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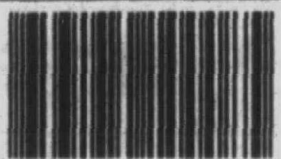
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## Cycle partners sue each other



**Developer Robert DeMattia and former Plymouth Township police Chief Carl Berry are fighting in court over control of the Harley-Davidson dealership they own.**

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A business relationship gone sour has landed former Plymouth Township police Chief Carl Berry and developer Robert DeMattia in court. The two partners in a Harley-Davidson motorcycle dealership in Taylor are suing each other in Wayne County Cir-

cuit Court.

DeMattia's suit claims Berry refused to sign an agreement which would cede day-to-day operations of Motown Harley-Davidson to DeMattia.

Meanwhile, Berry is suing DeMattia for cutting off his \$100,000 annual salary.

Details from both lawsuits indicate the problems are the culmination of a 1997 business venture in which

DeMattia put up the bulk of the money for the Harley-Davidson dealership, with Berry running the day-to-day operations. Berry was appointed president and secretary of the corporation with 51 percent of the stock. DeMattia got the title of treasurer and 49 percent of the stock. Both were members of the board of directors.

Berry was to be paid his \$100,000 annual salary for 10 years, or until he sold his stock to DeMattia at market value, or for \$1 million, whichever was highest.

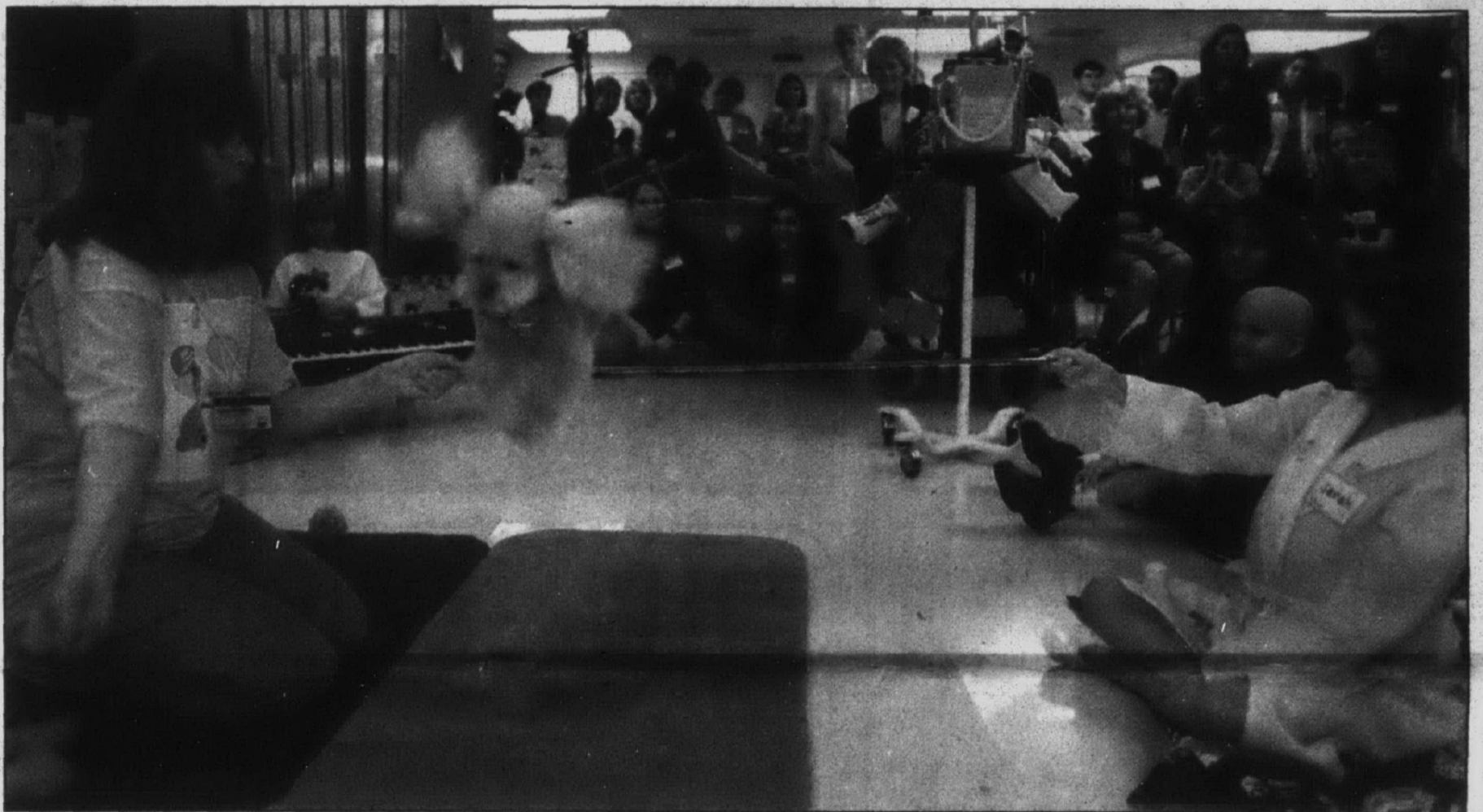
When the dealership didn't perform as well as the pair expected, a restructure agreement was drawn up last

August. Berry's suit claims "the Restructure Agreement transferred the day-to-day managerial control of the company to DeMattia so that he would have the responsibility of running the business. Mr. Berry agreed to step down as President and was given a consulting contract in which he would be available 25 hours per week to perform such duties as mutually agreed upon by himself and DeMattia."

The parties agreed that Berry would continue to draw his \$100,000 salary, even if no consulting services were performed.

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### Show biz dog



STAFF PHOTOS BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

**A fixture:** Plymouth resident Kathy Mount and her dog, Bambi, have been entertaining kids at Mott Children's Hospital for years.

## Mount thinks about hanging up her hat

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Kathy Mount still felt the adrenaline flowing, despite spending nearly 10 hours at Mott Children's Hospital Thursday night and well into Friday morning.

It was the annual Valentine's party as Mount and her poodle, Bambi, put on a show for the children, many who have life-threatening illnesses. And

when everyone was done eating cake and ice cream, and getting their faces painted with the help of numerous volunteers, there were trips to each and every floor to make certain those too ill to attend got their goodie bags filled with stuffed animals, Bambi T-shirts, crayons and other items.

"I'm still high as a kite," said Mount, who was up after only four

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**Hi, there:** Patient Nicole Kuzmowicz, 7, pets Bambi, held by volunteer Kary Gallinger of Plymouth.

## Cops stationed in PCEP high school complex

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The next time a student pulls a false fire alarm at the high school, it won't be a principal that's chasing him or her. From now on, it'll be the police.

Canton and Plymouth township police have teamed up to deal with crime at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park in Canton.

Each department has designated an officer to work out of the security office at the complex.

Officer Mike Steckel is in his second year of a three-year term as the Canton officer assigned to the high schools while Detective Dave Hayes of the Plymouth Township Police Department began working at the schools in mid-November.

"Basically, my job here is to develop a partnership between the police department, the administrators,

the student body and the faculty on the campus here," said Hayes. "My main focus is the Plymouth Township kids who attend school here."

Although the school is in Canton's jurisdiction, Hayes and Steckel view their roles as equal and each is responsible for the kids from their own communities.

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Sweet things:  
Andria DeFrance displays a tray of paczki at Baker's Rack on Forest Street in Plymouth Tuesday.



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## Fattening Polish pastries enlarge bakery business

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So, did you get fat on Fat Tuesday? Several area pastry-lovers did in honor of the Polish holiday widely known as Paczki Day that marks the beginning of the Lenten season, and bakeries were ready to serve.

Workers at Joe's Italian Bakery & Deli, located at 1058 W. Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth, began preparing

last Friday for the one-day slew of sales and lost sleep as a result.

"We started last Friday and we had a lot of commercial accounts that we had to fill over the weekend," said store owner Lori McGuire. "It's been around the clock and it's quite a process. It started (getting busy) at about six o'clock (Tuesday morning) and it hasn't stopped."

McGuire, who got to work at around

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hours of sleep. "I want to see the spirit of giving continue, that the vision is fulfilled. But how am I going to slow down?"

Mount, who has been volunteering at Mott Children's Hospital for 22 years, quietly let it be known that she probably won't be organizing future fund-raising events at the hospital.

"My health won't allow me to do it anymore," said Mount. "I may still do some shows with Bambi for the kids, but not like these."

Mount doesn't like to discuss it, but heart problems and a bout with cancer are wearing her down. And frequent migraine headaches sometimes make daily life a chore.

"It's hard to make changes in your life," she said. "Some people don't know what it means to me to be able to help the children."

### Major effort

Mount, with her two dogs, first Brandy and then Bambi, has been putting smiles on the faces of the kids at Mott since 1991

## ■ 'These activities help them forget they're in the hospital.'

**Donovan Bowerbank**  
—activity therapist

with tricks and bedside activities. During that span, she's helped raise nearly \$200,000 for books, coloring books, video games, and just about anything else that's needed to bring a little joy into the lives of the children and their families.

"I think the families appreciate the effort. It's an island of relief for them," said Mount. "It's a joy to see a child smile, and maybe even laugh."

There are many at Mott who are hoping someone will fill the void left by Mount.

"The kids talk about the party and Bambi all week," said Theresa Foster, a child life specialist at Mott. "Kathy is just an amazing woman. The parties are a culmination of all the hard work that goes into it."

Dozens of volunteers from Ply-

mouth and Canton, including many Central Middle School and Plymouth-Canton high school students, helped make sure the night was a success.

"An experience like this shows how we take so much for granted," said Sarah Anderson, 18, of Canton. "After everything these kids have gone through, it really shows their strength."

"When the kids smile, it makes you feel good," added Dave Hanon, 13, of Plymouth, who was painting faces.

And there was a lot of feeling good, as children were walking around with smiles, forgetting for a short time they were sick.

"I liked when Bambi jumped through the hoops," said Joshua Leyrer, 7, of Saginaw, who has cancer and has to spend a week each month at Mott for treatment.

Many, including activity therapist Donovan Bowerbank, Mount's longtime friend and biggest supporter at Mott, don't want to think about her leaving.

"I don't know if we can allow Kathy to retire," said Bowerbank with a smile. "We're going to see if she'll reconsider. A lot of kids want to see this continue."

"These activities help them forget they're in the hospital," he added. "Look at all the smiles."

Not even Mount's husband Bob really believes she'll stop her efforts.

"I'll believe it when I see it," he said. "It's time for Kathy to slow down, but I don't know how she'll live without it."

Mount hopes someone will continue the traditions at Mott that she's begun.

"I've tried to lay the seed of reaching out to someone in need," said Mount. "I'll be back, I'm not going anywhere. For the time being, I'll sit back and do small things to help out."

"The people in the Plymouth area have been so wonderful in supporting me and Mott."



Watching the show: Mott Children's Hospital patient Sarah Hughes, 9, at left, watches the show put on for patients at the Ann Arbor hospital by Plymouth resident Kathy Mount and her dog, Bambi, at Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor. Above, Mount holds Bambi, who sports a pair of heart-shaped sunglasses.

## WOMEN'S HEALTH ISSUES TODAY OBSTETRICS & GYNECOLOGY

### HARD TO STOMACH



Jesus Martinez, M.D.



Duane Krel, M.D.

Pregnant women are vulnerable to such gastrointestinal problems as heartburn, stomach queasiness, and constipation. The first two of these symptoms arise from an expanding uterus that pushes on the stomach to force acid up into the esophagus. Constipation is triggered by rising progesterone levels (which relax the bowel and slow the movement of waste), as well as pressure of the uterus upon the colon. Pregnant women are advised to eat fiber-rich foods and to drink plenty of water to combat constipation. If the physician gives his or her approval, an OTC bulk-forming laxative may also help. Nausea is best treated with sips of ginger ale or ginger tea, and heartburn with the avoidance of fatty and acidic foods. Eating six small meals throughout the day is one way to reduce nausea, and making sure you get enough rest is another. Also, try to keep some crackers with you to nibble on so that your stomach is never entirely empty. Our caring staff are always willing to listen and help you find the solutions that work for you. Please call 313-565-9510 to schedule an appointment to begin your prenatal care; evenings available. Our offices are conveniently located at 1711 Monroe.

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3 a.m. Tuesday, said that her store was so busy she didn't even have time to indulge herself. "I haven't even had my paczki today," she said. "I'm dying for the custard kind with the chocolate on top."

Paczki are often made by bakers on site, as was the case at Joe's on Tuesday morning. The doughy balls are deep fried and coated with sugar for glaz-

ing. They are then usually covered with powdered sugar or chocolate and given a custard or jelly filling, according to Matthew Dunnigan who also works at Joe's.

"We use milk instead of water and eggs and extra sugar," he said. "That's what makes it a paczki instead of a regular doughnut."

Joe's Bakery brought in a deep fryer that is only used to make the pastries.

"We brought that in for the paczkis, and after today we'll wheel it out of here," said Dunnigan.

This is the second Paczki Day for McGuire as owner of the store and this year went smoother than the first, she said.

"It's a headache for bakers. Thank God it comes only once a year," she said. "Last year, Joe and Phil (the previous owners) ... their mom came and helped us and she was such a help. She gave us the recipe and it's supposed to be an authentic one."

McGuire said that Paczki Day isn't the biggest of days for the baking business, but it does make a difference in the bottom line.

"It definitely helps," she said. "Paczki are a marketable thing. And they're so good."

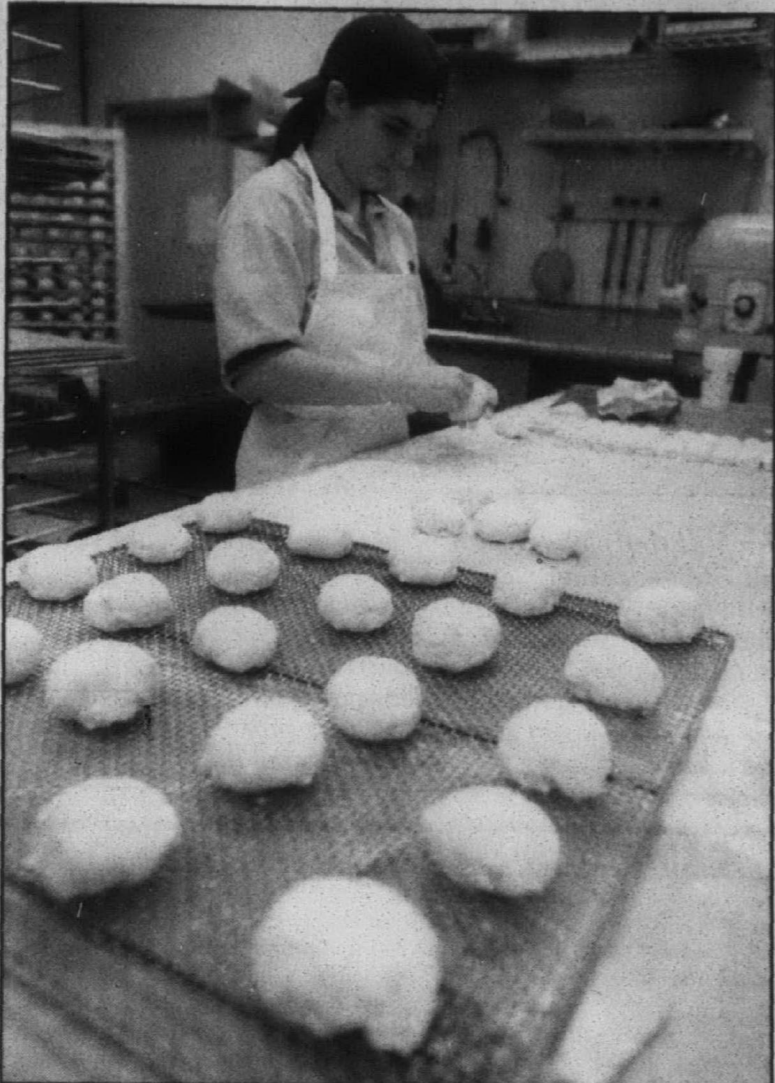
Despite the profitability of paczkis, McGuire said that she grew tired of them by the time Tuesday's rush came in.

"I'm tired of paczkis," she said. Dunnigan agreed saying, "Yeah, I haven't eaten one in quite a while."

Those who grudgingly went to township hall to pay their tax and water bills on Tuesday had their pain eased with a free paczki, compliments of Treasurer Ron Edwards.

"We do something all the time on the last tax day," he said. "I think the first year I was in here we gave out cookies."

Tuesday was the deadline to pay taxes in the township.



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

Annual event: Jenny Dixon prepares paczki at Dunkin' Donuts on Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth Tuesday.



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Fill 'er up, custard: Jenny Dixon fills paczki with a custard center at Dunkin' Donuts on Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth Tuesday.

## Reduction of big water rate increase promised by March 1

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
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The Plymouth city administration hopes to have a solution at the March 1 commission meeting that will reduce an 86 percent sewer and water rate hike slated to take effect with the March water bills.

However, while the administration has said for weeks it plans to substantially cut the increase, city residents continue to question the city commission as to why rates didn't just rise steadily over the years.

"I find it hard to believe ... how we could have allowed this to have gotten this far out of hand," longtime resident Sandra Knoll told the commission. "I think that you people need to be responsible."

"I am confident that the increase will be significantly less than that," said Mayor Don Dismuke. "We've already acted to raise the rates, but we're reviewing other alternatives, and I'm comfortable that we'll come up with some. I think we have taken responsibility for it."

Commissioner Dave McDonald said water rates remained constant for so long because there was a large surplus in the fund.

"The bottom line is if there is a way for a political body to rationally not raise taxes, they want to do that," said McDonald.

Commissioner Dennis Shrewsbury noted that

while the increase is huge, it's consistent with what rates would be if they had been raised annually.

"A 5 percent rate increase for 10 years would have been about 70 percent, not far from where we are now," he said. "In effect, the citizens of Plymouth got undercharged water for 10 years."

The commission voted to approve issuance of \$1.7 million in bonds to be paid within 25 years to erase the \$900,000 deficit in the water and sewer fund, with the remainder of the money to pay for sewer projects completed in 1998 and 1999.

"We need to do substantial infrastructure improvements," Assistant City Manager Paul Sincok told commissioners. "And, we're looking at answers for the rate increase which are substantially lower than the 86 percent. It's the No. 1 issue we've been dealing with."

City Manager David Rich said he hopes to get the figure down to half the increase that was passed by commissioners.

However, residents like Mike Ruynolds, president of the Home on the Trail condominium association, want assurances this won't happen again.

"As elected officials what are you going to do in the future to guarantee to the residents of Plymouth that this situation won't bite us in the rear end again?" he said. "Where is the confidence that you should be putting out in the city that you are in charge and running city government? What I'd like to see is a real corrective action program that you can present to the public."

### You deserve a break today



Now this won't hurt a bit: Tracey Moore wipes ketchup from daughter Mindy's mouth, while her sister Marla, 8, looks on, at the newly-renovated McDonald's on Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth Monday.

STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

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However, the point-of-contention between the two former business partners is voting rights. In his lawsuit, Berry said he refuses to transfer all of his voting rights in the company to DeMattia, claiming such action would diminish the fair market value of his stock.

In his lawsuit, DeMattia acknowledges he cut off Berry's salary, claiming the former police chief "refused to transfer

'all controls' to DeMattia ... and refusing to perform consulting services." He indicates Berry failed to prepare a written plan to start a motorcycle safety school for the dealership and write a memorandum describing various practices that hurt the dealership.

Berry claims DeMattia's refusal to meet with him is to blame for the incomplete reports. Berry's lawyers are looking for

an injunction to reinstate Berry's salary so he can pay bills and living expenses. DeMattia's attorneys claim Berry can cash in his stock if he needs money.

DeMattia, through his attorney Patrick McLain, declined to comment on the lawsuit. Efforts by the Observer to contact Berry or his attorneys were unsuccessful.

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# Volunteer tornado spotters sought

BY DUNCAN E. WHITE  
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Have a taste for adventure or action? And you want to lend a helping hand in protecting your community?

Then the Plymouth Community Fire Department wants you for its severe weather spotters course this Saturday called Sky-Warn.

The course, designed to train people to give advance warning of tornadoes, takes place 10 a.m. to noon at township hall.

"It's designed to help give a little more warning in case of a tornado," said Charles VanVleck, emergency coordinator for the Plymouth Community Fire Department. "It's open to the public and anyone can be a part of it."

The fire department provides radios to volunteer spotters who are assigned to specific locations a few miles apart along the com-

**The course, designed to train people to give advance warning of tornadoes, takes place 10 a.m. to noon Saturday at township hall.**

munity's western boundary. Their job is simple: Notify the fire or police department if they spot a tornado.

The team's area of coverage ranges from the far western end of Canton in the south to the western end of Plymouth and Northville in the north.

Dick Swanagan has been a member of the team since the early 1980s and believes that it's worthwhile.

"I just felt that it was something that I could do and it's something that needs to be done," he said. "I was involved with the citizens CB patrol way back in the '80s, too."

Swanagan said that the signal sending tornado watchers into the field comes from the National Weather Service, not the fire department.

"The National Weather Service calls us out, and we go out west of the township at various locations, such as bridge overpasses, where you can get a good view and watch the sky," he said. "If we see something, we report it back to the base station and they signal the alarm."

Saturday's class is being put on by the Plymouth Community Fire Department in conjunction with the National Weather Service's White Lake office.

"We currently have 15-20 people who are actively participating in the program," added VanVleck. "But we can always use more."

Tornado spotters must go through training annually in order to be certified, said Swanagan.

## Is it soup yet?



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

Lunch is served: Martina Wicklal (left) is served a bowl of vegetable cream soup by Sarah Lewkowicz at Starkweather Center in Plymouth Tuesday. The Soup Bowl Project Luncheon offered by the students at Starkweather is an annual project to raise money for the Ronald McDonald house and to extend a welcome to neighbors in the Old Town neighborhood surrounding the school. Bailey's Grille in Canton donated the soup and students and others donated the utensils. Students also baked the dessert items that were offered at the luncheon. It was estimated that nearly \$200 was raised for the charity.

## CAMPUS NOTES

Submit academic honors or graduation announcements to Campus Notes, Plymouth-Canton Observer, 794 S. Main St., Plymouth 48170.

### DEAN'S LIST

Russell Flynn, Patricia Lee Monahan, Sandra Nielsen, Kimberly Ann Pick, and Regina Renee Ratliff of Canton qualified for the dean's list at Detroit College of Business for the fall part-time semester.

Ljupco Blazeski, John Sokira of Canton and Mary Elizabeth Manick of Plymouth, all qualified for the dean's list for fall full-time semester at the Detroit College of Business.

Jamie C. Johnson of Plymouth qualified for the dean's list at Adrian College for the 1998 fall semester. She is the daughter of Carlton and Phyllis Johnson of Plymouth.

Emily Stachura of Canton qualified for the dean's list at Hillsdale College for the 1998 fall semester. She is a 1997 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School. Stachura is the daughter of Greg and Jean Stachura of Canton.

Lauren Andrea Hallerman of Plymouth qualified for the dean's list at Louisiana State University for the fall 1998 semester.

### OFF-CAMPUS STUDY PROGRAM

Jennifer Ruiter of Plymouth, a junior at Depauw University, is studying in Spain in Depauw's off-campus study program. Ruiter is a graduate of Robbinsdale Armstrong High School and the daughter of Dan and Doris Ruiter of Plymouth.

### DEGREES

Matthew S. Borke of Canton earned his associate's degree in food service management at Northern Michigan University.


Jason R. Slaughter of Plymouth earned his bachelor of science degree in social studies/secondary education at Northern Michigan University.

### AWARDED

Plymouth native Paul M. Renberg, a third-year student at the Detroit College of Law at Michigan State University, received the DeWitt C. Holbrook Award at the school's honor convocation.

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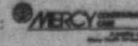
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Gov. John Engler eliminate the tuition tax increase but instead use an increase in funding for community college tuition grants.

Engler proposes his \$9 billion budget, which would increase funding for day care, the House and the state's subcommittee on revenue elimination of a portion of the revenue.

Engler proposes for community college tuition increase.

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Gov. John Engler's \$9 billion budget would establish a program for student administration of an Education Program.

But some of the health programs aimed at among your awards will be day during committee Appropriations.

Under the Merit Award program, students who writing, major components of school tests \$2,500 scholarship dedicated to training at their choice 1999-2000 allocation middle school.

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# Engler wants to end college tuition tax credit

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Gov. John Engler wants to eliminate the Michigan college tuition tax credit for families, instead using that money to increase funds to universities and community colleges through tuition restraint incentive grants.

Engler proposed the repeal in his \$9 billion general fund budget, which was discussed Thursday during a meeting of the House and Senate Appropriations subcommittee. The credit's elimination would add \$34 million revenue to the state's coffers.

Engler proposed \$293 million for community colleges, a 4 percent increase. An additional \$4.2

million is provided in the budget for "tuition restraint" incentive grants to community colleges which limit tuition increases to 3 percent or less this year, but that money is contingent upon the tuition credit repeal by state lawmakers.

Schoolcraft College President Richard McDowell believes the incentive grants will help keep tuition increases down.

McDowell called the tuition tax credit "minimal" to Schoolcraft students, because many students are part time and Schoolcraft usually only increases tuition \$1 per credit hour a year.

Community colleges are funded with property taxes from their district, state money and student tuition. With increased

**State Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton, who introduced and championed the tax credit only two years ago, said he was disappointed with the proposal and wondered whether it would lead to 6- or 8-percent tuition increases again.**

funding from the state, that should keep, in theory, college tuition hikes down, McDowell said.

"If he has incentives to keep tuition increases down, the students will get the same increase," McDowell said. "They just won't go through the state to get it."

**Bennett disappointed**

State Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton, who introduced and

championed the tax credit only two years ago, said he was disappointed with the proposal and wondered whether it would lead to 6 or 8 percent tuition increases again. "To me, it's tantamount to a tax increase," Bennett said.

"We had an opportunity to look at it in-depth, and you can see a linkage between the credit and (the colleges and universities) keeping increases down."

Bennett said he wanted to examine the budget and the

incentive grants Engler had proposed, but planned to fight for the tax credit if no other proposals or incentives were enacted to curb tuition increases.

Engler's budget overview indicated the timing is "optimal" to repeal the credit.

"First, it is unlikely that any university would be able to qualify for the upcoming school year because of the remarkably low inflation rate," Engler stated in the overview. "Secondly, the establishment of the Michigan Merit Award (a scholarship program for students who pass the Michigan Educational Assessment Program tests) will contribute greatly towards making college more affordable for everyone."

"Finally, the tuition tax credit

has had only limited success in restraining tuition increases."

Community colleges will receive a 2.5 percent increase in funds for operations. Half of that increase will be distributed across the board, with the remaining distributed using a formula that accounts for enrollment changes and tax bases.

McDowell expects to tell a House subcommittee on community colleges this week that he is pleased with that increase. State lawmakers still need to discuss the budget, including capital outlay funds. Schoolcraft officials hope lawmakers earmark money for a proposed technical center during budget hearings.

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## Dems want tobacco money for health programs

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Gov. John Engler wants to use \$9 billion reached in a settlement with tobacco companies to establish a scholarship program for students who pass tests administered under the Michigan Educational Assessment Program.

But some Democrats said some of that money should go to health programs, such as those aimed at curbing smoking among young people. The scholarships were discussed Thursday during a meeting of a subcommittee of House and Senate Appropriations members.

Under Engler's Michigan Merit Award, high school students who pass the reading, writing, math and science components of the MEAP high school tests would receive a \$2,500 scholarship that can be dedicated to college or technical training at a Michigan school of their choice. Beginning with the 1999-2000 school year, a \$500 allocation will be set aside for middle school students who pass

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the MEAP tests. Students in the class of 2004 could conceivably be eligible for a \$3,000 scholarship.

The award would be supported by proceeds from the settlement of a lawsuit between the states and the tobacco industry. The state is expected to receive a

payment of \$289 million in 2000, and annual payments ranging from \$320 to \$400 million, with the balance paid over 26 years.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services wants to collect a portion of the settlement as repayment for their share of Medicaid costs,

which could reduce Michigan's portion of the total settlement up to 55 percent. Engler called that "unjustifiable" since 40 states litigated suits against the tobacco industry without federal assistance.

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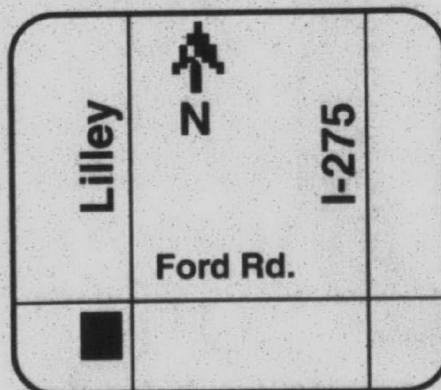
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# Most area reps support bill to drug test welfare recipients

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Welfare recipients would have to be tested for drugs under two controversial state House-passed bills now before the Senate.

Final roll call was 69-36 with Republicans and some crossover Democrats supporting the measures Feb. 9.

"House Republicans demand that public assistance be used to feed children and not an adult's drug habit," said Speaker Chuck Ferricone, R-Kalamazoo.

"Unconstitutional," replied Rep. Tom Kelly, D-Wayne. "The Fourth Amendment declares the right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers and effects against unreasonable searches and seizures. To require testing without just cause violates this right."

"All parents would be tested, not just those exhibiting signs of a substance abuse problem. It's a shame," Kelly said during a five-hour debate.

House Bills 4090 and 4091 give the state Family Independence Agency authority to run

three pilot sites to test welfare recipients for drug use. One test area would be urban, another rural, the third in Wayne County.

"If the assessment shows an addiction, then the recipient will be offered state-paid treatment," said the sponsor, Rep. Lauren Hager, R-Port Huron. "However, if the recipient refuses treatment or refuses to take the initial test, sanctions could be imposed to take away welfare benefits."

"It's tough love, and it's compassion in its purest form," said Hager, a former teacher serving

his first House term.

Rep. Ruth Ann Jamnick, D-Ypsilanti, criticized the majority for rejecting an amendment that would have required legislators and state officials to be tested, too. She said the test picks on the poor "and may only serve to push them down further."

The House Fiscal Agency said 175,000 tests a year would be given, and FIA estimated 15 percent of clients would require treatment. At an average cost of \$3,000, treatment would total \$78.7 million. FIA said it's unclear whether Medicaid would

reimburse the state.

In an unrecorded vote, the House gave two-thirds approval (74 votes) to immediate effect, meaning the bills would become law as soon as they are signed by the governor.

Here's how Observer area representatives voted:

**Yes** - Bob Brown, D-Dearborn Heights, Gerald Law, R-Plymouth, Bruce Patterson, R-Canton, Andrew Raczkowski, R-Farmington Hills, Laura Toy, R-Livonia.

**No** - Tom Kelly, D-Wayne.

**Absent** - Eileen DeHart, D-Westland,

Gov. John Engler called for passage of the bills a year ago, and the Republican-controlled Senate replied, but the House balked. This year the bills are likely to be enacted.

Opposing the bills were the Center for Civil Justice, the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence, the American Civil Liberties Union and the Michigan County Social Services Association.

## Money

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State Sen. Robert Emerson, D-Flint, said the state was doing little in terms of smoking prevention.

"I'm appalled that we're now taking 100 percent of the tobacco money and putting it into scholarships, when we sued because they were destroying the health of the citizens of our state," Emerson said.

Budget Director Mary Lannoy responded that Engler supported the cigarette tax, which now placed Michigan among the leaders in that tax. "One of the advantages (of the tax) is it deters smoking in children," Lannoy said.

State Rep. Paul Tesanovich, D-L'Anse, who believed it should go to educating children about the dangers of smoking, said Engler's proposal was "disturbing" and "unacceptable." Lannoy said Engler was open to discussions on prevention programs.

## Tuition

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### University changes

Engler also wants to revise the funding system for universities, proposing \$58 million for universities, a 4 percent increase. The first \$21.6 million will be distributed across the board, while an additional \$14.5 million will be given to universities whose current state funding is below other universities offering similar degrees and programs.

The remaining \$22 million is contingent on the state House and Senate's repeal of the existing tax credit, and will be distributed to each university that restrains undergraduate resident tuition growth at or below 3 percent for the 1999-2000 school year.

Engler also proposed \$1.7 billion for universities, a 4.2 percent increase. For corrections, he proposed \$1.6 billion, an 8.65 percent increase.

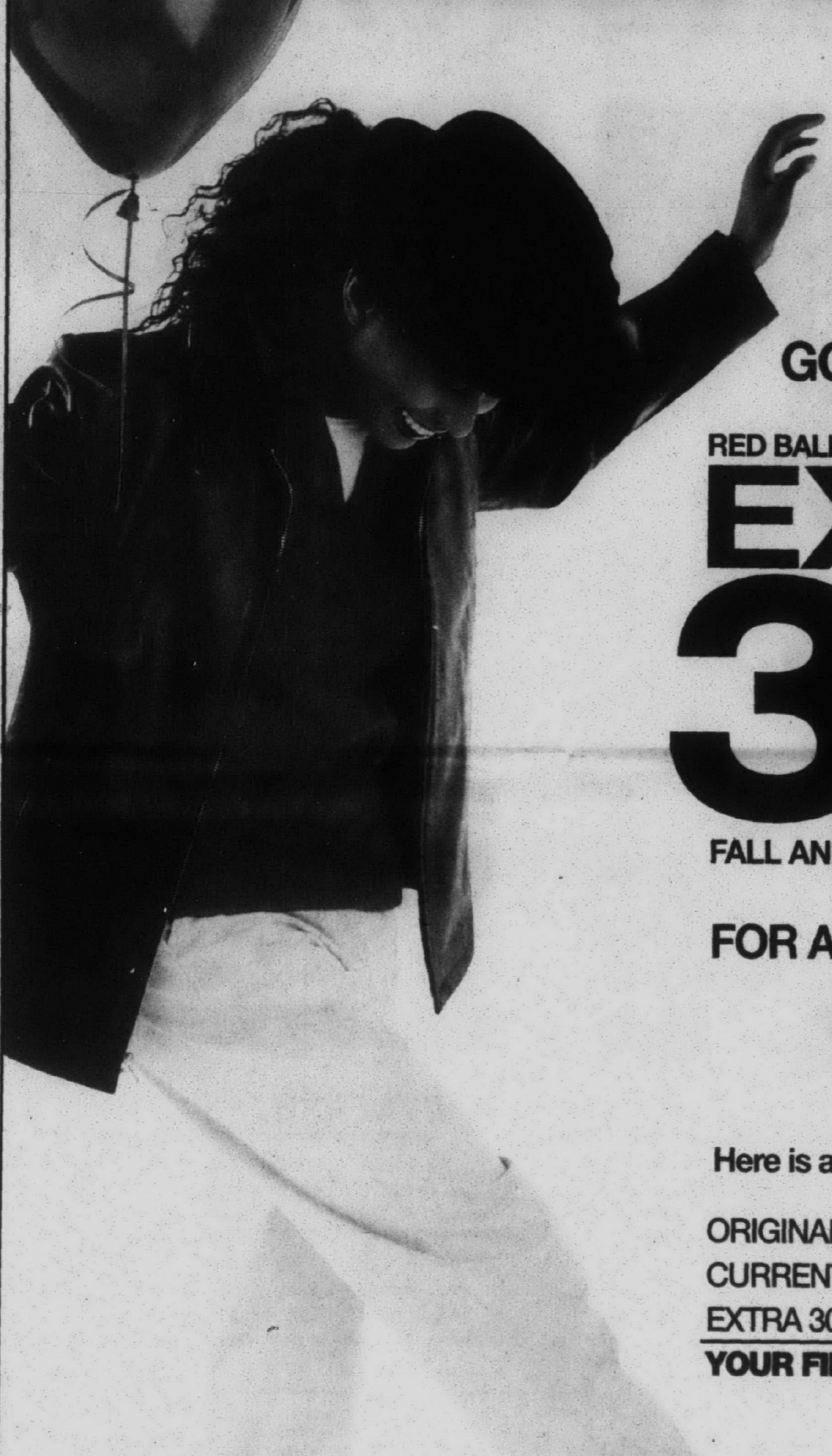
That fact was not lost on some state lawmakers.

State Sen. John Schwarz, R-Battle Creek, said the 15 university presidents walk into meetings with pie charts and bar graphs, saying that their university "was the most poorest funded of all the universities."

"One of the most significant points of difference is how can you justify an 8 percent increase for corrections and only half that for some schools?" Schwarz asked.

With 265,000 students on campus, Michigan is known for its university system, he added. "I don't want Michigan to be known to have the highest population of inmates. I would rather be known as the state with the highest number of college graduates."

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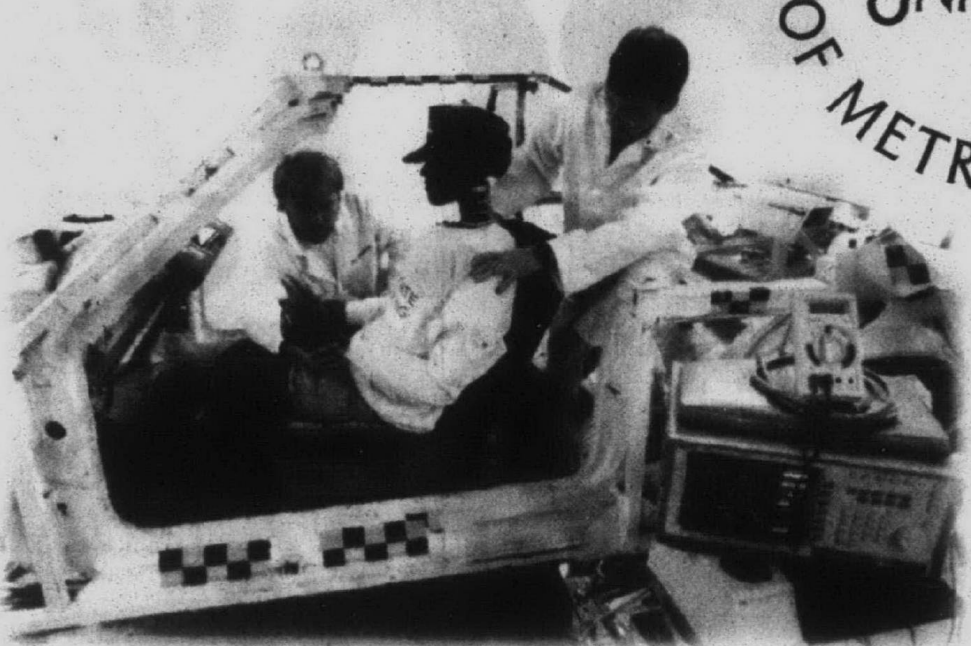
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## Bridges nominated for place on national preservation list

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Two bridges in western Wayne County were nominated Feb. 5 with 124 other sites in Michigan by the State Historic Preservation Review Board to be placed on a national list of properties to encourage their preservation.

