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Action: Director of photography Jeff Dougherty (left) films actress Tara Schaefer of Bloomfield Hills at a piano in a Plymouth home Monday. Big City Films was in town filming three television commercials for the Michigan Laborers Union, Carpenters Union and Operating Engineers Union to be shown during the NCAA college basketball playoff game on CBS.

Filmmakers feel at home on location in Plymouth

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Mary Beth Soignet has seen her home on television several times. Sometimes she recognizes the wallpaper, or the old wood trim, or on rare occasions maybe even some furniture.

Soignet's 90-year-old Penniman Street home appears to be a favorite for local film crews, including Monday when Big City Films from Detroit was in for the day shooting a commercial.

"They just seem to like our home," said Soignet, who noted this was the fourth time her house has been used. "Most of the time, unless you knew the house, you wouldn't recognize it on television. Many times they even bring in their own furniture."

Soignet said the first time a film crew walked up to her door and said they wanted to use her old home for a commercial, she had her doubts. But since then, that same crew has used her house three times, including commercials representing Ford Motor Co. and the Michigan Lottery.

That same film company recommended the house to Big City Films for the latest shoot. Director Bruce Harper said the Plymouth home will be used as part of a commercial for the Michigan Laborers Union, which will be seen on CBS during the NCAA col-

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Township updates expired recreation plan

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Plymouth Township is attempting to get a piece of \$50 million in new state grants to help upgrade Township Park and buy additional recreational land for a soccer complex.

A recently-released Recreation and Open Space Plan outlines more than \$2.4 million worth of improvements over the next five years.

At the top of the list are adding a fishing dock and wood bridge on the pond, a walking and jogging trail throughout, new lighting for the existing ball diamonds and an outdoor skating area.

Those projects are expected to be finished by the end of 2000 except for the lighting, which is scheduled in the report for 2003.

The township hopes some of the money for these projects will come from

state recreational grants. In November voters statewide approved a Clean Michigan ballot proposal, which authorized \$675 million in bonds for environmental and natural resources protection programs. About \$50 million is dedicated to recreational grants to be awarded to municipalities.

"The bond issue that was passed, made substantial monies available to local municipalities for recreation," said Jim Anulewicz, director of public

services for Plymouth Township.

The township spent nearly \$580,000 to complete all but two of its objectives from the last Recreation and Open Space Plan in 1992.

"I think most of those (projects) were funded through the general trust fund," added Anulewicz.

Deadline

The report had to be completed by

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New sewer project floods out neighbors

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For Fred Swan and several of his neighbors, a new development at the corner of North Territorial and Beck roads in Plymouth Township has been a nuisance for the last year.

The development, a condominium complex, would normally not cause much of an uproar, but miscommunications between Hunter Homes (the developer) and local residents have soured things.

Local residents, including Swan, have voiced complaints about the project, in particular the sewer drain that was installed along Beck in the front of their yards.

Every 20 or 30 feet, catch basins were installed but problems with the design caused inappropriate water flow.



Pond: Driveways along North Territorial and Beck have flooded due to a sewer project.

After construction was finished, two of the drains weren't at the bottom of the ditch, causing rainwater to miss them completely, while washing out several of the residents' gravel driveways.

According to several of the residents, getting in and out of their driveways became quite a problem.

Technically, there is a problem with the design and Dietrich, Bailey and Associates (the township's engineering consultants) has ordered Hunter Homes to address the problem.

According to a letter dated Feb. 3, Craig Corbell, who represents Hunter Homes on the project, he has been instructed to lower the two drains in front of Swan's home and replace much of the gravel in his washed out driveway.

"Right now, Mr. Corbell has been directed to correct a drainage issue on Beck Road in front of Mr. Swan's home," said Earle McIntosh of Dietrich, Bailey and Associates. "Although it was put in according to Wayne County specifica-

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Rouge Friends hop into action with frog watch

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BY LILLY A. EVANS
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Friends, families, children and nature lovers will leap at this community opportunity.

Friends of the Rouge is extending its frog and toad survey to include the headwaters of both the Middle and Lower Rouge rivers, which will encompass Canton, Salem, Superior and Van Buren townships, along with Novi and Northville.

You don't need a frog blind, binoculars or a net. Frog and toad surveying is easily learned in a two-hour session.

"You don't have to identify the different species; you just listen for different calls," explained John Bingham, director of public involvement for Friends of the Rouge.

Last year's survey was a great success, he said. "Quite a few people wrote in afterwards and said they

Here are the 1999 Frog and Toad Survey Training Workshops:

- Saturday, Feb. 27 - 10 a.m. - noon at Van Buren Township Municipal Center, 46425 Tyler
- Monday, March 1 - 7-9 p.m. at Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile
- Thursday, March 4 - 7-9 p.m. at Superior Township Hall, 3040 N. Prospect, Ypsilanti
- Saturday, March 6 - 10 a.m. - noon at Canton Public Library, 1200 S. Canton Center
- Saturday, March 13, 10 a.m. - noon at Salem Township Hall, 9600 Six Mile

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PLYMOUTH PIPELINE

Storage space needed

Caring Resources organizer, volunteer Henrietta Ellis, is looking for individuals or companies to provide storage space in the Canton or Plymouth area for donated furniture and large appliance items which are collected for families in the First Step shelter.

Organized in 1997 and run totally by volunteers, Caring Resources has helped more than 30 families who have left the shelter to establish stable new homes. The previously donated space is no longer large enough to house the inventory of furniture and appliances needed for the program.

Caring Resources operates with the help of volunteers who pick up needed items, sort, inventory and store the goods until such time as a family is ready to leave the shelter. When that time comes, these same

volunteers make arrangements to assist the family with the delivery of items that have been set aside for them.

A donation may be considered for a charitable tax deduction. Anyone interested in helping with this need should call (734) 398-5000.

Auditions

The Plymouth Theatre Guild will hold auditions for "Wait Until Dark" beginning 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, March 8-9, at the Water Tower Theatre on the campus of Northville Psychiatric Hospital, on Seven Mile between Haggerty and Northville roads.

The play will be performed May 7-9 and 13-16. For more information, call Ralph Rosati at (248) 669-0436 or Diana Wells at (734) 525-1206.

GED tests

GED testing has been scheduled 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., or 5-10 p.m., Tuesday, March 9 and Tuesday, March 11 (two-day test at Starkweather Education Center, 550 N. Holbrook (in Old Village area of Plymouth)).

There is a \$75 registration fee and advance registration is preferred. Call 416-4901 for registration information.

Math winners

The East Math Counts team of Mary Mei, Lydia Dobson, Mike Varney, and Yuyin Chen traveled to the University of Michigan-Dearborn Feb. 13 to compete in the Regional Math Counts Competition.

They achieved a second place standing in the Southeast Region qualifying them for the state competition that will take place in March.

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Feb. 15 in order to apply for the state grants. The township's previous five-year plan expired in 1997.

According to Jim Woods, program manager for the state's recreation bond program, the township must wait until its recreation plan is approved by his office before it can formally apply for any grant money.

"It's an eligibility requirement, by law, (to apply) for those programs," he said. "It's a document that they should be using for their own local program, anyway."

Land buys proposed

The newest five-year plan includes two proposals to buy recreational land.

The first site in mind is the remainder of the land along Beck between Ann Arbor Road and Ann Arbor Trail. The township bought 3.5 acres within the triangle-shaped area for more than \$280,000 in early December and already owned a 1-acre parcel at the point of the property.

The plan also refers to the ongoing development of a soccer complex near Haggerty and M-14.

The township already owns some of the land in the area and is interested in buying more land to give easier access to the site from surrounding roads, most likely Haggerty.

Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy has stated in the past that "the board is committed to looking at properties as they become available."

Township trustee K.C. Mueller has agreed with the concept on several occasions, stating that the current board ran on the platform of "preserving green space within the community."

Hilltop improvements

Another major project proposed by the report involves improvements to Hilltop Golf Course, at Ann Arbor Trail and Beck.

The plan calls for redesigning three holes on the course and building a new clubhouse that could accommodate wedding receptions.

Recreation proposals

Highlights from the Plymouth Township Recreation and Open Spaces Plan:

- Acquire remaining properties between Ann Arbor Road, Ann Arbor Trail and Beck for parkland. Time: As available. Projected cost: \$85,000
- Acquire property near Haggerty and Schoolcraft roads for development of soccer complex. Time: As available. Projected cost: \$85,000
- Develop neighborhood park near Ann Arbor Trail and Ferguson. Time: 1999-2000. Projected cost: \$220,000
- Construct a fishing dock and wood bridge on pond at Township Park. Time: 1999-2000. Projected cost: \$74,000
- Construct walking a jogging trail in Township Park. Time: 1999-2000. Projected cost: \$90,000
- Adjust hole layout and construct a permanent clubhouse at Hilltop Golf Course. Time: 2000-2001. Projected cost: \$1.4 million
- New lighting for ball diamonds in Township Park. Time: 2003. Projected cost: \$60,000
- Construct outdoor skating area in Township Park. Time: 2000. Projected cost: \$90,000
- Upgrade environmental quality of most school sites. Time: 2002-2003. Projected cost: \$50,000
- Work with homeowners to determine pros/cons of access to parks and schools. Time: 2002-2003. Projected cost: \$7,500
- Evaluate in detail direction of community in area of Five Mile, Haggerty and Schoolcraft roads for planning. Time: 2002-2003. Projected cost: \$7,500
- Study increasing water available to Hilltop Golf Course and incorporate as features to Township Park if feasible. Time: 2003 (study); 2004. Projected cost: \$15,000 (study); \$100,000 (development)
- Repair well and aerator in Township Park pond. Time: 2004. Projected cost: \$15,000


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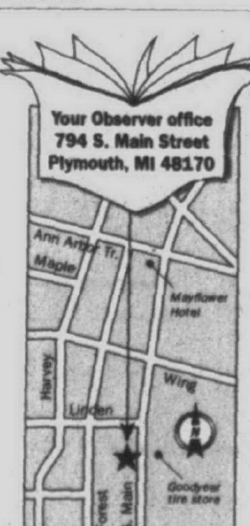
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Students design city of future

NEW MORNING

New Morning School of Plymouth students Amy Fry, Rebecca Hunt, Elizabeth Rembecki, Jacob Amberg and Mark Lockhart received Detroit Edison's Most Environmentally Friendly award for their entry in this year's Sim City 2000 competition sponsored by the Engineering Society of Detroit.

Sim City 2000 is an annual competition that gives high school students the chance to plan, develop and design their own future city. Entries from southeastern Michigan were submitted and reviewed recently at the Henry Ford Museum. Each team was judged on research, city design and presentation.

The New Morning School entry was called Terrania, a city built to support a thriving spaceport industry. Its citizens traveled around town using a mass hovercraft system. Its industrial base was ceramic sheathing and superconductors used to build and maintain space transport vehicles. In addition to fusion reactors, Terrania was powered by solar and wind generator. Engineers Rick Alvarez and Rhonda Morrison of Wade Trim served as advisers and mentors on the Terrania project. Chuck Forbes, a developer, also shared his experiences when moving the historic Gem Theater.

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STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMAN

Cast: Members of the Plymouth branch of the American Association of University Women present "Alice in Wonderland" Thursday through Sunday, March 4-6, at Garden City High School's O'Leary Auditorium, 6500 Middlebelt.

AAUW stages attention on college scholarships

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Local educators will take to the stage to help raise scholarship monies to enable students to get a college education.

