so long. I just don't want to make a judgment on anyone because everyone's doing their best and struggling," he added.

The Flys struggled for nine years before landing a record contract with Trauma Records, home to Bush and No Doubt. Its debut album "Holiday Man" will land at No. 1 on Billboard's "Heatseekers" chart in the Feb. 5 issue.

Perdichizzi, who formed the band with vocalist Adam Paskowitz and bassist James Book, calls The Flys, "an



Headlining contest: The Flys - from left, guitarist Peter Perdichizzi, singer/rapper Joshua Paskowitz, bassist James Book, singer Adam Paskowitz (front), and drummer Nick Lucero - headline "Bandemonium," a local battle of the bands at St. Andrew's Hall in Detroit on Friday, Feb. 5.

overnight success story in the making of 10 years."

In 1994, The Flys released "25 cents," and supported it by touring Europe and western United States.

"Even though we were based out of L.A. places like Salt Lake City and other cities were like our second home. We could go up there once a month or twice a

month and play gig and make enough money to pay our rent at our studio, to pay our van payment, to pay our insurance payment, to keep our head above water and still be a band."

"We would tour around Europe and the United States in our van with our dog, all of us, and our gear in the van. We would book the shows. We would make sure

everything happens.

Soon after recording "25 cents," The Flys added two new members to the band - vocalist/rapper Joshua Paskowitz and drummer Nick Lucero.

"We got rid of our old drummer. We found Nick, he was just sort of moping around L.A. looking for a gig. That relationship has worked out really cool because he's an amazing person. He's also on the cover of the record ('Holiday Man') skydiving. He's the craziest one to do that."

Tagging along on one of the European jaunts was Joshua, Adam's brother.

"Adam got sick really bad. He got some kind of Euro-flu. Josh had to step in and sing his brother's parts. He was helping us out. He just hung around and did his thing, and it was all good. We never made a ceremony to say, 'Hey man, you're in the band.' If you got something to say, step up and do it. If it's good, it's good, and it was. It was very natural. We still haven't let him in the band."

But it was Joshua Paskowitz who contributed the hook to The Flys' first hit, "Got You (Where I Want You)" from "Holiday Man" (Trauma Records). The melancholy, bass-heavy "Got You" builds from a simple melody to Joshua Paskowitz's Jamaican dub rhymes.

Joshua Paskowitz offered the suggestion during the recording session at producer Chris Goss's studio.

"Before he did that it was just like a guitar break, a riff and big loud guitar. He said, 'Well, I've got something I wanted to try over that middle section.' He came up with the whole dub part. It really worked out. The

first time we heard it, we said, 'it's done.'"

Most of "Holiday Man" was written about a year ago, except for "Take U There," a frenetic blend of Josh Paskowitz's rhyming, Perdichizzi's crafty guitar work, and Lucero's drum work.

"That was last minute. They were pressing the record that week and we said, 'Let's put it on.' We had to stop the presses literally as they say."

A striking aspect of "Holiday Man," is the slow grooving "Afraid." Booming drums break up the psychedelic feel of the song.

"It's Nick's real drums. It's just a little studio trick that Chris Goss did. You're in a big drum room if you can imagine. You put room mics at the end of the room and then you put a distortion pedal in the board in the studio. It overdrives everything so you have this big roomy distorted drum sound," Perdichizzi explained.

But, shyly, he added, "We don't really do that part live because we don't know how to do that. It's a studio trick but we rock live. Live is our strong point."

After all, The Flys spent 10 years refining its live performances.

"We worked very hard and never gave up any of our dreams. We just went forward and we hooked up with Trauma Records and they've been very passionate about it too. It's sort of come out in a very big way. Obviously, it sort of blew up with this one song," he said about "Got You (Where I Want You)." "But we've been a band touring and writing together for 10 years."

"A lot of people say, 'Oh wow,

where did this band come from. In reality, we've been around the block many, many times, working for this though. It's a great position to be in."