The Hines Drive bridge over Ann Arbor Road in Livonia, the Lilley Road bridge over the lower branch of the Rouge River in Canton and 14 other bridges in Wayne County will be considered by the National Register of Historic Places to be placed on an official list of properties considered worthy of preservation because of their importance in American history and culture.

The register is part of the National Parks Service under the U.S. Department of Interior. It is expected to respond in about 45 days, or about mid-April, to the nomination, said Robert Christensen, national register coordinator of the State Historic Preservation Office.

Normally, those nominations are approved by the register, Christensen said. "It's hard to envision that they would not."

Federal "enhancement" dollars are available for historic preservation projects.

State historic preservation

officials are considering the Hines Drive bridge because consultants hired by the Michigan Department of Transportation found the bridge was in good condition and represented a rigid frame construction bridge, commonly used over freeways and in Wayne County.

The Lilley Road bridge over the Rouge River's lower branch in Canton was cited for its "pony-truss" construction. It was originally constructed on Telegraph Road over the Rouge River in the 1920s, but it was sturdy enough to be relocated to Canton in 1933.

The register's criteria for evaluation include the structure or site's quality of significance in American history, architecture, archaeology, engineering and culture. Structures reflect integrity of location, design setting, materials and workmanship.

MDOT began a bridge assessment and inventory of potential historical structures in 1994, updating an earlier 1985 survey, according to Margaret Barondess, cultural resource coordinator with the Michigan Department of Transportation.

MDOT hired two consulting firms to survey Michigan bridges for possible participation in the National Historic Places program. That recognition is limited to structures that are 50 years old.

## Parks program to focus on woodland creatures

How can you tell what an animal eats or whether or not it has good eyesight or hearing?

Learn about these and other "animal clues" 9:30-11:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, at the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center in Westland.

Participants can expect to unravel mysteries about woodland creatures. Topics include identification of skulls, animal eating habits and track identification. Best suited for ages eight and above, the fee is \$1 per person and advance registration is required.

The Nankin Mills Interpretive Center is on Hines Drive just

east of Ann Arbor Trail in Westland. Parking is available off Hines Drive and can be reached even if the road is barricaded for flooding.

Information, (734) 261-1990.

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK  
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Officials at Detroit Metro Airport hope six new gates will increase the presence of two airlines there and eventually result in more airline competition and lower fares for travelers.

Wayne County, Southwest Airlines and Spirit Airlines have reached an agreement to expand the concourse A area near the Smith Terminal, county and airline officials announced Monday at a press conference.

Construction will begin next month on the \$11 million project. Since that area is occupied by those two gates, the airport will actually experience a net gain of four gates when they open in August. Once completed, Detroit Metro will house 103 aircraft gates and allow Spirit, currently operating on three different concourses at borrowed gates, to consolidate its operations.

Southwest will operate four of the six new gates, Spirit will operate two.

County Executive Edward McNamara said many people believe Northwest dominates Metro because it flies 70 percent of the passengers, but actually every major U.S. carrier provides service there.

### Northwest

"Northwest has 70 percent because they handle virtually all of the connecting traffic," McNamara said. "Our research indi-



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Dave Katz  
-airport director

cates that 55 percent of the local traffic - that would be all passengers beginning or ending their trip in Detroit - fly carriers other than Northwest.

"We have always been interested in providing facilities for any airline wishing to provide service at Detroit Metro."

David Katz, airport director, said the expansion plan did not evolve from the customer complaints and dissatisfaction due to Northwest Airlines' long flight delays during the snowstorm in early January. Northwest uses Detroit as a hub.

"We worked on negotiations for the past eight months," Katz said. "We believe in offering choices to the public." Katz said county officials successfully negotiated with Northwest to use holding room space in the gate expansion area.

Northwest Airlines officials

could not be reached for comment for this story.

Katz compared the expansion to adding a "Flint Bishop Airport" in concourse A, as the two airlines now could conceivably add 40 new flights a day.

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### Carrier expand

Southwest Airlines will act as the construction manager. Spirit will make payments to Southwest for its share of construction costs. Wayne County will reimburse the airlines with revenue from passenger facility charges. Eventually, Wayne County will own the gates, and the airlines will lease the gates from Wayne County.

Bob Montgomery, director of properties for Southwest Airlines, said that airline was "not

prepared" to add flights. "The project will give us flexibility," Montgomery said.

"Since most of our flights are 'O and D' (origination and destination), I don't see us making a connecting flight at Metro," Montgomery said. "I think you will see us trying something with the timing of flights." Studies show the number of passengers varies depending on the time of the flight, which will give Southwest something to work with, Montgomery said.

Ned Homfeld, president and founder of Spirit Airlines, said the company plans to add more routes in 1999. "We've been utilizing gates by other concourses. That limits our ability to expand."

"If other carriers get out late, it hurts our reliability."

The expansion should be seen as "not only a victory for Detroit, but a victory for the flying public," Homfeld said. Spirit has not owned a permanent gate since it inaugurated service from Metro in 1992, instead leasing it from other carriers. Spirit currently flies to 13 cities from Metro, including Atlantic City, Boston, Cleveland, Newark and New York City and several Florida cities.

Southwest flies to Chicago, Nashville and St. Louis, and has additional direct or connecting service to 37 cities.

Barton Malow of Detroit will be the builder, while Giffels, Hoyem and Basso of Troy will be the architectural firm for the project.

## SC workshop tells how to find secure child care

Classes and workshop offered by Schoolcraft College Continuing Education Services in March include:

■ Who's Watching Your Child? - Before you leave your child in the care of a baby sitter or child-care center, know how to conduct a thorough security investigation with easily obtained information. See demonstrations of the latest spy technology used to monitor your caregiver. The one-day class meets 7-9 p.m. Monday, March 1. The fee is \$29.

■ Law for the Layperson - Learn how the law affects your life in areas such as probate proceedings, consumer protection laws, durable powers of attorney, living wills, elder law issues, basic commercial law and simple trusts. Learn how to bring small claims court action, how to read a balance sheet and investment report, and how to prepare simple tax returns. The class begins Monday, March 1, and meets for four weeks 2-4 p.m. for a \$54 fee.

■ Self-Exploration Using Art - Use art activities to reach your deep inner knowledge and healing powers. Each of the five sessions will explore a different aspect of self-exploration. The first class meets 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, March 2. The fee is \$67.

■ Quality Standards - Construction - This one-day seminar provides an overview of the history and evolution of the ISO 9000 Quality Standard and how it applies to the construction industry. It meets 1-5 p.m.

Wednesday, March 3, for a fee of \$95.

■ Marketing Your Product or Service - Another one-day class in the Small Business Entrepreneur series, this class teaches how to develop products or services people want and how to price products competitively so that customers buy them. It meets 6:30-10 p.m. Wednesday, March 3, for a \$39 fee.

■ Computers Don't Byte -

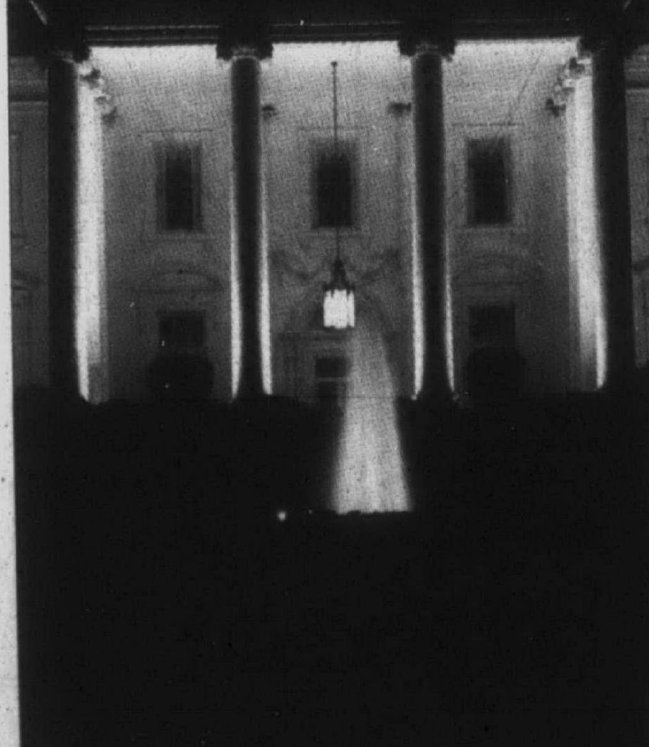
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"I'm still a detective at the department, so another one of my responsibilities is handling cases (that happened off campus) involving Plymouth Township kids that go to school here," he said. "Obviously, Canton Township (police) would handle the cases on campus, but I'll be responsible for Plymouth Township kids."

"There is no police representative at the schools from the City of Plymouth Police Department."

"The program isn't the result of any large jump in crime at the schools, though. Rather, it's a means to improve communication between the administration, community, police and students."

"We're not here to shake kids down," said Steckel. "We send full-time police officers into apartment complexes and trailer parks, as well. It just makes sense that you have an officer up at school."

"There are 5,000 kids here that come from both, Canton and Plymouth. Obviously, we're here to enforce the law but that's not what we do 100 percent of the time."

Making the switch from the world of regular street cop to hall pass monitor at the high school took some adjustment, said Hayes.

"It's different," he said. "It took a little getting used to, but it's been nice. I still get the occasional 'Nice gun, dude' from the students but it's been a change for the better."

Hayes and Steckel also perform classroom instruction in government or health classes for teachers who request their help.

As part of their school/community liaison responsibilities, they work closely with probation officers in keeping kids on track.

"Anything that happens outside of school, we usually get it here the next day anyway," said Steckel. "It's just good to be able to know who's hanging out with who and who's doing what in the schools."

The two officers aren't just available during office hours either, attending many school functions throughout the year.

"We attend anything from basketball games and football games to student council to SADD meetings," said Steckel.

And in case any overly concerned parents of teenagers are wondering.

Yes ... the two do attend the prom as well.



Watch out: Canton Police Officer Mike Steckel (at left) and Plymouth Township Police Detective Dave Hayes pose Thursday while students pass them by in the halls at Plymouth Canton High School.

# Bentley teacher's drive recognized

Rick Barbour, a teacher at Bentley Elementary School, was awarded the Extra Miler Award at the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education meeting Feb. 9.

Barbour was cited for his enthusiasm and drive, along with his dedication and devotion to his students at Bentley Elementary.

Bentley parent Debbie Leach said, "Mr. Barbour does anything and everything he can to make life and learning fun and exciting. He is the type of person that we all wish we could have had for a teacher."

Field principal Dave Farquharson said, "Field School has been most fortunate over the years to have had Rick as a math teacher for our Summer Skills Camp. His conscientiousness, dedication and genuine concern for the welfare of children is evident to all who know him. He is extremely popular with our students and their par-

ents. Every year, I get rave reviews about the summer camp math teacher, 'Mr. Barbour!'"

In addition to his qualities as a teacher, Barbour gives a tremendous amount of his own time for the enrichment of the children's well-being. He is active in polo, a floor hockey sport. He also conducts monthly family nights where he incorporates learning and fun for students and their families.

Barbour serves on numerous committees including: I Care Committee, Report Card Committee, Math Curriculum Committee, District Laureate Committee, Bentley Interview Committee and the Bentley PTO Bylaws Committee.

Barbour received a certificate of recognition, a pin of the Flag of Liberty and Learning, and dinner gift certificate, all presented by school board member Judy Mardigan.

**NOTICE TO BIDDERS  
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON**

The Charter Township of Canton will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd., Canton, MI 48188 until 10:00 a.m. on March 11, 1999, for the following:

**RENTAL OF LIBERTY FEST TENTS, TABLES AND CHAIRS**

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 G. BENNETT, Clerk

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**SHURGARD OF CANTON  
41889 JOY ROAD  
CANTON, MI 48187**

Notice is hereby given that the entire contents of the following storage units will be sold to the highest bidder by way of an open bid on MAR. 25, 1999 at approximately 9:00 a.m. at Shurgard Storage Centers located at 41889 Joy Road, Canton, MI 48187.

Unit #272, CHARLES BOBBER, 1 washing machine, 1 refrigerator, 1 microwave, 1 dresser, 1 bed frame, and 1 large cabinet.

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**SHURGARD OF CANTON  
2101 HAGGERTY  
CANTON, MI 48187**

Notice is hereby given that the entire contents of the following storage units will be sold to the highest bidder by way of an open bid on MAR. 25, 1999 at approximately 9:00 a.m. at Shurgard Storage Centers located at 2101 Haggerty, Canton, MI 48187.

Unit #6244, Brenda Owens, 5 Misc. boxes, 2 paintings, 1 cane.

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**ADVERTISEMENT TO BIDDERS  
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 10:00 a.m. on March 4, 1999 for the following:

**BUILD AND INSTALL CUPOLA AND INSTALL NEW CEDAR ROOF for the CANTON HISTORICAL MUSEUM  
1022 CANTON CENTER RD., CANTON, MICHIGAN**

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 G. BENNETT, Clerk

Publish: February 18, 1999

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON  
NOTICE OF HEARING  
ASSESSMENT BOARD OF REVIEW**

Notice is hereby given that the Canton Township March Board of Review will meet on the following dates and times:

Hearings are by appointment, call (734) 397-6831 between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. for appointments from February 22, 1999 thru February 28, 1999.

**Tuesday March 2, 1999 ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING ONLY 1:00 P.M.**

**HEARING DATES BY APPOINTMENT ONLY**

**Monday March 8, 1999 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**

**Tuesday March 9, 1999 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.  
1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

**HEARING DATES ON A FIRST COME BASIS (WALK INS)**

**Saturday March 13, 1999 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

You may call (743) 397-6831 for further information on the hearings, dates, and times.

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

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

**CANTON CHARTER ACADEMY SPECIAL LAND USE - CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR A PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 11.02B.4 FOR PARCEL NOS. 029-99-0007-002, 029-99-007-003, AND 029-99-0007-004. Property is located on the west side of Beck Road between Warren and Hanford Roads.**

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the above address prior to Thursday, February 25, 1999 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

Publish: February 18, 1999

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH  
NOTICE OF HEARING  
ASSESSMENT BOARD OF REVIEW**

NOTICE OF HEARING given that the Plymouth Township Board will meet on the following dates and times:

**Tuesday, March 2 9 a.m.-Noon Organizational Meeting  
2 p.m.-5 p.m. Hearings by Appointment**

**Monday, March 8 2 p.m.-5 p.m. Hearings by Appointment  
6 p.m.-9 p.m. Hearings by Appointment**

**Tuesday, March 9 9 a.m.-Noon Hearings by Appointment  
2 p.m.-5 p.m. Hearings by Appointment**

**Saturday, March 20 9 a.m.-11 a.m. First Come - First Served**

Other hearing dates and times may be scheduled as needed.

All persons protesting their assessment must complete petitions prior to appearing before the Board. A personal appearance is not required. Appeals by mail will be accepted if received by March 20, 1999.

The Board of Review will be held in the Board Meeting Room of Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170.

Please come prepared as a ten (10) minute time limit before the Board of Review will be strictly adhered to.

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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON  
SUPPLEMENTARY NOTICE  
ADOPTION OF UNIFORM TRAFFIC CODE FOR  
CITIES, TOWNSHIPS AND VILLAGES  
ORDINANCE NO. 66 AMENDMENT**

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the provisions of Act 62 of the Public Acts of 1956, State of Michigan, the Uniform Traffic Code for cities, townships and villages was adopted by reference by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton on the 9th day of February, 1999.

The purpose of such Code is to regulate the operation of vehicles, to provide for the regulation and use of streets, highways and alleys and other public and semi-public places within the Charter Township of Canton and to provide penalties for the violation of said Code.

A complete copy of the Uniform Traffic Code is available at the office of the Township Clerk for inspection by the public at all times.

TERRY BENNETT, Clerk

Publish: February 18, 1999

**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 Hanman 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

**CANTON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION  
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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**

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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**ZAHRAIE 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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# Madonna to offer new MBA program starting fall term

A master of business administration (MBA) degree, which awards certificates in functional, customer-driven areas, will be offered by Madonna University beginning the fall 1999 term.

The new degree was approved at a recent meeting of the University's board of trustees.

"This new MBA degree will enable students to develop a philosophy and vision within the context of a global economy, so they may take leadership roles in their organizations," said

John Sennett, chairman of Sennett Steel Corp. in Madison Heights, who serves as Madonna's board chairman.

"The program combines sound business theory with practical skills, giving students a broad understanding of business and how it relates to the social, political and economic forces facing today's managers," stated Tarik Daoud, president of Al Long Ford in Warren, and Madonna trustee.

Designed for both working pro-

fessionals and those who have recently earned a bachelor's degree, the 40-semester hour program covers all the functional areas of business.

Classes will be offered in the evenings and on-weekends, with some courses delivered on-line. Included in the MBA program are certificates of completion in general business, nonprofit administration and two in quality management.

"While the MBA is a general business administration pro-

gram, we have incorporated the certificates of completion to allow students the opportunity to specialize in an area pertinent to their careers," explained Dr. Stuart Arends, dean of Madonna's School of Business.

Unique in its connection to an MBA degree is the nonprofit leadership certificate.

nonprofit courses focus on areas such as developing and deploying volunteers, establishing partnerships with board members, as well as managing,

funding and evaluating programs.

One of the two quality certificates awarded in the MBA program is offered jointly with the Association for Quality and Participation (AQP). Along with the MBA degree, students will earn an AQP certificate. The foundations and implementation of the quality improvement process is covered in second quality certificate.

The general business certificate allows students to develop a

specialization by taking courses in a specific business area such as international business, human resource administration, accounting and finance, and marketing.

For information about the master of business administration program, contact the School of Business at (734) 432-5356. For an application, contact the Office of Graduate Studies at (734) 432-5667 or e-mail [muin-fosmtp.munet.edu](mailto:muin-fosmtp.munet.edu)

## CAPITOL CAPSULES

### Health actions

The state Department of Consumer & Industry Services' disciplinary office reported these actions affecting professional licenses for the first half of January:

Nemer E. Hanna, 51, M.D., of Bloomfield Hills - license summarily suspended due to inability to practice.

Michael D. Ward, 48, M.D., of Novi - license summarily suspended due to inability to practice.

Marlene Chester, 47, R.N., of Rochester Hills - license summarily suspended due to technical violation of the Public Health Code.

Rosalind C. Johnson, 46, R.N., C.R.N.A., of Farmington Hills - CRNA certification suspended for 30 days and fine of \$500 for failure to meet continuing education requirements.

Joanne M. Nichols, 38, R.N., of Orion - license suspended for six months due to "negligence/incompetence."

Jacqueline E. Roggin, 57, R.Ph., West Bloomfield - reprimand for violation of general duty.

Michael S. Kahan, 33, D.V.M., of Farmington Hills - reprimand and fine of \$500 for technical violation of the Public Health Code.

### Arab advice

Gov. Engler has appointed 25 persons to a new "Arab-American Advisory Board" which will "enhance the relationship between the Arab-American community and the Executive Office."

Area appointees include: Abe Munfakh, Plymouth, president of an architecture firm.

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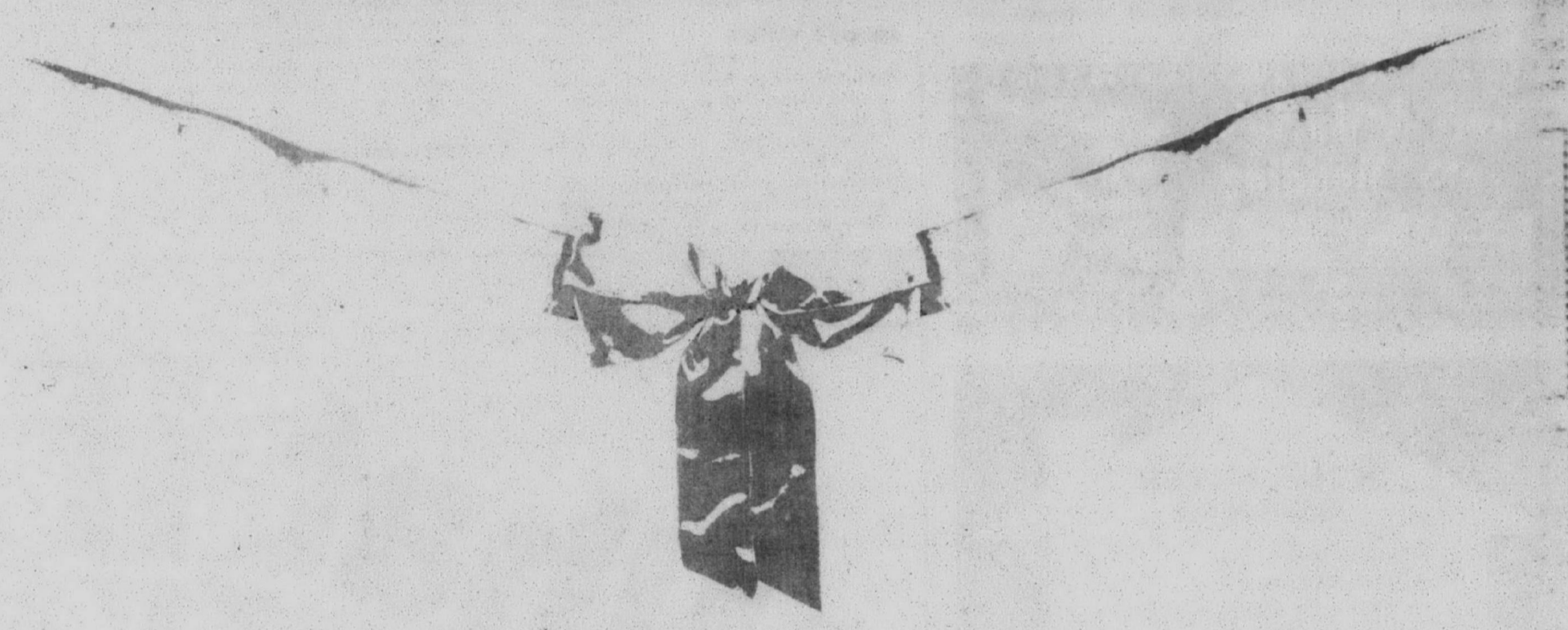
Overcome your fears of computers in a relaxed, nonthreatening environment while slowly getting to know what computers are about. The four-week class, which uses Windows 95 applications, meets at 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 3. The fee is \$108.

■ Floral Design I - This eight-week class will prepare you to make beautiful floral arrangements with spring and summer blooms. It is designed for the beginner who wants to learn the mechanics of wiring, flower arranging, design, corsages, dish gardens and specialty arrangements. The eight-week class meets 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 3, with a repeated session at 6:30 p.m. The fee is \$128.

■ Exploring the Art of Cooking II - Learn techniques to prepare more advanced soups, appetizers, entrees and international cuisine.

Beginners and experienced cooks welcome, but should possess a basic knowledge of cooking. Certified Master Chef Jeff Gabriel will share his recipes. The three-week class meets at 6 p.m. and begins Thursday, March 4. Fee is \$132.

■ For information on these or other CES classes, call 734-462-4448. Schoolcraft College is located at 18600 Haggerty Road, between Six Mile and Seven Mile, just west of I-275.



The stage is set.

All we need is you at the Grand Opening of our new AT&T Store in Chene Square Plaza.



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**CARRIER OF THE MONTH**

**JEFF SIBBOLD**  
 Jeff Sibbold, 14, Carrier of the Month, delivers the Plymouth Observer in the Hough Park subdivision. He has been delivering the Observer since January 1996.

The Plymouth Salem High School ninth-grader's favorite subjects are math and science. He hopes to attend the University of Michigan.

His hobbies are Tae Kwon Do, and working on computers. Among his achievements is earning a black belt. He expects to become an Eagle Scout soon.

The customers and their pets are some things that Jeff enjoys most about his route.

Organizing a business is one of the skills that Jeff has developed by being an Observer carrier.



Jeff Sibbold

er. Jeff is the son of David and Janet Sibbold. He has two sisters, Shelley, 11, and Katie, 13.

**CLARA F. CAMPBELL**

Services for Clara F. Campbell, 93, of Livonia, formerly of Plymouth, were Feb. 13 in the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth, with the Rev. Thomas G. Badley officiating. Burial was in Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia.

She was born June 27, 1905, in Livonia. She died Feb. 9 in Livonia. She was a public school teacher in Belleville and Livonia. When she left teaching, she opened the Livonia Child Care Center. She was a lifelong Plymouth/Livonia resident. She was a member of the Newburg United Methodist Church of Livonia. She was a member of the order of Eastern Star No. 115 of Plymouth. She received her teaching degree from Michigan State Normal College, now Eastern Michigan University.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John M. Campbell. Survivors include her two daughters, Donna Sterritt of Eureka, Mo., Judy Campbell of Delton; two sons, John E. (Gayle) of Grove City, Ohio, Jerry R. of Battle Creek; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Newburg United Methodist Church, Livonia.

**THOMAS E. WINTERS**

Services for Thomas E. Winters, 86, of Canton were Feb. 12 in the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, Canton, with the Rev. Alexander Kuras officiating.

He was born Nov. 16, 1912, in Detroit. He died Feb. 10 in Oakwood Hospital/Annapolis Center-Wayne. He was a maintenance man for the city of Detroit.

He was preceded in death by his wife,

**OBITUARIES**

**Clarissa P.**

Survivors include sons Harold T. (Maria), Donald H.; and two sisters, Ruth Falkiewicz and Elsie Hill.

**HENRY WESSEL**

Services for Henry Wessel, 93, were Feb. 17 at Phillips Funeral Home in South Lyon. Interment was at Washtenong Memorial Park.

Mr. Wessel was born Feb. 13, 1906, to Fred and Frieda (Bernhardt) Wessel in Salem Township. He died Feb. 14.

He married Hilda Heller in 1929. He was a member of the Farm Bureau and a former square dance caller.

He was the loving father of Louis (Yetiva) Wessel of Pittsford, Nadine (Jay) Burrell of Westland and Martha (Clyde) Brasher of Manitou Beach, brother of Leroy (Jean) Wessel and Elmer (Annie) Wessel.

Mr. Wessel is survived by 10 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Hilda Wessel, in 1993, his son, Clare Wessel, daughter Louise Wessel, three sisters and one brother.

Memorials may be made to the Hospice of Washtenaw, 806 Airport Blvd., Ann Arbor 48108, or to Bethlehem United Church Radio Fund, 423 S. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor 48104.

**ROBERT E. ROWLAND**

Services for Robert E. Rowland, 83, of Plymouth were Feb. 13 at St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church with the Rev.

Paul E. Schaefer officiating. Burial was in Mt. Hope Memorial Gardens of Livonia. Mr. Rowland was born May 6, 1915, in Bowne Township. He died Feb. 8.

He was a World War II Army veteran and worked many years as a maintenance worker for the NBD branch at Harvey and Ann Arbor Road. He retired in 1980.

Mr. Rowland is survived by his wife, Ardith I. Rowland of Plymouth; son Barry (Karen) E. Rowland of Grand Haven; daughter Janis (Thomas) I. Mees of Council, Idaho; grandchildren Karl, Kurt and Mitchell Rowland and Heather Mees; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by father Henry E. Rowland and mother Anne B. Rowland.

Memorials can be made to Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh, Livonia 48154, or the American Cancer Society, 29350 Southfield Road, Suite 11D, Southfield 48076.

**ELSIE MAY BAILEY**

A memorial service for Elsie Bailey, 91, will begin 1 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 21, in First Baptist Church, 45000 N. Territorial, in Plymouth. A luncheon will follow the service.

Mrs. Bailey died Feb. 16.

Surviving are her sons, William, Jr. and Jack (Carolyn); daughters, June Slusarski (Robert), Barbara Macaluso and Recena Fischer; 15 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Bailey was preceded in death by her husband, William.

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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**  
 February 25, 1999  
 Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 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  
 7. Dennis O'Beirne, AIA for St. Thomas Building Committee, 267 Kingsway, Canton MI 48188 representing St. Thomas a'Becket Church, 555 S. Lilley Road, Canton MI 48188 appealing 6.02 "U" (Site Development Standards for Non-Residential use - Religious Institutions) set back variance from 50' to 25' to building to mech. equip. Screen; 26.02 Height variance from 25' to 75'. Parcel #089-99-0011-000 and 089-99-0008-002 (Planning).  
 8. Dennis Krestel, 24350 Orchard Lake Rd. Ste. 101, Farmington Hills, MI 48336 representing Mike Brow, White Lake, MI for property located at 8121, 8101, 8011, 8041, 8061, & 8081 Lilley Road. Appealing Zoning Ordinance Article 6.03E(5) Minimum Floor Area/Unit for Single-Occupancy Units in an Adult Foster Care Facility, requesting a variance in order to construct an adult assisted living units without kitchens. Parcel #006-99-0015-702 (Planning).  
 TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk  
 Publish: February 18, 1999

**CANTON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held on Monday, March 1, 1999 at 7:00 P.M. in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road to consider a request for the following special land use as provided in Section 27.03 of the Canton Township Zoning Ordinance.  
**DICK SCOTT KIA AUTO SALES SPECIAL LAND USE - CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR A NEW AND USED AUTOMOBILE SALES, SERVICE AND RENTAL FACILITY AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 17.02B.4 FOR PARCEL NO. 137-99-0018-703.** Property is located on the north side of Michigan Avenue between Lilley and Haggerty Roads.  
  
 Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the above address prior to Thursday, February 25, 1999 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.  
 VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman  
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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, February 9, 1999 at 1150 South Canton Center Road. Motion by LaJoy, supported by Bennett, to move from an open session to a closed session at 6:35 P.M. to discuss sale of property. All Ayes.

ROLL CALL - CLOSED SESSION

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

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to return to an open session at 7:07 P.M. All Ayes. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL - OPEN SESSION

Members Present: Bennett, Burdziak, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Shefferly, Yack  
Members Absent: None  
Staff Present: Durack, Machnik, Minghine, Santomauro, Voyles  
Also Present: Senator Thaddeus McCotter

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

General Calendar Item 4, Purchase of 1999 Pontiac Grand Prix SE was deleted from the agenda. General Calendar Item 6, Amend Recreation Master Plan was moved to the Public Hearing Calendar as previously revised on February 8, 1999.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to approve the Minutes of January 26, 1999 as presented. All Ayes.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

Expenditure Recap table with columns for Fund Name and Amount. Total All Funds: \$1,079,145.87

RECOGNITION

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to adopt the resolutions recognizing James L. Tatum Jr., Patrick Bailey and David Alan Slater for their assistance in the apprehension of a subject engaged in a purse snatching. All Ayes.

PUBLIC HEARING

ITEM 1 AMENDMENTS TO CANTON TOWNSHIP RECREATION MASTER PLAN

Supervisor Yack declared the public hearing to consider the amendment to the Canton Township Recreation Master Plan open at 7:30 P.M. Discussion occurred regarding the grant process and the amendments to the master plan. Upon hearing no response to his request for public comments, Mr. Yack asked for a motion to close the public hearing. Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to close the public hearing at 7:25 P.M. All Ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to approve the amendments to the Recreation Master Plan which adds an Appendix F and Appendix G and also identifies the expansion of the Summit on the Park's fitness center, locker rooms and meeting/activity rooms as the top priority for Capital Improvements Projects and Schedules. All Ayes.

INTRODUCTION

Senator Thaddeus McCotter - Farnum Building, Room 320, Lansing, Michigan, 48909 - introduced himself to the Board. Senator McCotter said that his jurisdiction includes northern Canton. He offered his assistance to the Canton Community. Senator McCotter can be reached at (517) 373-1707.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to approve the following budget amendment in the Cable Fund: to increase Conference and Seminars Account by \$3,200 for Marketing/Sales training program as well as Capital Outlay Equipment by \$32,000 for the purchase of the Avid Workstation.

Table with columns for Increase (Decrease) Appropriations, Fund Number, and Amount. Total: \$ 0 All Ayes

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to set the public hearing for Friday 23, 1999 to consider the industrial facilities exemption application of Baron Drawn Steel Corp. for their new facility located at 7505 Baron Drive. All Ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to approve the property split for parcel 042-02-0197-002 as requested by Mr. Bryan Amann representing George Asker/Manor Care. All Ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to appoint the Township Clerk as the designated officer, to execute the 1999 Annual Permit and other permits for Underground Utility Operations within the Michigan Department of Transportation right-of-way. All Ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, that the request from LAWMARK, INC. to transfer ownership of 1998 Class C licensed business with Dance Permit located at 43711 Michigan, Canton, MI 48188, Canton Township, Wayne County, from STU-BUC ENTERPRISES, INC. (Step III) be considered for APPROVAL; it is the consensus of this legislative body that the application be recommended for issuance. All Ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to remove from the table and public in the Canton Observer the Second Reading of the Amendments to the Misdemeanor Ord. No. 81(g) - Minor Possessing Alcohol (not in a motor vehicle) to become effective upon that publication on February 18, 1999. All Ayes.

SECOND 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 Alcohol 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 not 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 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 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.

Certification

This Ordinance was duly adopted by the Township Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton at its regular meeting called and held on the 9th day of February, 1999 and was ordered given publication in the manner given by law. Copies of the complete Ordinance are available for inspection from the Township Clerk at Canton Township Hall, 1150 South Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan.

Terry G. Bennett, Clerk

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to remove from the table and publish in the Canton Observer the Second Reading of the Amendments to the Uniform Traffic Code Ord. No. 66(h), to become effective upon that publication on February 18, 1999. All Ayes

SECOND 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.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDAINS:

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. 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 Section 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 cost; 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 operating without insurance and penalties and violations thereof.

Section 5.97. This section prohibits overtaking school busses 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 3. 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 in the Canton Observer on Feb. 18, 1999.

Certification

This Ordinance was duly adopted by the Township Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton at its regular meeting called and held on the 9th day of February, 1999 and was ordered given publication in the manner given by law. Copies of the complete Ordinance are available for inspection from the Township Clerk at Canton Township Hall, 1150 South Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan.

Terry G. Bennett, Clerk

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to transfer \$11,130.00 from Purchase Order #8911 for Waterland Trucking, Inc. to Purchase Order #4125 for Finkbeiner, Pettis & Strout, Inc. in order to pay them for design and construction follow up of water main replacement at Lotz and Michigan Avenue. All Ayes

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to authorize the Township Supervisor and Clerk to execute the Resolution for request to rescind the Sanitary Sewer Service Agreement between the Charter Township of Canton and Plymouth Township for sewer service no longer required by the Mitchels at 48575 Joy Road, Parcel ID 71-018-99-0003-000. All Ayes

GENERAL CALENDAR. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to adopt the resolution to approve the special land use for the proposed Plymouth Canton Middle School to be located on Hanford Road east of Canton Center Road - Tax ID No. 039-99-0001-704. Ayes All.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to adopt the resolution approve site plan for the proposed site plan for Wendy's Restaurant, conditioned upon receipt of an access easement agreement between the site and adjoining properties (Tax ID No. 129-99-0008-706). All Ayes

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to adopt the resolution to rezone certain property identified as Parcel No. 020-99-0005-000 and the south 396 feet of Parcel No. 020-99-0004-000 from RR, Rural Residential to R-2, Single-Family Residential District. All Ayes

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to award the contract in the amount of \$33,580 (including a 10 percent contingency) to Jacobs Excavating for a foundation replacement under the housing rehabilitation program. Ayes All.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to accept the JJR Incorporated proposal to monitor the Morton Taylor Road wetland mitigation for an amount not to exceed \$12,800.00 plus a 10 percent contingency for a total of \$14,080.00. All Ayes

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to authorize the Township Clerk to execute a conservation easement with the State of Michigan on the portion of Township property at Warren and Haggerty (sidewalk #71-046-99-0003-713) that will be mitigated wetlands. All Ayes

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak, to approve the sale of parcel #004-99-0025-000 to the highest bidder, Ronald Borkowski, in the amount of \$22,000. Motion was amended and seconded to read as follows: Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak, to approve the sale of parcel #004-99-0025-000 to the highest bidder, Ronald Borkowski, in the amount of \$22,000. Motion was amended and seconded to read as follows: Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak, to approve the sale of Parcel #004-99-0025-000 to the highest bidder, Ronald Borkowski, in the amount of \$22,000, conditioned upon a deed restriction that the property may be used only for single-family residence and prohibit home occupational and any other accessory use that is not residential regardless of what the zoning district may permit. All Ayes

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, that the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton has received the recommendations of the Dangerous Buildings Hearing Officer and concurs with the findings of the hearing officer in regards to a dangerous building at 6934 Canton Center Road. It is hereby ordered, based in part on the findings of the hearing officer that the building structure at 6934 Canton Center Road be removed/demolished with the following time line:

- 1) The property owner Mr. Joseph Terrio must comply with the order within 60 days of this date. 2) An additional twenty-one (21) days shall apply if the order is not met, thereafter the structure will be removed and the costs of such removal placed as a lien against the property. All Ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to introduce the First Reading of the Telecommunications Ordinance No. 143(a). All Ayes

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to table the First Reading of the Telecommunications Ordinance No. 143(a) for publication in the Canton Observer on February 18, 1999.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON SUMMARY OF REVISION TO TELECOMMUNICATIONS ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE NO. 143A AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1, ARTICLE III, PERMITS, SECTION 10, ANNUAL PERMIT FEES, SUBSECTION 2, OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ORDINANCE, ORDINANCE 143; AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE REGULATION OF THE ACCESS TO AND ONGOING USE OF PUBLIC UTILITY EASEMENTS AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY BY TELECOMMUNICATIONS PROVIDERS; PROVIDING FOR A PERMIT AND PERMIT FEES; PROVIDING FOR A RESERVATION OF RIGHTS; PROVIDING FOR DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING FOR A PERMIT APPLICATION PROCEDURE; PROVIDING FOR ANNUAL PERMIT FEES; PROVIDING FOR THE USE OF THE PUBLIC EASEMENTS AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY BY A PERMITTEE; PROVIDING FOR INSTALLATION, CONSTRUCTION AND/OR RELOCATION OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS PROVIDERS FACILITIES; PROVIDING FOR LIABILITY AND INSURANCE; PROHIBITING THE ASSIGNMENT OF A PERMIT; PROVIDING FOR REVOCATION AND REMOVAL OF FACILITIES; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF. THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDAINS:

TELECOMMUNICATIONS ARTICLE III-PERMITS SECTION 1. The purpose of the Ordinance is to amend the annual permit fee section of the Ordinance to regulate the access to and ongoing use of Public Utility Easements and Rights-of-Way by telecommunications providers. Section 10 Annual Permit Fees. This section provides for the establishment, option and payment of an annual permit fee in alternative forms and the records attendant thereto. It provides for the Township Board, by Ordinance or resolution, to establish permit fees including a minimum fee for Permittees electing the 1% of annual Gross Revenues option.