They are members of the Plymouth branch of the American Association of University Women who will produce their 39th annual show. There will be five performances of "Alice in Wonderland" Thursday through Saturday, March 4-6, at Garden City High School's O'Leary Auditorium, 6500 Middlebelt.

"Alice in Wonderland," designed for elementary school-aged children, will be produced with seats priced at \$3.

Directing the upcoming play is Kay Paupore, a Canton resident who is a Garden City High School art teacher.

She feels her duties will be fun although rehearsals may resemble "organized chaos" because we have "a lot of creative women in the cast."

Her job as director "is to organize rehearsals and point out things that I think will make the play more successful."

Paupore, 54, has been in the private, nonprofit organization for eight years. When she joined, she was cast as a card in a production of "Alice in Wonderland" and as "Happy,"

one of the seven dwarfs in a "Snow White" production.

Later she performed as a lost boy in "Pinocchio."

Paupore and her cast started rehearsals Jan. 4 and have working on the show twice a week since then.

AAUW spokeswoman Tricia Carney Sherman said that the group of women who are educators, engineers and businesswomen ranging in age from 26 to 88 average five hours a week in rehearsals.

"These plays offer a rare and wonderful opportunity for children of all ages to experience live drama at very inexpensive costs," she added.

Among the cast members are Helene Lusa, principal at Livonia Public Schools' Randolph Elementary School principal, and a former longtime Garden City teacher, and Becky Copenhaver, Plymouth Canton Schools' Sharon Belobraidich, Jane Palmer, Elaine Bain, Mary Uhl, Mickey Edell-Cotner, Edna Fleming, Kay Koch and Karen Huddas; and Garden City Public Schools' Patricia Dunbeck, Lathers School principal, and teachers Shirley Zaetta and Diana Wilcox.

Other cast members are: Lori Hawkins, a technical program administrator for the

Society of Mechanical Engineers, who will be in the lead role of Alice; Wendy Harless, Forming and Fabricating Magazine art director; Carol Wallman, Trenton schools' human resources director; Melissa Uhl, Ford Motor Co. product design engineer; Mary Tiell, Wixom district teacher; Sylvia Rozian, retired teacher; Sherman, an optical manager; Jennifer Garvel, Troy social worker; Esther Nelson, Social Security Administration administrator; Sue Attee, a payroll administrator; and Angela Zaetta, a Ford engineer.

Working behind the scenes will be choreographer Ellyn Christian, a Ford Motor Co. administrative assistant, and costumes manager Diane Anderson, a dental hygienist.

Show times are 7:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday, March 4-5, and 10 a.m., 1 and 3 p.m. Saturday, March 6.

Tickets will be available next Tuesday through Thursday, Feb. 16-18, in Plymouth-Canton schools and the following Tuesday through Thursday in Garden City schools. Tickets will also be available at the Little Professor Book Center, 380 S. Main in downtown Plymouth.

Teen club offers freedom

BY LILLY A. EVANS
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Mentally, Sarah Palk of Plymouth is smart and quick. But, her cerebral palsy isn't a good vehicle for expressing her intelligence. Palk communicates with a Dynavox computer and sign language. She will never be able to drive. Her mom has to go everywhere with her.

Recently, Palk has found some freedom through the teen group at the Summit.

Lu Roeder, therapeutic recreational director at the Canton Summit, makes it possible for developmentally disabled teens and young adults like 14-year-old Palk to go out on Saturday night. A few weeks ago, Palk, who is a eighth-grader at Pioneer Middle School in Plymouth Township, went with peers to dinner, shopping and to the Christmas lights at Domino's Farms in Ann Arbor.

Another mother, Jackie Foust

of Plymouth, parent of David Foust, 21, who attends the Special Skill Center in Westland, said the group gives her son some independence.

"Kids in special ed can't drive they have to have a parent drive them around everywhere. This is a good alternative to going with parents," Foust said.

The Summit, in conjunction with Canton Parks and Recreation, offers two age groups, the Teen Club, ages 13 to 17, and the Young Adult Club, ages 18 to 26. The groups meet twice a month on Saturday. They congregate at the Summit, then Roeder and her staff load up two vans and they hit the town. They do a variety of activities including shopping, dinner and movies and special events at holidays.

Roeder said she likes to give the group the opportunity to socialize with peers and learn skills to function out in the world.

In addition, Roeder runs a swim club for the developmentally disabled on Friday night during open swim.

Pam Chestnut of Canton, parent of Churchill High junior John Chestnut, 16, said she has a lot of confidence in Roeder and her staff.

"Lu and her staff are enthusiastic. They get in the pool with the kids, they don't stand on the side," Chestnut said.

She also said she is thankful John has somewhere fun to go.

"John was born special and he doesn't have brothers or sisters to socialize with," Chestnut explained. "He has some friends at school but he needs other activities, too."

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PCAC looks for creative way to finance arts center debts

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Plymouth city commissioners have voted to help the Plymouth Community Arts Council find its own funding to pay off approximately \$266,000 in loan debts owed the city.

"Our attorneys have told us that we can't use our credit power to loan money," said Mayor Don Dismuke. "They've told us the loan can't exist, and it needs to be removed from the city's books."

The PCAC, meanwhile, is hoping to restructure loan payments totaling nearly \$8,000 a month to less than half that in order to comfortably meet all its financial obligations, while at the same time continuing community programs.

In February 1994, the city acquired the former Jehovah's Witness building on Sheldon Road with a tax-exempt loan from Comerica Bank at 5.8 percent. The city then sold the building on a land contract to the PCAC for \$20,000 down, with the remaining \$224,000 to be paid over 10 years at that same low interest rate. The monthly payment totaled \$2,470, with the current balance at approximately \$140,000.

The city also secured two grants totaling \$92,000 toward construction of the center, with

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Don Dismuke
—mayor

the arts council agreeing to raise the remaining \$177,717 of local match money. However, the arts group was only able to raise \$58,014.

A secondary loan agreement was implemented on Aug. 1, 1997, providing for monthly payments of \$5,250 over a two-year period to repay the city the remaining \$114,453 plus interest. However, according to city records, the arts council has only made one of those payments.

The PCAC made it known to the city it can't afford the \$7,720 a month and wanted to restructure the agreement.

"We just couldn't pay that amount anymore," said Jennifer Tobin, the executive director of the Plymouth Community Arts Council. "We tried to raise the remaining matching grant money, but the community has been strapped with other groups and donations also. We could pay about \$3,000 a month comfortably."

When it came to the attention of the city commission the secondary loan agreement wasn't

being paid, commissioners looked into the issue and received an opinion from its legal counsel that the city needed to divest itself of the loans.

The resolution passed by commissioners directs the administration to help the PCAC find a conventional mortgage for the land contract and construction loan. Tobin said she hasn't heard from the administration yet to discuss the matter.

"This issue is not about the arts council, but about the financial agreement in which the city entered, its propriety, and our city attorney's opinion about the arrangements," said Commissioner Colleen Pobur.

"It's not the art council's fault, it's our fault," said Dismuke. "And we need to fix it."

Tobin did note that when the PCAC looked for a conventional loan in the fall of 1997, interest rates were hovering between 8.8 and 10.5 percent.

"I'm hoping we can find an interest rate to match or lower than what we have now," said Tobin.

"The arts council is a very good organization, and I think we can help them get through this," said City Manager David Rich. "I think there are some other financing mechanisms and other resources they can tap into on an annual basis."

Here's what you had to say:

Here is your response to an Observer poll asking what name you liked for the new middle school to be built on Canton Center and Hanford in Canton. The Board of Education pared down a list of six names. It has yet to make a final decision. The tally is from live callers, voice mail and e-mail:

Millennium - 6 votes
 Hanford - 1 vote
 South - 2 votes
 Heritage - 0
 Community - 0
 Bartlett - 0
 Canton Center - 0

Some of the responses:

"I am definitely against naming the school Millennium."

This word is just trendy right now and overused... Standing with tradition I feel the school should be named South Middle School."

"My vote is Millennium Middle School. This name signifies where we are going and 50 years from now will give a good reflection as to where we had been. Great name!"

High school from page A1

starting at 7:15 a.m., Salem at 7:25 a.m. and the new school at 7:35 a.m.

"This plan moves students very effectively from Canton to Salem to the new school on foot, without buses," said Little. "It spreads out the traffic arrivals, and there would be less crowding at the schools. I think this has some possibilities."

Little also put together an alternating day/block schedule, which can be likened more to college program.

"The biggest shift in thinking is one day you may start off with one class, and the next day maybe you'll start in another building with a different class," said Little. "This schedule is not dependent on any kind of transportation at the park. However, a great deal of time would have to go into teacher training."

A third alternative is a draft of the current program with the three high schools, which would include two-hour shuttles making six round-trips per hour between Salem and the new high school.

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Chuck Little
 -school superintendent

"I put in \$30,000 a year for transportation in our five-year projection to make this work," said Little. "However, I think we can do it for about \$8,000."

Little said the big plus with this plan is reducing the number of ninth- and 10th-graders moving from building to building.

"I'm going to give the high school principals a directive to do a curriculum study, and come up with a time schedule that works," said Little. "Maybe they can even have a pilot program in a year or two and improve upon it."

"I think the charge to the schools is clear, come up with a plan," said trustee Susan Davis. "All of the curriculum needs to be scrutinized to see if it's pertinent."

High school teacher Cyndi Burnstein, who has led a group of teachers who want to have more input in the development of curriculum, has some doubts about the proposals.

"There is a concern about the curriculum, and we'll probably lose some classes," said Burnstein. "And there are issues concerning the affect on team teaching, teacher preparation time and the quality of education."

"We want to know that if we are involved in the process if it will really account for anything," added Burnstein.

Home from page A1

lege basketball playoffs. It took the production company from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. to lay cable, set up lighting, bring in cameras, move furniture, and bring in their own props shoot a few scenes.

"We are trying to show a sense of warmth and family in this segment of the commercial," said Harper. "This home will help us achieve that."

Of course, to achieve the desired results also costs money.

"This house cost us \$500 a day, plus another \$250 to the city to block the street," added Harper.

Neighbors may have noticed some of Soignet's furniture on the front lawn. Inside, everything seemed in disarray.

"If I were the homeowner, I wouldn't want to see what we've done to the house," Harper said with a smile. "We did break a light covering, but we'll replace anything we've damaged."

Soignet said her family did watch one of the previous commercial shoots, and said "it was interesting to see all aspects of what they do."

Now, Soignet said she just leaves for the day when a crew is filming. And, as for film crews tearing apart her home, Soignet isn't concerned.

"When I walked in Monday about 5 o'clock, they were just leaving," said Soignet. "You wouldn't even have known they were here. They put everything back in exactly the same spot."

Frogs from page A1

went out with their kids as a family project and it was a fun thing to do and they would like to do it again," Bingamon said.

Last year almost 140 individuals and groups volunteered, and Friends of the Rouge collected basic information that will become important data.

The survey's purpose is to identify remaining areas of high-quality habitat. Toads and frogs live parts of their lives in both wet and dry areas. They are very susceptible to human-caused

harm to the land. The Friends of the Rouge collects the frog survey data to identify changes in land use and water quality. The conclusions of the surveys may be valuable to local communities making plans for development and water quality improvement.

"It's collecting valuable information for scientists, ecologists, zoning and planning boards," Bingamon said.