The Flys headline "Bandemonium" at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. Tickets are \$7 at the door for the all-ages show. For more information, call (313) 961-MELT or visit <http://www.radioedge.com>. The Flys can be reached via e-mail at adamflys@aol.com or pcp71@msn.com, or by writing to 501 10th St., Santa Monica, Calif., 90402.

Besides "Holiday Man," "Got You" also appears on "Hope in Hockeytown III," a benefit CD for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Metropolitan Detroit. It will be available for \$14.99 beginning Friday, Feb. 5, at major record stores or by calling 1-800-WINGS-25.

Dovetail Joint changes attitude and comes out ahead



CHRISTINA FUOCO

Dovetail Joint can prove that with a change in attitude, dreams can come true. The rock band had the opportunity to record with hit maker Glen Ballard, who was at the helm of Alanis Morissette's two albums, and unreleased Aerosmith material. But they turned it down to make a record for the indie label Aware Records.

"In retrospect, we're very happy it didn't happen - not because of not working with him but because we weren't ready then. He's brilliant and everything. We would not have gotten the sound that we wanted," singer Chuck Gladfelter explained.

"He makes very produced-sounding records. I wanted it to sound rawer. I heard some of the Aerosmith songs that he did, and I'm not sure if we wanted our stuff to sound that glossy and that poppy. Once we had a mental change of attitude about the whole thing, good (stuff) started to happen."

That includes the release of its major-label debut "001," which hit stores Tuesday, Jan. 26, and the first single "Level on the Inside." It was the most added song to radio that week.

Although Gladfelter's first inclination is to celebrate, he's keeping a level head.

"We're trying to keep the driving force musical and not think about all the peripheral things going on," he said.

Dovetail Joint entered into the majors thanks to Aware Records, an independent label affiliated with Columbia Records that is often credited with "discovering" Hootie and the Blowfish, Dave Matthews Band, The Verve Pipe and Matchbox 20.

The band simultaneously recorded a debut EP for Aware and its first album for Columbia in Minneapolis with producer John Fields. Jack Joseph Puig mixed "001" at Ocean Way studios in Los Angeles. Working in L.A. proved to be interesting in its own right.

"It's an experience," Gladfelter explained. "We're just Midwestern boys going out to L.A. to work with Jack. You get the full-on L.A. picture when you go out

there. When you work with him, you realize the industry is based in New York and L.A. for sure."

"The way things run out there is it's much faster paced and it's a lot more demanding. You get kicked into line pretty quickly. This one time JJP told us, 'Listen, kid, take this seriously. Do you want to be successful or not. I didn't do this record to make money. I want to see you guys get somewhere.'"

Puig is best known for his work with Hole, Semisonic, and the Black Crowes, so Gladfelter and his bandmates listened.

"He's quite the revered guy. When you go out there, you basically hand the project over to him and trust that he knows what he's doing. He turns your music into the JJP flavor. That's part of the whole experience."

Dovetail Joint and Bliss perform Saturday, Feb. 6, at the 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac.

ac. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for the all-ages show. Tickets are \$1.05. For more information, call (248) 335-8100 or visit <http://www.961melt.com> or <http://www.radioedge.com>

Vega chats

Singer/songwriter Suzanne Vega, best known for the hits "Luka" and "Tom's Diner," will chat about her new book "The Passionate Eye: The Collected Works of Suzanne Vega" at 10 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 10, at <http://www.borders.com>.

Vega's book, published by Spike, is a collection of poetry, song lyrics and stories which explores a range of topics including solitude, fantasy, oppression, dreams, relationships and death. The book also contains Vega's interview with songwriter Leonard Cohen, accounts of her travels in Portugal and Liverpool, personal journal entries and reflections on

several events in her life.

Misc.