SECTION 2 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 3 REPEAL. This Section provides for the repeal of all conflicting Ordinances.

SECTION 4 SAVINGS CLAUSE. This section provides that the repeal and amendment provided for herein shall not abrogate or affect any acts committed or done, or any penalty or forfeiture incurred, or any pending litigation or prosecution or any right established or occurring prior to the effective date of this Ordinance.

SECTION 5 EFFECTIVE DATE. This Section provides that the Ordinance shall take full force and effect upon publication. Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to approve the transfer of \$250,000 from the Community Improvement Fund to the General Fund for the renovations at the Canton Softball Center. All Ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to approve the following budget amendments to provide funds for this transfer and the Canton Softball Center renovations.

GENERAL FUND. Increase Revenues: Transfer from Community Impr. Fund #101-000-696-2460 \$250,000. Appropriation from Fund Balance 101-000-699-0000 250,000. Revenue Total \$500,000. COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT FUND. Increase Revenues: Appropriation from Fund Balance #246-000-699-0000 \$250,000. Increase Appropriations: Transfer to General Fund #246-959-965-1010 \$250,000.

This budget amendment increases the Community improvement Fund budget from \$2,385,000 to \$2,635,000. All Ayes

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to return to a closed session at 8:17 P.M. for further discussion on the sale of property. All Ayes

ADJOURN. Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly, to return to an open session for the purpose of adjournment at 8:59 P.M. All Ayes

The above is a synopsis of actions taken at the Regular Board meeting held on Feb. 9, 1999. The full text of the approved minutes will be available following the next regular meeting of the Board on Feb. 23, 1999.

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

# Plymouth Observer

## OPINION

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794 SOUTH MAIN, PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN 48170

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1999

## Renaissance Downtown gets the lead out

Downtown Plymouth seems to be coming together - finally.

Last week, the slow-moving Downtown Development Authority hired a new director to replace Steve Guile, who left in September for a similar position in Westland. The DDA went through two searches, turning up 32 applicants the first time around and four during the second "national search." (Why there had to be two searches is beyond us, especially since empty storefronts were popping up left and right in the meantime.) Melanie Purcell, the village manager of Lake Orion, is expected to begin the job in mid-March. Purcell was from the first pool of candidates.

The dilapidated Mayflower Hotel is nearing a date with the wrecking ball, according to its owner, Matt Karmo. Karmo has a deal with Northville developer John Vincenti for one of three proposals that includes a new hotel, retail or commercial.

Could it really be true - night life in Plymouth? It seems so. Paisano's owner Frank Yaquinto is opening a restaurant similar to his Dearborn eatery which will feature live entertainment on Main Street, across from Kellogg Park.

The Penn Theatre owners also teamed up with Mark Ridley to bring comedy acts to the theater Friday and Saturday nights. City officials

gave the plan their stamp of approval by granting the Penn a liquor license.

E.G. Nicks has its eye on a Forest Avenue storefront, although it has moved very slowly to open the restaurant.

The Box Bar also received the city's go-ahead to tear down the neighboring building, formerly American Pie. Plans are to expand into the current Box parking lot and use the Van Esley property as its parking lot.

Rumors also have Jack Wilcox firming up plans to move his historic house adjacent to the Penn Theatre to make way for a retail and commercial complex.

Walking through downtown, it's evident that something has been missing. Empty storefronts with "for lease" signs have become commonplace, although that seems to be changing. In these good economic times, it is a wonder why landlords couldn't fill these retail spaces, especially in a viable downtown such as ours.

The lack of a DDA director for the past five months isn't solely responsible, we admit. The laissez faire attitude among some landlords has exacerbated the problem.

Hopefully, a revived interest from new businesses and developers along with a new DDA director will pump some fresh air into downtown.

## Tie county pay raises to inflation

It's time to take another look at how Wayne County elected officials are given pay raises.

Currently, Wayne County elected officials receive pay increases based on the governor's salary and actions by state lawmakers on recommendations that come from the State Officers Compensation Commission. It's a convenient way to sidestep the accountability that ought to rest at the county level.

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.

County Executive Edward McNamara will earn \$134,594 this year and \$146,707 in 2000, up from his 1998 salary of \$123,481. County Prosecutor John O'Hair's salary will receive the same percentage increases 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 will receive 75 percent of McNamara's salary, bringing those salaries to \$110,030 in 2000.

These salaries are slightly higher but overall comparable to what elected officials in Oakland County receive.

Wayne County commissioners will be paid \$53,838 this year, and \$58,682 in 2000. Last year, they were paid a \$49,392 salary, adjusted to 40 percent of the county executive's salary.

The board chairman receives an additional \$12,000 more per year as the chairman, while two others are paid \$6,000 more annually in their leadership positions.

Six commission committee chairs receive an

additional \$4,000 a year.

We do not object to pay increases for county officials, but they should be tied to the rate of inflation and not what happens to salaries at the state level.

One newly elected commissioner called the increases outrageous and this time we agree.

Elected officials will receive 18 percent over two years after the Wayne County Commission failed to reject the increases.

The motion to reject the raises failed by one vote on Feb. 4.

The motion was supported, 9-6. But it failed because the county charter requires a two-thirds vote or 10 commissioners to deny the raises.

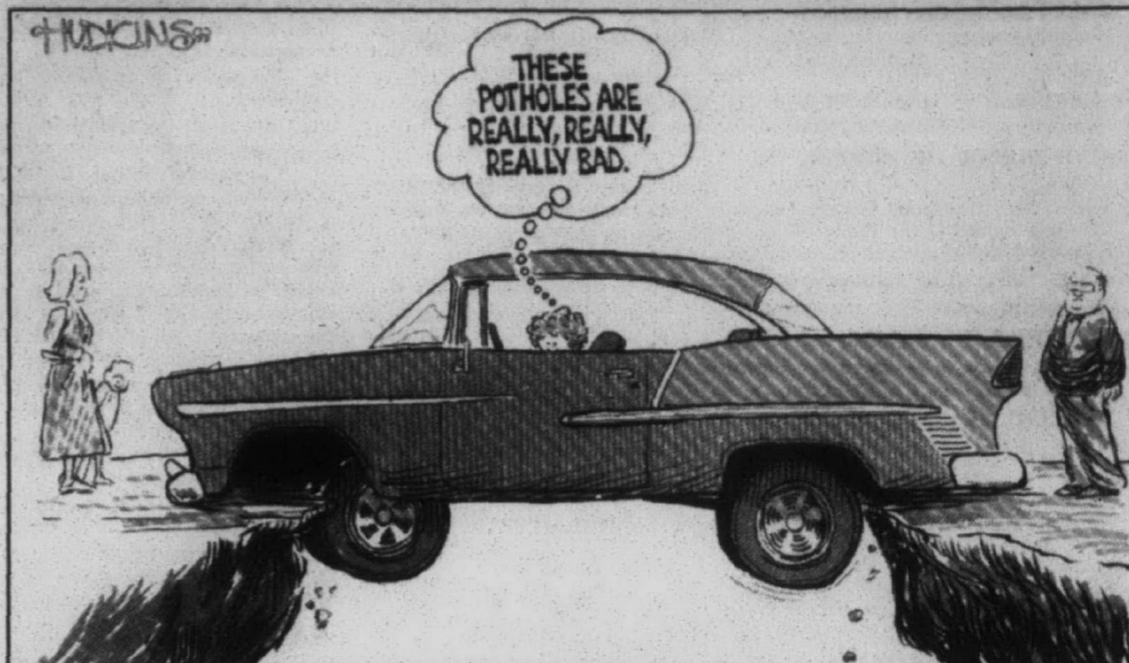
One local commissioner summed up her support of the pay increases by noting that the percentages were recommended by the state. How convenient. But don't expect the county board to listen if the state recommends how Wayne County should spend money in other areas.

Commissioners who supported the motion to reject the raises were Lyn Bankes, R-Livonia, Kathleen Husk, R-Redford, and John Sullivan, D-Wayne, who also represents Canton, along with Edna Bell, D-Detroit, Edward Boike, D-Taylor, Susan Hubbard, D-Dearborn, Joe Palamara, D-Wyandotte, Bernard Parker, D-Detroit, and Jewel Ware, D-Detroit.

Commissioners who opposed the motion - and supported the raises - were Chairman Ricardo Solomon, D-Detroit, Vice Chair Kay Beard, D-Westland, Robert Blackwell, D-Detroit, Chris Cavanagh, D-Detroit, George Cushingberry, D-Detroit, and Ilona Varga, D-Detroit.

Two years ago, a few commissioners sought to tie the commission's raise to the rate of inflation. The idea didn't get off the ground. It's time to try again.

ARKIE HUDKINS



LETTERS

### Work together

As the father of three school-age children, a Plymouth Township resident and the registrar for the CCJBSA/PCJBL, I am appalled by the stench of politics that has engulfed our youth summer baseball/softball program and caused such a rift between the Plymouth, Plymouth Township and Canton Township communities. I am also saddened by comments attributed to Canton Township Supervisor Thomas Yack, who apparently is insensitive to and unconcerned about the historic bonds that unite our communities. For decades, these communities have come together as one, built around the solid bedrock of our education system. Close friendships and family relationships have been forged which tie the community together much like the shared borders do.

In this regard, I ask, was it really necessary to eliminate the Plymouth name from the decades-old, highly successful and respected baseball program fondly known as the Plymouth Canton Junior Baseball League? Do our Canton neighbors know, or care, how this name change came about? Is anyone aware that Canton Township government leaders made this request of the governing board of the PCJBL? It was rumored that perhaps Canton would form its own baseball league and leave the PCJBL scrambling to find baseball fields if the request were not honored. As a result, the men and women who serve on the board of the CCJBSA/PCJBL have suffered a great deal of undeserved and unjustified criticism over the name change, and few recognize that they acquiesced to this request for the "plum" of additional playing surfaces that Canton Township leaders dangled in front of them. It is no secret that this community is starved for playing fields. Before the purchase of the Michigan Avenue complex, Plymouth Township provided a disproportionate number of playing surfaces compared to the number of Plymouth Township children participating in the league, but the inequity caused no concern. Do Canton voters, our friends and relatives, know about their leaders' backroom maneuvering? This is politics at its worst, and frankly, I find it disgusting!

Many of us parents have worked tirelessly to make this league a success. People like Harry Hill, Milt Thackaberry, Buck Horn, John Filios and countless others have devoted a significant portion of their lives to the league. None of the volunteers have ever questioned the community in which others resided. It did not, and should not matter! The sole objective was, and is, to provide an opportunity for all the youth of this community to play baseball and softball, just as we did when we were kids.

Mr. Yack, I am certain that you do not fairly represent your constituents when you make statements that serve to drive wedges

between the communities. Coleman Young proceeded in this manner in the City of Detroit, and the divisiveness it caused with the suburbs was a cancer that Dennis Archer is still trying to cure. Take it somewhere else, because that brand of "leadership" does not work. We all must work together in a spirit of cooperation to maintain our youth recreation programs and the spirit of community that these programs engender.

Robert M. Bilkie Jr.  
Plymouth Township

### Coverage earns merit badge

I would like to commend the Observer on your Jan. 24 coverage of the events at Nankin Mills Interpretive Center. There are many great programs available due to the passing of the parks millage. It is truly wonderful to have available these park programs. They will enrich our children with the wonders of nature within our own community.

My Junior Girl Scout troop has earned two badges through workshops at Nankin Mills, and we are on the calendar for two more in the very near future. Due to these workshops and the Observer coverage, our troop is not only able to earn badges that are difficult to complete in a short period of time, but their families and friends now have knowledge of interesting trails to hike near home. Many of our girls have gotten on the mailing list and participate in other activities at the center on their own. Thank you for your continued coverage.

Roxanne Hundsrucker  
Livonia

### Teeing up justice

First, it was Simpson. Then it was Clinton. Now each will have plenty of time to improve his golf game. Who was it who said, "Crime doesn't pay?"

Neil Goodbred  
Livonia

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Wesley Kaiser  
Plymouth



"Space travel."  
Patricia Olson  
Plymouth



"The car."  
Jim Gerometta  
Plymouth



"The computer."  
Joy Ziegler  
Northville

We asked this question in front of the Plymouth library.

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POINTS OF VIEW

# Treatment of mental illness shows great progress

It took a number of years for doctors to diagnose my mother as having manic-depressive illness.

It took longer for medicine to come up with drugs like lithium which had the power to control it.

Even then, she resisted treatment and more years went by before we finally found a doctor with the patience and skill to work successfully with her.

Now, at the age of 83, she has been stabilized for about 15 years, free to be the curious, loving person who had been camouflaged by the terror and stigma of this powerful illness.

But even today, she won't fully acknowledge the disease or the upheaval it caused our family.

That's why I was totally blown away by the tenor and turnout of a recent meeting of The Alliance for the

Mentally Ill of Oakland County.

More than 250 people came to hear Dr. Alan Rosenbaum, a leading expert with a practice in Farmington Hills, discuss "Current Use Of Medication in Manic-Depressive Illness."

Most, it appeared from the questions asked, had the physically-based disease, also referred to as bipolar illness. Others had relatives they wanted to help. And everyone was as open about it.

They freely raised their hands with questions as Rosenbaum detailed the variety of drugs - and their side effects - now available to treat manic depressive disease, which he breaks down into Bipolar I and Bipolar II.

"I've been on lithium since 1989 ..." "My daughter is 19, recently diagnosed ..." "How far are we away from having diagnostic tests to know what



JUDITH DONER BERNE

works ...?" "How do you find the right kind of doctor ...?"

Even Rosenbaum and Hope Cummins, president of The Oakland AMI, were impressed. "This is really an awesome turnout for this meeting. It's the biggest audience we've ever had," Cummins said.

"I was amazed," Rosenbaum sec-

onded. "I think this is a tremendous change. The people accept that they have an illness and they want to know all they can about it. I've not seen an audience be that open."

Rosenbaum has been on the cutting edge of treating this subtle illness, which was only confirmed as physically-based in recent years.

It is characterized but not limited to recurrent episodes of mania, depression or both at the same time. It can manifest itself in psychotic, paranoid or schizophrenia-like symptoms, alcohol abuse, postpartum depression or even eating disorders.

Lithium, used as a mood stabilizer, has been joined by a variety of drugs, each of which works on a different area of the brain. Unfortunately there are few pat formulas. Rosenbaum acknowledged that people respond

differently to both the various medications and the dosages. That translates into trial and error.

"If you're a young person," Rosenbaum added, "it can be hard to accept the disease. But the longer you go the harder it is to treat." Still, "things have progressed amazingly, as far as I'm concerned," he said. "I used lithium for the first time in 1967. I had to talk my pharmacist into letting me have it."

But the breakthroughs haven't all been on the medical side. Credit the leadership of organizations such as The AMI of Oakland County.

Judith Doner Berne, a West Bloomfield resident, is former managing editor of the Eccentric Newspapers. You can comment by calling (734) 953-2047, Ext. 1997, or in a letter or fax, (734) 591-7279, to the editor.

# Governor's improving on land preservation concerns

Many environmentalists gasped with delight last month when Gov. John Engler, in his State of the State speech, actually used the words "urban sprawl." In his first eight years, he didn't seem to know the meaning of the term that summarizes how we're eating up open space far faster than our population is growing.

Could it be true? Did a thunderbolt come from Heaven, as it did to St. Paul on the road to Damascus, and convert Engler? Did he suddenly become a believer in preserving our woods and fields and wetlands?

Not quite. Here is the complete quote, with emphasis added: "As we work together to implement Clean Michigan, save farmland and reduce urban sprawl..."

The operative words are "save farmland." Farmers are in agribusiness. Their voices are louder, believe me, than environmentalists'.

The Detroit papers missed the Feb.

11 exchange between Engler's budget director, Mary Lannoye, and Sen. George McManus, R-Traverse City. You don't see McManus' name much in these papers because he focuses with laser precision on agribusiness issues the way Detroit legislators focus solely on "urban" issues.

McManus first complimented Lannoye on putting some money in the budget for the bovine tuberculosis problem in northeast lower Michigan, and he noted that 16 people died and 72 were hospitalized from eating tainted meat, much of it from Michigan. Then he moved to what was really bugging him:

"The agricultural economy is the lowest it has been since 1929. I hear complaints from farmers that they're selling land to pay their mortgages. I hope agriculture is higher on your priority list next year."

Lannoye nodded: Message received. The same day, Senate Majority Leader Dan DeGrow, R-Port Huron,



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announced formation of a Senate task force on agriculture preservation to "examine the status and future of Michigan's second largest industry." Heading it will be McManus, of course, and a member will be Dianne Byrum, D-Onondaga.

There follows a set of "fact sheets" noting the aging of the farm population. In the middle is a significant environmental fact: "Michigan is losing approximately 118 acres of farmland per day."

That number means little to us

suburban computer hackers, so let's explore it. In 5.4 days, Michigan loses a square mile of land. That we can understand. In a year, we lose 67 square miles of land. That's almost two entire townships.

In a decade, we lose 670 square miles, or 18 townships, or more than an average-sized county. That's really a lot of farmland. And it doesn't count woodlands, wetlands and prairies.

Meanwhile, Ladbroke DRC, the state's premier thoroughbred horse track, has shut down as gamblers get sucked in by casinos. That puts a dent in horse raising and the feed business.

DeGrow and McManus go on: "Michigan's apple industry was recently hit hard by competition from cheap imports from China."

Now, any nutritionist, home ec teacher or your own mother can tell you that locally grown food tastes better and is better for you than food shipped from thousands of miles away. Let us not indulge in Asia-

bashing. Let's talk nutrition, health, product safety.

So the Michigan Senate and the Engler administration are getting the message: Development isn't all good. Development isn't the same as economic growth. Development means blacktopping open space and building natural gas-guzzling homes that produce nothing but lawn clippings.

Engler has wised up to the need to curb development in order to protect agribusiness. In his catechism, it's known as "imperfect contrition" - doing the right thing because you fear damnation and loss of campaign contributors. "Perfect contrition" would mean doing the right thing because the Creator says so and it benefits your neighbor (Luke 10: 29-37).

Engler isn't fully there on the environmental issue, but he's improving.

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

# Spending on prisons defies the logic of crime statistics

If you want to know what a politician's real priorities are, forget the window dressing contained in the State of the State (you fill in the blank) Speech. Instead, look to the budget when it's finally submitted.

Gov. John Engler provides an instructive example.

In his widely praised State of the State speech at the end of January, the governor made education his top priority, arguing that Michigan had to be a "smart state" to succeed in the economic competition of the future and proposing all manner of innovations in education.

His budget, unveiled last week, had a distinctly different emphasis. In it, Engler recommended giving state prisons a budget hike nearly four times bigger than the one for public universities.

Engler called on the Legislature to increase appropriations to the Department of Corrections by \$110 million, more than 8 percent, much of the money going to open 4,712 new prison beds. Fifteen public universities would be guaranteed increases of \$24 million - a 1.5 percent increase - while another seven schools would divvy up an extra \$14 million from a new funding formula.

If adopted, Engler's proposed budget would put total state spending on prisons at nearly \$1.57 billion, nearly equal to the \$1.63 billion he wants to spend on higher education. If past priorities are any guide to the future, the Engler budget for 2000 will be the first in Michigan history to spend more money to warehouse criminals than to educate young people.

I don't get it. Or, more accurately, I didn't get it until I read a series of articles recently published in the Atlantic Monthly magazine written by Eric Schlosser.

Taking his text from the famous warning about the "military-industrial complex" in President Eisenhower's 1961 farewell address, Schlosser suggests the real reason behind the enormous increase in prison spending nationwide is the workings of the "prison-industrial complex" - a set of bureaucratic, political and economic interests that encourage increased spending on imprisonment, regardless of the actual need. Not a conspiracy, the prison-industrial complex is "a confluence of special interests that has given prison construction in the United States a seemingly unstoppable momentum."

Schlosser cites these components:



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■ Politicians, both liberal and conservative, who regularly pander to a public fearful of crime by voting for new prisons. If you can get them to stand still for a moment, ask your state representative and senator under what circumstances they would vote against prison construction and staffing and for more money for colleges and universities. Don't hold your breath.

■ Poor rural areas, where prisons have become the main engine of economic growth. There are legislators from northern Michigan and the UP who never met a prison they - and their unemployed constituents - didn't like.

■ Private companies riding the current fad for privatization, that regard the \$1.57 billion spent in Michigan on prisons not as a burden on our taxes but as a lucrative market.

■ State government bureaucrats, in charge of ever-increasing pots of money and power.

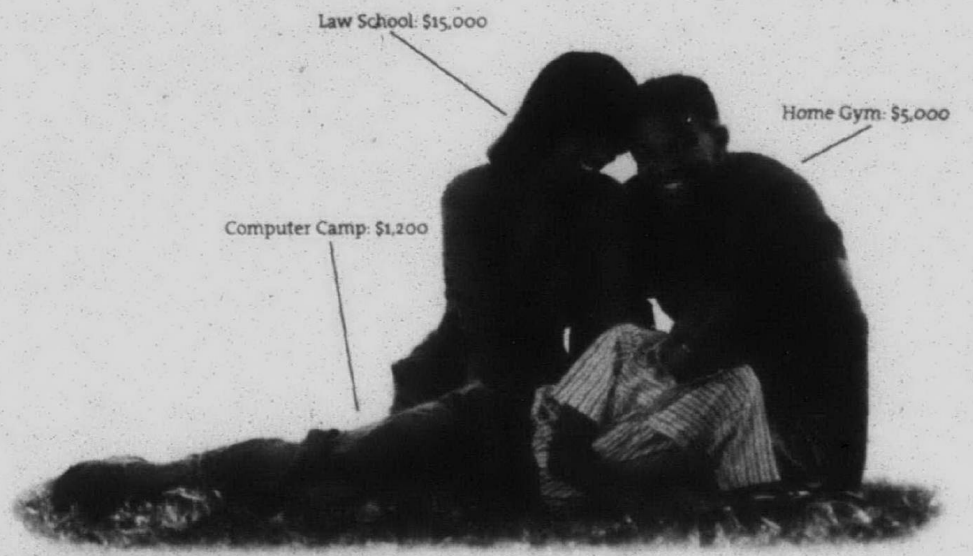
The data are clear. Nationwide since 1991, the rate of violent crime in America has fallen by about 20 percent, while the number of people in prison has risen by 50 percent.

The logic is unstoppable. If crime is going up, we need to build more prisons. But if crime is going down, it's because we have built more prisons. And, most certainly, building yet more prisons will drive the crime rate down even more.

When the Legislature finally passes the Engler budget, you'll see that growth in state spending on prisons easily will surpass spending on colleges and universities. You may not like it, but at least you'll understand why.

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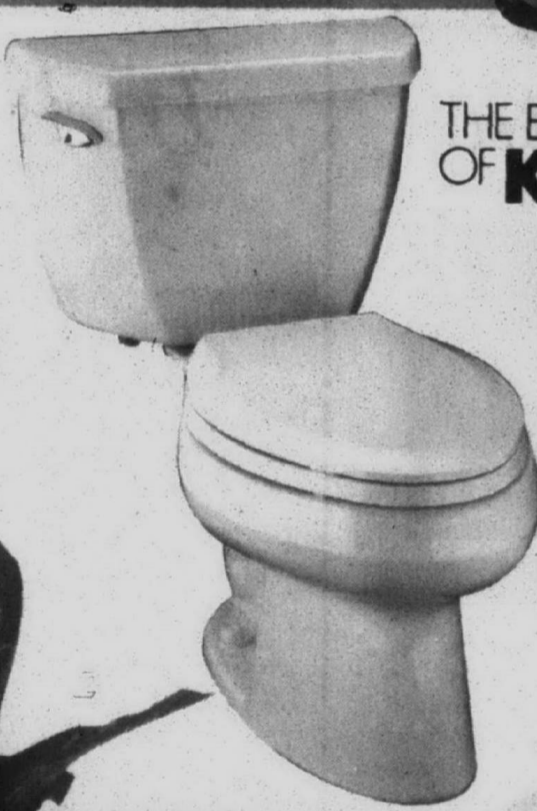
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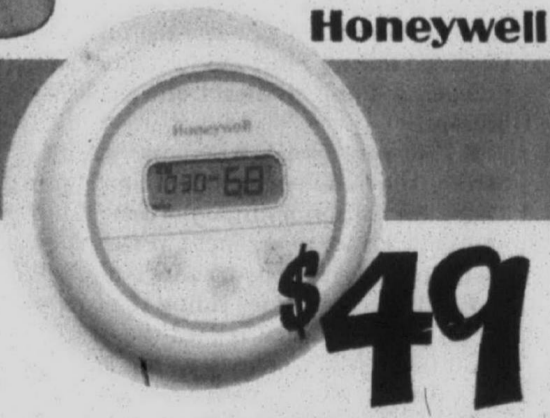
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## HOOKED ON HISTORY



VIRGINIA BAILEY PARKER

## America's favorite game with a twist

Remember the movie, "A League of Their Own"? It featured the Rockford Peaches, a team in the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League (AAGPBL), which operated from 1943-54. Philip Wrigley, the chewing gum magnate and owner of the Chicago Cubs, formed the Midwestern league to temporarily fill the gap in men's baseball during World War II.

When a part of history like this is taken to the silver screen, events become larger than life; it seems the stories belong to people far removed from us.

Not so. Recently, I had the pleasure of meeting Betty Yahr. She played in the league in 1946. I found out about her while standing in the kitchen of fellow Historic District Commissioner Terry Bennett. Something nestled among family snapshots on her refrigerator caught my attention.

"What's this?" I asked.  
"Oh, that's my Aunt Betty's baseball card from when she played for the Rockford Peaches," Bennett replied nonchalantly.

The next thing I knew, Bennett placed a phone call, and I had an interview arranged.

Yahr got into baseball as a kid, growing up in Ann Arbor. There wasn't a school sports program for girls then, so she played sandlot baseball with the boys.

Later, she played in a recreation league (her mother lied about Yahr's age to get her on the team at age 12) and then on major, state-champ, amateur softball teams. It was while playing for a Flint team that her talent was noticed and a tryout was arranged for the AAGPBL.

### Accuracy and movies

I was interested in finding out what movieland had portrayed accurately, like sliding into home plate in skirts.

"There was some padding in the shorts underneath, but not much, believe me," Yahr said. "We got a lot of leg burns."

Did the players mind having to forgo standard baseball pants?

"No," she said. "You just wanted to play ball; you didn't care what you were wearing."

The women's league began with a fast version of softball that, over the years, developed into a hybrid of soft and hardball. They started with a standard softball and gradually converted to a hardball slightly bigger than the official men's size. The diamonds were somewhat smaller, and, in time, they added sidearm and overhand pitches to underhand.

Their mitts were much smaller, "not like the big leagues today," Yahr said, adding, "If they can't catch them in those, they're not ballplayers, in my opinion!"

Like any major leaguer, Yahr played double-headers and night games. She also threw right but batted left. "You're closer to first base, and you can beat out a bunt."

At 75, the mischievous glint of a competitor still flashes in her eye. And yes, they really did attend etiquette classes. They were taught how to walk, they couldn't wear slacks, and makeup lessons were part of the program.

Helena Rubenstein came in person for that.

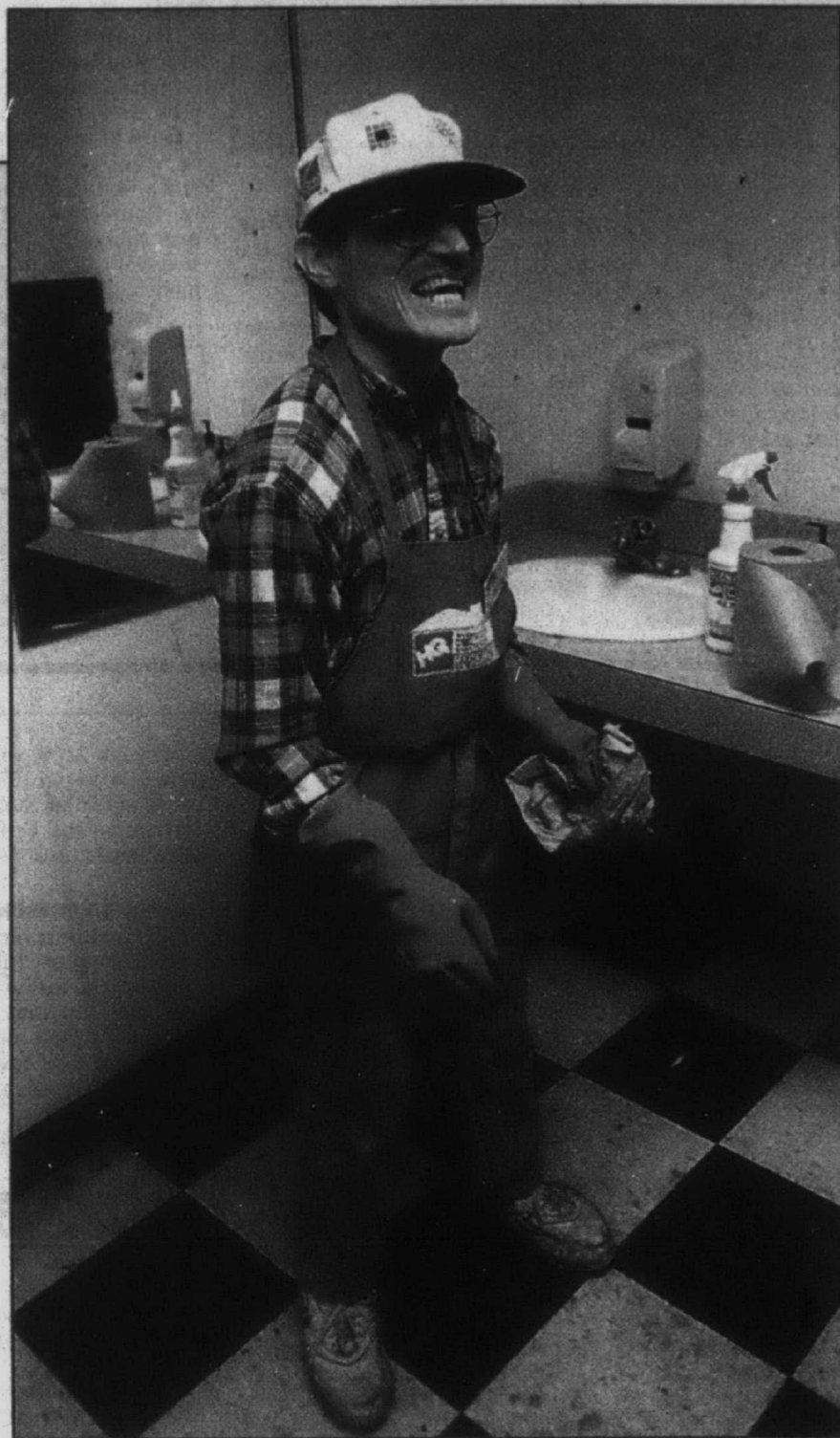
They were also told to wipe off their silverware, "which I still do today. It's a good lesson, in case you want to look well someday," Yahr said.

The teams traveled with chaperones. "We had to be ladies at all times, even when you were going back from the ballpark to where you stayed."

### Breaking the rules

Even though managers kept tabs on the players, girls sometimes broke the rules. Yahr recalled how teammates occasionally slipped away to a country bar outside Rockford. Those who were caught got the ultimatum: Abide by

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STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI  
SPECIAL WRITER

Developmentally disabled, frail and suffering from cerebral palsy, Larry Chontos appeared to most people unable to work.

He continues to prove everyone wrong nearly 10 years after he became involved with Business Ventures Corp., a nonprofit job training and placement organization for the mentally disabled. In fact, he remains one of the company's best success stories.

The 41-year-old Garden City resident has worked at Builders Square II store in Canton for more than six years. Store managers not only depend on him to show up everyday and work hard, but they also use him

as an example of good work ethics for other employees, said Leanne Booth, the assistant manager.

As maintenance supervisor, overseeing only himself, Chontos cleans the restrooms and break rooms among a variety of other odd jobs at the Ford and Lilley store.

"He will come looking for us to see what needs to be done," Booth said. "We don't have to tell him anything. I often kid with the other adults and say, 'Take Larry's lead. He comes in every day and he knows what to do without being told.'"

There's an easy rapport between Chontos and his co-workers and listening to banter among them emphasizes a mutual affection. In fact, Chontos said, the best part of his

Monday-through-Friday job is the people.

"I like the people I work with," he said.

### Success at work

Chontos' story is one of many that come from Business Ventures, a private company that rents space in Bryant Center in Livonia. Every client comes with different needs and experience. Some have already gone through a special education program and others have led sheltered lives, protected by their parents, said program director George Lyons. Many have Down syndrome, mental retardation, cerebral palsy or a combination of problems.

Job coaches work on their social

skills, help them understand what's expected from an employee, and in some cases, teach appropriate public behavior. The crew is trained while cleaning churches and rooms at the Comfort Inn in Livonia. Training often takes years.

At the Comfort Inn, coaches like Carol Budzinski not only guide them as they fold bed sheets, but more importantly, show them how to act with other employees and what not to do or say.

"The biggest challenge is behavior problems," Budzinski said. "It takes a lot of patience, but it's great to see their accomplishments, even the smallest things means a lot. And that's your reward."

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## Hi ho, hi ho



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Good example: At the Builders Square II store in Canton, Larry Chontos (at left) serves as an example of a good work ethic for other employees. Steve Woodbeck (top photo) hones his work skills while making beds at the Comfort Inn in Livonia.

## Handicapped find niche in workplace

## Venturing into the workforce

Business Ventures Corp. got its start in 1986, and its first job training program was delivering the Livonia Observer. Since then, the number of mentally handicapped people who have been helped and the number of companies that have gotten involved has grown.

People hear about the program through word-of-mouth or through agency referrals.

The federal- and state-funded

Wayne Community Living Services, a county agency that provides for mentally handicapped people, contracts with Business Ventures for services.

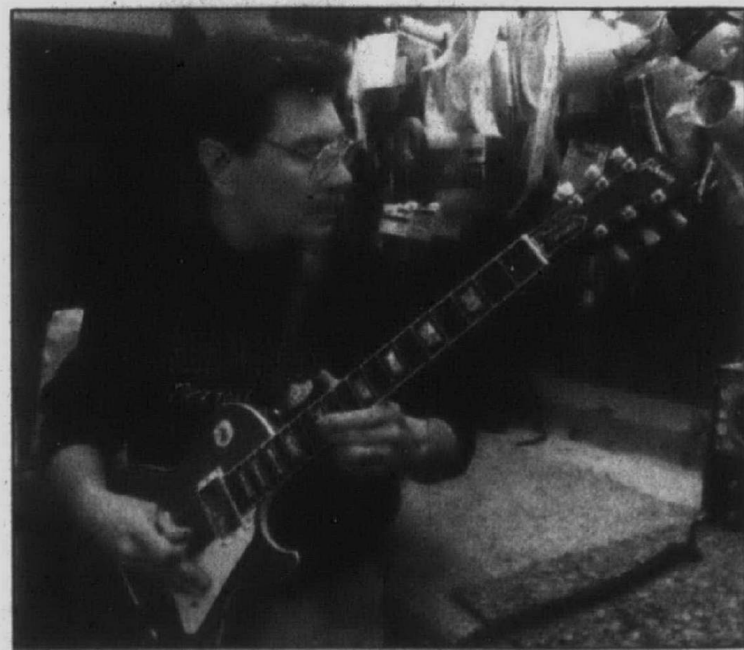
Business Ventures pays the mentally handicapped people at least a minimum wage while they're being trained, while the companies where they work pay Business Ventures for the work completed during the training program.

After the client completes training, they are placed in a job. Once they know their responsibilities, their affiliation with Business Ventures is phased out. However, if the client needs assistance in any way, they are encouraged to call Business Ventures for help.

Business Ventures Corp. is based at the Bryant Center, 18000 Merriam, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 422-8130.



On the job: Job coach Carol Budzinski watches as Danielle Gentry of Redford cleans a bathroom at the Comfort Inn.



STAFF PHOTO BY JIM JAGDFELD

In key: Mike Koontz uses an electronic tuning device to do a final tuning of a Gibson Les Paul Standard Gold Top guitar in his Ferndale shop.

## He's strumming for success

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO  
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Shy and modest, guitar repairman Mike Koontz doesn't like to brag about his work. Bespectacled and sporting a mustache, Koontz stands in his Ferndale shop and shrugs off any sort of compliments.

Sure, he's worked for a few, you know, sort of well-known musicians — Kiss bassist Gene Simmons and Sponge guitarist Mike Cross — but nobody that big, he says in his "gee whiz" tone. Amongst a smattering of black and white autographed band photos lies a glistening gold record awarded to Koontz from Detroit rockers Sponge.

"I've been having him work on my guitars pretty much since I started working in the music business 10 years ago," said Cross, an Oakland County resident. "We make it a point to bring all our work to him."

Chris Flanagan, a Bishop Foley High School graduate who grew up in Troy, calls Koontz "a magician."

"He's a consummate perfectionist; there's

nobody better. All he's ever done for me is a fret job and he does it perfectly every single time," said Flanagan, who co-owns Street Corner Music in Beverly Hills, and plays with the local surf band The Volcanos.

But to Koontz, owner of Koontz Guitar Repair in Ferndale, all those comments are unnecessary.