After training as frog surveyors, volunteers will spend five minutes at their site in three to

eight visits spread out over two to four months in the spring and early summer.

The volunteers are sent out to hear the male frogs sending their mating calls. The absence of mating calls is one possible result.

Last year the surveys were conducted in the Northville, Novi and Salem area.

Advanced registration isn't needed. For more information, call the Friends of the Rouge at (313) 792-9627.

Flood from page A1

tion, it appears to be higher than the existing swale on Mr. Swan's property."

"I've been fighting this since July," said Swan. "It'll be a month on the first (of March) and they still haven't done anything out there."

Corbell said that the problem will be address but doesn't know how soon because he is still waiting to hear back from the county regarding the issue.

"Drainage along Beck Road is supposedly washing out some of the gravel on some of the driveways," he said. "Dietrich, Bailey and Associates wrote us a letter to change some of the pipes that have been installed. We keep a tractor on site so it's not a problem for us to go over and take care of it. Obviously, we'd like to

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Fred Swan
 resident

take care of these people's driveways but we can't touch that until the county tells us to.

"I would also ask that when, and if, Beck Road is widened, the storm drains (where they are now) would be positioned at the side of the (new) road. But, for us, the issue is 'How much do we have to spend to tie in (a sewer connection) somewhere?'" Corbell added that heavy rains

last fall were the cause for the driveway washout and that not much could be done about the situation.

"We have requested that Mr. Corbell inform us as to when the work is to commence and we will be on site to observe their work," added McIntosh. "Of course, Mr. Swan will be there and we'll make sure that he is satisfied."

"The wheels are in motion and we're not stonewalling anyone," said Corbell. "If the area doesn't look nice we can't sell our project. You just have to laugh about it because eventually, we'll all get over it. I hope we can give you a positive ending to this story here real soon."

The township's chief building official, Charlie McIlhargey, was not available for comment.

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House OKs 'safe schools' legislation

BY TIM RICHARD
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Local school boards would be required to expel assaultive students and inform local law enforcement authorities under a pair of hotly debated bills passed by the state House of Representatives.

The "safe schools" bills, as Republicans called them, were approved 84-22 on Feb. 17 and sent to the Senate, where passage is likely.

"Removing violent students

'Studies indicate almost one in 10 students carried weapons in school during the last 30 days.'

Clark Bisbee
—state representative

restores a safe learning environment. And troubled students are given a second chance," said House Speaker Chuck Perricone,

'It isn't enough to write a law that expels kids from school, if the only alternative to school is the street corner.'

Michael Hanley
—House Democratic leader

R-Kalamazoo.
The lead measure, House Bill 4240, would amend the School Code to require a school board:

■ To implement a local law enforcement agreement to report incidents that threaten school safety.

■ To implement an expulsion policy for students who assault others at school. The expulsion policy would be similar to the existing policy for students who have weapons in school.

The companion measure, House Bill 4241, would enable chartering of strict discipline public school academies. The bills are "tie-barred" — neither would take effect unless both

become law.
"Studies indicate almost one in 10 students carried weapons in school during the last 30 days," said the sponsor, freshman Rep. Clark Bisbee, R-Jackson.

Critics, mostly Democrats, said the bills would toss unruly students onto the streets. Some feared there would be no remedy if a school acted wrongly against a student.

"It isn't enough to write a law that expels kids from school, if the only alternative to school is

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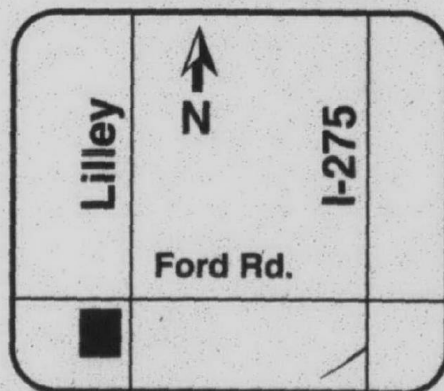
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McNamara vetoes money for auditor general, commission

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
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County Executive Edward McNamara vetoed on Feb. 15 a \$445,000 budget transfer intended for Auditor General Brendan Dunleavy's office and county commission expenditures.

Instead, McNamara wanted the money spent for the county prosecutor's office to address what he called a "serious backlog" of homicide investigations.

"Objectively, you must concede that the citizens of Wayne County will appreciate a greater benefit derived from the investigation, arrest and prosecution of suspected felons as opposed to additional legislative oversight," McNamara said in his veto letter to Commission Chair Ricardo Solomon, D-Detroit.

County commissioners did not act at

their last commission meeting on Feb. 18 to override the veto. In a related matter, commissioners referred budget adjustments of \$315,000 for the prosecuting attorney to the commission's committee-of-the-whole meeting slated for early March.

Solomon said the commission would not immediately take up the veto. Solomon said he and McNamara were discussing the fund transfer. "We have 45 days to override a veto," Solomon said.

On Feb. 4, county commissioners had approved a budget amendment to increase Dunleavy's budget by \$320,000 and increase the commission expenditures by \$125,000. The money was taken from the general fund.

Commissioners said Dunleavy was to use the money to hire an external audi-

tor. Dunleavy would not comment on the veto.

The county charter requires the auditor general to audit the financial transactions of all county agencies once every two years, or as otherwise directed by the county commission. In 1996, Wayne County voters approved a charter amendment giving the county's auditor general more auditing powers over county departments.

Vice Chair Kay Beard, D-Westland, who also chairs the commission's Audit Committee, did not see the veto, and therefore could not comment on it, but said the \$445,000 was to be used for the external audit. "The (1996) vote gave him that responsibility."

In his letter McNamara said his concern was one of "diminishing benefits generated by redundant audits." McNamara wanted the commission to reconsider its current requirement for internal audits of every county department, program and agency every two years.

He also criticized commission spending.

"In March 1995, you (Solomon) announced a reorganization plan that was to reduce commission spending by \$900,603. In fact, this year's projected commission spending of \$9.3 million will be \$3.3 million more than it was before the commission approved the reorganization plan."

"The truth is that there was never a reduction in the commission's own budget and, at the end of 1995, you had to transfer savings out of the auditor general's accounts to cover a \$107,000 overrun in your own budget."

Solomon said McNamara's letter was "full of distortions" and "inappropriate." McNamara said the commission staff would have increased from 69 to 94, while Dunleavy's would have went from 11 to 21, but Solomon said that money was to fund an external audit. The commission also only has 53 employees, Solomon said.

About \$1.6 or \$1.7 million are "chargebacks" such as the lease agreement the commission has for office space at the Wayne County Building, Solomon said.

"That \$350,000 is to pay for an external audit," Solomon said. "Because of the charter amendment, we are responsible for that now." Another \$100,000 was to go to staffers for pay increases, Solomon said.

'Nature Tots' offered at Nankin

Preschoolers can learn more about the mysteries of nature through "Nature Tots," an interactive learning series offered through the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center. The series runs from 10 a.m. to noon on Thursdays during the month of March, beginning March 4 and ending March 25.

"Nature Tots" uses interactive techniques such as hands-on activities, puppets, games, live

animals and outdoor exploration to teach preschoolers different topics on nature. Topics include birds, colors in nature, animal tracks, insects and reptiles including dinosaurs. Participants are encouraged to wear suitable clothing for outdoor activities, weather permitting.

The program is best suited for children ages 3 and 4 and costs \$2 per session. Advance registration is required. This program

has been made possible through financing from the parks property tax.

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the street corner," said House Democratic Leader Michael Hanley of Saginaw. He said the GOP bills "allow some kids to slip through the cracks and wind up on the streets" and fall short of being "a comprehensive solution."

Here's how Observer area representatives voted:
YES - Bob Brown, D-Dearborn Heights, Eileen DeHart, D-Westland, Gerald Law, R-Plymouth, Bruce Patterson, R-Canton, Andrew Raczkowski, R-Farmington Hills, Laura Toy, R-Livonia.
NO - Tom Kelly, D-Wayne.

Rep. William Callahan, D-St. Clair Shores, objected, "This bill would take away local control from districts and school boards."

Rep. Julie Dennis, D-Muskegon, called HB 4240 "woefully inadequate. It does not provide for an appeal process for a student to challenge the expulsion until 150 days have passed from the expulsion date. It removes liability from the school district in the case of an unjustly expelled student."

"It also does not provide for an adequate alternative for a student that needs 'special' attention for his/her violent behavior. Consequently, the bill will allow for the removal of violent students into


our communities without support and resources to aid such a community."

Rep. Jack Minore, D-Flint, said, "It has enormous potential for abuse in that it allows expulsion much too easily and an appeals process amendment was defeated. It virtually closes out educational opportunity for many troubled youth, essentially abdicating the state's responsibility to provide education for all students."

House Bill 4240 also would require a school board to implement a disciplinary policy for students who commit assaults at school. At a minimum, a school board would have to expel a pupil age 12 or older who commits an assault and battery.

But school districts are not required to create an alternative program to educate expelled students, according to a House staff analysis. That is left to the discretion of the school district.

Supporting the measures were the state Department of Education, the Michigan Education Association and the Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals, though principals expressed "concerns."



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Another shot

Schoolcraft still seeking funds from state for new tech center

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM
STAFF WRITER

Schoolcraft College may have another shot at securing some funding for a technology center project.

Schoolcraft recently vied for state Jobs Commission grant money to build the project but wasn't one of the eight finalists. The \$30 million from the commission was passed out Jan. 12 and went to schools including Oakland Community College's Auburn Hills campus and Henry Ford Community College in Dearborn. Each received \$5 million grants.

Richard McDowell, president of Schoolcraft College, said Schoolcraft will lobby state legislators for a chance to be included in the state's capital outlay budget. If Schoolcraft's bid is successful, then the state will put up half the funds and Schoolcraft the other half.

"We're not in the bill now, but we're working to get in the bill," McDowell said, referring to the capital outlay bill, which requires approval from both houses and a signature from Gov. John Engler.

'I think our chances are good to be included in the capital outlay budget.'

Richard McDowell
—Schoolcraft College president

Schoolcraft has proposed an \$18 million project, which includes \$5 million for a technical training center, an expansion of the culinary arts department, the addition of two large meeting rooms in the Waterman Center and cafeteria renovations.

When the joint Senate/House capital outlay committee looks at the proposals, they typically look at state and regional benefits, McDowell said. Schoolcraft's proposal, especially the training center, will benefit the region in many ways.

"The biggest problem employers have is hiring people with good computer skills," McDowell said. With 3,000 businesses between Ann Arbor and Troy offering computer services, there is a real need for qualified

employees.

"There's just not enough people with those kind of computer skills to work in the (computer) business. There's a great need that's expanding faster than people can be trained."

This time, Schoolcraft might have a real shot, McDowell said.

"I think our chances are good to be included in the capital outlay budget," he said.

The state's fiscal year begins Oct. 1.

Schoolcraft had proposed to the state Jobs Commission a \$6 million 32,000 square-foot technology center addition to the Waterman Campus Center.

Other state Jobs Commission grant winners besides OCC and Henry Ford included Kalamazoo Valley Community College, \$5 million; Northwestern Michigan Community College near Traverse City, \$4.4 million; Lake Michigan College near Benton Harbor, \$4.1 million; Grand Rapids Community College, \$3 million; Bay de Noc in the Upper Peninsula, \$2.3 million; and Kellogg Community College in Battle Creek, \$683,000.