WXDG-FM's "1999 Snowfest Big Air" snowboarding competition has been rescheduled for Saturday, Feb. 6, at Alpine Valley. For more information, call (248) 887-4183.

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DINING

Sweet 'Dumplings' serves homemade American fare

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You'll find chicken dumpling soup and apple dumpling on the menu at the newly opened Dumplings Diner in Westland.

But the reason the diner is called "Dumplings" is sweet, and has nothing to do with food.

"I named it after my husband," said Jackie Enderle who owns the diner with her "Dumpling" Dale.

The couple used to own a bar in Plymouth, Shawn Patrick's, and bought the former Mugg's Restaurant in April.

"We renovated the kitchen," said Enderle. She also wallpapered the restaurant in a cozy tea print — "the closest I'll ever get to owning a tea room," she laughs, and hung lace curtains in the windows.

A small place, that seats only 38 people, it's easy to drive right by on busy Ford Road, not knowing what you're missing. Sit at the counter, or at one of the tables. There's even a tucked away table for two.

On a chilly January afternoon, Enderle's sister Fran is busy in the kitchen chopping carrots and

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Where: 35851 Ford Road, (south of Wayne Road) Westland, (734) 722-9118.
Open: 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. for breakfast only on Sunday.
Menu: Homemade All American fare including soups, sandwiches, spaghetti and meat loaf. Children's menu for kids 12 and under.
Prices: Reasonable. Breakfast \$1.50 to \$4.50; lunch \$1.30 to \$5.25; dinner \$4.50 to \$8.95.
Credit cards: Not accepted, cash only
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mushrooms by hand for her popular beef barley soup. She also makes the meat loaf and spaghetti.

Customers say eating at Dumplings is just like sitting in someone's kitchen.

"We're making to make it as good as we can," said Enderle. Breakfast specials are offered 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. Monday-Friday.

You can build your own omelet or choose from eggs any style, pancakes, or even homemade corned beef hash.

For lunch, try a salad, the grilled chicken is a favorite. There are also lots of sandwiches

— grilled cheese, B.L.T., turkey & Swiss, and burgers.

Friday's fish fry — cod served with French fries and coleslaw for \$5.95 is a big seller.

Almost everything is homemade, even the corned beef for sandwiches. The expanded dinner menu includes chicken strips, grilled chicken breast, chicken Parmesan, turkey dinner, and New York Strip Steak.

For dessert try the Apple Dumpling with cinnamon or custard sauce, or both.

Cozy, quaint and quiet, Dumplings is a place you can afford to take your family to.



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Just like home: Dale and Jackie Enderle offer homemade meals, just like Mom's, at Dumplings Diner in Westland.

WHAT'S COOKING

Send items for consideration in What's Cooking to Keely Wygonik, Entertainment Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Inc., 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, fax (248) 591-7279, or e-mail kwygonik@oe.homecomm.net. If you're planning a Chinese New Year celebration, be sure to let us know.

Pick-A-Bone Rib House & Saloon — 30325 Six Mile Road, Livonia, (734) 762-RIBS or (734) 762-2063, recently celebrated its one-year anniversary. Restaurant hours are 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, closed Monday.

Marvin's Bistro — and entertainer Marv Welch present the Johnny Trudell Quintet, 6-10 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 14. No cover charge, special Valentine's Day menu, 15800 Middlebelt, (between Five & Six Mile Road) Livonia, (734) 522-5600.

Breadsmith of Metro Detroit — shops are offering Heart-Shaped Chocolate Chip Cherry Bread, Friday-Sunday, Feb. 12-14. Advance orders are recommended. Chocolate Chip

Cherry Bread will also be available in a round shape every Saturday in February at participating Breadsmith Shops.