"They all lie," Koontz said with a shy smile. "I just try and bend over backward and try and give them what they want. I try and do the best that I can."

His best has pushed Koontz to the forefront of the trade.

Koontz spent the first 12 years of his life in what was then the "rural area" of Seven Mile and Middlebelt roads in Livonia. His family moved to Redford where he graduated from Thurston High School in 1968. He honed his guitar chops playing in garage bands during his years at Thurston.

"It was not very good; the rest of the guys were better than me," said Koontz, who lives in Warren with his wife and family. "The more I

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play, the worse I get. I lean more toward the technical aspects of guitar. That's what I do to try to make up for a lack of talent."

"He couldn't afford the expensive guitars so he made due with what he had and worked on them himself."

"I was always trying to get something to play right," he said. "All I could afford was junk, so I tried to make it work. Even if there was somebody around to fix things, you couldn't have afforded them anyway - especially back then as difficult as it was just to get money for regular stuff."

His DIY (do-it-yourself) ethic led to a 20-year career. Koontz's resume includes Savannah Guitars and Pyramid Guitars, the Guitar and Drum Center and Gus Zoppi Music Center at 17 Mile and Dequindre roads in Warren.

It was at the Guitar and Drum Center that he forged a relationship that would last a career.

"When I met him, I was teaching guitar there; I was 18. I found him to be the most thor-

ough person," said Sponge's Cross, whose band is tentatively scheduled to release its third album on the Beyond label in early April. "He's the best in the business. I trust him altogether."

Six years ago, he opened Koontz Guitar Repair, where he repairs guitars and bass guitars.

Koontz is modest when talking about his clients. Over his shoulder is the gold record that Sponge gave him. Nearby are autographed pictures of Country Joe McDonald and Jack Scott.

"I've done work for a lot of people, but most of the time, the roadies end up bringing stuff in so I never hardly meet people," he said.

To pique his memory of his clients, Koontz reaches into an old gray file cabinet. From a small file, he pulls a receipt signed by '60s folk star Donovan, and autographs of Larry McCray and Fleetwood Mac member John McVie.

"I run into a lot of people, some of the people are kind of noteworthy. It's all by word-of-mouth; everything that I do is by

### Not to fret

Koontz Guitar Repair is at 600 Hilton, at Jewell Street, east of Woodward Avenue, in Ferndale. The phone number is (248) 545-5460.

Mike Koontz, a former resident of Livonia and Redford, repairs guitars, bass guitars and does minor repairs on banjos and mandolins. Repairs range in cost from \$7.50 to \$500. The average turn-around time is three to four days, but there may be a five-day or several-week waiting period.

word-of-mouth. Just recently I worked on some of Gene Simmons' stuff - a couple of his basses," said Koontz as he showed photos of Simmons' bass. "Usually it's an emergency situation."

"Generally, you set the other customers' stuff aside and put up with the screaming and everything else that goes along with that. It's one big great juggling act. There's a lot of people that play guitar."

The most challenging jobs, Koontz explained, are paint jobs and structural repairs on acoustic guitars.

### A gratifying job

Perhaps the most gratifying, however, was repairing a guitar for the family of a musician who had died in a car accident.

"The guitar was in the car with him and the guitar was - the accident must have been really bad - the guitar was completely shattered, I mean it was in pieces," he said. "His parents and his sister bought it for him. His family members came in with this guitar. I was able to put it together and get it all back playable and everything, just like it never happened."

"When they saw that, they cried. I mean they literally cried when they picked it up. That was probably the most rewarding repair I've ever done."

Koontz still finds the most challenging aspect of owning Koontz Guitar is making money.

"There's times that it's like any other service job; it depends on when everybody come in and pick up repairs," he said. "The nature of the business is strictly on what type of work comes in and whether it's picked up quickly. Sometimes, if people don't pick things up then you can have several bad weeks or several bad months."

"Your customers are your lifeblood. That's when the juggling act really starts to happen. If you get a big job in here that somebody doesn't pick up and you're expecting that kind of money to come in, then you have to hurry and scramble and do all these other little things and make less money in order to try and make up for what wasn't picked up."

It doesn't matter if the client is

a professional player or a hobbyist, Koontz said he makes sure the job is top-notch. He has one employee, Ramo James, who also works as a repairman at Wonderland Music in Dearborn. He comes in a couple times a week.

"I'm here sometimes very early into the morning," he said. "Sometimes I'll go home and come back and be here until 3:30, 4:30 in the morning; whatever it takes to get the job done. I've never put in a 40-hour week, never."

Some of those late nights have been spent on the "troublesome" five-string fretless bass owned by Steve Vilnius of the local pop band Brilliant.

"I didn't spend my early musical career in Michigan, but I quickly found out that if there was one guy to fix it, one guy to turn a sow's ear into a silk purse, it is Mike Koontz," said Vilnius, whose band will release the single "Tell Me"/"The Weight of Your Words" in early March. "He is otherwise known as God and he is truly the Lord when it comes to stringed instruments."

## CRAFTS CALENDAR

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

**SACRED HEART**  
Sacred Heart Church will have a craft show 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. March 6 at the church, 29125 W. Six Mile, east of Middlebelt, Livonia. There also will be a bake sale and light lunch. For more information, or table

rental, call Jennifer at (248) 426-6227.

**SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE**  
Schoolcraft College will have its spring craft show 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. March 6 in the Physical Education Building on campus, 18600 Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile, Livonia. There will be 150 crafters, refreshments and hourly raffles. Admission will be \$1.50 for adults and children 12 years and older, and 50 cents for children ages up to age 12 and free for

children under age 5. For more information, call the department of marketing and development at (734) 462-4417.

**LIVONIA CHURCHILL**  
The Livonia Churchill High School PTSA's 11th annual spring arts and craft show will be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 13 at the school, 8900 Newburgh, Livonia. There will be door prizes, food and beverages. Admission will be \$1. Applications are still being accepted and are available by calling Diane at

(734) 422-4507 or (734) 464-7425.

**MADONNA UNIVERSITY**  
Madonna University will hold its 14th annual spring arts and crafts showcase 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. March 20 in the Activities Center on campus, Schoolcraft and Levan, Livonia. The show will feature a variety of handmade arts and crafts, including pottery, jewelry, paintings, textiles, woodworking, plastic and cross-stitch. A raffle with a grand prize of \$1,000 and five

additional \$100 prizes will be held at 4:30 p.m. Tickets will be available at \$1 each at the door. Admission will be \$2. For more information, call (734) 432-5603.

**LIVONIA STEVENSON**  
The Livonia Stevenson High School Booster Club is accepting applications for its annual spring craft show 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. March 27 at the high school, 33500 Six Mile, Livonia. More than 100 crafters are expected to display their work. A single booth space costs \$50. A limited

number of spaces with electricity are available at no extra charge. For an application form, call (248) 478-2395 or (734) 464-1041.

**CLARENCEVILLE**  
The Clarenceville High School Athletic Booster Club will have "A Touch of Spring" craft boutique 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 27 at the high school, 20155 Middlebelt, Livonia. There will be more than 150 juried crafters, raffle and snack bar. Baby-sitting will be available. Admission will be \$2; no strollers permitted.

# Mystic Creek to host MEDHEALTH classic

MEDHEALTH Wellness Centers will again team up with the Women's FUTURES Professional Golf Tour to bring 120 national and international women players to the Mystic Creek Golf Club in Milford for the ELTURES Golf Classic Tournament Thursday-Saturday, May

27-29. The MEDHEALTH Wellness Center FUTURES Golf Classic, which includes a pro-am tournament on Wednesday, May 26, will benefit developmentally disabled women and children at Our Lady of Providence Center in Northville Township.

Mystic Creek is a 27-hole public golf course inside Camp Dearborn. It has committed to hosting the tournament for three years, according to Jack F. Moores Jr., president and CEO of MEDHEALTH Systems Corporation and chairman of the classic.

"MEDHEALTH Wellness Centers is thrilled to again bring this caliber of women's golf to southeast Michigan," said Moores. "The FUTURES Players we will see in May are poised to become the next generation of LPGA players."

"Having Michigan on the tour schedule underlines the importance of women to golf in our state."

The FUTURES Golf Tour is a privately owned women's professional developmental tour. In 1999, it became the "official developmental tour of the LPGA."

MEDHEALTH also sponsors Shelley Sanders of Sarasota, Fla., and Abby Pearson of Florence, S.C., on the FUTURES tour. Pearson camp up with two wins in tournaments last year, including the MEDHEALTH golf classic.

MEDHEALTH Wellness Centers, a division of MEDHEALTH Systems Corporation, has facilities in Plymouth, Riverview and Southgate.

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the rules, or you're out! While team owners wanted the players to look and behave like ladies, they also wanted them to be able to hit the ball like pros; the contrast sold tickets. In the end, the women were terrific ballplayers, and that's what kept the fans in the stands.

In 1988, the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, N.Y., honored the AAGP-BL by making it part of the permanent exhibit, "Women in Baseball."

Yahr has the distinction of being listed on the roster of women who played in the league. "It is very neat to see your name in the Hall of Fame," she said.

Yahr has another distinction. Last summer, 28 former league players from Michigan were invited to attend a game at Tiger Stadium. "We got out on the field before the game, and they introduced us. At one point, we had to sign anything that anybody brought - balls, bats, jackets."

It wasn't just adults who were interested in meeting them, either. "There were boys and

girls of all ages," she said. No problem; these ballplayers are old hands at signing autographs. Yahr wouldn't trade her time with the Rockford Peaches. "I'd go back today," she said.

That's not surprising. Many American kids have the dream of playing pro ball, if only for one season. Betty Yahr got that chance. Historian and author Virginia Bailey Parker has a bachelor's degree in history and a master's degree in historic preservation. She lives in Canton Township.

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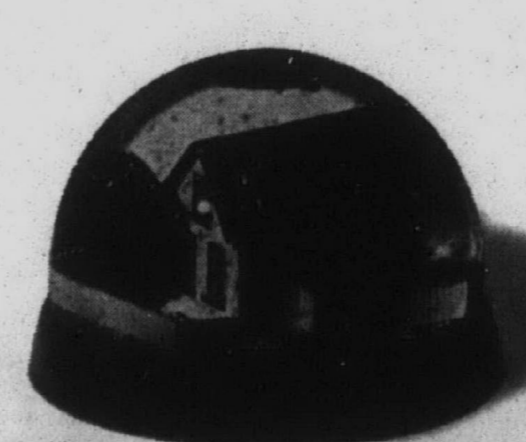
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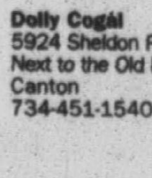
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**WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS**

**Griggs-Sintay**

Bill and Julie Griggs of Napa, Calif., announce the engagement of their daughter, Gina, to Brian Sintay, the son of Larry and Ellen Sintay of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is attending the University of Nevada-Las Vegas School of Nursing.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Michigan State University. He is employed as a writer by the Walt Disney Co. in Burbank, Calif.

A May 2000 wedding is planned in Los Angeles, Calif.

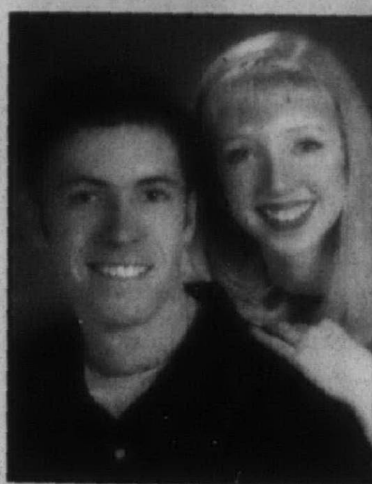


**Long-Minard**

Dan and Nancy Long of Redford announce the engagement of their daughter, Emily Grace, to Matthew James Minard, the son of Don and Annette Minard of Northville.

The bride-to-be is a 1996 graduate of Redford Thurston High School and is pursuing a degree through the honors nursing program at the University of Michigan.

Her fiancé is a 1996 graduate of Northville High School. He expects to graduate from University of Michigan in the spring with a dual degree in mathematics and English prior to enrollment in the U-M Master's Program.



A May wedding is planned at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Northville.

**Lawler-Peters**

Phil and Debbie Lawler of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Emily Suzanne, to Bradley John Peters, the son of Lee and Sharon Peters of Newark, N.Y.

The bride-to-be is a 1996 graduate of Ann Arbor Greenhills School and is pursuing a bachelor's degree in marketing at the Madonna University College of Business. She is employed by the City of Plymouth as the election clerk.

Her fiancé is a 1994 graduate of Newark High School and is a culinary arts student at Schoolcraft College. He is employed by Too Chez Restaurant in Novi.

A May wedding is planned at



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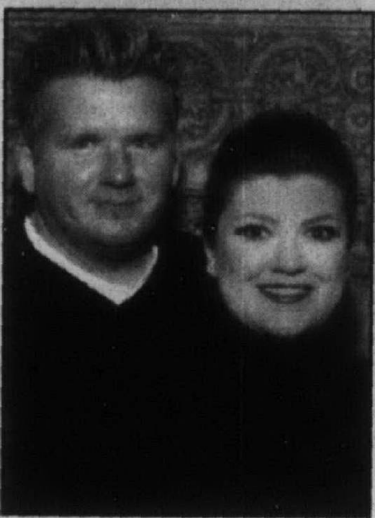
**Schwendimann-Cothran**

Dr. and Mrs. Gary Schwendimann of Hohenwald, Tenn., announce the engagement of their daughter, Heidi Jolee, to Russell Scott Cothran, the son of Connie Mack and Linda Cothran of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of David Lipscomb University in Nashville, Tenn. She is employed in the business office at Baptist Hospital.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Livonia Bentley High School and the Specs Howard School of Broadcasting. He is employed at Music City Record in Nashville as a promotional director.

A March wedding is planned



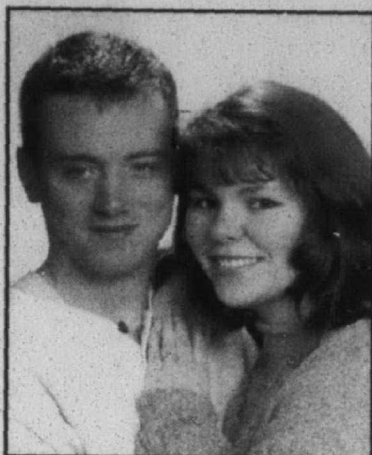
at Wightman Chapel in Nashville.

**Daniels-Robbins**

Pete and Jerri Lynn Daniels of Brighton announce the engagement of their daughter, Kimberly Lynn, to Jason Allen Sobieski, the son of David and Pamela Sobieski of Milford.

The bride-to-be is a 1991 graduate of Garden City High School and a 1996 graduate of the University of Michigan with a bachelor of arts degree in English. She is currently employed by Charlick and Springstead Dental Associates in Brighton.

Her fiancé is a 1992 graduate of Detroit Catholic Central High School and is attending Eastern Michigan University. He is employed by United Parcel Ser-



vice in Livonia. An April wedding in Livonia is being planned.

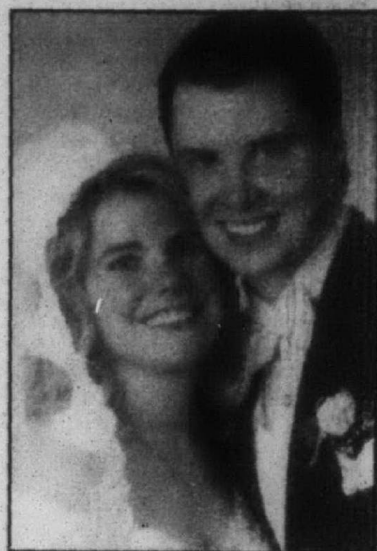
**Bazakis-Parker**

Andrew Michael Bazakis and Christy Anne Parker were married at Nativity of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church in Plymouth Township by the Rev. Michael Varlamos.

The bride is the daughter of Susan Parker of Canton and David and Marilyn Parker of Petersburg, Mich. The groom is the son of James and Marisa Bazakis of Canton.

The bride is a 1989 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School graduate, a 1993 graduate of Grand Valley State University with a bachelor of science degree in therapeutic recreation and a 1997 graduate of Grand Valley State with a master's degree in public administration. She is employed as program coordinator for St. John's Adult Day Services.

The groom is a 1989 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School, a 1993 graduate of the University of Michigan with a bachelor of science degree in psychology and a 1997 graduate of Michigan State University with a medical degree. He is a resident physician in the department of emergency medicine of the University of Rochester/Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester, N.Y.



The bride asked Rebecca Brunink to serve as matron of honor with Jamie Parker as the maid of honor and Christy Chaffin and Cynthia Long as the bridesmaids.

George Merigas served as best man with Adam Kettering, Erick Krueger, David Weil and Bryant Parker as groomsmen.

The couple received guests at a reception at Laurel Manor in Livonia before leaving on a wedding trip to Ocho Rios, Jamaica. They are making their home in Rochester, N.Y.

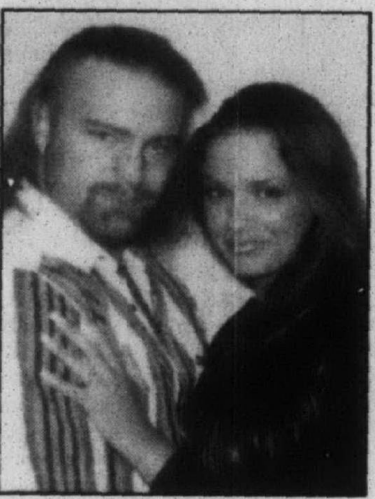
**Wisnieski-Brown**

William and Judith Wisnieski of Dearborn Heights announce the engagement of their daughter, Malissa Marie, to Allen K. Brown, the son of Claude and Evelyn Brown of Romulus.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Paradise Valley High School in Scottsdale, Ariz. She is employed as an account manager.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Romulus High School. He is a professional wrestler who competes at the Wayne Ford Civic League in Westland.

A May wedding is planned.



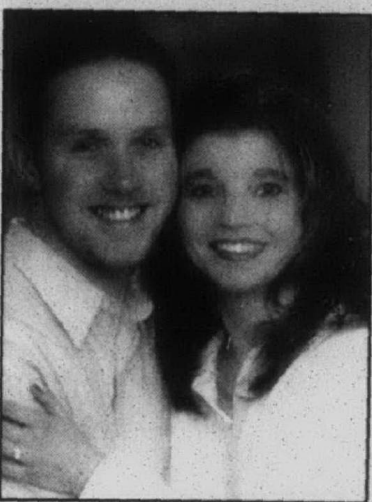
**Sheldon-Smith**

James and Claudia Sheldon of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Dawn Marie, to Brian Walker Smith, the son of Robert and Betty Smith of South Lyon.

The bride-to-be is a 1993 graduate of Livonia Franklin High School. She is attending Oakland Community College.

Her fiancé is a 1989 graduate of South Lyon High School. He is employed by Brighton Ford.

An April wedding is planned at First Baptist Church in South Lyon.



**ANNIVERSARIES**

**Flamme**

Albert and Patricia Flamme of Livonia are celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary.

The couple exchanged vows on Feb. 7, 1959.

The couple has three children - Dennis, Lynda and Lisa - and five grandchildren - Jaclyn, Matthew, Mark, Madison and Mason.

He retired from Ford Motor Co. after working for 37 years as an electrical engineer. He currently is employed by Valeo International. He also taught trigonometry at Schoolcraft College for 35 years.

A registered nurse, she



resigned from her position to raise their three children. Their interests include world travel, fine dining, theater and golf.

**Green**

Thomas and Evelyn Green celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Feb. 14.

Lifelong residents of Livonia, they renewed their vows before their family and friends at St. Edith Church, then gathered for brunch at the Holiday Inn-West.

The couple exchanged vows on Feb. 12, 1949, in Livonia. She is the former Evelyn Gardner.

They have three children - Dorothy Sims, Patricia Betancourt and Mary Cover - eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

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# CALENDAR

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN AND AROUND PLYMOUTH

## WEEKEND

**SINGLES' EVENTS**  
 ■ Single Place holds a walk in the park 10 a.m. every Saturday at Heritage Park, Farmington Road between 10 Mile and 11 Mile in Farmington Hills.  
 ■ Single Place holds the following social events every Sunday: worship 11 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church Sanctuary; brunch 12:30 p.m. at Northville Crossing Restaurant, 18900 Northville Road, Northville; coffee and cards 2 p.m. at Tuscan Cafe, 150 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.

**CAMP FAIR**  
 ■ The annual Camp Fair will be 10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, in Carpenter Elementary School, 4250 Central Boulevard, Ann Arbor. Meet representatives of local, national and international summer programs in Michigan, nearby states, and Canada who will help you choose the right experience for your children ages 5-18. Camps attending include day, resident, travel, sports, science, arts, computer and other summer programs. Sponsored by Washtenaw Camp Placement Association. For more information, call (734) 971-4537.

**MISSIONARY**  
 ■ Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church welcomes Dr. Roy Kaiser as a guest speaker for service at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 21, in the church, 46001 Warren Road, one block west of Canton Center in Canton. Kaiser will talk about "God's Transforming Power." The public is invited. For more information, call the church office at (734) 522-6830 or visit Christ Our Savior's Web site at www.cca.edu/lmcms.

**PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY LEAGUE**  
 ■ The Plymouth Symphony League has started to collect items for its auction at the Plymouth Symphony Pops Concert, which will be

Friday, March 12, in Laurel Manor. If you have items or know of a business that is willing to donate items, call Patty at (734) 416-5293. For more information about the concert, call (734) 451-2112.

**SAT WORKSHOP**  
 ■ SAT I college entrance examination workshops are offered by Oakland University College of Arts and Sciences. Workshop meets on Saturdays for three weeks starting Feb. 20 on the Oakland University campus in Rochester. Cost is \$145. For a brochure or to register, call (248) 370-3125.

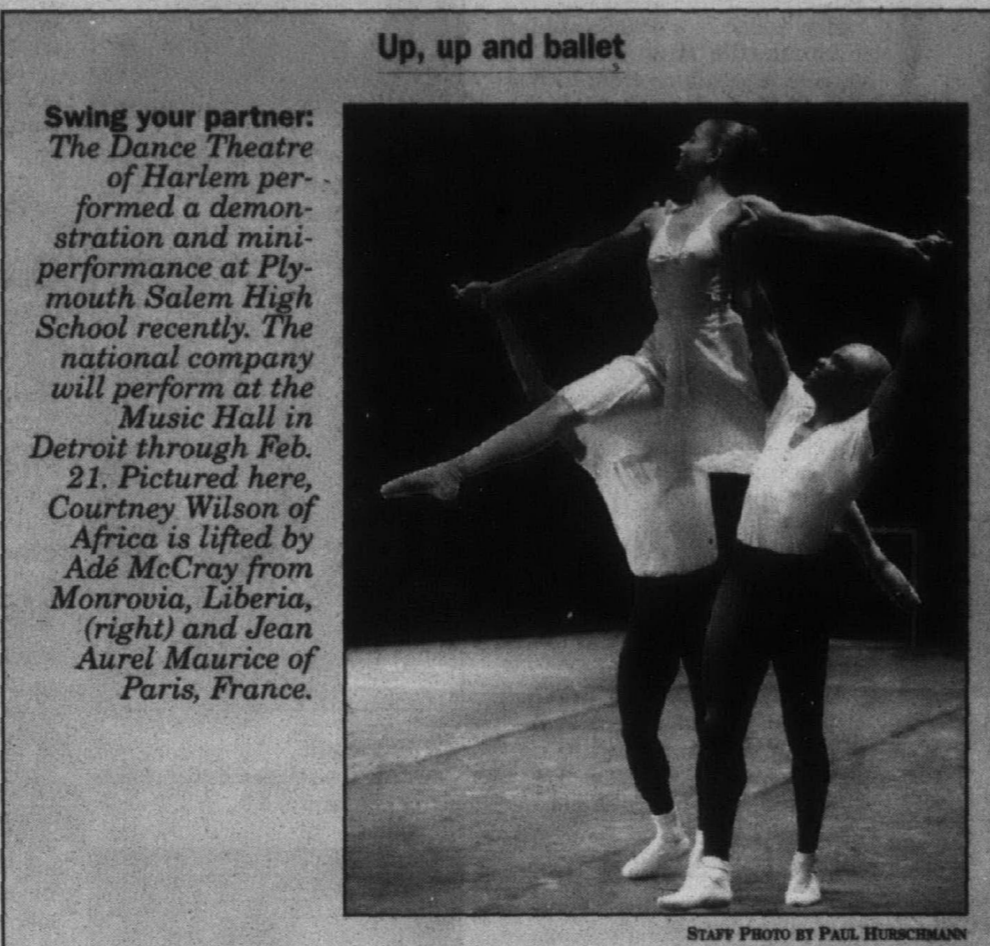
**NASCAR SHOW**  
 ■ Leadfoot Racing Promotions Presents a NASCAR Racing Collectible Show from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 21, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, Plymouth (one mile east of Sheldon). Admission is \$3. All shows, children under 12 free. For more information call (734) 484-6214.

## AROUND TOWN

**YOUTH TEA**  
 ■ The Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter DAR will meet at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, in the Canton Public Library for its annual Youth Tea-Good Citizens and American History Contest winners. Guest speaker will be State Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton. For more information, call (248) 348-1718.

**HEALTHY EATING**  
 ■ Oakwood Healthcare Systems is sponsoring a program called "Healthy Eating On The Run," 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18, at Plymouth Canton High School, 8415 Canton Center, Canton. This program explains how to master the skills needed to eat well despite a hectic schedule. It includes creative suggestions for nutritious, appealing meals away from home, as well as time-saving munchies and dealing with picky eaters. Cost is \$12. For more information, or for registration, call (734) 416-2937.

**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- to 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 one-on-one time for the parent and child. The parent and child will participate in music and finger-playing activities, art



Up, up and ballet

Swing your partner: The Dance Theatre of Harlem performed a demonstration and mini-performance at Plymouth Salem High School recently. The national company will perform at the Music Hall in Detroit through Feb. 21. Pictured here, Courtney Wilson of Africa is lifted by Adé McCray from Monrovia, Liberia, (right) and Jean Aurel Maurice of Paris, France.

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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.

**OPEN HOUSES**  
 ■ Dixboro Cooperative Preschool will hold an open house 10 a.m.-noon Saturday, March 6, at 5221 Church. Children ages 2 1/2 to 5 years old (potty trained) are accepted. Classes are half-day sessions, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings. For more information, call (734) 572-0284.

■ Little Lambs Christian Preschool will hold a preschool registration from 10 a.m.-noon Saturday, March 13, at 45000 N. Territorial (west of Sheldon). Enrollment fee is \$35. Monthly field trips and classroom visitors are included. There is also an evaluation and parent/

teacher conference twice yearly. For more information, call 414-7792.

**PRESCHOOL OPENING**  
 ■ Garfield Co-op still has openings for preschool. Programs for children 18 months to 5 years old. Located in Livonia, at Cass Elementary, 34633 Munger, south of Six Mile and west of Farmington Road. For more information, call (734) 462-0135.

**LENTEN PROGRAM**  
 ■ The Plymouth Ministerial Association's 1999 Ecumenical Lenten Program, "The Cross: The Gift of Life," will take place in the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, 701 W. Church, corner of Main. The 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.

**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.

**NURSING CENTER**  
 ■ The Medilodge Group Inc. has made available to local clubs and organizations a representative to discuss topics that include assisted living, long-term care, services available, reimbursement under Medicare only. If interested, call administrator or admission director, West Trail Nursing Center at (734) 453-3983.

**LEAGUE**  
 ■ Wide World Sports Center is accepting registrations for its Winter Roller Hockey League. Hockey season is Feb. 22-May 2. Deadline to register is Feb. 19. Individual fee is \$85 and team fee is \$735. Instructional and developmental classes offered. For more information, call (734) 913-4625.

**SOFTBALL LEAGUES**  
 ■ The city of Plymouth Recreation Division will be running the following Adult Softball Leagues this spring/summer: Men's Slow Pitch, Women's Slow Pitch, Co-Ed Slow Pitch and Men's Modified. Registration for returning teams will begin March 1. New teams will be able to register starting March 15. Season starts April 26. For more information, call the city of Plymouth Recreation Division at (734) 455-6620.

**ROAD RAGE SEMINAR**  
 ■ AAA Michigan will conduct statewide seminar, "Preventing Road Rage: Anger Management for

Drivers," 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18, in the AAA branch office in Canton. Space is limited. For more information for reservations, call (734) 844-0146.

**KINDERMUSIK**  
 ■ Kindermusik classes will continue through May 8. No class will be held during Plymouth-Canton Community Schools' midwinter break (Feb. 22-27) or Easter break (March 29-April 3). Monday daytime classes are in the Canton Gymnastics Center, 8016 Sheldon Center, 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.

**HERBAL CLASS**  
 ■ Learn about herbs and their historical use. The class begins at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25, at Healthwrap. Learn how American Indians relieved fevers, colic, helped ease the pain of childbirth, and how herbs stopped heart attacks. The presentation includes a slide. The program will be presented by Cindy Klement, certified nutritional consultant. There is a \$5 charge. For more information, call (734) 455-1440.

**TECHNOLOGY CAMP**  
 ■ Techno Masters Technology Camp '99 Creative Camp activities will be 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday, Feb. 22-26, in Bird and Hoben schools. The program is for students in grades one-five. Cost is \$170 per student per week, or \$34 per day. Each day offers a different interactive experience. Enrollment is limited to 24 students per site. For more information, call Pat Vandusen at (734) 416-4927.

**CAMP INVENTION**  
 ■ Camp Invention is coming to Isbister School 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. the week of Aug. 2. Join the one-week science and creativity day camp for children entering grades two-six in the fall. Early registration rate of \$150 must be received by Feb. 28. Call (734) 416-4927.

**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. For more information, call (734) 462-4413.

CALENDAR FORM	
The Plymouth Observer welcomes Calendar items. Items should be from non-profit community groups or individuals announcing a community program or event. Please type or print the information below and mail your item to The Calendar, Plymouth Observer, 794 South Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170, or by fax to 734-459-4224. Deadline for Calendar items is noon Friday for the following Thursday's paper. Call 459-2700 if you have any questions.	
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## MILITARY NEWS

To submit your military announcement, send the material printed or typewritten to: Plymouth-Canton Observer, 794 S. Main St., Plymouth, MI 48170.

**DEPLOYMENT**  
 Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class John G. Sheehy, son of John M. and Teresa M. Sheehy of Canton, recently completed a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific Ocean, Indian Ocean and Arabian Gulf aboard the aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln. Sheehy was one of more than 5,000 sailors and Marines aboard the ship, which returned to its home port of Everett, Wash., after leading the USS Abraham Lincoln Battle Group. He is a 1993 graduate of Plymouth-Salem High School. He joined the Navy in January 1994.

**NATO EXERCISES**  
 Navy Hospitalman Stephen D. Littleton, son of Douglas A. and Beverly J. Littleton of Canton, recently completed one of the largest NATO exercises of the year while on a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf with the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU), embarked aboard the ships of the USS Saipan Amphibious Ready Group (ARG). Littleton's

unit is an expeditionary intervention force with the ability to rapidly organize for combat operations in virtually any environment. He joined the Navy in January 1997.

**PROMOTED**  
 Janet E. Garza has been promoted in the U.S. Air Force Reserve to the rank of lieutenant colonel. Garza is a clinical nurse with the 74th Medical Group, Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio. She is the daughter of Wayne and Donna Falerios of Canton. The colonel is a 1975 graduate of John Glenn High School, Westland, and a 1979 graduate of Incarnate Word College, San Antonio, Texas.

**DEPLOYMENT**  
 Marine Cpl. Ronald K. Cullen, whose wife, Tiffany, is the daughter of Mark and Roxanne Smith of Canton, recently completed a six-month deployment to Okinawa, Japan, with 2nd Battalion, 8th Marines, as part of the Unit Deployment Program (UDP). UDP units based in the United States come to Okinawa for six months to train. From Okinawa, Cullen's unit can deploy to mainland Japan, Korea and many other Pacific countries. The 1994 grad-

uate of Plymouth-Salem High School of Canton joined the Marine Corps in Jan. 1995.

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Marine Lance Cpl. Nathan M. Branin, son of Debra J. Lehner of Canton recently completed a six-month deployment to Okinawa, Japan with 2nd Battalion, 8th Marines, as part of the Unit Deployment Program (UDP). While deployed, Branin's unit participated in many community relations projects bolstering the relationship of the U.S. military and Okinawan citizens. The 1996

graduate of Plymouth Salem High School joined the Marine Corps in February 1997.

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Aaron J. Bell, son of John J. and Sarah A. Bell of Plymouth, recently completed a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea aboard the guided missile destroyer USS Cape St. George, homeported in Norfolk, Va. During the deployment, Bell's ship made significant contributions in support of national interests, both through participation in military operations and by engagement activities with foreign nations. The 1992 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School, joined the Navy in March 1993.

Army Pvt. Scott A. Mowery has arrived for duty at Fort Riley, Junction City, Kansas. Mowery is a military police specialist assigned to the 300th Military Police Company.

The private is the son of Deborah J. and David B. Mowery of Plymouth. He is a 1998 graduate of Churchill High School, Livonia.

**BASIC TRAINING**  
 Navy Seaman Recruit Robert J. Greiner, son of John P. Greiner of Mount Clemens, and Navy Airman

Apprentice Mazen Jishi, son of Jamie Saleh of Canton recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill. During the eight-week program, Greiner completed a variety of training which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, fire fighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis is also placed on physical fitness. Jishi, is a 1998 graduate of Michigan Technical Career Institute of Portage, Mich.

**OPERATION DESERT FOX**  
 Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Joseph M. Miller, son of Kenneth H. and Gloria J. Miller of Canton, and Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class David Nevi, son of Ray A. and Carelain E. Nevi of Plymouth recently participated in Operation Desert Fox while assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Enterprise, currently deployed to the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf. Miller, a 1989 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School joined the Navy in September 1989. Nevi is a 1991 graduate of Canton High School, who joined the Navy in October 1994.

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Standing at a cart filled with shampoos and soaps, Theresa Butcher carefully chooses before she stocks each room on the second floor. The worst part about the job, Butcher said, is getting up in the morning. The best part is that it gives her a chance to get away from home for awhile.

Clients like Butcher will stay at this paid training program on a daily basis until their coaches believe they are ready for a job, often at grocery stores, fast food restaurants and at car dealerships where they wash cars. They're paid the going rate. Lyons commends Kroger in

Livonia and McDonald's stores for placing the most graduates.

"Basically, we're giving them a life," Lyons said. "We try to tap into the potential of the person. We try to see where their interests lie."

Another Business Ventures graduate, a Plymouth resident with Down syndrome, was in her 20s and lived with her parents when she became involved.

"When she came to us, she was very, very shy and bashful," Lyons said. "She had minimal experience away from mom and dad."

After 18 months training, the woman landed a job at McDonald's and has been there for six

years. "She's being integrated into the community," Lyons said. "Before her life was at home and now she is with other people. This was the next step to get out into the world and start to experience life, like the rest of us."

"Twenty years ago many of these people would have been in institutions and taken care of and that was their lives."

### Big transformation

Karen Ajlouny has undergone an equally big transformation. Talking with her in the halls at the Comfort Inn, it's hard to imagine that this outgoing, congenial woman was extremely

fearful and had low self-esteem when she began with Business Ventures.

Taking a break from washing a shower stall, Ajlouny grinned widely as Lyons said, "Now she does very well. She's come a long way, especially with confidence."

The trend for the last two decades has been to bring mentally disabled people, like Chontos, Butcher and Ajlouny, out of the hospital setting and into communities by placing them in group homes and finding them jobs. Suddenly, their tremendous potential was unveiled.

"Little by little, you expose them to more and more," Lyons said.

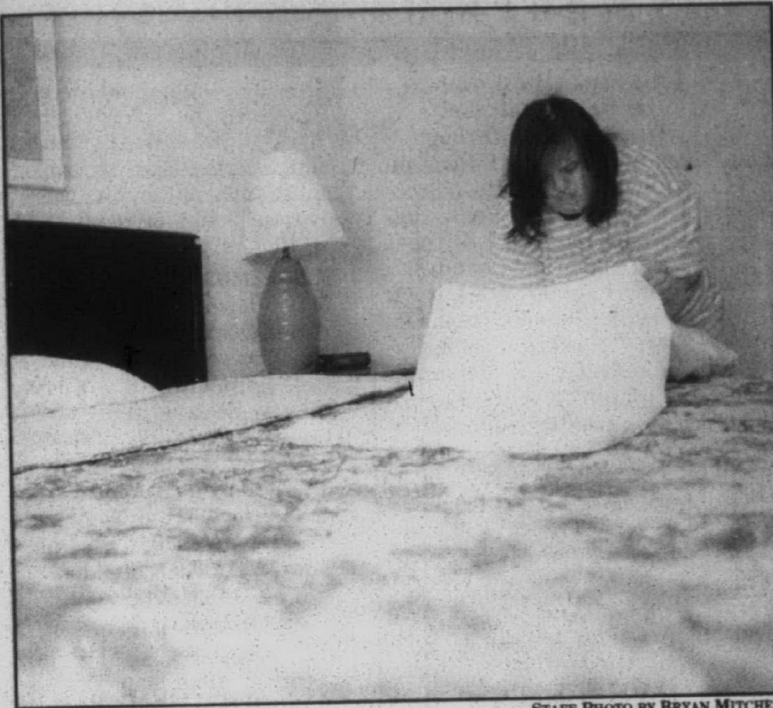
However, not everyone placed by Business Ventures is successful. Some are fired and "maybe there'll be another job for them," Lyons said. And sometimes the likelihood of keeping a job is slim, because the client lacks skills or motivation. Other times,

there are chronic behavioral problems that are unacceptable in a work setting, like inappropriate staring or temper tantrums.

While strides have been made in understanding what mentally handicapped people are capable of, recent public funding cuts have put a crimp in the program, Lyons said. Another big problem for the agency has been finding transportation for their clients to and from work. Buses often aren't practical, taxis can be too expensive, and public service transportation, like dial-a-ride, won't go outside their specific communities.

"A couple of people recently lost their jobs because of transportation problems," Lyons said. "They simply can't get to work."