Senators work on package to ease purchase of homes

State Capitol capsules:

Bipartisan housing

State senators are working on a bipartisan package of bills making it easier for older city residents to buy and own their own homes. The 14 bills will shorten the time it takes to obtain quiet title to two-four years.

"Pontiac groups I've dealt with say their biggest problems are not volunteers and finance but that they can't get clean title," said Sen. Gary Peters, D-Bloomfield Township, one of the co-sponsors.

"Without clean title, you can't get capital," said Peters, whose district includes Pontiac.

"This is the Homestead Act of 1862 dusted off," said Sen. Bill Schuette, R-Midland, who will guide it through his Economic Development Committee. He calls it the Urban Homestead Act and said it's useful not only in Detroit, Pontiac and Flint but in Saginaw and Port Huron, too.

"This is what urban mayors wanted.

"Michigan led the way with welfare reform by injecting the ethic of work," said Schuette. "Now we will be a model for America in housing reform. Public housing of the 1960s failed to deliver on the promise of safe, secure housing for families."

To be eligible for the urban homestead program, an applicant and spouse must have been employed for the last 12 months with no felony conviction during the previous three years. Their children must regularly attend school. Family income must be below the state median.

If the family meets the terms and lives in the house five years, the property will be deemed for \$1.

Ethics act

Freshman Rep. Mike Bishop, R-Rochester, said his panel will deliberate carefully Michigan's first governmental ethics act. Bishop chairs the House Constitutional Law and Ethics Com-

mittee.

Bishop said the committee would spell out the duties of elected officials and the consequences if they fail at their duties.

Appointments

Gov. John Engler has appointed:

Sam Hart of Livonia to the new nine-member Transportation Funding Study Committee. It will recommend new road funding distribution formulas for county and state road agencies when PA 51 of 1991 expires Sept. 30, 2000. Hart is business manager of Local 324 of the International Union of Operating Engineers.

Philip Fischer of Bloomfield Village to the Detroit-Wayne County Port Authority. He is president of Philip B. Fischer Co. Inc. The authority oversees port facilities.

John Mallia of Rochester Hills to the State Board of Barber Examiners. Mallia is owner of the Hair Studio. His term runs to Sept. 30, 2002.

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LISTENING TO NATURE

Frog survey will keep volunteers a-hoppin'

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER
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During these wintry days of single-digit temperatures, it's hard to imagine that spring will arrive in just a few short weeks.

But organizers of a frog and toad survey want western Wayne County residents to "think spring" and hope they volunteer to listen to the amphibians croak, a chorus that is a true harbinger of spring and a sign of males ready for breeding.

From the short, subtle chuckle of the wood frog to the loud, high-pitched peep of the spring peeper, volunteers are needed to listen to amphibian calls for a few minutes each week in the city of Novi and the townships of Canton, Northville, Plymouth, Salem, Superior and Van Buren.

Depending on the species, volunteer monitors could be listening as early as March or as late as July.

"We really have very little information on locations of frog and toad species, particularly in urbanizing areas," said Lara Spears, an ecologist with Applied Science & Technology Inc. of Brighton.

ASTI was awarded a contract in 1997 with Friends of the Rouge to design and begin a survey as part of a long-term monitoring program using the volunteers to assess habitat and water quality, along with examining the wildlife populations within the Rouge River ecosystem in Oakland, Washtenaw and Wayne counties.

Analyzing results

The survey will help track the health of the watershed, once a few surveys are completed and results can be analyzed over time.

The survey is funded through a \$25,000 federal grant from the Rouge Program Office, which is matched by the Friends of the Rouge through other grants and volunteers.

Spears and Richard Wolinski, a senior ecologist, completed the frog and toad survey last year with about 140 volunteers trained to listen for the sounds of four species over 52 square miles in the communities of Novi, Northville, Plymouth and Salem townships.

Canton, Superior and Van Buren surveys will begin this spring for the wood frog, western chorus frog, spring peeper and American toad. Novi, Northville, Plymouth and Salem vol-

unteers will listen for those species for a second consecutive year and the gray tree frog, northern leopard frog, green frog and bullfrog.

Monitors only need to listen to different calls in about a 1/4-quarter square mile area and do not necessarily need to identify the frog or toad, according to John Bingamon, director of public involvement projects for the Friends of the Rouge.

"The smaller area you do, the better," Bingamon said about the individual survey blocks.

This year's survey area represents the watershed that lies west of Haggerty Road. Last year's survey revealed a direct correlation between impervious surfaces — such as parking lots, streets and rooftops that empty directly into rivers and streams instead of infiltrating directly into the ground — and water quality. This year's study will examine the correlation between the amount of impervious surface and number of species.

The spring peeper was the most frequently observed frog in 172 of approximately 200 quarter mile survey blocks.

Room to improve

"In general, the area surveyed provides good habitat quality, with 117 survey blocks having three or more species," Spears said. "That almost 30 square miles. However, at least 50 survey blocks had one or fewer species, which indicates that there is plenty of room for habitat improvement."

The state Department of Natural Resources conducts frog surveys, but Spears said volunteers for this year's survey will be covering a "much broader area." "It will identify habitats nobody knows about," Spears said.

"There are a lot of places where there is intermittent wetlands," Bingamon said. "It may be an area that is wet in the spring for a few weeks."

Volunteers do not need to live in the survey community to participate. Bingamon said the monitoring is an activity that can be enjoyed by people ranging from students in a college ecology class to families and Boy and Girl Scout troops.

"We're getting a few calls from Garden City, Redford, Livonia and Farmington," Bingamon said. "We're encouraging people to come on out."

Counting the croaks

Rouge River Watershed

Volunteer meeting places

Frog and toad surveys are going to be conducted in the city of Novi and the townships of Canton, Northville, Plymouth, Superior, Salem and Van Buren. Volunteers do not need to live in those communities to monitor the frogs there — only a willingness to drive to one of the following communities. Volunteers can attend one of the following training sessions:

- **Saturday, Feb. 27**
10 a.m. – noon
Van Buren Township Municipal Center
46425 Tyler Road
- **Monday, March 1**
7 – 9 p.m.
Novi Civic Center
45175 W. Ten Mile Road
- **Thursday, March 4**
7 – 9 p.m.
Superior Township Hall
3040 N. Prospect
- **Saturday, March 6**
10 a.m. – noon
Canton Public Library
1200 S. Canton Center Road
- **Saturday, March 13**
10 a.m. – noon
Salem Township Hall
9600 Six Mile Road

For information, contact John Bingamon at (313) 792-9627

There's music in the air

The Rouge River watershed contains 12 frog and toad species. Collectively, frogs and toads are called "anurans," which means "without a tail." Volunteers in their first year of the survey in Canton, Superior and Van Buren townships will be listening for the following species during their respective breeding seasons:

- **Wood Frog:** Common throughout the basin, but can only be heard for a short time early in the spring, generally between March and May, in forested swamps. Its call — a short, subtle chuckle, like ducks quacking in the distance — is often overpowered by the calls of other species.
- **Western Chorus Frog:** This species has a short, ascending "cre-e," resembling a thumb drawn along a comb's teeth, repeated every couple of seconds. Its breeding season lasts between March and May.
- **Spring Peeper:** Common and widespread throughout the basin. Its call is a short, loud, high-pitched peep, repeated every second. Breeding season generally lasts between early April and late June.
- **American toad:** Also common in a variety of habitats in the Great Lakes basin. Its long, drawn-out high-pitched musical trill lasting up to 30 seconds, generally heard from mid-April to late June.

Volunteers in Novi, Northville, Plymouth and Salem townships will listen for these species for a second consecutive year along with the gray tree frog, northern leopard frog, green frog and bullfrog.

Source: Applied Science & Technology, Inc. of Brighton

Other Rouge activities need help

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

If walking outside and monitoring the sounds of frogs and toads isn't quite your forte, Friends of the Rouge has a slew of other activities that need volunteers.

Here is a brief description of some of the other volunteer programs:

■ **Rouge RiverWatch:** Friends of the Rouge's program helps a neighborhood or community group "adopt" its local stream, which can include conducting stream cleanups and monitoring, pollution education and prevention, enhancing habitat and other activities.

■ **Stream monitoring:** Volunteers gather data about their local stream's ecological health, which is expected to improve in areas where sanitary and storm sewers have been separated and retention basins built. Monitoring can include stream walks to track physical changes in the river, tests for water quality and studies of streambed life.

■ **Habitat enhancements:** Volunteers can improve the environment in or near water with construction of bird and bat houses, or beautify streambanks with trees, plants and trail improvements, and stabilize eroded banks with plants.

■ **Storm drain stenciling:** With volunteers placing stencils near storm drains to identify them, residents can learn about the effect of stormwater runoff. Information is left at nearby homes to explain the project and offer tips on reducing stormwater pollution.

■ **River stewards:** Volunteers donate time to educate the public on disposal options for household hazardous waste, use of pesticides and fertilizers, personal responsibility and stewardship in the Rouge watershed and other public outreach activities outlined in the city's general stormwater permit.

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OBITUARIES

PAUL NORBERT RICK

Services for Paul Norbert Rick, 74, of Plymouth were Feb. 22 in St. Kenneth Catholic Church with the Rev. Joseph S. Mallia officiating. Burial was in Oakland Hills Cemetery, Novi. Local arrangements were made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth.

He was born June 22, 1924, in Outlook, Mont. He died Feb. 17 in Ann Arbor. He was a retired engineer at Ford Motor Co. He retired in 1987. After his retirement he did professional consulting work. He came to the Plymouth community in 1964 from Minneapolis, Minn. He was a member of St. Kenneth Catholic Church in Plymouth Township. He was a member of the Optimal Club and Livonia Wood Carvers. He served in the Navy during World War II as an aviation machinist. He received his bachelor's degree from the University of Minnesota. He worked with Explorers in the 1970s. He traveled extensively, visiting China, South Africa, Portugal, Sweden, Brazil, Egypt, Australia, New Zealand, and Japan. He enjoyed wood carving, golfing and bridge.

Survivors include his wife, Carita Rick of Plymouth; three

daughters, Stephanie (Woody) Johnson of Plymouth, Jacqueline (Arthur) Johnson of Walled Lake, Michelle (Cliff) Biddick of Charlevoix; one son, Douglas (Dorothy Engel) Rick of Pacific Grove, Calif.; one brother, Norman (Sig) Rick of Duluth, Minn.; and seven grandchildren, Jeff Little, Kevin Little, Christine Johnson, Lauren Johnson, Heather Biddick, Chelsea Biddick, and Allison Deagon.

Memorials may be made to St. Kenneth Catholic Church or the American Lung Association.

ZETTA MARIE THEISEN

Services for Zetta Marie Theisen, 85, of Plymouth were Feb. 22 in Our Lady of Good Counsel with the Rev. Richard Simon officiating. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. Local arrangements were made by Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth.

She was born Feb. 26, 1913, in Detroit. She died Feb. 18 in Livonia. She was a homemaker. She was a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel.

She was preceded in death by her parents, George and Minnie Smith; and her husband, Edwin Theisen. Survivors include her five daughters, Janice (John)

Lott of Harrow, Elizabeth (Ted) Norena of Upland, Calif., Virginia (Ned) Kircher of Gilbert, Ariz., Barbara (Bob) Ervin of Plymouth; Mary (Robert) Jensen of Thousand Oaks, Calif.; one son, Edwin Theisen, Jr. of Troy; 24 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburg Road, Livonia, MI 48154-5010, or Masses, D.Y.R.A. or the University of Detroit.