Metro Detroit locations include Bloomfield (at Maple & Lahser, (248) 540-8001); Dearborn (in the West Village Shoppes, (313) 792-7323); Farmington Hills (on 14 Mile Road just east of Middlebelt, (248) 855-5808); Livonia (at Seven Mile Road and Farmington (248) 422-1100); Plymouth (on Ann Arbor Trail, 1 block west of Main, (734) 354-6980); Rochester (inside Papa Joe's at Rochester and Hamlin, (248) 852-4777); and Troy (on the northwest corner of Long Lake & Livernois (248) 879-8997). Most Breadsmith shops are closed every Sunday. The Bloomfield, Farmington Hills, Livonia and Rochester bakeries will be open on Valentine's Day.

Old Country Buffet — Celebrates Valentine's Day by offering couples married 50 years or more a free meal and portrait, Sunday or Monday, Feb. 14 or Feb. 15. Just bring your marriage certificate that shows you've been married 50 years or more to Old Country Buffet, 5848 N. Sheldon Road,

Canton, call (734) 207-8737 for information.

Fishbone's Rhythm Kitchen Cafe — in Greektown presents its ninth annual Mardi Gras 'Fat Tuesday' Masquerade party 8 p.m. to midnight, Tuesday, Feb. 16. Prizes for best costume, live entertainment by a New Orleans jazz band, complimentary hors d'oeuvres. Fishbone's is at the intersection of Monroe and Brush Streets in downtown Detroit. Call (313) 965-4600 for information.

Cajun Night — at the Gaelic League (2062 Michigan Ave. near Tiger Stadium), 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20. Donation \$15, cash bar. Enjoy gumbo, jambalaya and other dishes, entertainment. Call (734) 284-7595 for reservations.

Bailey's Pub & Grille — Just opened, 1777 Canton Center Road, Canton, (734) 844-1137. Menu includes salads, soups, sandwiches, gourmet burgers, baby back ribs, pasta dishes, fish & chips, hickory grilled chicken, shrimp on a skewer, broiled or Cajun salmon. Open 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. daily.

DINNERS TO GO

If you're counting calories and fat grams, or just someone who likes to eat healthy foods, check out Mr. Pita's new Ultra Lite Sandwiches.

The recently introduced sandwiches average from 2 to 3 grams of fat for a seven-inch sandwich making them among the lowest fat selections in the fast food market.

Mr. Pita's five new Ultra Lite selections include the Grilled Hawaiian Chicken Pita with 2 fat grams; Grilled Raspberry Chicken Pita, 2 fat grams; Ultra Supreme Pita (3-meat), 2.3 fat grams; Chicken and Broccoli Pita, 2.4 fat grams, and the Grilled Chicken Caesar Pita with 2.9 fat grams.

The Ultra Lite varieties range in price from \$3.29 to \$5.49 and

are available in three sizes — 7-inch value size; 9-inch regular size, which contains under 4 fat grams; and a 13-inch jumbo size sandwich with under 7 grams.

"We are very excited about the potential of this new product line," said Frank Lombardo who founded the Sterling Heights based restaurant chain. "There is certainly strong demand for a tasty, low-fat sandwich. We tinkered with the lite line recipe for over a year in order to provide not only a low fat sandwich, but one that was in keeping with Mr. Pita's high standards for taste and quality."

The Ultra Lite sandwiches are now available at participating Mr. Pita locations throughout Michigan. Mr. Pita offers more than 30 other varieties of rolled

pita sandwiches including breakfast sandwiches, a selection of garden salads, hearty soups, desserts and Pita Platters.

Mr. Pita operates 17 locations in Michigan.

The Pasta Stop — A 1998 G.O.L.D. (Great Options in Low Fat Dining) Plate restaurant offers dine-in, carry-out and catering. Located at 23631 Farmington Road (at the corner of Grand River) in Farmington, (248) 477-7600. The Pasta Stop offers a choice of many different pastas and sauces. Italian specialties such as lasagna, stuffed shells, and Gnocchi are also available. Don't know what to make for dinner? Pick up one of their Chicken & Pasta Family Meals or Pasta Buckets, which feed four people.

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