Every client is different - some develop quickly and others take a long time to train. But, the point, Lyons said, is to give them a chance.



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Finishing touches: Julie Jure of Garden City finishes putting cases on pillows as part of her job at the Comfort Inn in Livonia.

## Methodist Home Society is looking for volunteers

Methodist Children's Home Society in Redford is looking for people to help serve families in foster care and adoption services.

Volunteers are needed 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday to transport children and families to appointments, assist

with clerical work, man the switchboard, and help with holiday preparations.

People interested in volunteering can call Elizabeth McCann at (313) 531-9465. Methodist Children's Home Society is at 26645 W. Six Mile, west of Beech Daly, Redford.

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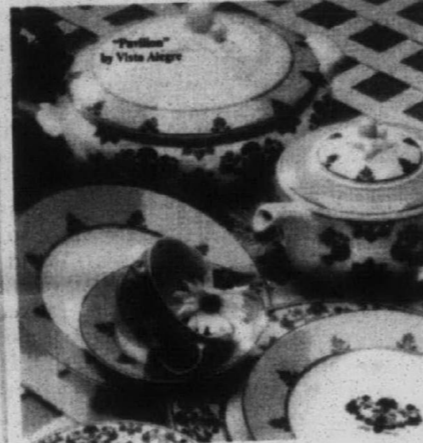
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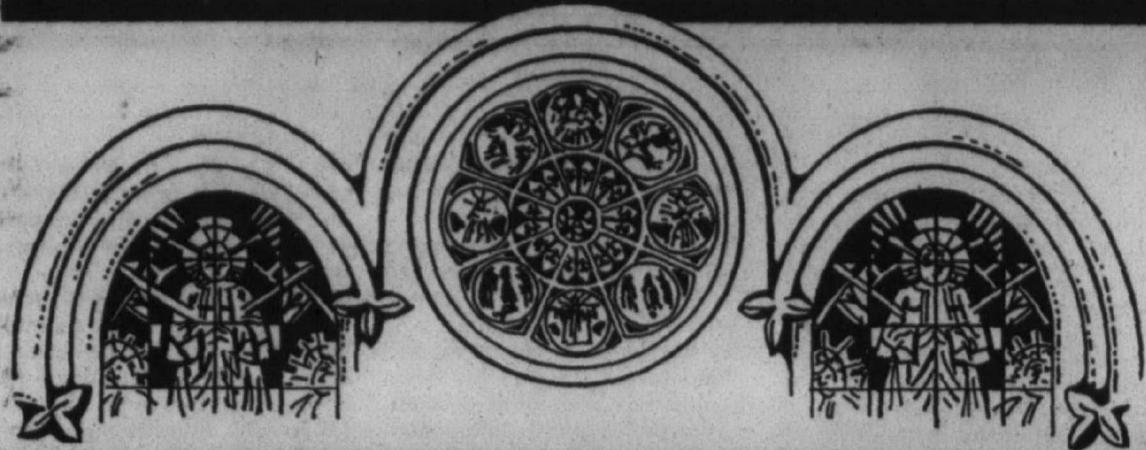


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1100 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth, MI  
Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.  
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474-3444  
Rev. Jean Love  
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Nursery Provided  
Sunday School 9 AM  
Office Hrs. 9-5

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**First United Methodist Church of Plymouth**  
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**NEWBURG UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
36500 Ann Arbor Trail  
between Wayne & Newburgh Rds.  
422-0149

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Sermon Series for Lent  
Putting Your Life On The Line  
February 21st  
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Rev. Thomas G. Badley, preaching  
-UMW Sunday-  
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Praise Band-Drama  
5:00 p.m.  
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RELIGIOUS NEWS

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STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

The congregation of Merriman Road Baptist Church is being charged to pray to grow by The Rev. Wayne Parker, pastor. Established in 1953, the church has kicked off its Stewardship Campaign aimed at the expansion of its facilities at 2055 Merriman Road, Garden City. The campaign, which started at worship services on Feb. 7, includes an eight-week emphasis on prayer, vision, faith, hope, miracles, giving and commitment.

FISH FRY

St. Edith Parish will have Lenten fish fries 4:30-7 p.m. Fridays, Feb. 19, March 5, 12, 19 and 26 and April 2, at the church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. The menu will include baked and fried fish, shrimp, pierogi, french fries, macaroni and cheese, salad bar, desserts, coffee, tea and pop. For more information, call the church at (734) 464-1222.

TLC STORYTIME

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

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, Haggerty Road south of Plymouth Road, 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 ses-

sions. Preregistration and payment are required. For more information, call Rose at (734) 464-3325 or Nita at (734) 261-9123.

LENENT RETREAT

Madonna University will hold a Lenten retreat 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, at the campus Residence Hall and Chapel, Levan north of Schoolcraft Road, Livonia. The Rev. Frank Grispino will be the facilitator.

The retreat will focus on the theme of "The Millennium Theme: To the Father, Through the Son, in the Holy Spirit." Activities will include prayer, conferences, small group sharing/quiet reflection, reconciliation and a liturgy.

The retreat costs \$12 and includes lunch and refreshments. For reservations or more information, call Deacon Gene Desjarlais in the campus ministry office at (734) 432-5419.

Grispino is a member of the university's religious studies and campus ministries departments' faculty. He holds a master of arts degree from the University of Detroit and received his master of divinity degree from Marist Seminary.

He has taught at the Marist Seminary, served as an advocate for those seeking annulments, worked as the administrator at a retreat house in Massachusetts, and was a presenter at marriage encounter weekends. He also served as a chaplain at the New-man Center at Dartmouth College in New Hampshire.

CHURCH MISSION

The Catholic Parish of the Divine Savior, 39375 Joy, Westland, will have a mission Saturday-Wednesday, Feb. 20-24. The Rev. Daniel Havron, coordinator of Evangelization for the Archdiocese of Detroit, will conduct the mission.

Havron will speak at the weekend liturgies and at a Vespers service at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 21. The theme will be "God First Loved Us." At 7:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 22, the topic will be "Our Response to God's Love," while the topic will be "Repentance and Changing Our Lives" 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 23. At 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 24, there will be a Eucharistic liturgy and a message of "Go and

Missionary to speak at Christ Our Savior

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church will have Dr. Roy Kaiser speak on "God's Transforming Power" at worship services Sunday, Feb. 21, at its Livonia and Canton campuses.

Kaiser will speak 8:30 and 11 a.m. at Christ Our Savior-Livonia, 14175 Farmington Road, and 9:30 a.m. at Christ Our Savior-Canton, 46001 Warren Road.

Kaiser and his wife, Eileen, served as English teaching missionaries at the Concordia Gospel Ministry Center in Thailand. He is a nationally recognized school principal who has been involved in education in the Detroit area since 1955.

The Kaisers will set up display in the church lobbies to familiarize the congregations with their work in Thailand.

A nursery will be available for young children during the service at the Canton church. Sunday School and adult Bible class will be at 10:45



Dr. Roy Kaiser

a.m. A staffed nursery will be available for both services and the 9:45 a.m. education hour at the Livonia church.

For more information, call the church office at (734) 522-6830 or the Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church Web site at www.ccaa.edu/~lcmcos.

Make Disciples." Baby-sitting will be available and coffee and tea will be served after the services. For more information, call the church, at (734) 455-3620.

LENENT PROGRAM

Newburgh United Methodist Church will have a Lenten dinner and program Sunday, Feb. 21, at the church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. The potluck turkey dinner (there is a small cost for meat, coffee and milk) will be 6 p.m., followed by a performance by the University of Michigan Choral Ensemble at 7:15 p.m. For more information, call the church at (734) 422-0149.

LENENT SERVICES

Lola Park Lutheran Church will have midweek Lenten services 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays at the church,

14750 Kinloch, Redford. The Rev. Gregory Gibbons will preach on the general theme of "Only Jesus." Each service will be followed by a fellowship time, featuring light refreshments. For more information, call the church at (313) 532-8655.

REDFORD CLERGY

The Redford Clergy Association will have its quarterly meeting Thursday, Feb. 25, in the R.C.D. Center of the Presbyterian Village Redford, 17383 Garfield, off Six Mile, Redford. Lunch will be served at 12:30 p.m., followed by the meeting. Reservations can be made by calling Alexandra at (313) 541-6487.

SPAGHETTI DINNER

Good Hope Lutheran Church will have a spaghetti dinner and silent auction 5-7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26, at the church, 28680 Cherry Hill Road, Garden City. Cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children 3-10 years of age. Proceeds will fund repair of the church carillon. Lutheran Brotherhood of Western Wayne County Branch 8197 will match up to \$450. For more information, call the church at (734) 427-3660.

Y2K AND JOSEPH PROJECT

A daylong 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 preregistration is recommended. The cost is \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. Pizza and drinks will be available for a charge. For more information, call (248) 348-1020.

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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. For more information, call the church office at (734) 422-6038, Marilyn Wilkin-son at (248) 380-7903, or Rosemary Kline at (734) 462-3770.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

Church Women United Suburban Detroit-West will have their World Day of Prayer 12:45 p.m. Friday, March 5, at the Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard, at West Chicago, Livonia. Participants are asked to bring donations of hygiene products. Reservations for child care can be made by calling Norma Roberts at (734) 591-2127.

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 Newburgh 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.

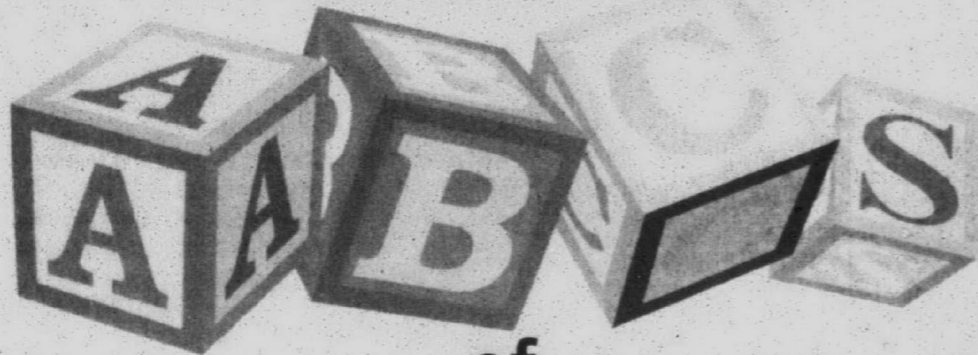
Sacred Heart Church will have a Mom to Mom sale 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, March 20, at the church, 29125 W. Six Mile, east of Middlebelt, Livonia. Second-hand children's clothes (newborn and up), baby furniture and maternity items will be sold. Admission will be \$1. For more information and table rental, call Jennifer at (248) 426-6227.

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

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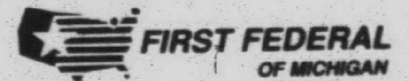
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## OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

### Canton tops Trojans

A short-handed Plymouth Canton gymnastics squad still had too much for Traverse City Central in a dual meet Saturday in Traverse City. The Chiefs prevailed, 126.35-122.90 in the non-league confrontation.

Again, Liz Fitzgerald led Canton, finishing first in three of the individual events and second in the fourth to score a meet-best 33.60 in the all-around. Fitzgerald won the vault (8.45), the uneven parallel bars (8.15) and the balance beam (8.7); she was second in the floor exercise (8.3).

Maggie Bett also had a strong meet, tying for second in the vault (8.15) and taking third in both the beam (8.3) and floor (8.1). She was fifth in bars (7.65), and her 32.20 all-around total was third best.

Other top-six placers in the meet for Canton were Kristen Schilk, who tied for fourth in the vault (8.05), was fifth in floor (7.9) and sixth in bars (7.5) and scored 30.45 in the all-around; Jessica Krueger, who was fifth in beam (7.55); and Jill Rakovitis, who was sixth in floor (7.8).

Canton competes at Brighton at 7 p.m. tonight in a Western Lakes Activities Association dual meet.

### Madonna sweeps

Madonna University came away with top grades last week, capturing Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Player of the Week honors in both men's and women's basketball.

Kathy Paganis, a sophomore forward from Allen Park, has led a recent Lady Crusader resurgence that has seen them win three-straight WHAC games. She averaged 20 points and eight rebounds last week in wins over Tri-State and Indiana Tech; she currently leads the conference in scoring (WHAC games only) with a 19.6 average. For the season, she is averaging 15.3 points and 6.3 rebounds per game while connecting on 51.5 percent of her floor shots (including 49.4 percent of her three-pointers).

Mike Maryanski, a senior forward from Pleasant Ridge, scored 27 points in Madonna's 92-88 triumph over Indiana Tech Saturday. Maryanski averaged 18.3 points and eight rebounds for the Crusaders last week, during which they won twice. For the season, he is averaging 14.8 points and seven rebounds a game.

### Bowlathon

The Independent Order of Foresters are sponsoring the Bowling for Miracles family bowlathon noon to 4:30 Sunday at Taylor Lanes. The benefits from this fund-raiser go to the Children's Miracle Network, a non-profit organization whose mission is to raise funds and awareness for hospitalized children.

Cour Benevolence #1136, the IOF chapter sponsoring the event, will have the entire bowling center set aside for Sunday's benefit, which will also include a raffle featuring 150 items and a silent auction offering another 40. Last year, the IOF bowlathon raised \$9,000 for CMN; the goal this year is \$15,000.

More than 12 million children are treated annually at over 170 CMN hospitals across North America. The local CMN hospital is the William Beaumont Children's Center.

For further information, call IOF public relations officer Raymond Klieber at (734) 425-0106.

### Junior 3-on-3

The Milford Police Athletic League will sponsor its 10th-annual 3-on-3 Junior Shootout for boys and girls in grades 4-12 March 19-21. Entry fee is \$60 per team (of four players).

In addition, there will be a three-point shootout in each division to win a pair of \$100 Converse basketball shoes.

For further information, call Rick Sharpe at (248) 684-1322.

### Adult softball

The city of Plymouth Recreation Division is running adult softball leagues this spring and summer in men's slow pitch, women's slow pitch, co-ed slow pitch and men's modified. Registration for returning teams begins March 1; new teams can register starting March 15. Play begins April 26.

For more information, call the Plymouth Recreation Division at (734) 455-6620.

# It's Salem's time

## Rocks take advantage of Canton's bad stretches

BY C.J. RISAK  
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Just 32 seconds into the final quarter of Tuesday's Plymouth Salem-vs.-Plymouth Canton showdown at Canton, Nick Cabauatan scored his first basket of the game — an important one, or so it seemed. It brought his Canton team to within three points of Salem.

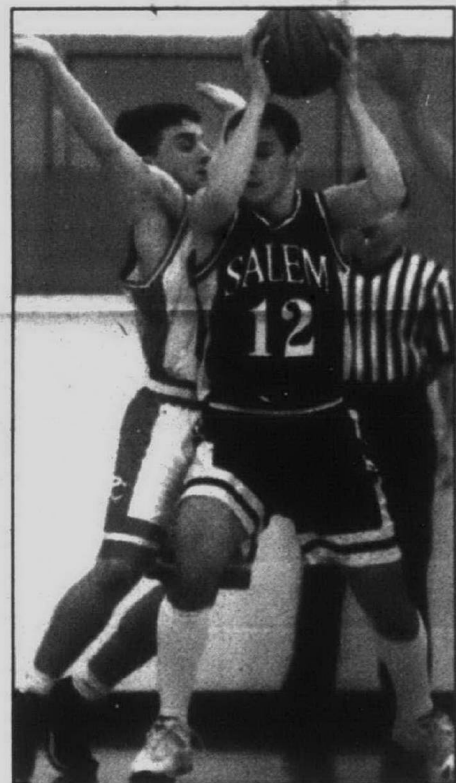
The sophomore guard got a second basket 4 1/2 minutes later, but this one didn't have nearly the impact. That's because the Chiefs failed to score a point between Cabauatan's two baskets, a span during which the Rocks put nine points on the board.

And that was the eventual difference in the game: Salem 58, Canton 49.

Salem improved to 14-2 overall, 8-2 in the Western Lakes Activities Association. Canton lost its second straight, falling to 9-7 overall and 7-3 in the WLAA.

"We prepared really well," Salem coach Bob Brodie said afterward. "But in this game, once the ball goes up you can throw that out the window."

It's a game that tests a player's ability to handle emotional pressure as much as anything. Canton, a team with just two senior starters and four on its 11-man roster (compared to Salem, with seven seniors — including all five starters), had a difficult time doing what it wanted to do.



**Finding a way:** Both Aaron Rypkowski (with ball) and Joe Cortellini found ways to put points on the board, scoring 15 and 14 respectively — but it didn't come easily.

"We weren't consistent tonight in our flow offensively," explained Canton coach Dan Young. "I didn't think we were patient offensively. We shot the ball a little too quick."

That hurt, "along with us not making our free throws," Young said. Indeed, poor free throw shooting was the Chiefs' biggest problem: They converted just 10-of-22 from the line (45 percent). Salem was 21-of-28 (75 percent).

"That pretty much says it," said Young of the errant stripe work. "That and we didn't take great shots."

Certainly, the Rocks had something to say about that. Since suffering those back-to-back losses to Northville and North Farmington, they have gone full bore with their pressure defense. While that didn't result in megaturndowns by Canton (18, compared to Salem's 16), it did make a difference in the tempo of the game.

Three times during that scoreless stretch in the final quarter, the Chiefs forced up off-balance three-pointers from long range that missed badly.

If there was a time that Salem's defense did dominate, it was during the first five minutes of the second quarter. The Rocks outscored Canton 13-2 during that span, forcing six turnovers while taking a 28-15 lead.

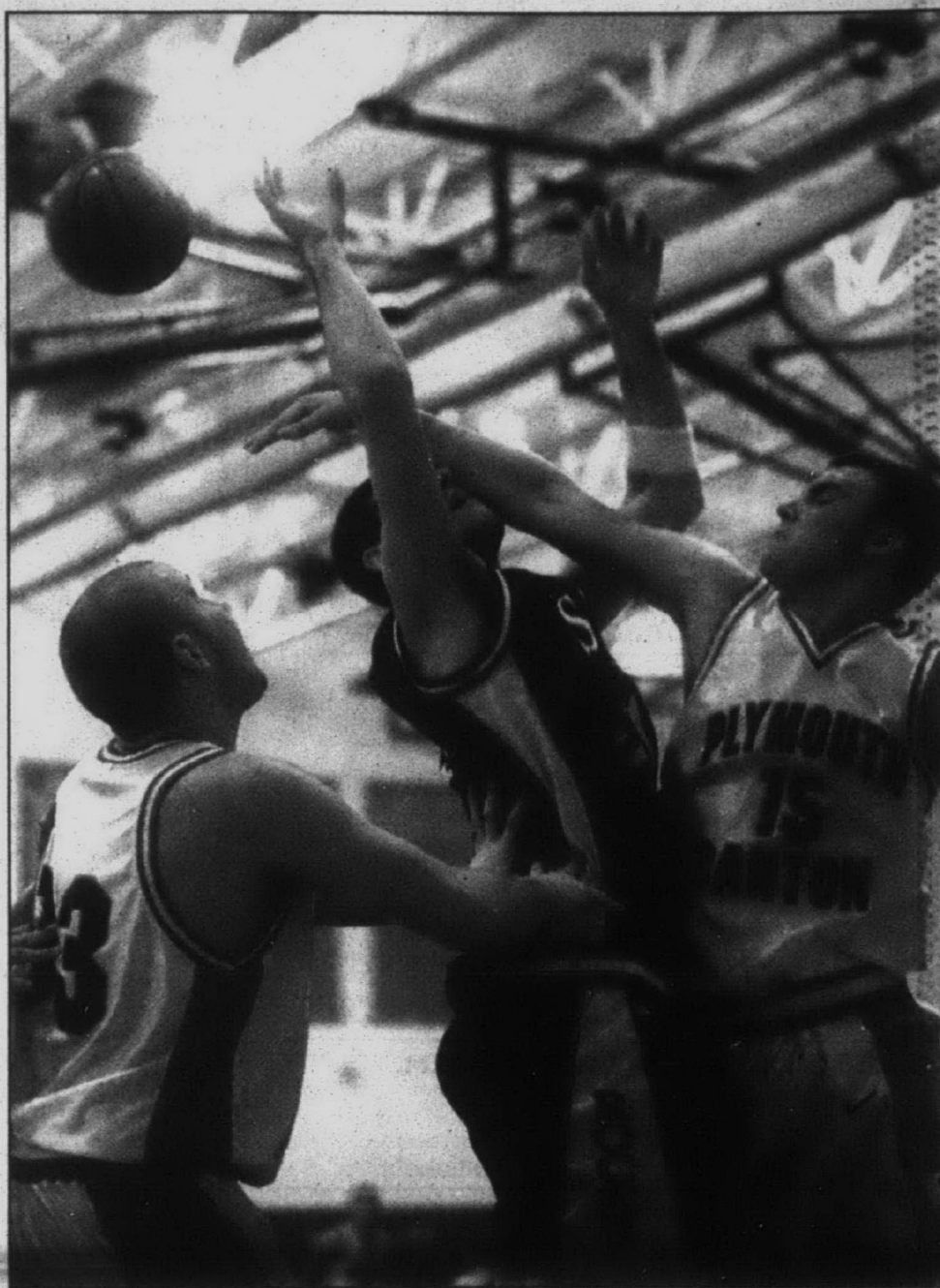
So did that make Brodie feel a bit more at ease? "No," he answered. "There was no point in the game that I thought we were in control. This was just a matter of two heavyweights slugging it out."

The Canton "heavyweights" that concerned Brodie most were senior sharpshooting guard Joe Cortellini, junior center Jason Waidmann and junior guard Mike Major. "Cortellini's always a threat," the Salem coach said. "Waidmann's tough inside, and Major's so quick he can take you to the basket and hurt you like that. They're all tough players."

Those three ignited the Chiefs in the last three minutes of the second quarter, scoring all 11 points in an 11-2 run that trimmed Salem's halftime lead to 30-26. Cortellini nailed two three-pointers, one of them from nearly 25 feet.

The heavyweights sparred through the third quarter, Salem extending its lead no further than six in the period but Canton getting no closer than three. The Rocks led 41-36 entering the fourth.

While Cortellini put 11 points on the board in the first half (with three three-pointers), he managed just one



**Tough inside:** Canton's Jason Waidmann (15) and Nate Rau made it tough inside for Salem's Tony Jancevski. Still, the Rocks' center managed to score 10 points and grabbed 14 rebounds.

basket in the second half — a triple in the first minute of the third quarter. He finished with 14 points; Major added 10 and Waidmann had eight.

Aaron Rypkowski, who scored five of Salem's 13 points in its second-quarter surge, netted a game-high 15. Tony Jancevski, a force offensively and defensively, collected 10 points, 14 rebounds and four blocked shots, while Adam Wilson and Rob Jones contributed nine points apiece.

**PCA 60, Roeper 43:** Plymouth Christian Academy moved a step closer to perfection in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference with Tuesday's lopsided win over visiting Bloomfield Hills Roeper.

PCA is 16-1 overall, 9-0 in the MIAC; Roeper fell to 9-7 overall, 4-5 in the MIAC.

The Eagles led 30-17 at the half and, after the Roughriders closed to within nine (44-35) after three quarters, they went on a 16-8 run in the fourth quarter.

Derric Isensee's 16 points paced PCA. Mike Huntsman added 14 points and nine rebounds, and Dave Carty had nine points and three steals.

Roeper got 13 points apiece from Neil Ashmon and Laddie Andahzy.

"We're playing real well," said Eagle coach Doug Taylor. "Overall, it was a good game. We pressed them in the second quarter and that got us going."

# Changes help Rocks to a 2nd place

The tournament field was challenging. And Plymouth Salem met it.

The Rocks came up with some impressive victories at last Saturday's Temperance Bedford Invitational, including two wins over Western Lakes Activities Association volleyball rival Walled Lake Central, in reaching the tournament finals.

"We made some changes that helped out," said Salem coach Tom Teeters, his team now 37-8 overall.

The biggest wasn't something Teeters wanted to do, but had to do. Amanda Pruett was ill and couldn't play, so Teeters inserted Michelle Ginther into

## VOLLEYBALL

Pruett's spot at outside hitter.

While not the offensive force Pruett is, Ginther is an adept defender — and that made a difference. "Michelle Ginther was back in the lineup and that helped out tremendously defensively," said Teeters.

Indeed, improved defense was a key factor for the Rocks, who defeated Adrian 8-15, 15-9, 15-8; Macomb Dakota 9-15, 15-9, 15-10; and Ann Arbor Pioneer 15-4, 15-8 in pool play.

That put them in the top power pool with Central

and Bedford, who were also unbeaten in pool play. Salem defeated Central 15-11, 15-12 in the first power play match, then lost to Bedford 15-13, 15-9 in the second.

In the elimination round, the Rocks faced Central again in the semifinals — and once again they won, 15-8, 15-11. "I think we gained some confidence from the first match," explained Teeters.

Against the state-ranked Kicking Mules in the final, Salem played better but still lost, 9-15, 15-10, 15-8.

So — was the 5-2 match performance reason for

Please see VOLLEYBALL, C3

# Salem 2nd, Canton 6th at WLAA Tournament

## WRESTLING

in the 112-pound final, and Ron Thompson edged the Mustangs' Kevin Arbuckle 5-3 at 119.

Two other Salem wrestlers reached their division finals, but lost. Charlie Hamblin was beaten by Northville's Ted Bowersox in the heavyweight title

Please see WLAA WRESTLING, C3



**Milestone reached:** Kevin Stone (top) accomplished something few Canton wrestlers have done over the years, winning his 75th career match during the WLAA Tournament.

# Lost weekend: Whalers lose a pair



Team	W	L	T	Pts.
East Division				
Ottawa 67s	43	8	3	89
Belleville Bulls	32	17	6	70
Peterborough Petes	32	20	1	65
Danawa Generals	29	22	4	62
Kingston Frontenacs	18	36	3	35
Central Division				
Barrie Colts	40	10	5	85
Sudbury Wolves	19	30	7	45
North Bay Centennials	19	30	6	44
Toronto St. M. Majors	17	31	5	39
Miss. Ice Dogs	2	46	3	7
West Division				
Plymouth Whalers	41	11	3	85
SSM Greyhounds	29	20	5	63
Sarnia Sting	28	20	5	61
London Knights	26	26	3	55
Windsor Spitfires	16	32	6	38
Midwest Division				
Guelph Storm	34	18	2	70
Owen Sound Platers	31	21	5	67
Erie Otters	24	25	4	52
Kitchener Rangers	17	32	5	39
Brampton Battalion	7	46	3	17

In a season that spans 67 games (not including playoffs), there's bound to be parts players would like to forget. The object is to keep those forgettables as few as possible.

The Plymouth Whalers haven't had too many down parts to their current season, which will feature its 56th game tonight. Last weekend, however, would qualify as one.

After winning five-straight games, the Whalers let down their guard and were victimized on consecutive nights by the London Knights and Oshawa Generals. The Knights really brought the high-flying Whalers back to earth Friday with a four-goal second period that led to a 6-2 triumph in London, Ont.

More disappointment would follow for Plymouth Saturday — this time on their home surface at Compuware Arena.

John Kozoriz scored three goals for the visiting Generals, one of them short-handed, in a 4-3 win over the Whalers.

The two losses left Plymouth with a 41-11-3 record and 85 points, which ties it for second in the Ontario Hockey League's overall points race with the Barrie Colts, four behind league-leader Ottawa. London is currently 26-26-3 and riding a six-game winning streak, while Oshawa is 29-22-4 and has four-straight wins.

One statistic that separated Saturday's game against Oshawa with nearly every other Whalers' game this season was shots on goal. For one of the very few times this season, Plymouth was outshot by the Generals, 28-23.

Kozoriz scored goals in each period, getting his shorthanded goal (unassisted) at the 13:18 mark of the second period and the game-winner at 9:08 of the third. Andrew Peters had two assists for Oshawa; Brian Passmore also had a goal.

The loss overshadowed a two-goal performance by Plymouth's Eric

Goody, one in each of the first two periods. Shaun Fisher scored the Whalers' third goal at 17:51 of the third, narrowing the deficit to 4-3. David Legwand had two assists.

Robb Zepp had 24 saves in goal for Plymouth; Derek Dolson made 20 for Oshawa.

On Friday at London, it wasn't as dramatic. The first of Randy Fitzgerald's two goals in the game, at 15:51 of the first period, tied the game at least temporarily at 1-1, but three power-play markers in a 2:16 span of the second period gave the Knights all the cushion they would need.

Richard Pitirri scored twice for London; he also had one assist. Tom Kostopoulos and Jay Legault added a goal and an assist apiece, with additional scores coming from Joel Scherban and Krys Barch.

Fitzgerald's second goal, at 16:42 of the final period, was his 10th of the season.

## Compuware drops 2

The Compuware Ambassadors registered a 6-1 victory over the Cleveland Barons Friday at Compuware Arena in Plymouth, but on Saturday and Sunday in Sault Ste Marie the Soo Kewadin Casino Indians collected back-to-back victories, beating the Ambassadors 3-2 in an overtime shootout Saturday and 2-0 Sunday.

The 1-2 weekend left Compuware with a 28-10-5 record; the Indians are 28-13 and Cleveland is 18-23-3 in the North American Hockey League.

In the win over the Barons Friday, J.J. Swistak scored twice and Nick Schrader and John Shouneya added a goal and an assist for the Ambassadors. Craig Kowalski was in goal for the win.

On Saturday, Compuware rallied to force overtime with two third-period goals scored with their goalie pulled for an extra attacker. Mark Mink and Shouneya netted the goals for the Ambassadors.

More disappointment would follow for Plymouth Saturday — this time on their home surface at Compuware Arena.

The loss overshadowed a two-goal performance by Plymouth's Eric

# Shamrocks recovering, rout Rice

After a horrific injury to a Trenton hockey player in last Wednesday's game against Redford Catholic Central, the last place some of the CC players wanted to be 24 hours later was on the ice.

They may have needed a day or two away after seeing Trenton's Kurt LaTarte nearly lose his life after being accidentally slashed by a skate blade in the neck in a 4-4 tie at Trenton's Kennedy Arena.

Turns out Thursday was the Shamrocks' day to work out at Powerhouse Gym in Livonia, under the direction of personal trainer Ed Karana.

An hour workout with Karana never felt so good.

Starting last summer, most of the Shamrocks have met once a week with Karana, who guides them through a rigorous hour of calisthenics, running drills, squats and upper-body drills such as push-ups.

"This guy's the best, tremendous for a cardiovascular workout," said CC coach Gordie St. John, whose team pays for

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Karana's services through fundraisers within the school's hockey budget.

Karana's sport is soccer. He never played hockey, but the drills he teaches are sure to help the Shamrocks' conditioning.

Karana doesn't believe in quitting, even if the player is complaining of cramps. If one part of the body is aching, work out with another part, he says.

"There's no such thing as a cramp," he said. "If you have a hamstring pull, work out with your upper body. If they quit they can't come back to class."

Karana rarely attends a CC game but gets updates from St. John.

"If we didn't play well or practiced hard we know Eddie already heard about it," CC senior defenseman Matt Van Heest said. "It's like a regular practice. If you're not working hard he's going to push you harder."

Since skating is so important to hockey players, he stresses leg drills with them.

"The stronger your lower half the more you can handle in the upper body," Karana said.

If one of the Shamrocks is late to a workout he "makes an example of them."

"If they're 10 minutes late, they're doing pushups because the hardest thing to do is pushups," Karana said.

The inside winter drills can be demanding but none can be as tough as the one in the summer when Karana has them doing push-ups on the hot asphalt.

"It's tough but we need it," CC's Pat O'Dea said. "We're definitely a third period team. All of us push each other and ourselves and do everything we can't to be up for the state finals."

"It's tougher than practice," CC junior defenseman John Bowers said.

The seriousness with Karana stays in the workout room. He's jovial away from there and it shows the way he relates to the players afterward.

"At the end of the year I've got an indoor soccer game set up with them," he said.

The Shamrocks' conditioning apparently helped on Saturday when they hosted Birmingham Brother Rice at Redford Ice Arena.

•REDFORD CC 6, BROTHER RICE 1: Todd Bentley scored three goals to lead CC (19-1-1), the state's top-ranked team in Class A, to a Michigan Metro High School Hockey League win over Rice.

Derek Genrich, David Moss and O'Dea also added goals for the Shamrocks, who led 1-0 after one period and 2-1 after 30 minutes.

Genrich, Jim Spiewak and Matt Van Heest contributed two assists apiece, while Keith Rowe, Ryan Yost, Sean McGowan and Joe Moreau had one each.

Pat Morrin tallied the lone goal for the Warriors.

"Rice ran out of steam, they had one their guys hurt, we just kicked it into gear," St. John said. "We played a good third period. The first two weren't that great."

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 Cardinal Mooney at St. Agatha, 7 p.m.  
 Agape at Greater Life, 7:30 p.m.  
 PCA at Oakland Christian, 7:30 p.m.  
 Huron Valley vs. Mount Carmel  
 at Marshall Middle School, 7:30 p.m.  
**Saturday, Feb. 20**

**(Central-AA Playoffs at Schoolcraft)**  
 DePorres vs. Brother Rice, noon.  
 O.L. St. Mary vs. U-D Jesuit, 1:45 p.m.  
 Redford CC vs. Aquinas, 3:30 p.m.  
 Notre Dame vs. Divine Child, 5 p.m.  
**MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL**  
**Saturday, Feb. 20**  
 Madonna at Siena Heights, TBA.  
 Schoolcraft vs. Wayne Co. CC  
 at River Rouge H.S., 3 p.m.  
**WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL**  
**Thursday, Feb. 18**  
 Madonna at Spring Arbor, 7 p.m.  
**Saturday, Feb. 20**  
 Siena Heights at Madonna, 1 p.m.  
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 at River Rouge H.S., 1 p.m.  
 Rochester at OCC-High Lakes, 2 p.m.  
**ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE**

**Thursday, Feb. 18**  
 Whalers at Toronto Majors, 7:35 p.m.  
**Saturday, Feb. 20**  
 Ply. Whalers vs. Erie Otters  
 at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m.  
**Sunday, Feb. 21**  
 Ply. Whalers vs. London Knights  
 at Compuware Arena, 6:30 p.m.  
**PREP HOCKEY**  
**Thursday, Feb. 18**  
 Redford CC vs. A.A. Huron  
 at Ann Arbor Ice Cube, 8 p.m.  
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 at Redford Ice Arena, 8 p.m.  
**GIRLS VOLLEYBALL**  
**Thursday, Feb. 18**  
 PCA at Oakland Christian, 7 p.m.  
 Huron Valley at Baptist Park, 7 p.m.  
 Clarenceville at Luth. North, 7 p.m.  
 Canton at Churchill, 7 p.m.  
**(CHSL Finals at Madonna Univ.)**  
 Shrine vs. St. Clement, 5 p.m.  
 Ladywood vs. Mercy, 7 p.m.  
**Friday, Feb. 19**  
 Agape at Greater Life, 5 p.m.  
**Saturday, Feb. 20**  
 Ladywood Invitational, TBA.  
**TBA** — time to be announced.

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optimism for the Rocks? "By virtue of the teams we played," said Teeters in acknowledging that it indeed was. "If we can keep things together, we should do all right."

That included "a great defensive match" from Angie Sillmon, Laine Sterling's "best setting of the year," and a solid performance from Erica Stein in an expanded role.

The Rocks had twice played Central earlier this season, losing both times. Their wins over the Vikings Saturday should aid their approach to the WLAAs Tournament, scheduled for Feb. 27 at Northville.

Salem is idle until Monday, when they host Plymouth Canton at 7 p.m.

Pats pound Canton

Two-peat was sweet Monday for Livonia Franklin, which wrapped up the Western Division title in the WLAAs with a 15-12, 15-1 win Monday at Plymouth Canton.

Franklin is now 28-10-1 overall and 8-1 in the WLAAs.

"It's a nice feeling," said Franklin's Mary Helen Diegel, in her first varsity season as coach since replacing Ann Hutchins. "We played our entire lineup and finished the match strong."

Franklin used a balanced attack to upend the Chiefs.

Sophomore Kerstin Marshall was six of seven hitting with five

kills. Nicole Boyd went 10-for-10 with four kills. Tera Morrill added five kills and two aces (13-for-13 serving). Rachel Bramlett added two kills.

Alexis Bowman led with six digs, while setter Lyndsay Sopko went 23-for-23 with 11 assists.

Ladywood reaches final

Jenny Young had seven kills and four aces Saturday, leading Livonia Ladywood (25-15-1 overall) to a Catholic League playoff victory over Birmingham Marian in a semifinal match at Madison Heights Bishop Foley.

The Blazers will be gunning for their eighth straight Catholic League crown beginning at 7 tonight at Madonna University.

The opponent will be Farmington Hills Mercy, which split with Ladywood in the Central Division this season.

Other standouts for the Blazers against Marian included Jessica Tillson, two kills and five aces; Patty Horal, four kills; Tracey DeWitt, four kills with a 90 percent serve percentage; and Erin Bartee, 17 assists and two blocks.

Beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday, Ladywood will host a 12-team invitational tournament which will include Mercy, Marian, Battle Creek Central, Temperance Bedford (defending state Class A champion) and Walled Lake Central (Schoolcraft Invitational runner-up).

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match, 6-0, and Rob Ash was pinned by Walled Lake Western's in 2:38 in the 125 final.

Canton placed sixth in the meet with 121.5 points.

Four Chiefs were winners in the consolation finals and placed third: Kyle Pitt at 103, with a 10-1 decision over Livonia Churchill's Steve Lenhardt; Greg Musser at 125, with a 5-3 victory over Northville's Ben Ashbey; Kevin Stone at 145, with a 5-1 triumph over Western's Josh Bagalay; and Rob Demick at 160, with an 8-4 win over Livonia Franklin's Eric Toska.

Salem had two third-place finishers in Josh Henderson at 135, 3-2 over Stevenson's Imad Kharbush and Greg Eizans at 152, with a pin of Western's Joe Weatherly in :49.

"It was a real improvement to go from last year's ninth place with one third-place win up to sixth place with five third-place wins," said Canton coach John Demick.

"Even with the disappoint-

ments, we are still excited about our team and where we are headed."

Two Chiefs reached milestones during the tournament. Stone recorded his 75th career victory, and John Pocock, who placed fifth at 135, got his 50th career win.