IRENE RODRIGUEZ

Services for Irene Rodriguez, 106, of Brighton, formerly of Plymouth, were Feb. 22 in Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church with the Rev. Doc Ortman officiating. Burial was in Cadillac Memorial Gardens, Westland. Local arrangements were made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth.

She was born April 5, 1892, in Spain. She died Feb. 19 in Livonia. She was a homemaker. She came to the Plymouth community in 1974 from New York City. She was a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Plymouth. She enjoyed crocheting.

Survivors include her son, Joseph (Pauline) Rodriguez of Brighton; one granddaughter,

Ramona Williams of Westland; one grandson, Michael Rodriguez; and two great-grandchildren, Ben and Kevin.

Memorials may be made by Mass offerings.

ALFRED DOUGHTY SANDS

Services for Alfred Doughty Sands, 86, Ann Arbor were Feb. 15 in the Shrine of the Little Flower, Royal Oak. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

He was born on June 30, 1912, in St. Louis, Miss. He died Feb. 17 in Vencor Hospital Central Tampa, Tampa, Fla. He lived in Huntington Woods from 1940-1995. He graduated from Lawrence Technological University in Southfield with a degree in mechanical engineering. He retired from Burroughs Corp. in 1972 in Plymouth. He was a member of engineering society of Detroit since 1936. He served as a volunteer in preparing income tax for senior citizens in Royal Oak for 18 years. He volunteered for junior achievement. He attended Shrine of the Little Flower from 1940-1995 and served as usher and adult server at Masses. He attended 6:30 a.m. Mass daily for many years and was a member of the ushers club.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Lucille; and one brother, Harry Sands. Survivors include two daughters, Laurie (Joseph) Bernia of Ann Arbor, Charlaire Bohnet of Fairfield, Ohio; four sisters, Nettie Bull of Ypsilanti, Mary Jo Gaines of Bellflower, Calif., Jenny Fettig, Laura Bobier; four grandchildren, Richard (Julie) Stapleton of Tampa, Fla., Michael (Bianca) Stapleton of Tampa, Fla., Christine (Jon) Stapleton-Fratt of Tampa, Fla.; Melissa Falsetta of Ann Arbor; three step-granddaughters, and four step great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

MARION BATALUCCO

Services for Marion Batalucco, 91, of Saline (formerly of Canton) were Feb. 23 in Uht Funeral Home. Burial was in Sheldon Cemetery of Canton.

She was born Jan. 31, 1908, in Italy. She died Feb. 21 in St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Superior Township. She was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Saline for 65 years. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Giuseppe, and one son, Baldwin; one sister, Mary Gallucci; two brothers, Gaspar Galfano, Mickey Galfano. Survivors include three daughters, Virginia (Joe) Carlini, Roseann (Donald) Wood, Sandra (Jim) Cotellesse; one son, Harold (Roseanne); one daughter in law, Janice; two sisters, Anna Gialalone, Joan Bradley; one brother, Leo Galfano; 16 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

ROBERT A. DAoust

A memorial service for Robert A. Daoust, 87, of Plymouth will

be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, March 16, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer Street, Plymouth. A reception will be held immediately afterwards. Burial will be at Riverside Cemetery, Defiance, Ohio. Local arrangements will be made Vermeulen Funeral Home.

He was born April 28, 1911, in Defiance, Ohio. He died Feb. 19 in Botsford Continuing Health Center, Farmington. He graduated from University School, Shaker Heights, Ohio in 1930.

He also attended Case School of Applied Science, Cleveland, Ohio in 1931. He attended Defiance College 1931 through 1935. He attended Wayne State University, Detroit from 1947 through 1948. He was a member of the American Chemical Society since 1947. He was a retired analytical chemist at several pharmaceutical firms in Ohio, Michigan and Texas. He was published in the journal of Pharmaceutical Sciences in July 1963. For the past 25 years, Daoust was employed by the city of Plymouth as a maintenance engineer at the Plymouth Cultural Center. Even though he was severely impaired, he traveled throughout the world. He enjoyed photography and has a collection of slides from his travels. He was a familiar figure throughout downtown Plymouth.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles J. and Elizabeth Creager Daoust; one brother, Edward C. Daoust; and a sister, Catherine Daoust Miller. Survivors include his two cousins, Roger A. (Janet) Daoust of Plymouth, and Douglas Daoust of Defiance, Ohio.

Memorials can be made to the city of Plymouth Bob Daoust Fund.

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David Medley ADA Coordinator Charter Township of Canton 1150 S. Canton Center Road Canton, MI 48188 (734) 397-5435 Publish: February 25, 1999

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON PUBLIC HEARING

On Wednesday, March 3, 1999, at 7:00 p.m. in the Ash Room, Summit on the Park Community Center, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton, Michigan, the Recreation Advisory Committee will hold a public hearing to:

CONSIDER SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION THROUGH THE CLEAN MICHIGAN INITIATIVE (CMI) RECREATION BOND PROGRAM FOR PARTIAL FUNDING OF EXPANSION OF THE FITNESS CENTER, LOCKER ROOMS AND MEETING/ACTIVITY ROOMS AT THE SUMMIT ON THE PARK COMMUNITY CENTER. Public Act 286 of 1998 (Part 716 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, P.A. 451, P.A. 1994 as amended) directs the Department of Natural Resources to establish this local recreation grant program. Requests for information should be directed to: Michael Gouin, Parks and Recreation Manager, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton, Michigan 48188 (734) 397-5110.

TERRY BENNETT, Clerk Publish: February 25, 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. Publish: February 11, 15 and 25, 1999

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS 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 until 10:00 a.m., March 18, 1999 for the following:

NEW MAMMOTH ROOFTOP UNIT FOR CANTON TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

Specifications are available in the Finance and Budget Dept. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. 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 25, 1999

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BOARD PROCEEDINGS

The Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton held a regular meeting Tuesday, February 16, 1999 at 1150 South Canton Center Road. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL Members Present: Bennett, Burdziak, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Shefferly, Yack Members Absent: None Staff Present: Machnik, Casari, Folsom, Wrublewski, Quinn, Zevalkink Neighborhood Improvement Committee: Detling, Champagne, Jeziorowski

ITEM 1 PROPOSED SIDEWALK ORDINANCE AND PROGRAM Tom Casari, Township Engineer, gave a history of the sidewalk procedure in Canton and explained why sidewalk ordinance and program were being recommended. He said that Canton had paid out more than \$1,000,000 for sidewalks over the last 9-years, including attorney fees, sidewalk replacement, new sidewalk and injury claims. Mr. Casari said that a sidewalk ordinance and program were being recommended to reduce liability, increase the health, safety and welfare of its citizens, and improve the appearance of the community through a cooperative involvement with property owners.

Sue Folsom, Engineering Services gave a presentation on the proposed ordinance and program. Canton surveyed eleven (11) neighboring communities on their sidewalk programs. Most communities required the property owner to pay all or part of the replacement cost. Canton proposes the cost be billed or added to a resident's taxes.

The proposed Sidewalk Ordinance provides for the general regulations related to inspection and replacement of sidewalks. The Ordinance provides a notification process for improvements, complaints, and claims for injury. An opportunity for appealing a determination of a decision to require improvements was also provided in the ordinance. Penalties for violation of the ordinance are provided. Ms. Folsom noted that the proposed ordinance also addressed ice and snow removal within 72 hours of accumulation.

Ms. Folsom said that the proposed sidewalk program would cover 10-years. Canton would be divided into 10 sections. We would target one section per year for sidewalk maintenance. However, those sidewalks requiring immediate replacement would continue to take priority. A consultant would inspect and mark each sidewalk flag in need of replacement and determine the cause of damage to ascertain whether the homeowner or the Township pays. Notification would be sent to all property owners prior to the inspection process and a second notification would be sent to property owners with sidewalks needing replacement. The property owner would then have 90 days to replace the marked sidewalk flag. Property owners may elect to replace the flags themselves, hire a certified contractor or have the Township replace it or appeal the determination. After 90-days, the Township would automatically replace the marked flags of a sidewalk and assess the property owner the cost.

Discussion occurred regarding division policies, staffing levels, invoicing responsibilities, hardship credits, snows removal on public sidewalks, a possible cost share program for homeowner associations with large amounts of sidewalks, the proposed public utility ordinance and duties of the sidewalk contractor. The Board directed Engineering Services to look into these discussion items and to bring this item back for a future study session.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to adjourn at 8:50 P.M. Motion carried unanimously.

The above is a synopsis of discussions taken at the Regular Board meeting held on Feb. 16, 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 Publish: February 25, 1999

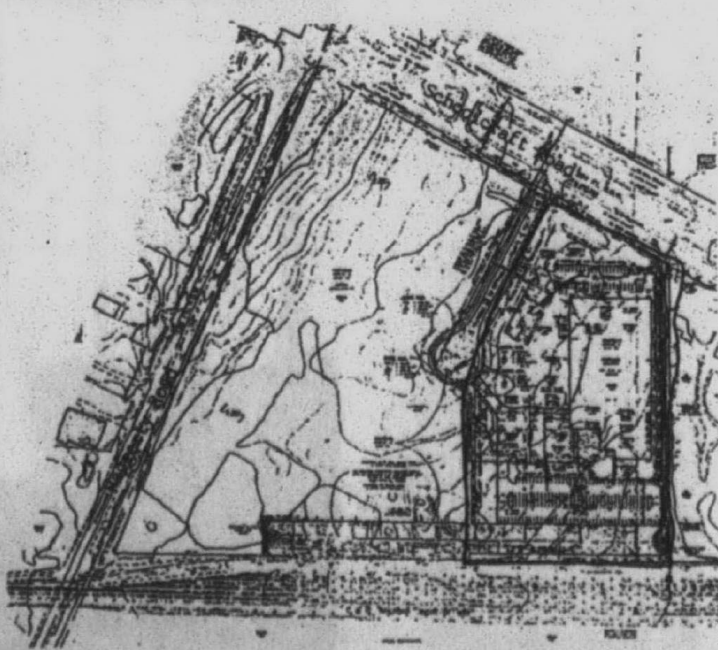
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO ESTABLISH AN INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 1999

On February 8, 1999, a request from Master Automatic, Inc., a corporation owned by the partners of MCW Properties Limited Partnership, was received by the Charter Township of Plymouth Clerk's Office requesting under Act 198, Public Act of 1974, as amended, to establish an Industrial Development District under Section 4 of said act, with respect to the TAR (Technical & Research) District herein described. Act 198 requires that the Board of Trustees hold a Public Hearing on the establishment of an Industrial Development District at which the owners of properties within the proposed district and residents and taxpayers of Plymouth Township shall have the right to appear and be heard. Written comments, submitted prior to March 9, will also be accepted.

TAKE NOTICE that the Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, March 9, 1999, commencing at 7:30 p.m., in the Meeting Room at Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Wayne County, Michigan 48170. Phone Number 313-453-3840 X 224.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

(MCW Properties Limited Partnership) PARCEL A PROPERTY DESCRIPTION (MASTER AUTOMATIC PARCEL) PART OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 24, T.1S, R.8E, PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, DESCRIBED AS BEGINNING AT A POINT ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID SOUTHWEST 1/4 WHICH IS DUE NORTH 19.47 FEET FROM THE SOUTH 1/4 CORNER OF SAID SECTION 24; THENCE FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING CONTINUING DUE NORTH ALONG SAID EAST LINE 707.46 FEET; THENCE N. 62°08'33"W, ALONG THE SOUTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF SCHOOLCRAFT ROAD (SO-CALLED) 360.00 FEET; THENCE S. 27°51'27"W, 370.10 FEET; THENCE 90.04 FEET ALONG A CURVE TO THE LEFT HAVING A RADIUS OF 135.00 FEET, A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 38°12'48" AND A LONG CHORD BEARING S.08°45'03"W, 88.38 FEET TO A POINT OF REVERSE CURVATURE; THENCE 107.92 FEET ALONG A CURVE TO THE RIGHT HAVING A RADIUS OF 75.00 FEET, A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 82°26'44" AND A LONG CHORD BEARING S.30°52'01"W, 98.85 FEET; THENCE S.17°54'37"E, 50.00 FEET; THENCE DUE SOUTH 328.70 FEET; THENCE DUE EAST 540.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; SAID PARCEL CONTAINING 9.11 GROSS AND NET ACRES.



MARILYN MASSENGILL, CMC Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth Publish: February 25, 1999

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON PUBLIC HEARING

On Tuesday, March 9, 1999 at 7:00 p.m. in the First Floor Meeting Room, Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan, the Board of Trustees will consider the following:

SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION THROUGH THE CLEAN MICHIGAN INITIATIVE (CMI) RECREATION BOND PROGRAM FOR PARTIAL FUNDING OF EXPANSION OF THE FITNESS CENTER, LOCKER ROOMS AND MEETING/ACTIVITY ROOMS AT THE SUMMIT ON THE PARK COMMUNITY CENTER.

The Summit on the Park Community Center is located at 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton. Public Act 286 of 1998 (Part 716 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, P.A. 451, P.A. 1994 as amended) directs the Department of Natural Resources to establish this local recreation grant program. Requests for information should be directed to: Michael Gouin, Parks and Recreation Manager, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton, Michigan 48188 (734) 397-5110.

TERRY BENNETT, Clerk Publish: February 25, 1999

1999 CITY OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE OF HEARINGS ASSESSMENT BOARD OF REVIEW

The Board of Review for the City of Plymouth will convene in the City Commission Chambers, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170, for an Organizational Meeting on Tuesday, March 2, 1999 at 12:00 p.m.

The regular Board of Review session will begin: Tuesday, March 2, 1999 @ 12:15 to 6:00 P.M. Wednesday, March 3, 1999 @ 3:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.

Other hearing dates and times may be scheduled as needed.

Hearings are by appointment only. Completed 1999 Board of Review Petitions are Necessary and must be submitted to the Front Office located on the First Floor of City Hall before an appointment can be made. The "Deadline" for submitting petitions for all persons wishing to appeal in person before the Board of Review is Wednesday, March 3, 1999 by 9:00 p.m.

A resident or non-resident taxpayer may file a petition with the Board of Review without the requirement of a personal appearance by the taxpayer or a representative. An agent must have written authority to represent the owner. Written petitions must be submitted by Monday, March 15, 1999.

Copies of the notice stating the dates and times of the meetings will be posted on the official public bulletin boards of the City and also in the local newspapers.

All Board of Review meetings are open meetings in compliance with the "Open Meetings Act".

If you have any questions regarding the March Board of Review, you may call (734) 453-1234 ext. 225.

City of Plymouth MARK A. CHRISTIANSEN City Assessor Publish: February 25 and 28, 1999

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Scholarships now available for young cancer survivors

College scholarships for young cancer survivors are now available for the fall 1999 school year.

As a special program of the American Cancer Society Foundation, Great Lakes Division, scholarships of \$1,000 will be awarded to a select and qualified group of young cancer survivors in Indiana and Michigan to help them achieve their goals of higher education.

Building on the success of last year's inaugural scholarship program, which awarded 40 scholarships to students, the American Cancer Society will be accepting scholarship applications now through April 15.

"Cancer should not stop any young adult from a chance to pursue a college degree," said Robert Wood, foundation chairman. "Through this program, we want to help young adults overcome the emotional and financial burden of cancer and go on to live a full and productive life."

Building on the success of last year's inaugural scholarship program, which awarded 40 scholarships to students, the American Cancer Society will be accepting scholarship applications now through April 15.

The scholarships are for undergraduate degrees at any accredited Michigan or Indiana college or university. They will be awarded based on need to qualified Michigan and Indiana residents who have had a diagnosis of cancer before the age of 21. Applicants must also be under 21 at the time of application.

A volunteer committee with representatives from both states will award the scholarships after review of the student's financial needs, academic performance, community service and leadership qualities. The grants are for one year only but may be renewed annually based on achievement. Applications must be submitted to the American Cancer

Society, Great Lakes Division office at 1205 E. Saginaw, Lansing, MI 48906, by April 15, 1999. The application process includes submission of letters of recommendation; a 500-word essay; a copy of academic grades nine-12; SAT and/or ACT scores and financial information. To request a scholarship application packet, call the American Cancer Society, Great Lakes Division, at (800) 723-0360.

To make a tax-deductible donation to the American Cancer Society's College Scholarship Program, contact the American Cancer Society Foundation, Great Lakes Division office in Southfield at (248) 557-5353.

S'craft students can apply for a variety of scholarships

Schoolcraft College is accepting applications for a variety of scholarships ranging from \$700 to \$1,000.

The Northville branch of the Women's National Farm & Garden Association scholarships. These nonrenewable \$1,000 scholarships were created to assist the educational goals of women attending Schoolcraft College.

Applicants must be women residents of Northville who have completed a minimum of one semester of study in any field. They must have a minimum 3.0 grade point average and submit a copy of their college transcript and a 100-200 word statement on their career goals and how they are financing their education.

The application deadline is Friday, April 2.

Schoolcraft College is also accepting applications for the Excilibur Foundation Scholarship. The \$700 scholarship is for the 1999-2000 school year and is sponsored by Round Table International, a service organization.

Applicants must have completed one semester of college at the time of application and be studying special education, occupational therapy or psychol-

ogy. Interested applicants must submit a transcript of all completed college terms, letters from three persons in their community other than relatives attesting to character, personal habits and merit, a 100-200 page statement giving reasons for interest in their field of study and financial information.

Application deadline is Friday, April 16. Applications for the Excilibur and Farm & Garden scholarships are available in the Office of Financial Aid in the McDowell Center and must be returned to that office. For information, call (734) 462-4433.

Schoolcraft students transferring to the University of Michigan's Ann Arbor, Dearborn or Flint campus are eligible for a

\$700 scholarship awarded by the University of Michigan Northville Alumni Club.

To qualify, a current Schoolcraft student must have a 3.0 grade point average, be accepted by the U-M and submit a statement of no more than 250 words explaining career goals and how a U-M degree will help meet those goals. Applicants also must include a copy of all college transcripts.

The application deadline is Friday, April 16. Applications are available in the counseling office in the McDowell Center and must be submitted to the Marketing & Development office by the deadline. Call (734) 462-4417 for details.

Award applications accepted

Madonna University in Livonia is accepting scholarship applications through March 1 from admitted students for the 1999-2000 academic year. Scholarship applications may be obtained at the University Financial Aid Office or by calling (734) 432-5663.

Most awards stipulate that the recipient be an admitted full-time student who possesses a minimum grade point average of 3.2 on a 4.0 scale, but there are some exceptions as well as additional requirements.

Town hall meeting scheduled for Monday

U.S. Rep. Lynn Rivers, D-Ann Arbor, will host a town hall meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, March 1, in the Little Theater at Plymouth Canton High School, 8415 Canton Center Road, in Canton.

The meeting will be an open forum where attendees can discuss a wide range of issues with Rivers. Rivers represents the 13th District, which includes Canton, Garden City, Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Westland and part of Livonia, and other Wayne County communities.

Rivers first will discuss recent actions of the 106th Congress, then open the floor to questions. The program is designed to provide participants with an opportunity to raise issues, offer concerns and inform themselves about current Congressional activities.

For information, contact Carrie Auster in Rivers' district office at (734) 485-3741.

Government contracting highlighted

Schoolcraft College is holding a dinner seminar 5:30 p.m. Thursday, March 4, that will explain changes in the government contracting process and how it will affect businesses.

The speaker will be Col. Paul Dronka, Army commander of Defense Contract Management Command. He will explain how partnerships, corporate contracting and electronic commerce mean an expanded government market.

The seminar begins with appetizers and a networking session at 5:30 p.m. with Dronka's speech following at 6 p.m. A dinner prepared by Schoolcraft's award-winning culinary arts department will follow the speech. The seminar will end with a question and answer period.

Tickets for the dinner seminar are \$45 and reservations are required. For information, call (734) 462-4438.

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Going to the dogs

Pet superstore owner markets for charity

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You could say that Jack Berry's life has gone to the dogs ... and the cats ... and the birds ... and the fish.

And that's just fine with him. "I'm not one of those people who are obsessed with animals," said Berry, president and founder of Pet Supplies "Plus."

But on any given day, you might find Berry in his office accompanied by his faithful golden retriever, Brandy. His dog certainly was at his side when he opened his first store in Redford Township in 1988.

While Berry is known for his pet supplies supermarket, his support of animals and animal groups, particularly the Michigan Humane Society and the Michigan Animal Adoption Net-

'Jack has been tremendous and he has helped so many homeless animals.'

Joanne Berry
—assistant to the director of the Michigan Humane Society

work, shares the spotlight.

"Once you are in business and you are relatively successful, you get hundreds of requests from people," Berry said. "So I decided as long as I am in the pet business, whatever effort and energy should be with pet related things."

Above and beyond

But Berry has done more than share his financial success with animal organizations. He's shown them how to market their

needs. About four years ago when the pet food division of Heinz Foods bought a brand named Nature's Recipe, company officials who had conducted pet telethons for a couple years went in search of their largest pet customers for help. Pet Supplies "Plus" was one of those businesses.

"They asked about the Michigan Humane Society in the Detroit area," Berry said. "They went to the humane society and laid everything out for them. But there is a cost to running a telethon."

Berry guaranteed those costs so no one would lose money. In the first year of the telethon, he committed \$100,000. In 1997, the telethon took in \$301,000 for the humane society.

With the third annual PETelethon for the Michigan Humane Society coming in March, Berry is gearing up -

once again with a financial commitment, as well as a lot of effort and marketing skills.

To bring in the stores - some are his, others are franchises - donation canisters will be available. Also posters will be near entrances of the stores so contributors can stop by with a donation and sign the poster, Berry said.

Observerland Pet Supplies "Plus" stores are in Farmington Hills, Livonia and Canton.

On the day of the telethon - noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, March 7 - the stores will donate 10 percent of sales to the Michigan Humane Society. "So that could be another \$17,000-20,000 donated," Berry added.

"Last year we raised \$351,000 for the humane society. But we were up against the J.P. McCarthy radio telethon and the NCAA tournament," Berry said.

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All in the family: Jeanette and Jack Berry and their faithful golden retriever, Brandy.

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First Pet Supplies 'Plus' opened in Redford

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When the first Pets Supplies "Plus" store opened on Telegraph in Redford, there had to be plenty of people saying it just makes sense.

"I took my supermarket background and designed what I thought was a retail concept," said founder and president Jack Berry, a longtime Farmington resident.

"I wanted a neat, organized store combined with premium foods with supermarket-type

items," said Berry, whose headquarters are in Livonia.