Stevenson had one individual champion, 103-pounder Joe Moreau who scored three pins en route to the title. Moreau is 38-2 overall.

Churchill, seventh in the team standings, took two titles. Junior Mike Carter (145) won his 31st-straight match without a loss when he decided Dan Scappaticci of Northville, 10-4, and senior Brandon LaPointe (152) beat Mark Ostach of Farmington to run his season mark to 32-5.

Glenn, ninth in the team standings, was led by 160-pounder Pete Langer, who took first. Franklin's Steve Myslinski, a senior, won the 189-pound class with a 7-2 win over Ryan Giles of Northville.

WLAAs WRESTLING TOURNAMENT RESULTS

**WESTERN LAKES WRESTLING ASSOCIATION**  
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**Feb. 13 at Walled Lake Central**  
**TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. Northville, 254.5; 2. Plymouth Salem, 181.5; 3. Livonia Stevenson, 164.5; 4. Walled Lake Western, 136; 5. Walled Lake Central, 133.5; 6. Plymouth Canton, 121.5; 7. Livonia Churchill, 115.5; 8. Farmington, 111.5; 9. Westland John Glenn, 101; 10. Livonia Franklin, 66; 11. Farmington Hills Harrison, 38; 12. North Farmington, 36.  
**FINAL INDIVIDUAL RESULTS**  
**Heavyweight:** Ted Bowersox (N) dec. Charlie Hamblin (PS), 6-0; **consolation:** Tony Henry (WLW) p. Paul Lindsey (WLC), 0:28; **5th-6th:** Brian Brinsden (F) p. Derek McWatt (PC), 0:21; **7th-8th:** Mike Grafke (LC) won by injury default over Josh Sikora (NF).  
**103:** Joe Moreau (LS) p. Jeremy Carter (N), 4:41; **consolation:** Kyle Pitt (PC) dec. Steve Lenhardt (LC), 10-1; **5th-6th:** Larry Leipsitz (NF) dec. Matt Frendeway (WLC), 7-3; **7th-8th:** Jeff Bennett (PS) p. Robert Easterday (F), 2:29.  
**112:** John Mervyn (PS) dec. Matt Tarrow (N), 21-4; **consolation:** Josh Gunterman (LS) dec. Ryan Beech (WLW), 5-2; **5th-6th:** Dale Czarnick (WLC) dec. Don Demick (PC), 7-2;

**7th-8th:** Jesse Purdon (WJG) p. Ramis Bajrami (NF), 1:12.  
**119:** Ron Thompson (PS) dec. Kevin Arbuttle (N), 5-3; **consolation:** Steve Vasiloff (LC) dec. Zack Yaffai (LS), 8-7; **5th-6th:** John Simmons (F) dec. Lee Warren (LF), 13-2; **7th-8th:** Steve Sargol (FHH) p. Chris Smith (WJG), 3:25.  
**125:** Jacob Pattenau (WLW) p. Rob Ash (PS), 2:38; **consolation:** Greg Musser (PC) dec. Ben Ashbey (N), 5-3; **5th-6th:** Caleb Smith (FHH) p. Arik Wicketts (LF), 2:51; **7th-8th:** Aaron Turk (F) p. Eric Letvin (WLC), 2:13.  
**130:** Reggie Torrence (N) dec. Jeff Albrecht (WJG), 13-2; **consolation:** Tony Lema (F) p. Justin Shafer (FHH), 0:30; **5th-6th:** C.J. Rasch (WLW) p. Steve Dendinos (PS), 1:53; **7th-8th:** Chris Cooprider (LS) p. Scott Elstone (LC), 1:20.  
**135:** Scott Aubry (WLC) p. Anant Saran (N), 3:35; **consolation:** Josh Henderson (PS) dec. Imad Kharbush (LS), 3-2; **5th-6th:** John Pocock (PC) dec. Geoff Zilan (WLW), 5-2; **7th-8th:** Derek Azzopardi (LF) p. Eric McMichael (WJG), 4:23.  
**140:** Chad Neumann (N) dec. Mike Falzon (LS), 4-0; **consolation:** John O'Brien (WLC) dec. Jim Shelton (PC), 9-7; **5th-6th:** Tom

Mahon (F) p. Greg Petrovich (PS), 2:35; **7th-8th:** Ernie Guerra (WJG) won by injury default over Fritz Schultes (NF).  
**145:** Mike Carter (LC) dec. Dan Scappaticci (N), 10-4; **consolation:** Kevin Stone (PC) dec. Josh Bagalay (WLW), 5-1; **5th-6th:** Allen Duff (LF) dec. Chris Wolfgang (WJG), 7-5; **7th-8th:** Joe Jamieson (LS) dec. Ian Huff (WLC), 3-2.  
**152:** Brandon LaPointe (LC) dec. Mark Ostach (F), 9-3; **consolation:** Greg Eizans (PS) p. Joe Weatherly (WLW), 0:49; **5th-6th:** Jeff Bellaire (PC) p. Justin Wozniak (WLC), 3:50; **7th-8th:** Brian Walker (LF) dec. Devin Hall (WJG), 12-11.  
**160:** Pete Langer (WJG) dec. Brian Barker (LS), 10-6; **consolation:** Rob Demick (PC) dec. Eric Toska (LF), 8-4; **5th-6th:** John Rehoum (N) dec. J.D. Ziarkowski (WLC), 7-0; **7th-8th:** Mike Murtland (F) p. Trent Jones

(PS), 1:13.  
**171:** Ryan McCracken (N) won by injury default over Norm Wroblewski (WLW); **consolation:** Mike Radley (LS) dec. Daryl Hilyard (WLC), 2-1; **5th-6th:** Steve Brown (LC) dec. Jason Bedoun (PS), 2-1; **7th-8th:** Sheheim Rajasee (PC) won by injury default over Dominic Carducci (FHH).  
**189:** Steve Myslinski (LF) dec. Ryan Giles (N), 7-2; **consolation:** Andy Wood (F) dec. Geoff Bennett (PS), 6-5; **5th-6th:** Javonn Perkins (WJG) dec. John MacFarland (LS), 8-6; **7th-8th:** Mike Stein (NF) p. Joe Hartley (WLC), 1:12.  
**215:** Joe Higgins (WLC) p. Joe Rumbley (N), 1:24; **consolation:** Eric Puninske (LS) p. Neil Rutherford (WLW), 1:46; **5th-6th:** Jeff Sinner (LC) won by injury default over A.J. Malori (PC); **7th-8th:** Blake Belsky (F) p. Pat O'Connor (PS) 0:30.

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OUTDOORS CALENDAR

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CAMPER AND RV

The annual Detroit Camper and RV Show will be through Feb. 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 to 9 p.m. Saturdays, and noon to 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 through Feb. 21 at the Silverdome. The show features fishing seminars, outfitters, 100 merchandise booths, over 400 trailerable boats and much more. Show hours are 3-9:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18; 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 19; 10 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20; and 10 a.m. to 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 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 Feb. 26-March 7 at the Novi Expo Center, (800) 777-6720. The show includes nearly 450 exhibits featuring the latest in fishing, hunting and camping equipment; recreational vehicles; boats; conservation clubs; and travel and outfitting destinations throughout North America. There will also be a reptile and amphibian display, live animals, a trout fishing pond, musical and variety acts, an archery range, hunting and fishing seminars, and much more. Show hours are 4-9:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26, Monday and Tuesday, March 1-2, and Thursday and Friday, March 4-5; 10 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27 and March 6; 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28; noon to 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 3; and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, March 7. Admission is \$6.50 adult, \$3 for children ages 6-12 and children 5 and under will be admitted free.

ACTIVITIES

BIKE MAINTENANCE 101

Get your bike ready for spring during this instructional clinic, which begins at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, at REL in Northville. Call (248) 347-2100 for more information.

SEASON/DATES

BOBCAT

Bobcat season runs through Feb. 16 in Clare, Crawford, Gladwin, Iosco, Kalkaska, Missaukee, Ogemaw, Osceola, Roscommon and Wexford counties and in Arenac County west of I-75 and north of M-61. The season runs through March 1 in the Upper Peninsula and in Alcona, Alpena, Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Emmet, Montmorency, Oscoda, Otsego, and Presque Isle counties in the northern Lower Peninsula.

CROW

The late crow season runs through March 31 in the Lower Peninsula.

COYOTE

Coyote season runs through April 15 statewide.

Gray and red fox season runs through March 1 statewide.

RABBIT/HARE

Rabbit/hare season run through March 31 statewide.

STURGEON

Sturgeon spearing season runs through Feb. 28.

CLUBS

SOLAR

The School for Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation (SOLAR), a non-profit organization interested in promoting the appreciation of outdoor activities, meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Colony Hall in Southfield. Call (248) 988-6658 for more information.

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.

HURON VALLEY STEELHEADERS

The Huron Valley Steelheaders meets the third Thursday of each month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 27600 Hall Road, 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.

JUNIOR ARCHERS

A weekly program for junior archers begins at 9 a.m. Saturdays at Detroit Archers in West Bloomfield. Call (248) 661-9610 or (313) 835-2110 for more information.

METROPARKS

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.

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 1-800-47-PARKS for more information.

OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS

Advanced registration is required for all nature programs at Oakland County Parks. Call (810) 625-6473 to register or for more information.

SCIENCE MAGIC

Ages 6-8 will experiment with the "magic" of science and present a magic show for parents and care givers during this program, which begins at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, Feb. 17-18, at Independence Oaks.

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Nature Center's Starlab and use the Oakland Astronomy Club's telescope during this program, which begins at 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, at Independence Oaks.

STATE PARKS

STATE PARK REQUIREMENTS

Maybury State Park, Proud Lake Recreation Area, Bald Mountain Recreation Area, Highland Recreation Area, and Island Lake Recreation Area offer nature interpretive programs throughout the year. A state park motor vehicle permit is required for entry into all state parks and state recreation areas. For registration and additional information on the programs at Maybury, call (810) 349-8390. For programs at Bald Mountain, call (810) 693-6767. For programs at Proud Lake and Highland, call (810) 685-2433. For programs at Island Lake, call (810) 229-7067.

WINGING IT IN WINTER

A two-hour walk in search of winter resident birds begins at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, at Highland.

(To submit items for consideration in the Observer & Eccentric's Outdoor Calendar send information to: Outdoors, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009; fax information to (248) 644-1314 or E-mail to bparke@oe.homecomm.net)

FISHING TRIVIA

Here's a chance to prove your superior fishing knowledge and win tickets to the 11th annual Greater Detroit Sportfishing and Travel Expo in the process.

We'll hold a fishing trivia contest each Thursday in the Observer & Eccentric through Feb. 25. Answer the weekly trivia question correctly and have a chance to win four tickets to the Sportfishing and Travel Expo, March 4-7, at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

One weekly winner will be randomly selected from all the correct answers we receive. All entries for this week's question must be postmarked by Monday, Feb. 22.

Walleye fishing in the Great Lakes connecting waters (Lake St. Clair and the Detroit and St. Clair rivers) in Southeastern Michigan is nothing short of phenomenal. According to the 1998 Michigan Fishing Guide, what is the current state record for walleye?

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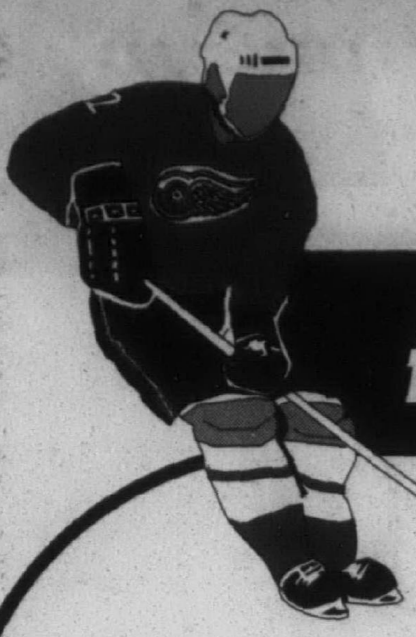
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ROMANCE, PASSION... honesty and laughs are what I have to offer. Smart, beautiful, successful, well-educated female, 30s. If you are a successful, kind, sincere doctor. You should call me. \$2081

LET'S GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER Attractive SWF, 35, 5'4", black/brown, thin to medium build, seeks attractive, tall, physically fit SWM, 30-40, enjoys the arts, movies, bookstores, road trips, working out, outdoor activities, friends first. LTR. \$2052

I GET ALL THE ATTENTION Tall, blonde SF seeks tall, spontaneous male to go to parties with and share life with. My friends hate going to parties with me because I get all the attention. \$2818

I'M A NUT Me: adventurous like a macadamia, sweet as a praline, with a smile like a butter-nut. You: a primo cashew, slightly cocky, not a goober or flirter, 30-40. Educated and caring a plus. \$2812

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. \$2538

YOU'VE GOT MAIL Chemistry-seeking, attractive, family-oriented, emotionally/financially stable, blonde SFP, 40, 5'6", with traditional values, good moral, enjoys nights out, quiet evenings at home. Seeking SM for friendship, possible LTR. \$2414

BLUE EYED BLONDE Fun loving, DWF, 44, blonde/blue, curvy size 14, enjoys movies, dining, dancing, music. Seeking DWM, 40-55, financially stable, with similar interest. Friendship first, possible LTR. \$2267

GOOD THINGS/SMALL PACKAGES Well-packaged emotionally/spiritually and intellectually, petite DFF, charismatic, adventurous, passionate about life, likes the sublime to outrageous. Seeking a SM for a monogamous relationship. \$1997

BEST FRIEND AND MORE College-educated, financially secure SAFP, 32, 5'4", 115lbs, N/S, never married, no kids, seeks sincere, marriage-minded, intelligent, college-educated, financially/emotionally secure gentleman for serious LTR. N/S, no kids preferred. \$2452

READ THIS AD SWF, 32, 5'2", brown/brown, full-figured, likes movies, reading, dancing, birds and 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 Pritchney Area. \$2171

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IRRESISTIBLE Intriguing, pretty, passionate DWF, 44, seeks handsome, smart, sexy, romantic SWM, 38+, N/S, for great, one-on-one relationship. Are you ready? This could be it! No games, please. \$2633

52 YEAR-OLD ENTREPRENEUR Pretty, successful, humorous, charming, interesting, giving female, 52, enjoys movies, plays, concerts, fine dining, cooking, boating, loves people. Seeking soulmate in a successful, sincere SWM, 45-75. Please reply. \$2152

FABULOUS, FIT AND FIFTY Creative, attractive female, sophisticated, yet down-to-earth, fun-loving, professional. Seeking degreed professional male, N/S, sense of humor, who's interested in cultural events, dining, travel, home projects, sports, conversation, and quiet moments. \$2630

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DOCTOR WANTED Very pretty SWF, mental health care technician, youthful 48, 5'6", slightly overweight, blonde/blue, seeks attractive SW medical doctor, 40-50, for companionship. Troy area. \$2720

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LOOKING FOR BRIGHT EYES Attractive, easygoing, outgoing, giving SWM, 46, with a variety of interests, loves to be romantic and cook. Seeking same in petite SWF, for friendship, maybe more. \$2983

GEMINI ONLY Aquarius DWM, 37 (only 27), 5'10", 185lbs, hazel eyes, seeks beautiful Gemini lady for dating, possible monogamous relationship with right person. \$2385

CARING/SINCERE SWPM, 36, average build, N/S, enjoys dining-out, movies, outdoors, seeks petite SWF, 30-40, N/S, for serious LTR. \$2631

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

HAPPY-GO-LUCKY Sensitive, 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. No baggage. \$2451

GREAT HUGGER/KISSER Spiritual, tall, dark handsome DWM, 50, looks younger, 40+, 6', who wants more than just the physical, for LTR. Serious replies only please! \$1995

BEAR WANTED SWF, blonde/green, 5'8", medical professional, looking for teddy bear 45+ with good communication skills, who is an athletic event watcher, enjoys winter sports. Good sense of humor a must. \$2821

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

FIRST TIME AD Attractive widowed BF, 41, 5'7", N/S, enjoys movies, concerts, dinner and travel. Seeking honest, fun-loving, 40ish, for friendship. \$2822

OUTGOING FEMALE Sensitive, sport, sincere, blonde/blue, loving, positive, upbeat SWF, 46, medium height/weight, seeks same in man. Call soon. \$2139

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NEW ON THE SCENE Handsome, spirited, humorous, athletic, loving, gentle SWM, 38, 6', 185lbs, never married, seeks attractive woman, with good values, for dating, friendship, possible LTR. Please call. \$2178

DEMURE APPEARANCE... mask your kind, sensual soul? Handsome, 40, 5'11", 180lbs, athletic, sincere, romantic, thoughtful. Seeking very slim, trim, Spice Girl type who enjoys romantic weekend getaways, theater, family/friends, for possible LTR. \$2501

TRUE LOVE Down-to-earth, intelligent, passionate, honest, very giving, sincere SWM, 35, extremely fit, knows how to treat a lady, loves kids. Seeking slim, sexy, feminine, sweet hearted SWIAF, soul mate. For monogamous LTR. \$1714

RARE FIND Trim, handsome SWPM, 39, 5'10", 120lbs, enjoys always, custodial dad of 12-year-old son, enjoys volleyball, outdoor sports, rock music, dancing. Seeking attractive, slim, blonde, honest female, with similar interests. \$9818

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CAUTION: DON'T MISS OUT! WM, 51, secure, honest, 6', gray/blue, fit, seeks an honest female, 38-50, for a LTR. \$21163

TALK TO MY DAD Warm, kind, sensitive, down-to-earth DWPW, 40, 5'9", 150lbs, fit, seeks an honest female, 38-50, for a LTR. \$21163

SEEKING SOULMATE SM, 63, seeks kindred soul with SF partner attached. Me: Spanish-speaking, intelligent, cultured, sensitive, imperfect, attractive, healthy, sensual, agnostic, loves music, the arts, hiking, dancing, poetry and romance. \$2284

RED OR WHITE? Dashing auto executive, 45, wants to send countless roses and lousy composes to a cute, trim, happy lady with no dependents, and lots of vases. \$2722

READY TO GO Sweet, sensitive SWM, 30ish, looking for a lovely female friend to ice skate with and to seek out new adventures to share. \$2634

SMILE WITH ME Caring, attentive, friendly, handsome SWPM, dark blond/hazel gorgeous blue, tall, fit, N/S, seeks attractive, slim, monogamous SWF, under 46, for possible LTR. No prima donna, please. Talk to you soon... \$2626

HUMOROUS Fun-loving SWM, 42, 6'2", 155lbs, blond/hazel, good listener, likes kids, travel, water sports, rock music. Seeks WF, 30-45, for relationship. \$2637

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

COMPANION NEEDED Kind-hearted DWPW, 42, 5'9", 1

**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  
Thonia 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  
Matt Casillas (Salem) 1:51.97  
Kurtis Hornick (Canton) 1:52.49  
Don LeClair (Canton) 1:53.11  
Brandon Digia (N. Farmington) 1:53.63  
Jim Gabriel (N. Farmington) 1:53.78  
Bill Randall (Churchill) 1:53.94

**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) 2:07.50  
Paul Perez (Salem) 2:09.59  
Brett Meconis (Redford CC) 2:11.06  
Mike Nemer (Stevenson) 2:11.54  
Aaron Reeder (Canton) 2:11.63  
Aaron Shelton (Salem) 2:12.05  
Jim Gabriel (N. Farmington) 2:12.20

**50 FREESTYLE**  
(state cut: 22.59)

Matt Zald (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  
Ryan Meekins (Redford CC) 22.81  
Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 22.88  
Don LeClair (Canton) 23.09  
Mark Wachberg (N. Farmington) 23.18  
Bill Randall (Churchill) 23.55

**DIVING**

Lebovic (N. Farmington) 261.75  
Chris McFarland (John Glenn) 257.20  
Greg Brazianus (Redford CC) 256.30  
Mike Mattis (Redford CC) 230.50  
Justin Goodwin (N. Farmington) 197.65  
Greg Kubitski (Salem) 180.95  
Mike Brunner (Canton) 177.00  
Pory Stevens (Redford CC) 172.10  
John Chase (Salem) 168.95  
Jason Zykowski (Stevenson) 163.40

**100 BUTTERFLY**  
(state cut: 56.89)

Keith Falk (Stevenson) 54.00  
James McPartlin (John Glenn) 54.55  
Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 55.45  
Brett Meconis (Redford CC) 55.68  
Adam Farber (N. Farmington) 56.59

**100 FREESTYLE**  
(state cut: 49.49)

Paul Perez (Salem) 57.13  
Kurtis Hornick (Canton) 57.45  
Mark Wachberg (N. Farmington) 57.84  
Bryant Steele (Redford CC) 59.10  
Mike Malik (Stevenson) 59.25  
Matt Zald (N. Farmington) 48.17  
Keith Falk (Stevenson) 48.92  
Ryan Meekins (Redford CC) 48.97  
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**500 FREESTYLE**  
(state cut: 4:57.39)

Keith Falk (Stevenson) 4:51.40  
Brian Mertens (Salem) 5:07.00  
Paul Perez (Salem) 5:07.47  
Ryan Meekins (Redford CC) 5:07.81  
Mike Malik (Stevenson) 5:08.46  
Justin Ketterer (Stevenson) 5:09.06  
Kurtis Hornick (Canton) 5:10.60  
Ed Lesnau (Redford CC) 5:12.90  
Bryant Steele (Redford CC) 5:18.05  
Danny Price (Harrison) 5:20.80

**200 FREESTYLE RELAY**  
(state cut: 1:31.99)

North Farmington 1:32.37  
Plymouth Salem 1:32.51  
Plymouth Canton 1:33.38  
Livonia Stevenson 1:33.78  
Redford Catholic Central 1:35.35

**100 BACKSTROKE**  
(state cut: 56.39)

Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 55.66  
Jim Gabriel (N. Farmington) 57.15  
Devin Hopper (Farmington) 57.39  
Aaron Reeder (Canton) 58.06  
James McPartlin (John Glenn) 58.42  
Aaron Shelton (Salem) 58.77  
Matt Casillas (Salem) 59.46  
Justin Allen (Canton) 59.62  
Keith Falk (Stevenson) 59.69  
Brad Neilson (Canton) 1:00.48

**100 BREASTSTROKE**  
(state cut: 1:03.19)

Adam Farber (N. Farmington) 1:02.68  
Keith Falk (Stevenson) 1:03.76  
Kevin VanTiem (Stevenson) 1:05.23  
Josh Markou (Redford CC) 1:06.01  
Mike Nemer (Stevenson) 1:06.06  
Sonny Webber (Wayne) 1:06.91  
David Hartmann (Farmington) 1:07.04  
Mike Kruszewski (Redford CC) 1:07.30  
Aaron Shelton (Salem) 1:07.90  
Jon Zald (N. Farmington) 1:08.38

**400 FREESTYLE RELAY**  
(state cut: 3:23.09)

North Farmington 3:23.17  
Redford Catholic Central 3:24.16  
Livonia Stevenson 3:25.31  
Plymouth Salem 3:26.51  
Plymouth Canton 3:29.29

**Madonna repels Tech's comeback**

Too little, too late. Madonna University's men's basketball team has suffered through all sorts of indignities this season of frustration, but it has never surrendered. On Saturday against visiting Indiana Tech, the Fighting Crusaders continued to follow that simple precept — all the way to a 92-88 triumph.

It was the second Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference win in three games for Madonna, raising its record to 8-20 overall and 4-8 in the conference. Tech fell to 16-8 overall, 6-5 in the WHAC.

Behind the efforts of Mike Massey (31 points, eight rebounds and two steals) and Mike Maryanski (27 points, seven boards, four assists and two blocked shots), the Crusaders scored the game's first six points and never trailed. Their lead by halftime was 43-26.

But it did get interesting down the stretch. With 2:45 left in the game, a Massey free throw had made it 80-65 — a safe cushion, right? Not by Warrior standards. They nailed seven three-pointers in that last 2:38, five of them by Gordon Stubblefield, in outscoring Madonna 23-12.

But with Trevor Hinshaw converting 7-of-8 free throws in the final 1:26, Tech never got closer than four points as the Crusaders held off the charge. Hinshaw, one of five Crusaders to reach double figures in scoring, finished with 10 points, five rebounds and four assists.

Jason Skoczylas added 13 points and three steals, and Mark Mitchell had 10 points.

**MEN'S BASKETBALL**

Madonna enjoyed one of its finest shooting days, hitting 28-of-52 floor shots (53.8 percent), 5-of-13 three-pointers (38.5 percent) and 31-of-44 free throws (70.5 percent).

Maryanski was named WHAC player of the week, averaging 18.3 points and eight rebounds in the seven-day stretch.

Stubblefield's 23 points topped Tech. Khalil Hairston and Franklyn Bush added 15 points apiece, and Andre Miles scored 13. Hairston also had nine assists.

Oakland CC 111, SC 92: Schoolcraft College has handled every opponent in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association's Eastern Conference, except for conference leader Flint Mott CC and — Oakland CC?

The Raiders have hovered at the .500 level all season, but for the second time in a week they looked like champions in completely mastering SC. On Feb. 8, they beat the Ocelots 117-97 at SC.

SC fell to 20-4 overall, 10-4 in the conference. OCC is 12-13 overall, 7-8 in the conference.

Once again, OCC took command early and kept it, leading 59-35 at the half. The Raiders were 34-of-64 from the floor (53.1 percent) and 11-of-21 from three-point range (52.4 percent), and they shot a whopping 41 free throws, making 32 of them (78 percent).

SC was 39-of-83 from the floor (47 percent), but hit just 3-of-21 triples (14.3 percent) and were just 11-of-20 from the line (55 percent).

Five Raiders reached double-figures in scoring, led by Montez Briggs with 21 points, nine assists and six rebounds. Albert Jones (from Westland John Glenn) had 19 points, seven boards, six assists and three steals; Brad Burlingame scored 18 points; Randy Kelly totaled 17 points; and Aaronde Kemp collected 12 points.

SC had seven players in double figures in scoring: Dashawn Williams with 16 (and 14 rebounds); Mike Murray with 13 (and five boards); Lamar Bigby with 12; Chris Colley with 11; and David McGlown, Derek McKelvey and David Jarrett (Westland John Glenn) with 10 apiece.

SC 77, Delta 64: The offense wasn't quite as productive, but the defense made up for it as Schoolcraft College won its 20th game of the season Saturday, beating visiting Delta.

The loss dropped Delta to 8-16 overall, 4-10 in the Eastern Conference.

The Ocelots, who have struggled at the free-throw line at times this season, didn't in this game. They nailed 14-of-18 from the stripe (77.8 percent); the Pioneers were 9-of-11 (81 percent). SC led 32-23 at the half.

Dashawn Williams' 17 point topped the Ocelots. David Jarrett (from Westland John Glenn) added 14 and Derek McKelvey scored 12.

Andre Bell led Delta with 22 points.

**Madonna gets 3rd-straight win; SC clinches title**

Turnaround time — and just in time.

Madonna University's women's basketball team appeared to be a legitimate challenger for the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference championship just before the start of league play. Even the loss of star forward Mary Murray to a severe knee injury early in the season, while a definite problem, was something they could overcome. They entered the WHAC campaign with an 11-4 record.

Four weeks later, they were at the bottom of the conference standings with a 12-12 overall record and a 1-8 league mark.

They were down, but apparently not out. Led by Kathy Panganis, Madonna has now won its last three WHAC games, the latest a 79-57 dismantling of Indiana Tech Saturday in Fort Wayne.

The sophomore forward turned

**WOMEN'S HOOP**

in yet another superb all-around performance, converting 8-of-13 floor shots (and 2-of-3 three-pointers) to score a game-high 21 points. She also had 12 rebounds (four of them offensive), six assists and two steals.

Panganis, named WHAC player of the week for her efforts, leads the conference in scoring with a 19.6 average.

Chris Dietrich added 17 points, five rebounds and five assists; Lori Enfield scored 10 points and grabbed five boards; Katie Cushman had nine points and six assists; and Kristi Fiorenzi (from Plymouth Can-

ton) finished with seven points and seven rebounds.

The Lady Warriors got 10 points apiece from Rhonda Mehrley, Nichole Meyers and Kelly Hays. Hays also had 11 rebounds and three steals.

Madonna led 40-33 at the half.

The win improved the Crusaders' record to 15-12 overall, 4-8 in the WHAC. Tech is 7-19 overall, 2-10 in the conference.

SC 53, Oakland CC 41: What ever it takes.

That philosophy carried Schoolcraft College to its 14th-straight win in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association's Eastern Conference, clinching first place for the

Lady Ocelots. They have won 16 consecutive games and have a 22-3 overall record to go with their 14-0 conference mark.

SC trailed OCC (14-10 overall, 7-8 in the conference) 27-18 at the half, but limited the Lady Raiders to 6-of-34 shooting from the floor in the second half (17.6 percent).

Antone' Watson led the Ocelots with 15 points, six rebounds, five assists and two steals. Jackie Kocis added 11 points.

Paula Wesa was the only Raider to reach double figures in scoring with 18 points; she also had 16 rebounds and five steals; Allison Richards contributed nine points.

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## Western nips North to forge a tie for top spot in WLAA

BY CHRIS MAYER  
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Walled Lake Western's boys basketball team had its share of lopsided victories earlier this season. Now the Warriors are finding ways to win close games.

Incredibly, Western endured a third straight one-point game on Tuesday. The result this time was a heart-stopping 46-45 victory over visiting North Farmington that enabled Western to break the school's single-season record for wins.

"It was a classic defensive battle between two outstanding teams," Western coach Rex Stanczak said. "It was one of those back-and-forth games where North Farmington opened up a six- or eight-point lead and we made a run to tie it. And then we got up six or eight points and (the Raiders) caught a run and tied it."

The victory left the Warriors with a 15-1 overall record - the 15 wins breaks the previous record of 14 set during the 1996-97 season when Western reached the Class A regional finals - and a 9-1 mark in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

Western concludes its regular-season conference schedule Friday at home against Farmington Hills Harrison. A win would

### BASKETBALL

allow the Warriors to clinch the top seed for the upcoming WLAA Tournament. Harrison, incidentally, downed Farmington 73-55 on Tuesday.

North Farmington (12-3, 8-1) suffered its first conference defeat. Emir Medunjanin paced the Raiders with 14 points, 10 of which came in the first half.

Ben Dewar's 18 points led Western, which lost to Plymouth Salem (47-46) and defeated Plymouth Canton (52-51) in its previous two games. Jenero Dawood chipped in 11 points, punctuated by three second-half 3-pointers, and Jeff Mitchell had 10 points. Stanczak also praised the defensive efforts of Mitchell, Dewar and Brandon Routhier in limiting Medunjanin to only four points after intermission.

Tied 39-39 after three quarters, Western failed to score during the first four minutes of the fourth quarter and fell behind 43-39.

The Warriors clawed back in front and then survived some frantic final moments in which both teams missed the front end of one-and-one free-throw opportunities two different times. The Raiders also failed to convert a potential game-winning jumper in the waning seconds.

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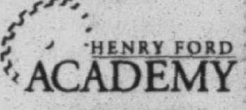
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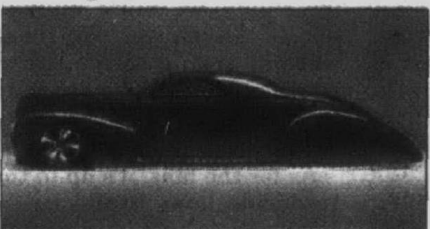
## THE WEEKEND

### FRIDAY



Soloist Elizabeth Beeler joins the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, and the Madrigal Chorale of Southfield, for a pops concert featuring music from Broadway, 8:30 p.m. at Orchestra Hall, (313) 576-5111.

### SATURDAY



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### SUNDAY



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## HOT TICKET



Dance Theatre of Harlem company members worked with students at Plymouth Salem High School as part of its outreach program. Dance Theatre of Harlem performs at Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts through Sunday, Feb. 21. Tickets are \$41.50, \$36.50 and \$31.50. Call (313) 963-2366 for information.

# CIRQUE INGENIEUX

raises spectacle to art

Avant-garde circus at Music Hall bound for Broadway

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Years after he left Broadway as a young scenic designer because the competition was too cutthroat, Neil Goldberg will make his return to Gotham City this fall.

In between leaving and returning to Broadway, Goldberg established himself as one of the industry's most sought-after big-event producers with a couple of Super Bowls and Miss America Pageants to his credit, not to mention a few thousand corporate shows.

But in the early 1990s, fed up with what he called "Band-Aid productions" and "safe" corporate shows, Goldberg ran off and joined the circus.

Actually, he created a circus, "Cirque Ingenieux," to be performed Tuesday-Sunday at the Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts.

The avant-garde circus is partly an old-fashioned P.T. Barnum extravaganza, and partly European existential dream. A mix of outrageousness and a bizarre, voyeuristic intimacy.

For those who've watched "Cirque Ingenieux" on PBS, there's really only one word that sums up the troupe of contortionists, acrobats, aerialists and illusionists — spectacle.

### Story of the circus

In the European tradition, Cirque Ingenieux relies on a single-ring circus in an intimate setting, not a three-ring circus set amid a canyon.

Unlike the mawkishness of a Disney production, Cirque rushes headlong into a wildly imaginative, and, at times, frightening universe.

The peculiar spectacle follows the story of Sarah, a young girl who becomes enthralled by the circus performers.

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**WHAT:** Cirque Ingenieux  
**WHERE:** Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 350 Madison Avenue, Detroit  
**WHEN:** Tuesday, Feb. 23-Sunday, Feb. 28  
**PERFORMANCE TIMES:** 7:30 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday; 8 p.m. Friday; 1 p.m., 4:30 p.m. & 8 p.m. Saturday; 1 p.m. Sunday  
**TICKETS:** \$25-\$38.50, call (248) 645-6666 to charge tickets, or (313) 983-6611 for more information.



Held up: (Top photo) Circus-like athleticism offers a blend of gymnastics and body sculpture. (Photo above) Cirque Ingenieux offers a contorted view of aesthetic defiance.



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War-time drama: Sergeant Horvath (Tom Sizemore), Corporal Upham (Jeremy Davies), Private Jackson (Barry Pepper) and Captain John Miller (Tom Hanks, right) are pinned down by an enemy sniper as they try to help a terrified little girl in a scene from "Saving Private Ryan."

## W.W. II, 1500s vie for Oscar

BY HUGH GALLAGHER  
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World War II and Elizabethan England dominate this year's Oscar competition.

Three Best Picture nominated films — "Saving Private Ryan," "Life is Beautiful" and "The Thin Red Line" — examine the devastating effect of the war on soldiers and ordinary people. "Shakespeare in Love" and "Elizabeth" are, respectively, a costume comedy and a costume drama featuring the old and young Queen Bess.

It's hard to read any deep meaning into this other than coincidence. The biggest surprise and disappointment is that "The Truman Show" failed to win a Best Picture nomination, though director Peter Weir was nominated. The nominating process — in which everyone nominates in the Best Picture category while other nominations are made by those in the particular craft — makes these contradictions inevitable. "The Truman Show" might have offended the Hollywood crowd with its critique of media manipulation, or they might just be tired of the movie's star, perennial adolescent Jim Carrey, who didn't receive a Best Actor Nomination.

I would have easily eliminated "Elizabeth," an entertaining but not spectacular political drama, in favor of "The Truman Show."

Carrey also deserved a nomination for reaching beyond his usual clown persona. The nominated actors — Tom Hanks for "Saving Private Ryan," Ian McKellen for "Gods and Monsters," Roberto Benigni for "Life is Beautiful," Edward Norton for "American History X" and Nick Nolte for "Affliction" — are an outstanding group. Benigni's warm, Chaplinesque performance shows that he also can occasionally rein in a wild comic spirit.

Tom Hanks proves again his versatility and his talent for creating believable characters with small telling gestures. McKellen's performance as director James Whale has been sharing critics' honors with my personal choice for best actor, Nick Nolte. Nolte's performance in "Affliction" is raw, honest and complex and a cap to many years of fine performances.

### Best actress

In the best actress category, the critics have chosen Fernanda Montenegro for her performance in the Brazilian film "Central Station." She is also my choice for playing a part that could have plunged into sentimentality at any moment. She keeps it totally honest as a retired teacher who helps a little boy find his family. Cate Blanchett is also excellent as a headstrong and incisive young Queen Elizabeth and

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## POPULAR MUSIC

### Black Crowes hold up release

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO  
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Steve Gorman, drummer for The Black Crowes, knew that as soon as he and his bandmates wrapped up work on their fifth album, "By Your Side," they would regrettably write a great song.

"In the past when you make a record

and you finish it and you turn it in, the next song is always great. But it's too late and by the time you're ready to make a new record, you've written a bunch more," he said.

And it happened again. But this time, The Black Crowes had the clout to put the brakes on the September release of "Stand By Me" (American/Columbia).

After turning in the album to the record company, The Black Crowes headed out on a summertime club tour which inspired the rollicking "Go Tell the Congregation," and the lazy, New Orleans-inspired "Diamond Ring."

When the two songs surfaced, the band decided to return to the studio and revamp the album.

"We were in no hurry to put the

Please see RELEASE, E2

**WHO:** The Black Crowes, and special guest Moke  
**WHEN:** 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 19  
**WHERE:** State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit  
**HOW:** Tickets, \$24.50, are available at all Ticketmaster outlets for the all-ages show. For more information, call (313) 961-5451 or visit <http://www.961meit.com>.



Shake your moneymaker: Black Crowes — from (left), keyboardist Eddie Harsch of Detroit, drummer Steve Gorman, singer Chris Robinson, guitarist Audley Freed, guitarist/vocalist Rich Robinson, and bassist Sven Pipien.

## Circus from page E1

Returning to the empty tent after the performance, Sarah's world is transformed magically as a ride on the trapeze takes her into an Kafkaesque "Alice in Wonderland" meets "Wizard of Oz" with odd characters straight from the "Jerry Springer Show."

It's an extravagantly strange place of an Enchantress and

whacky tailors that has struck a chord with American audiences.

Often, Cirque performances are sell-outs. The attention and ticket sales during their second season of a national tour apparently persuaded investors that the ultimate prize might be under the Broadway big-top.

"In eastern Europe, especially Russia, the circus is like football to New Yorkers," said Goldberg.

"When Americans are confronted with what we don't know, we become more captivated."

### Contrary to Broadway

choice for the award did get nominated — Robert Duvall once again proves that he is one of the finest and most subtle of actors in his work as an old shoe lawyer in "A Civil Action." It is also nice to see veteran James Coburn finally get recognition for his tough, nasty performance in "Affliction." The other nominees are Ed Harris in "The Truman Show," Geoffrey Rush in "Shakespeare in Love" and Billy Bob Thornton in "A Simple

Plan." Oscars rarely get passed out simply for artistic merit. Industry politics, national politics, sentimentality, Hollywood's inferiority complex and many other elements go into who gets these highly coveted but totally quirky awards.

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My choice for best picture is the movie that the Eastern critics are enjoying having seconds thoughts about and sneering at as "too conventional." There is a lot that is conventional about "Saving Private Ryan," but there is also a brutality, a sweep and an emotional power that is not at all conventional. Needless to say I also think Steven Spielberg should get his second Oscar.

Contrary to the ways of Broadway, there's nothing conventional or "safe" with Goldberg's latest production.

"They couldn't pay me enough to do 'Grease' again," said Goldberg from his Los Angeles office.

"My dream has always been to

work on Broadway in original productions," he said. "The aura of live theater is so appealing to me."

Years after running off with the circus, Goldberg and investors are betting that Broadway might be finally ready for the ultimate contortionist act.

## Oscar from page E1

Gwyneth Paltrow again deftly handles a comic part in "Shakespeare in Love." The other nominees are Meryl Streep in "One True Thing" and Emily Watson "Hilary and Jackie."

Queen Elizabeth is also represented in the best supporting actress category with Judi Dench, who plays the queen as an amusing old lady in "Shakespeare in Love." My choice here is Kathy Bates' abrasive, emotional, riveting performance as a

political operative in "Primary Colors" (a movie that has been sadly undervalued because of its tie to real events). The other nominees are Rachel Griffiths for "Hilary and Jackie," Lynn Redgrave for "Gods and Monsters" and Brenda Blethyn for "Little Voice."

Bill Murray got robbed of a best supporting actor nomination for "Rushmore." The critics have been more perceptive than Hollywood. But my personal

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"Shakespeare in Love" and "Life Is Beautiful" are also favorites for best film. The first has a wonderfully witty script, fine ensemble acting and high production values. Benigni's "Life Is Beautiful" does the seemingly impossible by showing how humor triumphs over evil.

On Sunday, March 21, we'll find out how Hollywood voted.

See our Oscar contest ballot on page E6 to cast your vote.

## Release from page E1

record out. We were with a new label and we were like, 'Let's just hang on a second.' If these are as good as we think they are, we owe it to the record to go record them and see what we think."

On "Diamond Ring," Robinson's vocals are striking. He growls through "You're the reason I want to sing/You make me feel like a king/I love the sunshine that you bring/I want to buy you a diamond ring."

"Stand By Me" was then moved to November, but to avoid getting lost in the avalanche of Christmas releases, the band opted to move it to January.

### Stripped down

The Black Crowes wanted "By Your Side" to sound warm, not like a slick and shiny overpro-

duced album. So, according to Gorman, the band headed in the studio with "a bunch of guitars, a bunch of drums, a bunch of vocals" and just threw down.

The studio work was the easy part. The Black Crowes worked out all the kinks in pre-production, picking apart the 20 songs "like crazy," Gorman explained.

"We were very, very focused. We'd take each song, play it 50 times and pay attention to what every single person's playing so that when you come out of there, you go into the studio and just roll tape. The song is already very, very familiar. It was really easy to do."

Many of the songs that made it on the album, were first, second or third take.

The Black Crowes went through a lineup change before heading into the studio. The

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core members of guitarist Rich Robinson, singer Chris Robinson, drummer Gorman, and keyboardist Eddie Harsch remained. Guitarist Marc Ford and bassist Johnny Colt were out; bassist Sven Pipien, a longtime friend of the band, was in.

"We've known Sven forever. The first band I was ever in, Sven was my bass player. We'd always say we should play together and so when it finally happened, I didn't think it would be in The Black Crowes."

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VH1 "Behind the Music" special about The Black Crowes which airs this spring.

"It'll be good. There's so much stuff that we've done. There's a lot of unreleased stuff. For about three years we didn't really talk about anything. We really weren't trying to maintain a profile. There'll be some live footage. That'll be good for die-hard fans."

As for the fans, it's up to them to decide how "Stand By Me" compares to previous works by The Black Crowes.

"All of our albums are very honest records. It's consistent in that regard. Ten years from now, it won't be the new album, it'll just be the fifth one. We don't compete with our old albums, ever. We're always looking ahead. That's for fans to figure out."

## Song for Rosa Parks gains Grammy attention

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO  
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Eschewing the rap trend of recording new lyrics over old songs, Outkast's Big Boi and Dre knew they had something special while creating their latest album "Aquemini" (LaFace).

So much so that they penned a song about it, "Rosa Parks," likening their quest for revamping hip-hop to the civil rights heroine's life-changing bus ride.

"The lyrics, it's like, we back in the saddle again. There was a lot of things going on in music, the uncreativity and people just doing the same thing over and over again," Big Boi said.

"The whole thing was like Rosa Parks. She refused to go to the back of the bus and made a change for everything, the whole civil rights movement. We refuse to do what everybody else was doing. For 1998-1999, we Rosa Parks. We go against the grain like we always do."

Apparently Outkast's peers thought it stood out as well. The track "Rosa Parks" earned Outkast its first Grammy nomination. The Best Rap Performance by a Duo or Group category pits "Rosa Parks" against "Intergalactic" by the Beastie Boys, "Money Ain't A Thang" by Jermaine Dupri and Jay-Z, "Deja Vu" by Lord Tariq and Peter Gunz, and "Ghetto Supastar" by Pras Michel, Ol' Dirty Bastard and Mya.

"That's good. For one thing it's our first time being nominated. Second, there's a broader audience who (watches) the Graf-

mies. It's a good feeling," said Big Boi.

"Aquemini" is Outkast's third album, all of which hit platinum status. Big Boi and Dre produced nine of the 14 tracks on the album.

"It's all about growing," he said. "We started producing on the second album and felt like people appreciated what we were doin' so we had to crank it up on this one."

Outkast brought a few friends into the studio with them — Erykah Badu, George Clinton, Raekwon from WuTang Clan, and Goodie Mob.

Big Boi is the instrumentalist of the group while Dre writes the lyrics. Their musical bond is so strong that for the title of the album, they blended their two zodiac signs, Aquarius and Gemini, into one word, "Aquemini."

"Balance is key — Balance in the music and balance with me and Dre. I'm more street, hardcore hip-hop and Dre's more extraterrestrial." But while they're in the studio, they work as a team.

"If we're in the studio — he has a pre-production studio in his home and I have one in my home — I'll call him and say, 'Yo, I got this beat,' and he'll say, 'Yo, yo I think this might be dope for it.'"

The twosome took their phone conversations into the studio and peppered it with live musicians.

"It's way more creative than doing just the average thing, taking an old song and putting new lyrics on it. Our whole philosophy is you have to recreate yourself and turn into something else

while staying true to who you are," he said.

Musicians, specifically a DJ, acoustic guitarist and percussionist will be apart of its show on Thursday, Feb. 18, opening for multi-Grammy nominee Lauryn Hill at the Fox Theatre.

Big Boi does admit to "creative sampling," but he said, he turns it around so that nobody will be able to identify the samples.

"Let's say we have a certain sample, we might get different sounds and melodies off of that. We create the whole thing over and over again. You never know where it came from. It's like so different. We change it. We flip the whole thing around. We strive for something new. You have to stay fresh and innovative in this game."

That will continue on Outkast's fourth album, on which the band has already begun working.

"It's gonna be very different. I can't let it out of the bag. There's a lot of biters out there."

Outkast opens for Lauryn Hill at 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18, at the Fox Theatre, 2111 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets are \$38.50 and \$46 for the all-ages show. For more information, call (248) 433-1515. Outkast's Web site is <http://www.outkast.com>.

Olympia Entertainment is hosting a Lauryn Hill After Party from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 18, at The Second City, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets are \$20, or \$15 at the door with a ticket stub. For more information, call Second City at (313) 965-2222 or WDTJ-FM at (313) 871-0590.

## Silent film series features Chaplin comedy

Stagecrafters Silent Film and Organ Concert Series concludes Saturday-Sunday, Feb. 20-21 at the historic Baldwin Theatre in Royal Oak with Charlie Chaplin's classic comedy, "The Gold Rush."

Organist Lance Luce will accompany the film with an orig-

inal score. The theater is at 415 S. Lafayette. Tickets are \$8, reserved, call (248) 541-6430. Performances are 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 21. The ticket office is open 7-9 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday and 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Fridays.

"The Gold Rush," being shown in honor of the 106th anniversary of Charlie Chaplin's birth, contains beautiful and pathetic moments of pantomime, satire, drama and tenderness. In 1925, "The Gold Rush" was on the New York Times "Top 10 Film List."

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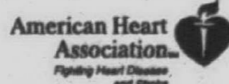
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# Comic has opinions about everything

Lewis Black performs at Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle, 269 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak, Thursday-Sunday, Feb. 18-21. Performances 8:30 p.m. Thursday, 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 7:30 p.m. Sunday. Tickets \$6 Thursday & Sunday, \$12 Friday-Saturday, call (248) 542-9900 for reservations. Steve Bills is also appearing.

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mation all the time from the weather guy." You know, they say it's going to be sunny, and you leave for work without your umbrella only to get caught in the rain.



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Sleet and snow, ice and rain, Lewis Black has weathered lots of storms along his route. He's not the postman, but a comedian who found his audience by tuning in the weather channel.

"My breakthrough came when I started talking about the weather," said Black, now appearing at Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle in Royal Oak. "The weather is one of the things we can't control. We get bad infor-

When Black isn't making people laugh, he's busy writing plays, and spends his summers at the Williamston Theatre Festival in Williamston, Mass., acting and teaching.

A graduate of the Yale School of Drama, Black got involved in comedy because it allowed him to do all the things he wanted to do — write plays and act.

"Stand-up is a combination of play writing and acting," he said. "You get a play produced every 140 years. Comedy is a way to keep busy. It became the way I got in."

Getting in means appearing in such films as "Hannah and Her Sisters," "Jacob's Ladder," "The Hard Way," and "The Night We Never Met."

An author of over 40 plays, Black's works have been produced in theaters across the country.

You might have caught a glimpse of him on TV. He has guest starred on "Homicide" and

"Mad About You."

"Once you perform in Toledo to a group of drunks, going to auditions seemed easier," he said explaining how he went from drama to comedy.

Describing his stand-up comedy routine, Black said "it's edgy, the language is harsh, but I don't think it's offensive," he said. "I still love doing it. I'm still growing."

Although he's got a regular TV gig, Black believes it's important to hit the road and perform before a live audience. "I love Jay Leno," he said. "He's working 300 nights a year, but spends 65 days in front of a live audience. There's nothing that beats it, I love a live audience."

He's working on a TV pilot for a sitcom, and continues to write plays. "I'm very lucky to be on the Daily Show," he said. "If people haven't seen it it's well worth their time. I also did a special for Comedy Central. It will air sometime in February."



Family affair: The Ying Quartet performs Sunday at Cranbrook Art Museum. The quartet is made up of Cellist David Ying, left, violinist Timothy Ying, violinist Janet Ying, and violist Phillip Ying.

## Concerts at Cranbrook feature Ying Quartet

The Chamber Music Society of Detroit presents the Ying Quartet 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20 and 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 21 at the Albert and Peggy DeSalle Auditorium, Cranbrook Art Museum, Bloomfield Hills. Call (248) 737-9980 for ticket information. The program includes Beethoven's Quartet in G Major, Opus 18, Number 2; Ives' String Quartet Number 2; Brahms' Quartet in A Minor, Opus 51, Number 2.

BY JILL HOCKMAN  
STAFF WRITER

The string musicians who make up the Ying Quartet share more than a membership in what's been dubbed one of the best young ensembles on the American music scene.

The group's sibling members — Timothy, Janet, Philip and David Ying — are also part of the faculty at the University of Rochester's Eastman School of Music in New York. They will perform this weekend at the Cranbrook Art Museum in Bloomfield Hills.

The Yings formed the quartet in 1988 while studying at the Eastman School. The group went

on to win the International Cleveland Quartet Competition the following year, and made its New York debut at Lincoln Center's Alice Tully Hall in 1991.

The quartet started touring professionally in 1992, and won the Naumburg Chamber Music Award in 1993.

The quartet has performed throughout the world. In addition to North American appearances, their touring schedule has included Europe, Asia and Australia. For two years, they participated in the Rural Residency Initiative, serving as resident ensemble in Jesup, Iowa, a farming community of 2,000.

While visiting the Detroit area, the quartet will hold a full-day residency at Wayne State University and Cranbrook Educational Community.

The ensemble's visit will conclude this weekend with two concerts at the Cranbrook Art Museum. Both concerts will have the same program: Beethoven's Quartet in G Major, Opus 18, Number 2; Ives' String Quartet Number 2; and Brahms' Quartet in A Minor, Opus 51, Number 2.

## Colorful characters 'Light Up The Sky'

Wayne State University's Hilberry Theatre presents the Moss Hart comedy, "Light Up The Sky," in rotating repertory through April 1. Performances 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday with selected 2 p.m. Wednesday and Saturday matinees. The theater is at Cass and Hancock on the WSU campus. Tickets \$10-\$17, call (313) 577-2972 for ticket information.

BY SUE SUCHTA  
SPECIAL WRITER

The Hilberry's production of Moss Hart's "Light Up The Sky" is overflowing with colorful characters who, unfortunately, don't have much of a storyline with which to work. While the Hilberry company did a marvelous job bringing the bigger-than-life characters to the stage, they didn't have much of a plot to entertain the audience with during

the long three-act play.

Set in the 1950s, "Light Up The Sky" gives a fly-on-the-wall glimpse of a production company before their show opens, immediately after the curtain falls, and at 3 a.m. when the reviews hit the newsstands. The stage is filled with neurotic and egotistical, but ultimately likable characters, in a pre-Prozac era who rely on martinis and wit to survive the verbal volleyball.

Gavin Lewis plays Carleton Fitzgerald, a self-absorbed, and laughably intense director whose whims are catered to by a coterie of underlings. His poses alone evoke guffaws as he postulates about his art and the fickleness of the world.

Sara Catheryn Wolf is deliciously cagey as the tough as nails stage mother, Stella Livingston, a Mamie Eisenhower look-alike with a mean streak.

Her daughter Irene, the show's ingenue, is portrayed by blonde and leggy Heidi Olson. While Olson captured the vocal confidence of the character, her stage presence and body language did not project the same ease and self-esteem.

Orestes Arcuni is refreshingly exuberant as the naive young playwright Peter Sloan who wears his heart on his sleeve and whose self-worth rises and falls with the characters' careless critiques of his play.

The financial bakers, Frances and Sidney Black, portrayed by Tanisha Gonzalez and Lucas Caleb Rooney, a gregarious team, keep things lively with their nouveau rich intimations about the lucky acquisition of their wealth.

Gonzalez and Wolf have some funny repartee with their ongoing gin games and clever obser-

vations and retorts. Perky and precise, they do what they can to shore up an otherwise slow storyline. The Shriners provided some bawdy relief, especially Mike Schraeder's charmingly brash cameo.

David Engelman as Owen Turner, an outside observer and veteran playwright, oversees the action with a relaxed, practiced air and a smooth likability. His humorous explanations of the theater madness to the newer members of the production company help the audience capture some of the humor of the situation's drama-directed jokes.

Mary Leyendecker's costumes were elegant and sublime, right down to the perfectly perched ladies hats, a tribute to a bygone fashion era. Larry Kaushansky's filmy drapes, soaring columns, and sparkling chandeliers, created a splendid setting.

## 'Rushmore' gets to the heart of being young

BY HUGH GALLAGHER  
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Max Fischer is an unusual kid — he loves his school.

He's the president of the French Club, the Beekeepers Club, the Chorale, the Debate team, the fencing team, etc. He's even an alternate on the wrestling team. He's the only kid at the private Rushmore Academy who wears his blazer.

He's also flunking out and about to lose his scholarship.

The movie "Rushmore" is a bold, outlandish, endearing bit of American magic realism that offers some rich insights into growing up and growing old.

Director Wes Anderson and co-screenwriter Owen Wilson continue their unique view of American life that began with the

wonderful "Bottle Rocket." Once again their story is bigger than life, hilariously inventive and incisive.

Jason Schwartzman is Max Fischer, a junior-sized Groucho Marx, a budding entrepreneur, a geek with moxie. He wears horn-rimmed glasses. He gawks but he also talks. Does he talk. He spins a line for everyone he meets. He lives large. He writes plays and stages them with Spielbergian dimensions.

Schwartzman makes an auspicious acting debut as the self-deluding Max, at once admirable and repulsive. Max's problems begin when he falls in love with beautiful and sensitive Miss Cross (Olivia Williams) and gets expelled for launching a project to build her an aquarium on the baseball field.

At first he seeks help in his project from his idol, Rushmore alum and tough business tycoon Mr. Blume. Then Mr. Blume falls in love with Miss Cross and the battle is joined.

At the center of all this is Bill Murray, giving the performance of a lifetime as Mr. Blume. For Mr. Blume is an unhappy man. His marriage his dead, his twin sons are obnoxious jerks, his money and his work are a grind. In Max he finds the child he left behind.

Murray has never been this restrained. His mugging is replaced by small gestures, nuanced expressions of love,

regret, depression. Where the usual Murray would go for the obvious laugh, here, under Anderson's direction, Murray underplays to perfection. He forgoes the laugh for the pain. He has been unfairly and incomprehensibly overlooked for an Oscar nomination following several critic awards.

Anderson and Wilson have carved out a special territory here. Where the movie screens are flooded with youth-oriented movies put together by committees they are making movies that get to the heart of being young and more than a little crazy.

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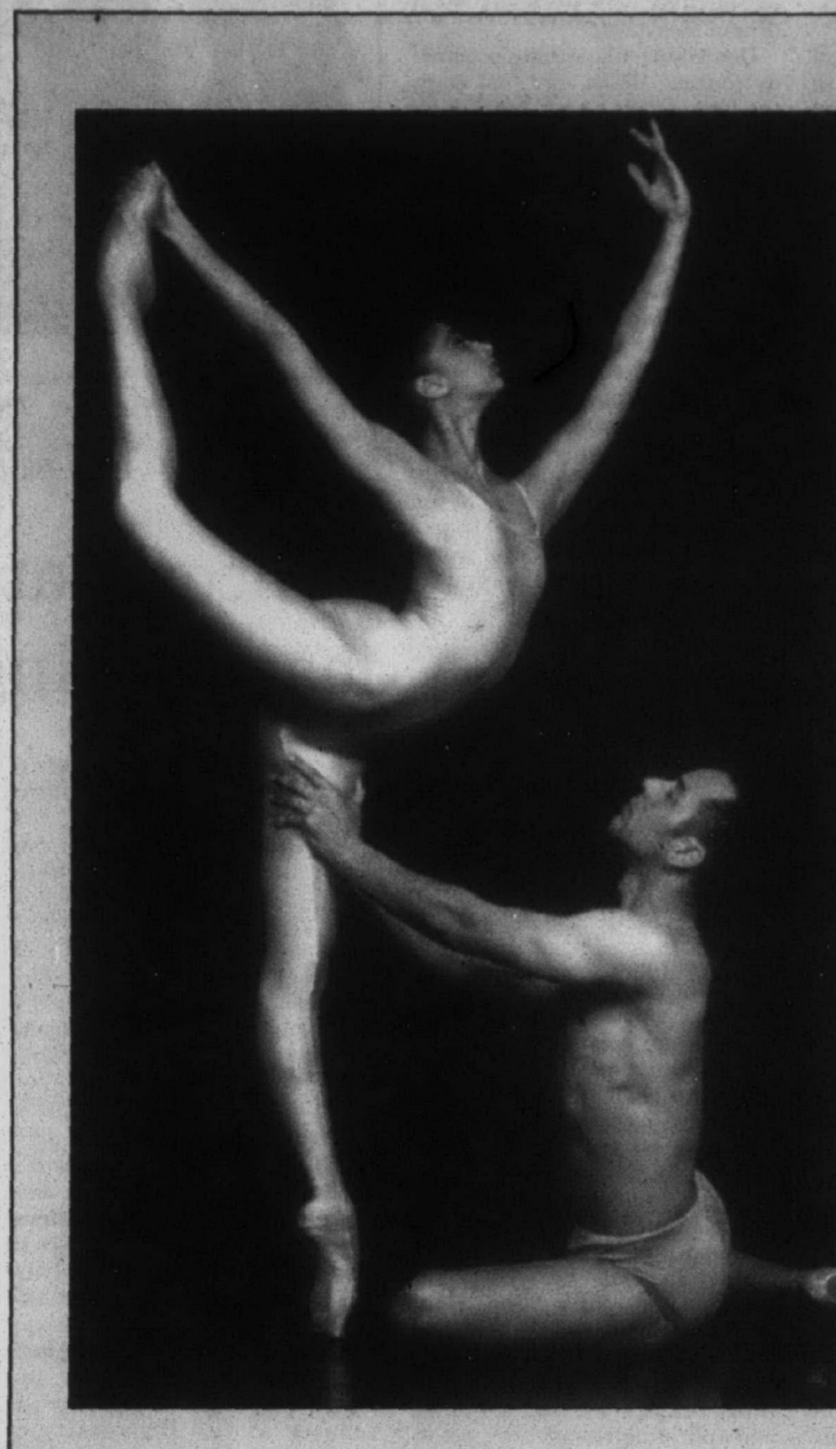
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"The Curious Savage," a comedy by John Patrick, 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 19-20, at the State Wayne Stage IV Theatre, on Michigan Avenue,



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Program A — "Allegro Brillante" by George Balanchine, "Le Corsaire" by Marius Petipa, "The Joplin Dances" by Robert Garland, and "Firebird" by Jon Taras will be presented 8 p.m. Thursday and 3 p.m. Sunday. Program B — "Bugaku" by George Balanchine, "South African Suite" by Arthur Mitchell and Levine Naidu, and "Sasanka" by Vincent Mantsoe will be presented 8 p.m. Friday, 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday. Tickets \$41.50, \$36.50 and \$31.50, call (313) 963-2366 or (248) 645-6666.

Wayne. \$10, \$5 seniors/students. (734) 721-7400

### YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

**DETROIT PUPPET THEATER**  
PuppetART presents "The Firebird" from an old Russian folk tale, noon and 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 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 performance. (313) 961-7777/(248) 557-8599

**WILD SWAN THEATRE**  
"The Firebird," 10 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 19, and 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Feb. 20-21, at Washenaw Community College's Towsley Theater. \$8, \$6 children. (734) 763-TKTS/(734) 995-0530

### SPECIAL EVENTS

**BIG KMART AUTORAMA**  
Featuring 800 exhibits of hot rods and custom cars, trucks, vans and motorcycles, 4-11 p.m. Friday, Feb. 19, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, and 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 21, Cobo Hall, Detroit. \$10 in advance, \$4 for children ages 12 and younger; \$12 at the door, \$5 at the door for children ages 12 and younger. (800) 866-0086 or <http://www.kmart.com>

**BOAT, SPORT & FISHING SHOW**  
3-9:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18, 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 19, 10 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20 and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 21, at the Silverdome, Pontiac. \$6.50, \$3 children ages 6-14. (616) 530-1919

**CAMPER & RV SHOW**  
Through Feb. 21, 2-9 p.m. weekdays, noon to 9 p.m. Saturdays, and noon to 6 p.m. Sundays, at the Novi Expo Center, 43700 Expo Center Dr., Novi. \$6.50, (517) 349-8881

**R.G. DEMPSTER & FRIENDS**  
Original, jazz and classical music, 7-10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 19, at the Coffee Beanery, Birmingham. (248) 646-8022

**"DIVAS EXOTICA"**  
Capitol Records' search for America's ultimate drag queen, hosted by Drag Queen Amanda Collins, the final round at 9 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 21, Menjo's, 928 W. McNichols, Detroit. Cover charge, 21 and older. (313) 863-3934

**DUQUESNE UNIVERSITY TAMBU-RITZANS**  
A concert by the musicians, dancers and vocalists portraying the cultures of Easter Europe, 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28, at Lakeview High School Auditorium, 21100 Eleven Mile, St. Clair Shores. \$18, \$15, (248) 645-6666

**E'S RECORD AND CD MUSIC COLLECTIBLES EXPO**  
10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 21, Elks Hall, I-75 and 11 Mile Road, Royal Oak. \$3. (248) 546-4527

**"FUN & FINE DINING"**  
The Farmington Single Professionals meet 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25 at Sweet Lorraine's, 29101 Greenfield road, north of 12 Mile, Southfield. (248) 851-9909 or visit the web site at [www.fsp.org](http://www.fsp.org)

**GUN & KNIFE SHOW**  
Noon to 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 19, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, until 6

p.m. Sunday, Feb. 21, at the Gibraltar Trade Center-Taylor, Eureka and I-75. (734) 287-2000

**UNDERGROUND RAILROAD**  
"Northville's Connection on the Underground Railroad" presented by Julie Fountain and her guitar, 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28, at the Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady Street, south of Main Street, west of Center (Sheldon) Street. Free. (248) 349-3020

**"THE 1798 UPRISING"**  
Mike Kerwin, president of the Gaelic League and the Detroit organizer for the Irish American Labour Coalition, discusses the uprising, Detroit's upcoming tri-centennial celebration and the role of Detroit's Irish community, 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, at the Gaelic League/Irish-American Club, 2068 Michigan Ave., west of Tiger Stadium. Free. (248) 879-9352/(248) 478-8496

**WORLD AFFAIRS SEMINAR**  
"Population in the 21st Century: How Can We Avoid the Potential Crisis?" explores the ramifications of the ever-growing problem of overpopulation as well as some possible solutions, 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25, at Cranbrook Schools, Lerchen Hall (Performing Arts Center), 550 Lone Pine Road, between Lahser and Cranbrook road, Bloomfield Hills. Free. (248) 645-3064/(248) 645-3142

### FAMILY EVENTS

**CIRQUE INGENIEUX**  
Tuesday-Sunday, Feb. 23-28, Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit. Tickets at Ticketmaster. All ages. (248) 645-6666

**EVENING VOYAGES: TUNES AND TALES**  
Family program featuring traditional storytelling with story to celebrate African-American History Month by Dorothy Baker, geared for listeners age 6 to adult, younger listeners not admitted, 7-7:45 p.m. Monday, Feb. 22, in the multi-purpose room at the Ann Arbor Main Library, 343 S. Fifth Ave. Free. (734) 327-8301

**KIDS KONCERT**  
Folklorist Saftya Tsekani performs music, songs, dances and stories from West African and African-American folklore, 1:30-2:15 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, at the Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road, south of 10 Mile. \$3.25. (248) 424-9022

**LONGHORN WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP RODEO**  
8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 19-20, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 21, The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr., Auburn Hills. \$12, \$14, and \$18. Reserved seating \$10 on Feb. 19. Groups of 15 or more receive \$2 off \$14 and \$12 tickets on Feb. 20. Groups of 15 or more receive \$5 off reserved seating on Feb. 21. Children ages 12 and younger, and seniors ages 60 and older receive \$4 off reserved seating Feb. 21. (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacenet.com>

**THE MUSIC LADY**  
Presents a unique and exciting blend of music and songs combining clarrinet arrangements of old favorites on her guitar, she bring her dog puppet Zambonia and all the rhythm instruments she can find, 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28, at the Livonia Civic Center Library

Auditorium, 32777 Five Mile. \$4. (734) 466-2410

**WINTER FUN DAYS**  
Children ages 3 to 6 can attend a variety of games and activities including face painting, Tennis-On-Wheels, skating and snow sculpting, wildlife tracking, making coconut bird feeders, storytelling and a concert, through Friday, Feb. 19, at the West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation Center and Civic Center, Drake Sports Park and Marshbank Park. Free. (248) 738-2500

### BRASS

**MOTOR CITY BRASS BAND**  
3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 21, at the Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road. \$15, \$10 students/seniors, \$25 families. (248) 424-9022/(248) 616-9725

### CLASSICAL

**DETROIT SYMPHONY CIVIC ORCHESTRA**  
Performs Bernstein's Overture to "Candide," Copland's "Rodeo" and Dvorak's Symphony No. 7, 8 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28, "Civic Family Hour" highlights small ensembles made of orchestra siblings and musical parents beginning at 7 p.m., at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. \$6. (313) 576-5111

**YUKI AND TOMOKO MACK**  
Pianists, presented by the Greater Orion Performing Arts Council, perform Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue," 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26, Lake Orion High School Performing Arts Center, 495 E. Scripps Road, Lake Orion. \$5 in advance, \$6 at the door. (248) 693-5436

**OAKLAND UNIVERSITY SYMPHONIC BAND**  
"Historical Perspectives," a concert of music selection from more than two centuries of repertoire for winds, brass and percussion, 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18, in Varner Recital Hall, Oakland University campus, Rochester. \$10, \$8 seniors, \$5 students. (248) 370-3013/(248) 645-6666

**PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**  
Featuring guest conductor Anthony Elliott and Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 5, Ravel's Mother Goose Suite and Shostakovich's Festival Overture, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, at Plymouth Salem High School Auditorium, Joy and Canton Center roads. \$12, \$10 seniors/college students. (734) 451-2112

**LORI SIMS**  
Pianist performs a solo recital, 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18, at the Henry Ford Estate-Fair Lane on the campus of the University of Michigan-Dearborn. \$3, \$2 seniors. (313) 593-5555

**STRING TRIO OF NEW YORK**  
8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 22, Eastern Michigan University's Pease Auditorium, Ypsilanti. (734) 487-1221

**JASON VIEAUX**  
The classical guitarist performs 8 p.m. Saturday, March 6, in Kresge Hall at Madonna University, 38600 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia. \$15. (248) 975-8797

### ORGAN

**DETROIT THEATER ORGAN SOCIETY**  
3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 21 members' concert, at the Senate Theater, 6424 Michigan Avenue at Livernois, Detroit. \$6. (313) 894-0850

**MOTOR CITY THEATRE ORGAN SOCIETY**  
Winter Movie Series continues with "My Sister Eileen," 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 19, and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20 (organ overtures start 30 minutes earlier, guest organists evening Steven Ball, matinee Gil France), at the Historic Redford Theatre, 17360 Lahser Road at Grand River, Detroit. \$2.50. (313) 531-4407

### POPS/SWING

**ATOMIC FIREBALLS**  
9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$10. 18 and older. (313) 833-9700 (swing)

**DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**  
"Broadway Today! The Most Popular Songs From Today's Hottest Shows," with conductor Erich Kunzel, soprano Elizabeth Beiler, baritone Daniel Narducci, Madrigal Chorale of Southfield, Livingston County Chorale, and Cantata Academy, 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18, 8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 19-20, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 21, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$17 to \$45. (313) 576-5111 or <http://www.detroitssymphony.com>

**CANTOR DAVID GUTMAN**  
Congregation Beit Kodesh cantor with pianist Emma Maydanchik, 1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18, Jaffe Hall at the Jimmy Prentiss Morris Building, A. Alfred Taubman JCC campus, 1511 W. 10 Mile Road, Oak Park. Free, \$2.25 lunch tickets. (248) 967-4030

**STAN KENTON TRIBUTE**  
The Johnny Trudell Big Band honors Kenton's music in a concert presented by the Michigan Jazz Festival and the Alumni and Friends of Clarenceville Foundation, featured guests are Kenton alumni Jerry McKenzie (drums), Bob Lympers (trumpet), and Chuck "Rhapsody in Blue" Carter (baritone saxophone), 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 21, Harrison High Jazz Band warms up the audience at 2:45 p.m., at Clarenceville High School Auditorium, 20155 Middlebelt Road, between Seven and Eight Mile, Livonia. \$15. (248) 474-2720/(248) 437-9468/(248) 473-8933.

**RIVERSIDE BIG BAND**  
Joins the Barnhill Concert Band in an evening of American music, 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18, at Pease Auditorium, on the Eastern Michigan University campus, Ypsilanti. Free.

**STARLIGHT DRIFTERS**  
1 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 21, during the Rockers game, Joe Louis Arena, 600 Civic Center Dr., Detroit. Tickets at Ticketmaster. All ages. (313) 983-6606; 10 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25, Gameworks inside Great Lakes Crossing, 4316 Baldwin Road, Auburn Hills. Free. 21 and older. (248) 745-9675 (western swing)

### AUDITIONS/WORKSHOPS

**HARTLAND PLAYERS**  
Open auditions for the comedy "A Thousand Clowns," 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28 and 7 p.m. Monday, March 1, at the Hartland Music Hall, 3619 Avon, Hartland. Script available at Cromaine District Library. (810) 220-3521

**JAZZ AND SPIRIT DANCE THEATRE OF DETROIT**  
Auditions for modern and jazz dancers age 18 and up, 6:30-8 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays, Feb. 18, 23 and 25, at the Northwest Activities Center, 18100 Meyers, between Curtis and McNichols, Detroit. (313) 862-0966/(313) 342-1000

**PLYMOUTH THEATRE GUILD**  
Auditions for Frederic Knott's "Wait Until Dark" 7 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, March 8-9, readings will be done from the script, at the Water Tower Theatre, 41001 W. Seven Mile, between Haggerty and Northville roads. For performances May 7-9, 13-16. (248) 669-0436/(734) 525-1206/(248) 349-7110 or visit the web site at [www.causeway.com/pgt/](http://www.causeway.com/pgt/)

**SECOND CITY-DETROIT**  
Rich Goteri teaches the basics of improvisation, 3-6 p.m. Feb. 20 to April 17, at the Performance Network, 111 W. Huron, Ann Arbor. \$200; also improv Headstart classes for kids ages 12-16, teaches fundamentals of teamwork while improvising in group situations, 3-6 p.m. Sundays, Feb. 21 to April 18, at the Second City-Detroit. \$150. (313) 964-5821

**STAGECRAFTERS**  
Auditions for eight men, seven women and a large ensemble chorus for the musical "Crazy for You" with music and lyrics by George and Ira Gershwin, 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26 and 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28, registration begins one hour earlier, at the Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak. For performances May 14-16, 20-22/23, 28-30 and June 4-6. (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, Mich., 48150. (313) 531-0554

**VILLAGE PLAYERS**  
Auditions for Eugene O'Neill's "Long Day's Journey into Night," 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28 and Tuesday, March 2, at the theater, 752 Chestnut, at

Woodward, south of Maple, Birmingham. For performances May 11, 13-16, 21-23, and 28-29. (248) 424-5658/(313) 226-3329

### CHORAL

**"PARADE OF HARMONY"**  
The 60th annual event is headlined by "The Gas House Gang" and "Uptown Sound," 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 19 and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, at Clarenceville High School Auditorium, Middlebelt south of Eight Mile, Livonia. \$13 Friday, \$15 Saturday, all seats reserved. (248) 559-7082

### GUITAR

**MATTHEW PARMELEE/DAVID COCCAGNE/MICHAEL BLASKIEWICZ**  
The three guitarists perform solo works by Albeniz, Lauro, Atkins and others, and popular and traditional guitar arrangements by composers such as Machado, York and Granados, 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 21, at the Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Avenue, Ann Arbor. \$12, \$8, \$5 students. (734) 769-2999 or [kch@ic.net](mailto:kch@ic.net)

### JAZZ

**GERRI ALLEN**  
With vocalist Dee Dee Bridgewater, bassist Thomas Baramerie, drummer Ali Jackson, and pianist Thierry Eliez, 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$15-\$46. (313) 576-5111 or <http://www.detroitssymphony.com>

**MOSE ALLISON TRIO**  
9 p.m. and 11 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 19-20, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door, 21 and older. (734) 662-8310 or <http://www.99music.com>

**B'JAZZ VESPER**  
Features James Dapogny and Susan Chastain, 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 21, First Baptist Church, corner Willits and Bates, Birmingham. Free-will offering is taken for musicians. (248) 644-0550

**SANDRA BOMAR TRIO**  
9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (vocal/piano/bass)

**MARK BRAUN**  
With bassist Paul Keller and drummer Pete Siers, 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, at the Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Avenue, Ann Arbor. \$25, \$15, \$10. (734) 769-2999 or [kch@ic.net](mailto:kch@ic.net)

**HEIDI HEPLER/MICHELE RAMO/TOEDD CURTIS**  
11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays, at Vic's Market, 42875 Grand River Ave., Novi. (248) 305-7333

**"THE JAZZ EXPLOSION"**  
With Will Downing, Gerald Albright, Vesta and Phil Perry, 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$27.50 and \$35. (248) 433-1515

**"JAZZ IN THE STREETS" SERIES**  
Debuts with Marcus Belgrave and Charlie Gabriel, 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25, at the Detroit Historical Museum, 5401 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$20, includes valet parking. (313) 833-1805

**PAUL KELLER/CARY KOCHER QUARTET**  
9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 26-27, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. \$5, 21 and older. (734) 662-8310

### POETRY

**JEFF HAAS**  
8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, at the Michigan State University, 415 N. Zeeb Road, East Lansing. \$10. (517) 487-1111

**RFD BOYS**  
7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, at the Michigan State University, 415 N. Zeeb Road, East Lansing. \$10. (517) 487-1111

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Rochester Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 652-0558  
**KENNY RANKIN**  
 8 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 21, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$15 in advance. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or http://www.themagicbag.com  
**JOHN SCOFIELD QUARTET**  
 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$20 in advance. All ages. (734) 761-1800 or http://www.99music.com  
**STRAIGHT AHEAD TRIO**  
 8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, Feb. 25, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (piano/bass/drums)  
**URSULA WALKER AND BUDDY BUDSON**  
 With Dan Kolton. 9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Thursdays at Forte, 201 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 594-7300