Before his dive into the pet industry, Berry was a career man in supermarkets - of the human variety - including an egg distributor at one time. He also owned an advertising agency.

In his early 50s, Berry was getting ready for a change. An old friend, Harry Shallop, who owned another company, was out-of-state and came across a large pet store - and an idea was born.

"I then went out and visited every pet store in Detroit. Most

were small, smelly and dirty, and a little of this, a little of that," Berry said.

He wanted a supermarket for pet products that looked, smelled and acted like a supermarket. And just like a people supermarket, Berry decided that his clientele - pets - should be allowed to walk the aisles.

"The volume of business we obtained didn't come out of these little pet stores I looked at. Part of it was the supermarket segment of business," Berry said, adding he wanted his stores not only to offer the supermarket brands of pet supplies, but the

more expensive premium brands as well.

In fact, Berry said he is convinced that his large stores have forced pet supplies manufacturers to develop more products - and healthier products.

While location, location, location is important to any business, Berry has his own criteria:

■ Demographics. He's got to be in a location where people have pets and want to spend on their pets.

■ The need to be on a major road. The Farmington Hills store

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"My personal goal this year will be to achieve \$450,000."

Local presence

And if you happen to watch the telethon on Channel 50 this year, you will indeed see Berry. Last year, he made 10 appearances on the show.

"He took his principles to the charity groups," said Joe Fucini of Pet Public Relations in West Bloomfield. "He's a very creative marketer."

To be sure, Berry also knows how to hold others accountable. For example, he contacted by letter his largest vendors asking them to make a donation for the telethon. "Most of them will participate," Berry said.

He also offering a helping hand and wallet to the humane societies in Livingston, Washtenaw and Monroe counties, as well as the Michigan Animal Adoption Network. For the adoption network, Pet Supplies "Plus" annually have daylong adoptions on a rotating basis. People who bring the dogs and cats for the adoption fair are actually the pets' foster parents so they are on hand to tell prospective owners all about the pets and their foibles.

"We've had more than 1,000 pets adopted," Berry added. "We keep the cages for the pets in our warehouses and when they are having the adoptions we send them out."

When Berry had only 20 stores in the early '90s, he worked with the Michigan Humane Society to develop the

'(Jack Berry) took his principles to the charity groups. He's a very creative marketer.'

Joe Fucini

Animal Care Fairs at the Southfield Civic Center. Again, Berry tapped into his vendors. Another success. In the first year, 20,000-30,000 visitors came to the fair. About \$500,000 has been raised for the humane society, said Joanne Berry, Michigan Humane Society assistant to the director.

"Jack has been tremendous and he has helped so many homeless animals," Joanne Berry said.

And after some prodding, Jack Berry convinced the humane society, which had to change its bylaw, to include adoptions at the fairs. Since Berry began the fairs in 1992, 800 animals have been adopted.

The plaques from animal organizations offering their thanks are testament to Berry's participation in helping animals.

"He is very generous. We are tremendously grateful to him. He underwrites our expenses. He is great. Whatever we might need, he comes through," said Joanne Berry. "Jack really wants to make a difference for animals in our communities. He wants to pass his success along to the animals."

Child Care Challenge seeks nominations

House Republicans will honor companies that help their employees creatively meet child care needs in the ninth annual Michigan Child Care Challenge.

State Rep. Laura Toy is encouraging area businesses to enter the event by March 19. Toy, R-Livonia, said child care is a fast-rising necessity in worker benefits.

"We are seeing more families where both parents are working or a single parent is supporting the family," Toy said. "In these situations, child care is essen-

tial. Employers are starting to recognize the need and are working with families to provide affordable care."

The awards recognize Michigan employers who provide child care benefit plans and other positive alternatives. More than 350 organizations have been honored since the program began in 1989.

Nominations are accepted in five categories:

■ **New Kid on the Block** for companies most recently offering child care benefits,

■ **Best on the Block** for companies that have made special efforts to design unique child care programs,

■ **Grandparent award** for firms that are pioneers in offering employee child care,

■ **Helping Hands** for businesses that provide direct financial assistance to employees or subsidies for on-site centers,

■ **Innovator** for community organizations and individuals demonstrating extra effort in providing child care solutions.

There is no entry fee. Nomina-

tion forms can be obtained by calling Toy's office at (517) 373-3920.

"There is still quite a challenge out there to meet the needs of our working families," Toy said. "We must recognize and congratulate those who are leading the pack toward increased child care benefits."

Throughout the years, numerous businesses have helped sponsor the child care challenge. Businesses interested in contributing to this year's challenge can also contact Toy's office.

African stories told tonight

Madonna University will hold African Story Kids Night in celebration of Black History Month in the Take 5 Lounge 5-8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25.

Storyteller Mary Reeder from "Operation Get Down" will entertain children of all ages with costumes and hands-on participation.

The event will include the showing of the movie "African

Story Magic," storytelling and traditional African snacks. There will also be a martial arts demonstration by young people from the Alkebulan Youth Center.

There is no charge for admission, but donations are welcome. For more information, call (734) 432-5425.

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on Orchard Lake, for example, is on the side of the road that Berry considers people use to go home. And when they see they store on their way home they will remember to get the dog or cat food they need.

■ **Point position or free-standing**, which creates visibility for his stores.

Now Berry's chain of stores includes 144 in 17 states. Not all are owned by Berry, though.

"Friends of mine saw the suc-

cess of what I was doing and wanted to open stores. His best friend opened one, his partner's ex-wife, a nephew all jumped on the bandwagon. Another friend, attorney Harvey Solway, became the franchise attorney. Thirty more stores will open this year."

"I think the interest in pets has always been there. People actually love their pets and treat them the same as they do their children," Berry added.

Read Observer Sports

Learn more about the **Henry Ford Academy** for students entering the ninth grade.

The **Henry Ford Academy**, a new innovative four-year public high school that emphasizes the application of math, science, technology and humanities, is sponsoring a series of open houses. These events will provide applications and information about a unique educational opportunity for Wayne County students entering ninth grade this fall.

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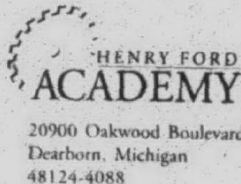
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794 SOUTH MAIN, PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN 48170

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Recreation plan It's better late than never

Plymouth Township should be congratulated for looking beyond the tip of its nose. For too long, it has operated in a vacuum to the detriment of its residents.

Officials are looking toward its future by updating its Recreation and Open Space Plan, a five-year document that must be completed to apply for state recreational grants.

The township was motivated to do so because the stakes are larger this year, thanks to the \$675 million Clean Michigan proposal approved by voters in November. Approximately \$50 million is designated toward local recreation grants.

Officials were pushing a Feb. 15 state deadline to update the document. Why it came down to the wire, no one really knows. Another question also arises as to why its existing parks plan expired two years ago — long before an issue went to the ballot box asking residents for more money to beef up the township's faltering recreational programs.

In the past, the state grants available through the Department of Natural Resources amounted to a pittance compared to the \$50 million now available. However, other communities still benefited. Last year, Canton Township was awarded a \$1.2 million grant to buy parkland on Napier Road. And three years ago, Canton received a \$450,000 grant to help build the Summit on the Park community center. Canton also quickly jumped on the wagon and plans to apply for an estimated \$750,000 this year to expand its community center.

Ask or you will not receive. Plymouth Township hasn't received any recreational grants, simply because it didn't bother to apply for any.

The township's last five-year parks plan, adopted in 1992, cost \$580,000 out of the taxpayer's pocket. The township completed all but two of its objectives from the 1992 plan and for that it should be applauded. However, grant money wasn't used to maximize taxpayer dollars. And that's a shame.

The recently released plan outlines more than \$2.4 million worth of improvements over the next five years. At the top of the list are improvements at Township Park, including an addition of a fishing dock and wood bridge on the pond, a walking and jogging trail throughout, new lighting for the existing ball diamonds and an outdoor skating area.

The plan also includes two proposals to buy recreational land. One is located on Beck Road between Ann Arbor Road and Ann Arbor Trail. The township purchased 3.5 acres within the triangle-shaped area for more than \$280,000 in early December and already owned a 1-acre parcel at the point of the property.

The second land buy would continue the ongoing development of a soccer complex near Haggerty Road and M-14.

At least Plymouth Township has created a vision to improve the quality of life in its community. There are plenty of opportunities ripe for the taking.

Happy birthday to Dr. Seuss

*"I would not like them here or there.
I would not like them anywhere.
I do not like green eggs and ham.
I do not like them, Sam-I-am."*

It may not be great literature, but anyone who has been a child or a parent since the late 1950s can recognize those lines and identify the author as Dr. Seuss.

They may not know that his real name was Theodor Seuss Geisel, that he was born in Springfield, Mass., in 1904, the son of a zookeeper, that he graduated from Dartmouth College and later attended Oxford in pursuit of a doctorate in literature, then drifted to Paris and hung out with the Lost Generation writers.

They may not know that he worked in advertising for awhile, wrote for a couple of Academy Awards in the 1940s, or that, though twice-married, he had no children of his own.

But they can quote passages from "Horton Hatches the Egg," conjure up vivid images of The Grinch and tap their feet in rhythm to the simplistic meter of "One fish, two fish, red fish, blue fish."

They may recognize lines from and visualize the image of "The Cat in the Hat," but not be aware that that book, published in 1957 and using only 220 words, virtually revolutionized the world of children's books, delivering, as one reviewer put it, "a karate chop on the weary little world of Dick, Jane and Spot."

While educators greeted Dr. Seuss' fractured rhymes and made-up words skeptically at first, his popularity among children and parents (his 47 books have sold more than 100 million copies in 18 languages) has changed some thinking.

That's why next Tuesday, March 2, the National Education Association, in conjunction with its Read Across America program, is urging "every child and every community in

America" to celebrate reading on the date that would have been Dr. Seuss' 95th birthday. (He died in 1991 at age 87 after a lengthy illness.)

NEA members are organizing events in schools, libraries and bookstores across the country. They liken the activities to pep rallies for football games or student plays to promote the arts. They want to send the message that reading is important and can be fun.

Why Dr. Seuss? "People of all ages love him," according to an NEA release. "He epitomizes a love of children and learning. And the latest in reading research indicates Dr. Seuss' books, with their use of rhyme, are an effective tool for introducing children to reading."

We agree. Reading is important and it can, and should be, fun. On Tuesday, Madonna University faculty and staff will be reading Dr. Seuss books 4-7 p.m. in the University's Take 5 Lounge and in Westland the Elliott and David Hicks Elementary schools also have activities scheduled. Redford Township District Library has a program planned for children in kindergarten through third grade.

Check out your local schools, libraries and bookstores for any other activities. Or just pull some books out of your own bookshelves and read to, or along with, your children.

And join us in saying Happy Birthday to the man who revolutionized children's literature. Better still, let him do it in his own words:

*"Today you are you! That is truer than true!
There is no one alive who is you-er than you!
Shout loud, 'I am lucky to be what I am!
Thank goodness I'm not just a clam or a ham*

*Or a dusty old jar of sour gooseberry jam!
I am what I am! That's a great thing to be!
If I say so myself, HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ME!"*

Oh, say can he sing



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHMANN

Star-spangled performance: Plymouth attorney John Stewart was captured belting out the national anthem before a Canton-Salem basketball game Feb. 16 in the Canton gym.