## WORLD MUSIC

**GREGORY ISAACS**  
 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 19, Majestic, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$20 in advance. 18 and older. (313) 833-9700 (reggae)  
**SALIF KEITA**  
 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, Eastern Michigan University's Pease Auditorium, Ypsilanti. (734) 487-1221 (African jazz/funk/Europop/R&B)  
**KODO**  
 8 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday, Feb. 23-25, Power Center for the Performing Arts, 121 Fletcher St., Ann Arbor. \$26, \$30, \$32 and \$36. (734) 764-2538 or http://www.ums.org  
**LUCIANO**  
 With Mikey General and Dean Fraser, all backed by The Firehouse Crew. 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26, The Majestic, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$15 in advance. 18 and older. (313) 833-9700 (reggae)  
**TERRANCE SIMIEN**  
 With Dave Alvin and The Guilty Men, and The Riptones. 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 19, Magic Stick in the Majestic, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$10 in advance. 18 and older. (313) 833-9700 (cajun/Zydeco)  
**SOLAS**  
 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 19, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$16. All ages. (734) 761-1800 or http://www.a2ark.org (Irish)  
**ALISON YOUNG AND ANA CHAVES**  
 Perform music of Argentina. 8-10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, Borders Books and Music, 34300 Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. All ages. (248) 203-0005

## FOLK/BLUEGRASS

**JEFF HAAS TRIO**  
 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$10. All ages. (734) 761-1800 or http://www.a2ark.org (Hebrew folk/jazz)  
**RFD BOYS**  
 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 21, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$10. \$9 members, students, seniors. All ages. (734) 761-1800 or http://www.a2ark.org (bluegrass)

## POETRY/ SPO- KEN WORD

**EUGENE MCCARTHY**  
 The 1968 anti-war candidate who ran against President Lyndon Johnson for the Democratic Presidential nomination speaks and reads his poetry following the annual dinner program of Swords into Plowshares Peace Center and Gallery, 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 19, at Central United Methodist Church, 23 E. Adams, Detroit. \$20. Tickets for a limited reception at 5:30 p.m. are \$75, \$125 couple. (313) 964-4849/(313) 393-4060/(313) 963-7575  
**STORYTELLING WEEKEND**  
 With Roslyn Bresnick-Perry, Namu Lwanga, David Holt, Jerry Fearst and others. 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 26-27, and 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$12.50 evenings, \$6 afternoon. All ages. (734) 761-1800 or http://www.a2ark.org  
**THE WRITER'S VOICE**  
 Featuring Dawn McDuffie and Mary Jo Frith Gillet with fiction writer Gay Rubin, read 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 24, room 3234 of the Wayne State University English Department Building, 51 W. Warren Avenue, Detroit. Free. (313) 577-7113/(313) 267-5300, ext. 338

## DANCE

**BALLET DAY**  
 Presented by the Cecchetti Council of America 9 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 21, in Varner Hall at Oakland University, Rochester. (734) 930-6948  
**COBBLESTONE FARM DANCERS**  
 Peter Baker and Robin Warner call to live music by Joyous Noise, all dances taught, no partner needed, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, at the Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Road, south of I-94, Ann Arbor. \$8. Open jam for string band musicians of all levels 4-6 p.m. (free). (734) 665-8863/(734) 426-0241  
**DETROIT DANCE COLLECTIVE**  
 A modern dance performance with Alan Danielson, dance study director of the Jose Limon Institute in New York City. 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, in the Adray Theater of the McKenzie Fine Arts

Building at Henry Ford Community College, 5101 Evergreen, Dearborn. \$15, \$12 seniors/students. (313) 965-3544  
**EISENHOWER DANCE ENSEMBLE**  
 "Carmina Burana," Friday, Feb. 19, at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, Clinton Township. (810) 286-2222  
**ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE**  
 Previous experience and partner not required, 7:15-9:45 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 23, at the Chapel Hill Condominium Clubhouse, 3350 Green Road, north of Plymouth Road, Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 662-5158  
**MERYL TANKARD AUSTRALIAN DANCE THEATRE**  
 "Furioso," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 19-20, Power Center for the Performing Arts, 121 Fletcher St., Ann Arbor. \$16, \$24, \$28, \$32. All ages. (734) 764-2538 or http://www.ums.org  
**SINGLE MINGLE DANCE**  
 Metropolitan Single Professionals and Farmington Single Professionals host a dance 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, Feb. 26, in the Main Ballroom of the Doubletree Guest Suites Hotel, Novi Road at I-96. \$7, \$4 members. (248) 851-9909 or http://www.fsp.org

## COMEDY

**ANDREW "DICE" CLAY**  
 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$35 and \$27.50. All ages. (313) 961-5451  
**EL DORADO COUNTRY CLUB**  
 Norm Stultz, Friday-Saturday, Feb. 19-20; Joe Dunkle, Friday-Saturday, Feb. 26-27, at the club, 2869 N. Pontiac Trail, Commerce Township. (248) 624-1050  
**JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB**  
 Vic Dibitetto, John McDonnell and Rich Higginbottom, Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 18-20 (\$12); Darwin Hines, Kevin Zeoli and Rich Higginbottom, Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 25-27 (\$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**  
 Leo DuFour, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18 (\$6), 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 19-20 (\$12, \$24.95 dinner show package), and 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 21 (\$8, \$20.95 dinner show package); Vic Dibitetto, 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26 (\$12, \$24.95 dinner show package), 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27 (\$12, \$27.95 dinner show package), and 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28 (\$12, \$22.95 dinner show package), at the club, 5070 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. "Victoria Jackson's show Friday-Sunday, Feb. 26-28, has been cancelled due to a movie deal. (313) 584-8885  
**MAINSTREET COMEDY SHOWCASE**  
 Jim Hamm, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18 (\$8), 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 19 (\$10), and 5:45 p.m., 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20 (\$10); Blake Clark, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25 (\$10), 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26 (\$12), and 5:45 p.m., 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27 (\$12), at the club, 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 996-9080  
**MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE**  
 Lewis Black and Steve Bills, Thursday-Sunday, Feb. 18-21; Blair Shannon and Gary George, Wednesday-Sunday, Feb. 24-28, at the club, 269 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays (\$5), 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays (\$6), 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays (\$12), and 7:30 p.m. Sundays (\$6). Prices subject to change. (248) 542-9900 or http://www.comedycastle.com

## POPULAR MUSIC

**ANADA**  
 9 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 24, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)  
**THE ALLIGATORS**  
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## MUSEUMS AND TOURS

**CRANBROOK ART MUSEUM**  
 "Weird Science: A Conflation of Art and Science," featuring four artists' projects representing an ongoing exploration of a specific area of science, some incorporate specimens from Cranbrook Institute of Science, an Eastern Box turtle, satellite broadcasting prototypes, and a chicken coop, through April 3, lectures by the artists Feb. 25, March 11, at the museum, 1221 North Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. Museum hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays-Sundays, until 9 p.m. Thursdays. \$5, \$3 students/children/seniors. (248) 645-3323 or www.cranbrook.edu/museum  
**DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM**  
 "Frontiers to Factories: Detroiters at Work 1701-1901," formerly known as "Furs to Factories," with a new Land Office, a "Wheel of Fortune" style land acquisition interactive, three new video screen interactives, a documentary video, a new Heavy Industry section and a display explaining Detroit's move from "Stove Capital of the World" to the Motor City, automobile capital of the world; "Remembering Downtown Hudson's" exhibit, a nostalgic look at what made the Hudson's downtown Detroit store an icon of the city's prosper-

ous era, at the museum, 5401 Woodward Ave. (at Kirby), Detroit. Museum hours are 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. Free admission Wednesdays; \$3 for adults, \$1.50 seniors and children aged 12-18, free for children ages 11 and younger Thursdays-Sundays. (313) 833-1805 or http://www.detroithistorical.org  
**HENRY FORD MUSEUM/GREENFIELD VILLAGE**  
 Abraham Lincoln's assassination chair is back on view after a week of conservation efforts, as a life mask made 60 days before his assassination; "Rhythm Rising: Exploring America's Musical Roots" celebrates the contributions of African-American to world music week-ends in February, Will Davidson (spirituals) noon and 2 p.m. Feb. 20, 21, 27-28, 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 Monday, Feb. 22; historical films noon Saturdays, Feb. 20 and 27; and an African and African American Expo with workshops for grades K-12, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Feb. 20, "Hear Our Voice" lecture 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27 (The Hero with an African Face: Mythic Wisdom of Traditional Africa with Dr. Clyde W. Ford), 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

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**ELIZA**  
 9 p.m. Fridays, Feb. 19 and 26, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Free. 21 and older. (313) 886-8101 (pop rock)  
**FACE**  
 With Fathers of the Id and The Crawling King Snakes, 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 19, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5, 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 (rock)  
**PETE "BIG DOG" FETTERS**  
 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, Shield's Bar and Pizzeria, 1476 W. Maple Road, Troy. Free. All ages. (248) 637-3131; 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26, Muldoon's, 3982 Auburn Road, Rochester Hills. Free. 21 and older. (248) 852-2707 (blues)  
**FOOLISH MORTALS**  
 10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, Shark Club, 6650 Highland Road, Waterford. Free. 21 and older. (248) 666-4161 (rock)  
**TIM GARRICK**  
 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Free. 21 and older. (313) 886-8101 (acoustic rock)  
**"GET THE HELL OUT OF HAMTOWN" SOUNDTRACK RELEASE PARTY**  
 With Park: A Rock Band, Caelum Bliss, The 19.5 Collective, American Mars, Scott Fab, Atomic Nations, Plaidypus and Davey and the Debutantes, 8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 22, Motor, 3515 Caniff Road, Hamtramck. \$4, 18 and older. (313) 369-0080 or http://www.planet-t.com (variety)  
**THE GHETTOBILLIES**  
 Celebrate release of CD with party and performance, with special guest Gravity Well, 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5, 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 (rock)  
**GORE GORE GIRLS**  
 With The Numbers, formerly known as Big Block, 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5, 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 (rock)  
**GRR**  
 10:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 19, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5060; 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 24, Oxford Inn, 43317 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 305-5856 (rock)  
**GUYS & DOLLS**  
 Friday-Saturday, Feb. 19-20, at D.L. Harrington's Chop House, 2086 Crooks Road at M-59, Rochester Hills. (810) 852-0550  
**HARBINGER'S MILE**  
 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26, Borders Books and Music, 1122 S. Rochester Road, Rochester Hills. Free. 21 and older. (248) 652-0558 (roots rock)  
**AL HILL AND THE LOVE BUTLERS**  
 9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18, Arbor Brewing Company, 116 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor. Free. 21 and older. (734) 213-1393 (blues)  
**LARRY HILL**  
 With Outkast, 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18, Fox Theatre, 2111 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$38.50 and \$46. All ages. (248) 433-1515 (hip-hop)  
**IN ONE WEEK**  
 With The NonElements, formerly the Mike Nolan Group, 10:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 19, Rivertown Saloon, 1977 Woodbridge, Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 567-6020 (rock)  
**INNER COURSE**  
 With Factory 81, Pin and Fringe, 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$6. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com (rock)  
**J-TRAIN**  
 10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 19, Hamlin Pub, 1988 S. Rochester Road, Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 656-7700 (R&B)  
**BILL KAHLER**  
 7 p.m. to midnight Thursday, Feb. 25, Boulders, 1020 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. Free. All ages. (734) 459-4190 (singer)  
**THE KINGSNAKES**  
 10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 19, The Library Pub, 42100 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 349-9110 or http://www.angelfire.com/mi/kingsnakes (blues)  
**KUNG FU DIESEL**  
 10 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18, Hamlin Pub, 1988 S. Rochester Road, Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 656-7700; 9 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 23, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 543-4300 (rock)  
**JOHN D. LAMB**  
 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; With Sal D'Agnillo, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 349-9110; 10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 19, Cavern Club, Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 332-9900; 9:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 21, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 543-4300 (rock)  
**STEVE LUCKY AND THE RHUMBA BUMS**  
 8 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 21, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$10 in advance. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (rock)  
**MASCHINA**  
 With Brother Rabbit and Queen Bee, 9:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 19, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (rock)  
**YOROKA**

9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 19, Copper Canyon Brewery, 27522 Northwestern Highway, Southfield. Free. 21 and older. (248) 223-1700 (rock)  
**CLUB NIGHTS**  
**ALVIN'S**  
 The Hush Party with resident DJs Melvin Hill and Cent, 10 p.m. Mondays; and Club Color, featuring funk and disco, 8 p.m. Wednesdays (free before 10 p.m.), at the club, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5, 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 or http://www.alvins.tcom.com  
**BLIND PIG**  
 "Swing-a-billy" night with dance lessons from 8-9 p.m. Sundays with DJ Del Villarreal, at the club, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5, \$3 after 9 p.m.; "Solar" night with Michael Geiger, Johnny Saco and Craig Gonzalez (\$6), 10 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 17, at the club. \$6, 19 and older. (313) 996-8555  
**CLUTCH CARGO'S/MILL STREET**  
 "Flashback" night with "The Planet" WPLT on level two (Clutch Cargo's), old school funk on level three, and techno and house on level four, 8:30 p.m. Saturdays, at the club, 65 E. Huron. Pontiac. Free before 9 p.m. 21 and older; Alternative dance night, 8 p.m. Wednesdays in Clutch Cargo's. 18 and older. (248) 333-2362 or http://www.961melt.com  
**THE GROOVE ROOM**  
 Funk, hip-hop and top 40 with DJ Mac D, Thursdays. Women admitted free; "Love Factory" alternative dance night Fridays; Alternative dance with DJ Matt Saturdays; Alternative dance Tuesdays; gothic, industrial and retro with DJ Paul Wednesdays. Free, at the club, 1815 N. Main St. (at 12 Mile Road), Royal Oak. Free before 10 p.m. nightly. 21 and older. (248) 589-3344 or http://www.thegrooveroom.com  
**HAYLOFT LIQUOR STAND**  
 Club excess with live music, dancing and contests sponsored by WXDG-FM (105.1), 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. Thursdays at the club, Mount Clemens. Cover charge. 18 and older. (810) 468-1010 or http://www.radioedge.com  
**LA BOOM TEEN NIGHTCLUB**  
 Dance night for teens ages 15-19, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays at the club, 1172 N. Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake. \$10. Ages 15-19. (248) 926-9960  
**LIPSTICKS**  
 WXDG-FM (105.1) DJ Graeme hosts "Sonic Sundays," 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Sundays at the club, Grosseback Highway, Clinton Township. Free. 21 and older. (810) 465-6833 or http://www.radioedge.com  
**MAJESTIC THEATRE CENTER**  
 "Good Sounds," with music by The Tonehead Collective and images by Thomas Video, 9 p.m. Fridays at Magic Stick, 18 and older. Free; "Work Release," Rock 'n' Bowl happy hour with bowling, music and complimentary food from the Majestic Cafe, 5-8 p.m. Fridays at Garden Bowl. \$6, 18 and older; "Rock 'n' Bowl" with DJ Del Villarreal, 9 p.m. Fridays and DJ Wetterball, 9 p.m. Saturdays at Garden Bowl. Free. 18 and older; "The Bird's Nest," punk rock night with live performances, 9 p.m. Mondays at Magic Stick. Free. 18 and older; "Soul Shakedown" with DJ Big Andy, 9 p.m. Tuesdays at Magic Stick. Free. 21 and older. (313) 833-9700  
**MOTOR LOUNGE**  
 "Back Room Mondays," service industries employee appreciation night, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Mondays. Free. 21 and older; "Community Presents" with resident DJs, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Tuesdays. \$3, 18 and older; "Maximum Overload," 9 p.m. Fridays. \$6, 18 and older; "Divine" with DJs Mike Clark, Mark Flash and Brian Gillespie, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Saturdays. \$6, 21 and older, all at the club, 3515 Caniff, Hamtramck. (313) 396-0080 or http://www.motordetroit.com  
**ONE X**  
 "Men 4 Men" New York-style dance party with DJ St. Andy spinning high-energy, progressive house, 10 p.m. Fridays; "Family Funktion Internal Groove" DJ Alton Miller, 10 p.m. Saturdays, at the club, 2575 Michigan Ave., in Detroit's Corktown area. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 964-7040  
**ST. ANDREW'S/THE SHELTER**  
 "Three Floors of Fun," 9 p.m. Fridays. \$3 before 11 p.m., \$5 afterward, 18 and older; X2K dance night, 10 p.m. Saturdays; "Incinerator," 9 p.m. Wednesdays in The Shelter. \$6, 21 and older. St. Andrew's and The Shelter are at 431 E. Congress, Detroit. (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com  
**STATE THEATRE**  
 "Ignition" dance night, 9 p.m. Saturday 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 13, at the club, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 18 and older. (313) 961-5451 or http://www.radioedge.com  
**24 KARAT CLUB**  
 "Latin Dance Night" with DJ Ronny Lucas, 8 p.m. to 2 a.m., Thursdays. \$3; Live music Fridays and Saturdays (see popular music calendar); Swing lessons for advanced dancers, 8 p.m. Tuesdays (\$3 for 21 and older, \$5 for 18 and older), and for beginners, 8 p.m. Wednesdays (\$3 for 21 and older, \$5 for 18 and older), at the club, 28949 Joy Road (two blocks east of Middlebelt Road), Westland. (734) 513-5030

MOVIES

# Nick Nolte gives fierce performance in 'Affliction'

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Author Russell Banks never flinches. He deals with male rage, numbing sorrow, unfathomable despair without compromise. He delves deeply into the dark recesses of the mind. It would seem that such personal and agonizing work would be nearly unfilmable and that only in Banks' novels could his words resonate as he intended. Yet, two of the finest films of the last two years are based on Banks' bleak but ultimately humane novels. Atom Egoyan's "The Sweet Hereafter" was the best movie of 1997, a penetrating view of com-

munal sadness and the horrible consequences of immoral acts. Paul Schrader's new film of "Affliction" deals with the same profundity and humanity with male rage, alcoholism, parental abuse and a life at its fraying point. At the center of this chilly, winter portrait is America's most underrated and uniquely gifted actor, Nick Nolte, raging like a wounded bull against a world he doesn't understand and that doesn't understand him. Nolte plays Wade Whitehouse, a large, shambling bearish man for whom life is about to take a disastrous turn. He's the sheriff in a rural New Hampshire county where he also plows the roads and does whatever else his seem-

ingly easy-going French-Canadian boss tells him to do. Wade's divorced and as the movie opens he's taking his daughter to a Halloween party when she'd rather be home with her mother, far away from her gruff, obtuse and irresponsible father. Wade is at loose ends, estranged from his daughter, bitterly at odds with his ex-wife, stuck in a small town with no where to go and drowning in alcohol and anger. Wade is afflicted with a family disease. He's inherited male rage from his domineering, vicious, usually drunken father. Wade has become his father, while his brother, who tells Wade's story,

has retreated into the academic world of Boston in revulsion. But at heart Wade is not a bad man. It's this that makes Nick Nolte's performance so riveting. No one plays anger and violence with quite the fury that Nolte is able to summon (see his performance in "Thin Red Line" for instance), but here he also conveys warmth and a sickening sense that he is aware of his own affliction. Nolte has been overlooked so often for great performances (he wasn't even nominated for an Oscar for "North Dallas Forty"), but he is finally getting notice for the depth and complexity that he brings to this character. His Oscar nomination is richly deserved.

A hunting accident in an early November snow sets off a chain of events that fuel Wade's paranoia and eventually leads to unspeakable tragedies. As the events pile up, Nolte's Wade seems to turn on himself as he slowly disintegrates. Schrader is as familiar with dark corners as Banks, and it's easy to see why the Grand Rapids native was attracted to this beautifully written book. Wade Whitehouse shares a lot in common with Travis Bickle, the raging veteran of Schrader's "Taxi Driver" screenplay. Schrader's film, which he wrote and directed, stays close to Banks' story and his unflinching realism. It uses the stark, cold white New Hampshire landscape as effectively as Shakespeare uses the stormy woods in "Lear." It also visually realizes the shabby small town that is so much more typical of New England than the usual postcard images. Paul Sarossy's camera work is somberly beautiful. In addition to Nolte's performance, Schrader also elicits a spooky, raw performance from James Coburn as Wade's nasty father, Glen, seen as an overweight, bitter old man and in grainy home-movie-style flash-

backs as a raging ogre beating on his wife and children. Coburn has always been an appealing actor, but he's never been stretched this far or been used this effectively. His Oscar nomination is a recognition of just how deep he plunges. Sissy Spacek again turns in a completely natural performance as Wade's confused and ultimately defeated girl friend. Willem DaFoe provides a good narration but he seems miscast as the younger brother. This is the weakest part of Schrader's adaptation as well, because Banks makes a sharp contrast between the brother who rages and the brother who stifles his rage. Here he is less central to the story. And a younger sister, who has retreated into fundamentalist religion, is also misplayed as a minor figure. But, "Affliction" is a raw, honest portrayal of a kind of male madness with which we are all too familiar.



Christina Fuoco  
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## Arts put politics in perspective



ANN DELISI

Much is said these days about the mood of Americans, which is characterized as a cross between apathy and cynicism. Perhaps it's the events in Washington over the past year and the less than honorable conduct of some of our nation's leaders. It could be the glut of media that exposes us to certain stories that we would have preferred not to see or hear once. Perhaps what's missing is perspective. One of the best places to find it is the Detroit area arts scene. So let's take a peek at some attractions that will affirm

a caring and hopeful world. Consider the activities of Maxim Vengerov, the young Siberian violinist who has been compared with the great Jascha Heifetz. Vengerov, in Ann Arbor last Sunday for a recital, is the first classical musician to be named as an official UNICEF envoy. He grew up in an orphanage managed by his mother and now raises funds and awareness of the plight of disadvantaged children. We also gain perspective by the stories from our past, one of which is told in "Camp Logan," a current production of the Detroit Repertory Theatre. The play by Celeste Bedford Walker is based on a true World War I incident in Texas in which 19 black soldiers of the 24th Infantry Regiment were lynched for rebelling against racist harassment by

white Houston locals. The production offers a seasoned cast, whose members perform an excerpt on "Backstage Pass." The beauty and wonder of our world is evident in the works of Catherine Peet, featured in an exhibit which runs through April 11 at the Wildlife Interpretive Gallery at the Detroit Zoo. Rather than use new materials from nature, Peet gathers discarded pieces from old furniture to create the works in this collection, which complements her permanent pieces on exhibit at the zoo since 1995. The hopeful sound of gospel music comes to the Channel 56 studio with a performance by Magnify! on Detroit Public TV's BACKSTAGE PASS, airing Sunday, February 21 at 7:30 p.m., and repeated Thursday at 5:30 p.m. and Friday at midnight.

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# Ghetto Billies look on the funny side of rock



CHRISTINA FUOCO

The Ghetto Billies' debut CD "Some Rezeev" includes songs about drag queens, truck drivers on drugs, and pornography. And in case you're wondering, yes, they do mean to offend

"We never say anything directly. It's always in some twisty kind of way. That's where we find the humor. If we're sitting there saying, 'I'm a guy and I like to wear chicks' underwear and I like to wear it.' It wouldn't be very funny."

The Ghetto Billies - which also includes bassist/vocalist Jason Church of Fenton and guitarist/vocalist Derek Kramer of Hartland - celebrate the release of "Some Rezeev" at 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, at Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit.

In a roundabout way, the Ghetto Billies has been a project in the works since high school. Out of sympathy, Conaway let Church join his high school band.

"Derek was terrible. He was awful at everything. First we had him on keyboards but he couldn't play the keyboards at all. Then we had him as a background singer but he couldn't sing at all. But he was one of our friends. Somehow we had to include him, we couldn't exclude him so we made him a tam-

bourine player."

The band broke up when the adventurous Conaway moved to Texas to live within an environmental commune in 1992. He realized that a cult wasn't exactly his thing, so he returned to Michigan and got in touch with Kramer. Before long, however, Conaway moved to San Miguel, Mexico, to study art at The Instituto De Allende. Upon completing his studies, he went back to Michigan where Kramer and his roommate Church had a surprise waiting for him.

"Not only could he (Kramer) play the guitar really well, he had a really good sense of rhythm. He can sing now. The songs were funny too. When my girlfriend and I broke up, they were my saving grace. I was over there all the time," Conaway said.

Still, Conaway moved to Dublin, Ireland, for three months but the band stayed on his mind.

"While I was there I decided that when I came back I was going to propose that all of us

make a serious go at getting a show. Before we were doing it for the fun of it. I told him about it and they said they were thinking the same thing."

Conaway, a comic book artist, is now studying art closer to his Ann Arbor home - Eastern Michigan University. Since that first show in January 1997, the Ghetto Billies have made a name for themselves around Ann Arbor and Detroit as the premiere jokester band. The Ghetto Billies describe themselves as a "bluegrass disco humor band."

"As soon as you do that, the look of people's faces is like, 'Oh, OK. They think this can't sound good. It's a bunch of guys singing a bunch of stupid songs with acoustic guitars and no drummer."

Crosby, Stills and Nash they are not.

Many "serious" bands write-off bands like the Ghetto Billies, the Barenaked Ladies, or even Beck, as being lazy. Conaway called people like that "egotistical."

"There's so many bands out

there that are all so serious. They think they're so important in what they have to say. Like everybody really cares about what's going on in their life or what not. They're just a rock band. There's very few bands in the world that are more than just a rock band."

"I think one of the main reasons why we do songs that are funny is just to give the audience and people out there a break from all the monotony. When we start playing, you can see in their faces. At first they're just looking at us thinking, what's up with these guys with three acoustic guitars. Are they joking? See, we sing it so serious. A lot of times they don't even get it until the end of the second song."

Sometimes, he said, being dubbed a "novelty act" works against them.

"A lot of places won't take us seriously because we're a humor band. I think that's really annoying. I think that just because you're writing humorous songs doesn't mean there isn't any meaning to the songs."

"Like, 'Steve,' is about transvestites and crossdressers, and the idea that at first the guy is totally fooled then he freaks out when he realizes it's a guy. Then he says, oh well. There's social commentary hidden in the songs."

The Ghetto Billies, with special guest Gravity Well, celebrate the release of "Some Rezeev" with a party and performance at 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, at Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge is \$5 for the 18 and older show. For more information, call (313) 832-2355 or visit <http://www.ghettobillies.com>

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## 'Martian' is lots of fun for Saturday morning set



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**Intergalactic comedy:** When TV reporter Tim O'Hara (Jeff Daniels, left) stumbles upon a real-life Martian (Christopher Lloyd) he thinks he has the most fantastic story of his career in journalism in "My Favorite Martian."

BY JON KATZ  
SPECIAL WRITER

Except for its ending, Disney's "My Favorite Martian" doesn't attempt to invoke baby boomer nostalgia for the original TV series. A smart move, indeed, considering the disastrous attempts at bringing "McHale's Navy," "Car 54, Where Are You?" and, most notably, "The Avengers" to the big screen.

Instead, the special effects-driven comedy goes right for the Saturday morning set. A wisecracking space suit called "Zoot," goofy sight gags and some harmless potty humor will keep the kids interested, while Elizabeth Hurley's wardrobe will do the same for the adults (for the men, what she's wearing; for the women, why she's wearing it in this movie).

"My Favorite Martian" ran for three seasons (1963-66) on TV, during the years when we were still giddy over the exploits of Mercury and Gemini astronauts. The possibility of life in our solar system was quite real, and Mars had held a particular appeal going back to Orson Welles' Halloween broadcast of "War of the Worlds" in 1938.

In a clever opening sequence, this version zings our zeal over the Martian Rover's video transmission of a few rocks and gives us reason to believe that citizen-

ry on the Red Planet is more than possible. What they don't give us is a reason why one of them crash lands on a beach near Santa Barbara.

The alien ship-shrunk down to toy-size by its inhabitant - is found by Tim O'Hara (our own Jeff Daniels), an ambitious TV news reporter ("I will go to the ends of the earth for a great story"). Tim's been passed over by the station owner (Michael Lerner) in favor of his airhead daughter Brace (Hurley). After he gets the ship home, the Martian appears in human form. Fortunately for us they must get "Taxi" up there, for whose form does he take but Christopher Lloyd's.

Tim senses the story of a lifetime, but instead commits to hiding the identity of "Uncle Martin" so the traveler can repair his ship and return home. Naturally the bad government guys, led by Ray Walston (TV's original Uncle Martin) and the underrated Wallace Shawn, are hot on the trail.

Superpowers abound here. Martin can make himself invisible, literally comes apart when he's depressed and his finger's more potent than Samantha's nose. He also has a particular disdain for us earthlings ("You people still think E=MC<sup>2</sup>"). His Zoot suit has a life of its own, which is somewhere between "The Mask" and Don Rickles,

and also has the best lines.

The cast has lots of fun cavorting in a Disney flick, but the two or three big gags are repeated over and over...and over. Lloyd does his bug-eyed thing that's worked for twenty years, and Daniels is fine at being flustered. Darryl Hannah as a tomboyish camera person is surprisingly misused here; she looks and

sounds like she had the flu for the whole shoot. Hurley actually carves out the freshest territory of the bunch, doing an acceptable turn as the broadcasting bimbo.

This is one where you might want to drop the kids off and catch something else at the mall yourself. They'll fill you in on the good parts and it'll take a lot less time.

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DINING

# Pompano's features a taste of Miami's South Beach

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Couldn't get away to warmer climes this month? Newly-opened Pompano's in Farmington Hills, with its seafood and Caribbean-style specialties, has the taste of Miami's South Beach and might substitute at least for a night!

If you're not fond of restaurants in hotels such as a Holiday Inn, reconsider. Ramzi Naber and his wife Connie have transformed the former Brady's and before that Matt Brady's, basically a burger and bar spot, into a comfortable dining atmosphere.

Clubby and cozy with large cigar-friendly central bar, Pompano's sings a seafood theme. Brightly-colored fish swimming out from the walls set a warm-climate atmosphere. Cordial, owner-on-premise hospitality speaks a friendly tone.

If you dined at Southfield's Golden Mushroom in the early 1990s, Ramzi Naber was the night manager. He went on to other corporate restaurant and hospitality arenas in the area and, like many before him, just had to become a restaurateur.

"I have fond memories of days spent in both Miami and San Francisco, so naturally I chose a seafood theme," Naber said. "The area at 10 Mile and Grand River needed a restaurant with seafood emphasis; the closest is Steve & Rocky's on Grand River in Novi."

A hotel eatery generally has built-in diners weeknights, but needs to attract locals on week-ends. Pompano's is no exception and the deals abound. On Fridays, one pound of King Crab Legs, including salad, redskin garlic mashed potatoes and veg-

**Pompano's Seafood Grill**

**Where:** 38123 W. 10 Mile Road (at Grand River in the Holiday Inn) Farmington Hills. (248) 478-7780.

**Hours:** Monday-Thursday 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Until midnight Friday and Saturday.

**Menu:** Salads, savory sandwiches and wraps for lunch. Seafood is the specialty with pastas and grilled meats at dinner. Housemade pizza at lunch and dinner.

**Cost:** Lunch \$5-14; dinner \$13-20.

**Entertainment:** Friday and Saturday 8 p.m. to midnight.

**Reservations:** Recommended

**Credit cards:** All majors accepted.

**Banquet facilities:** 20-350 people

etable is \$19.95. For the same price on Saturdays, it's Surf and Turf (filet mignon and lobster tail).

From 8 p.m. until midnight both Friday and Saturday, you can listen to jazz artist George Colovus or in his absence, Charley Salaz playing Caribbean-inspired selections.

Yes, you can get pompano, a favorite from the sunfish family, at Pompano's. But only at dinner. An eight-ounce filet of pompano is sauteed with pistachio citrus butter sauce. Flown fresh to Royal Oak's Superior Fish Company, it is delivered to Pompano's five times weekly along with other fresh delicacies from the sea.

Other seafood specialties prepared by Chef de Cuisine Gary Bradt, a 1991 Oakland Community College culinary grad who honed his skills at Chuck Muer's River Crab and the Troy Marriott, are: Conch Salad; Scallops McKinnon, lightly floured and sauteed with Drambuie served with shiitake mushrooms and snow peas; Blackened Yellowfin Tuna with melon salsa; and very Caribbean Coconut Shrimp, but-

terfied, dipped in a beer batter and shredded coconut, served with a guava/mango sauce.

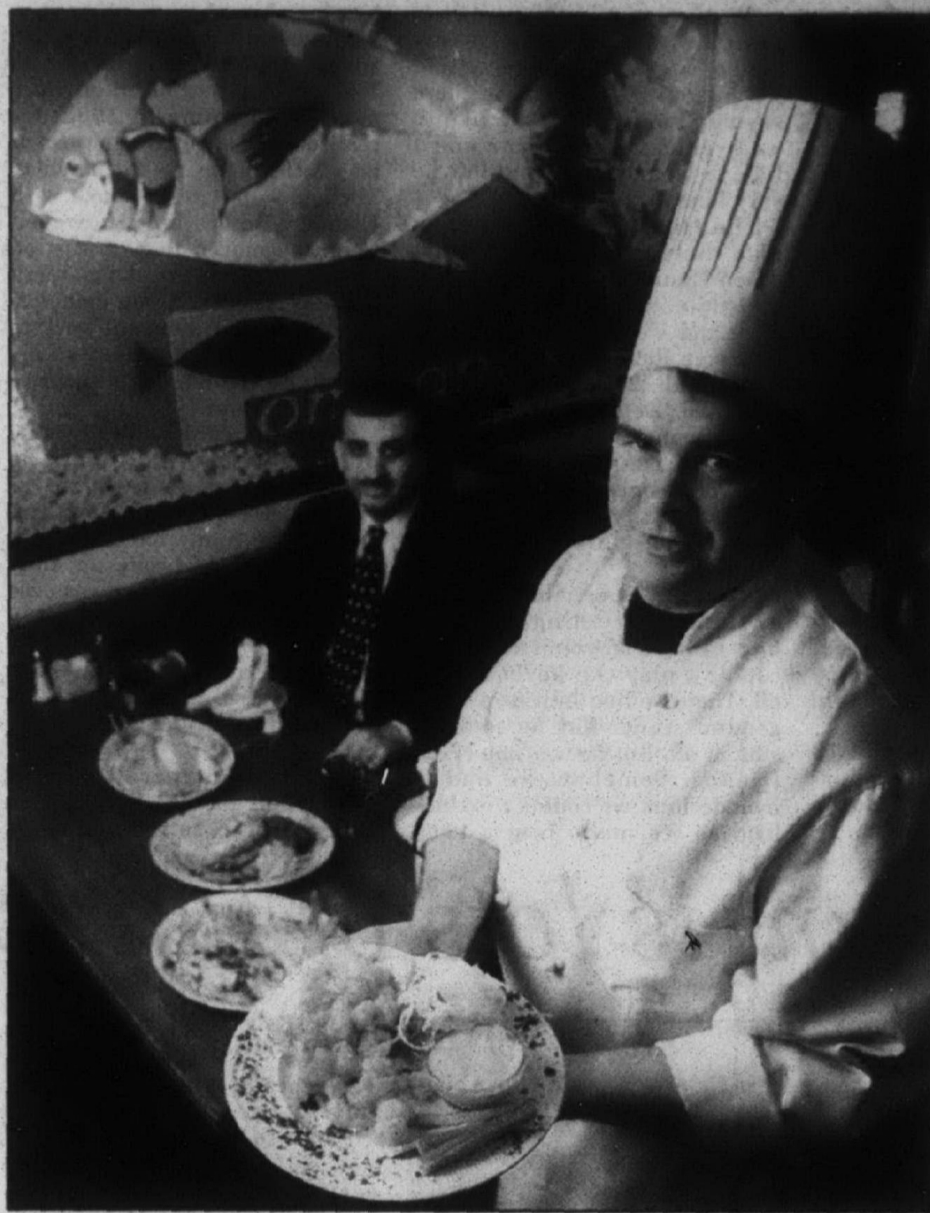
Pasta lovers can get full or half orders of Linguine Fruit de Mer (shrimp, clams and scallops); Smoked chicken with Penne Pasta or a Vegetarian Delight, tri-colored pasta tossed in tomato broth, fresh vegetables and topped with shaved Romano cheese.

Landlubbers may choose from chophouse features such as Filet Mignon, six or eight-ounce portion; Lamb Chops served with black currant sauce or Cinnamon Grilled Pork Chops.

Added to smaller portions of house seafood specialties at lunch, there's a four ounce Petit Filet Mignon Sandwich (beating most burgers by a mile), Mexican Club Wrap or a significantly-sized salad.

At lunch or dinner, Pompano's pizzas are made from scratch from fresh ingredients. Order the "Four Cheese" specialty or build your own from a wide array of toppings.

Full bar service includes a short, but well-priced wine list with by-the-glass pours \$3.75-



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRESLER

**Super seafood:** Restaurant owner Ramzi Naber (left) in the dining room of Pompano's. Chef de Cuisine Gary Bradt presents Buffalo Rock Shrimp, one of his seafood specialties.

\$5.25 and bottles \$17-\$38. Specialty drinks and coffees \$5.75-\$6.75 can accompany a dessert selection including, of course, Key Lime Pie.

Something extra: Pompano's Hall of Fame is looking for diners' fishing pictures. If you have more than a fish tale, take it along when you dine and have

that big one that didn't get away, hung to be noticed by all!

WHAT'S COOKING

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**GOODFELLAS**  
A dueling piano bar on Haggerty Road (just south of 14 Mile Road) in Farmington Hills features a bar stocked with domes-

tic and imported beers on tap and more than 20 vodkas, as well as 14 wines and two champagnes. The light fare menu includes pizza, portabella mushroom sandwiches, appetizers and desserts. Four piano players take turns, two at a time, entertaining the crowd. Hours are 5 p.m. to 2 a.m. Wednesday-Thursday; 5:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. Friday; 6 p.m. to 2 a.m. Saturday; and 5:30 p.m. to midnight Sunday. There is a \$5 cover on Friday-Saturday. Call (248) 788-4444 for more information.

**LA SHISH**  
Is celebrating its 10th anniversary. The Middle Eastern Restaurant chain operates restaurants in Dearborn, and locally in Farmington Hills, 37610 W. 12 Mile Road, and at the Orchard Mall, 6303 Orchard Lake Road in West Bloomfield. Two La Shish restaurants are under construction in Livonia and Canton Township.

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**BOGIE'S AMERICAN GRILL**  
Has a new menu and newly-renovated facilities. The restaur-

ant located in the Evergreen Plaza at 19701 Twelve Mile Road in Southfield features lavish roll-ups, chicken picata, seafood jambalaya, barbecue beef, baby back ribs, appetizers, sandwiches and other entrees. The lower level banquet room has been remodeled and seats 130 people. The main level seats 250 people and offers a bar, games area and TVs. Bogie's American Grill is open 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. Monday-Saturday, closed Sunday. Call (248) 559-4400 for more information.

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