LETTERS

Thanks to benefactor

I am Danielle Lauer, a fifth-grader at Isbister Elementary. I would like to thank whoever donated the money to the fifth-grade trip to the Space Camp in Florida. I understand you put a lot of money into our education, and I would like to personally thank you for this wonderful opportunity.

Danielle Lauer
Plymouth

Residents pay for misdeeds

Citizens of Plymouth-Canton, get ready to spend more money on out-of-court settlements! Yes, the district just spent \$90,000 to settle a discrimination and harassment case out of court. According to Assistant Superintendent Errol Goldman, the district and its lawyers decided settling out of court was in their best interest. Goldman said, "To go through the trial would have been very costly." He said, "We believe we would have won, but wanted to save the district money."

NO! Mr. Goldman, it was not in the district's best interest, it was in yours! You took our money, which should have been spent to educate our young people, and spent it on settlement, because you do not treat people with dignity and respect. Let's not lose sight of the fact that if you were professional in your conduct on this job, and used common sense and decency in performing your duties, none of this would have been an issue in the first place. Yes, Mr. Goldman, you won because a court of law didn't get to hear the facts in this case.

The problem with Mrs. Burnette is not over yet, as district representatives will meet with an independent arbitrator to settle the more recent disputes. How much more education money will this cost the district? And, the district is heading into another one with the administrative assistant/labor relations director, Walter Bartnick. Mr. Bartnick is not working in the district now, but is still being paid by the district.

There are eight grievances being pursued at this time, four from last school year (1997-98) and four more for this year. How much more will it cost to settle these? This money comes directly out of the taxpayers' dollars. Again, proper handling of these issues initially by the administrator would have prevented these problems from developing in the first place.

I urge all the parents of the Plymouth-Canton community, as well as all taxpayers, to call or write the members of the Board of Education and express how you feel about Mr.

Goldman's performance as assistant superintendent of employee relations and personnel. If not, open your wallets, because we will continue to pay, because it was in their best interest to settle.

Because of the major problems with a few administrators, the fact is often overlooked that there are many wonderful, kind dedicated teachers and employees in the district. They, along with the citizens, should not be the ones to pay, both financially and emotionally, for the misdeeds of a few.

Kenneth Smith
Plymouth

Paper used poor judgment

It was poor judgment on the part of a family newspaper like the Observer to give coverage to the perverted Triangle Foundation. Decent people do not approve of men having sex with each other. While your Feb. 4 article was good in alerting the citizenry of the noble police effort to "Bag a Fag" (your term) it should have given the front page coverage to local citizens outrage at this continuing sickness going on at the I-275 Canton rest stop. Please do not make the police officer's job any harder by reporting the opinions of a statistically insignificant number of sick individuals.

Kevin A.C. Lambert
Plymouth Township

Thanks to firefighters

Thank you so so much for putting out the garage fire at my grandparent's house. My gram told me that without you guys (the Plymouth Fire Department) the fire would've spread to the house and neighbor's garage. My cousin is a fireman in Milford, so I semi-understand how tough your jobs are. Every time you go to work, you're risking your life for total strangers! I think you guys and gals are super-brave and awesome. Thanks again!

Kathy McHeon
Plymouth Township

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QUESTION:

What African-American has had the greatest impact on American history?

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"Rosa Parks. She changed a lot of things for them."
Donna Duke
Canton



"Martin Luther King. He was at a point in history where people were listening."
Carey Morton
Detroit



"Martin Luther King and Rosa Parks. They were both at the beginning of the civil rights movement."
Sue Ellen Gray
Canton



"Martin Luther King. He's the most well-known."
Nina Luper
Canton

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POINTS OF VIEW

Abortion issue and the Holocaust have parallels

BY ERNEST MEHRL
GUEST COLUMNIST

I think your recent newspaper article on the Holocaust question was very interesting and thought-provoking. Please let me share some of my own thoughts on this subject with you. I only wish I had all the space to do so.

Like (author) Ursula Hegi, I was born in Germany too and lived through the Hitler years from the beginning to the end. The question was asked, how could a man like Adolf Hitler become the governing head of a nation that gave birth to great thinkers, scientists, poets and composers?

Actually, the stage for his entry was already set in 1919, after Germany's defeat in World War I. The nations of the Detente had imposed harsh economic sanctions on Germany, stripping the nation of the basic needs to survive. This situation created massive unemployment, political strife, inflation of unbelievable proportion, and utter despair. A hastily formed democratic government, known as the Weimar Republic, was unable to function as it should

because it lacked the needed resources.

Hitler found fertile, political ground in this environment of hopelessness. He criss-crossed the country, gave fiery speeches, offering hope and delivery from misery and chaos. One Bible verse comes to my mind. It says "... no wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an Angel of Light." (2 Cor. 11:14).

Hitler appeared to the people as an angel of light. Everybody was for him, with few exceptions. He came into power by promising work for everyone, and a swift return to prosperity by defying the economic sanctions, and he did. The people were happy; they paid little attention to the verbal attacks on the Jews. Thousands joined the party ranks. Few people suspected what Hitler's real agenda was.

Soon, the government took control of everything. The media became the official source of propaganda. Foreign news was jammed. Criticism of the government was counted as treason. The penalty was incarceration or secret execution. Germany was now totally in Hitler's grip.

■ Certain laws have become more permissive, perhaps ambiguous, in recent years. They are no longer a true indicator of what is morally right or wrong.

I remember the shock and bewilderment of people during the so-called Crystal Night in 1936 when innocent Jews were evicted from their homes while Sturm troopers destroyed their property. People were worried and horrified that blind hate had reached such proportion. There was no longer a recourse to change. Besides, it was the economy, stupid!

Hitler was awfully successful with territorial expansion prior to WW II. He felt strong enough to do anything, even his abominable actions that were carried out in secret. I know for a fact that about 95 percent of the people never heard of the Holocaust until the war was over. Those who knew kept their mouths shut to avoid becoming victims themselves.

We may ask ourselves: "Could a man like Hitler come to power in our

United States?" No, I do not believe he could. Our nation has powerful safeguards in the form of our Constitution, our governmental structure, free speech and the media watchdog.

I truly believe that the real threat to our freedom lies in steady decline of our moral values and in the forgetfulness of how richly our land has been blessed. We know that morality cannot be legislated. Nevertheless, moral values are of vital importance to millions of our fellow citizens.

Morality is inseparable from a good conscience that guides our minds and our actions. If one's conscience becomes seared for various reasons, his judgment of right and wrong may become blurred or indifferent. Statistics reveal that freedom is often equated with the right to conduct oneself without obligation or accountability.

Certain laws have become more permissive, perhaps ambiguous, in recent years. They are no longer a true indicator of what is morally right or wrong. I am thinking specifically of the abortion issue, which has claimed some 35 million victims so far.

I wonder if someone could tell me

■ GUEST COLUMN

why there should be such a difference between the stacked bodies of innocent Jews, murdered in the Holocaust, and the stacked bodies of unborn babies, many of them able to survive, but killed in OUR holocaust.

I wonder if somebody could look me in the eye and tell me that a partial-birth abortion is not murder. How can anybody ram a pair of scissors into the neck of a partly born baby, which is seconds away from drawing its first breath, and insert a tube to suck out the brain? Yet, these things are done every day in our United States with permission of the Supreme Court.

I remember that the Nazis were hanged in Nuremberg for committing atrocities like that. Hitler did not want the Jews around - so he killed them. Babies are killed because they are not wanted either.

When a majority of Congress voted to abolish the partial birth abortion, our president vetoed that decision.

Ernest Mehrl is a Plymouth Township resident.

Charter school promises haven't been kept, so bad schools should be closed

I've been telling you so. Despite the glossy promises Mackinac Center and Gov. John Engler made about charter schools, the benefits haven't appeared. To correct the governor's campaign slogan: "Promises made, promises broken."

The notion of charter schools, as developed by the Regional Laboratory for Educational Improvement of the Northeast in 1988, was to liberate good teachers and free them from the rigid dogma of school boards and educationists. There would be innovations in curriculum, more parental choice, improved learning for motivated students. Rah, rah, rah.

Two scholarly reports on Public School Academies, commissioned by the Legislature, tell us that PSAs, or "charter schools," have fallen short, for the most part. Again, I remind you that not all charter schools are bad; about one-fourth have better MEAP test scores than the traditional public schools in the surrounding community.

But failures exceed successes. Engler was cheered twice in his State of the State address when he agreed with President Clinton that "all states and school districts must turn around their worst performing schools - or shut them down." An honest governor would start shutting down many of the 137 incompetently run, unimaginative, low-performing, low-paying charter schools.

Public Sector Consultants Inc. (PSC) of Lansing and Western Michigan University reported back Feb. 18 on the first four years of the charter experiment. PSC's report made a lot of excuses for the poor performance - they had to struggle to survive - but the patterns showed through in both reports:

■ Test scores - "The percentage of students scoring 'satisfactory' at charter schools is lower than at a majority of local traditional public schools," said PSC. It could have bought this newspaper and saved the state \$149,999.50.

When public schools had declining test scores, their enemies shouted this over the airwaves. But when charter schools (as a group) flop, their alibi is that they are just too new and somehow attracted the bottom of the public schools' academic barrel.

■ Parental involvement - "Parents had - or exercised - less influence over (charter) schools in the upper grades, and communication with the home was perceived to decline in the upper grades," said WMU. So much for the big fib of "parental choice."

■ Curriculum - Michigan got cheated. Instead of getting charter schools that specialize in science or the performing arts, "there are limited innovations being developed and applied in the PSAs," said WMU. Many charter schools hire business management firms and revert to "canned curriculums."

■ Dropouts - "On the whole, the PSAs had higher dropout rates than did their host communities." In short, PSAs dumped the



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problems back into the traditional public schools.

■ Personnel management - WMU found "extensive nepotism in employment of relatives" and "high rates of attrition among teachers, students and even principals," said WMU.

■ Organization - Instead of motivated teachers and concerned parents starting charter schools, the biggest group of applicants came from the ranks of private schools, with only a "handful" from public schools.

■ Church and state - Charter schools are supposed to be like public schools, with no "established" religion. Yet PSC noted that ministers often were among organizers, and WMU quoted students as saying "this is a Christian school," though leaders denied any proselytizing. Many of us still suspect charter schools are a subterfuge for fundamentalist parochialism.

■ Minorities - "Thus there is support for those who argue that the charter schools are skimming and increasing segregation ... there is a clear trend toward fewer and fewer minorities in the PSAs," WMU said.

■ Finances - Charter schools moan that they don't have capital and startup costs. Yet they get the same \$5,600 per pupil as do public schools, but they often don't offer expensive high school courses, school lunches, transportation, special education, enabling them to turn a \$1,000-per-pupil profit.

Engler should keep his promise and shut down the bad ones.

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LETTERS

Hillary for Senate?

One Clinton holding political office is one too many of socialist persuasion. Hillary of government medicine infamy showed the woman to be of hard core collectivist mentality. Her vilageization and globalization diatribes outline a litany of socialist goals suggesting a one-world arrangement that Gore and fellow travelers only faintly allude to. Environmental fantasies are enough to keep Gore's less than facile brain occupied, but he does know that United States unilateral obedience to lowering gas emissions would help the liberals lead to a hellish Armageddon here on earth. No, Hillary as a socialist senator would not be any less one-world oriented than she is as a first lady.

Neil Goodbred
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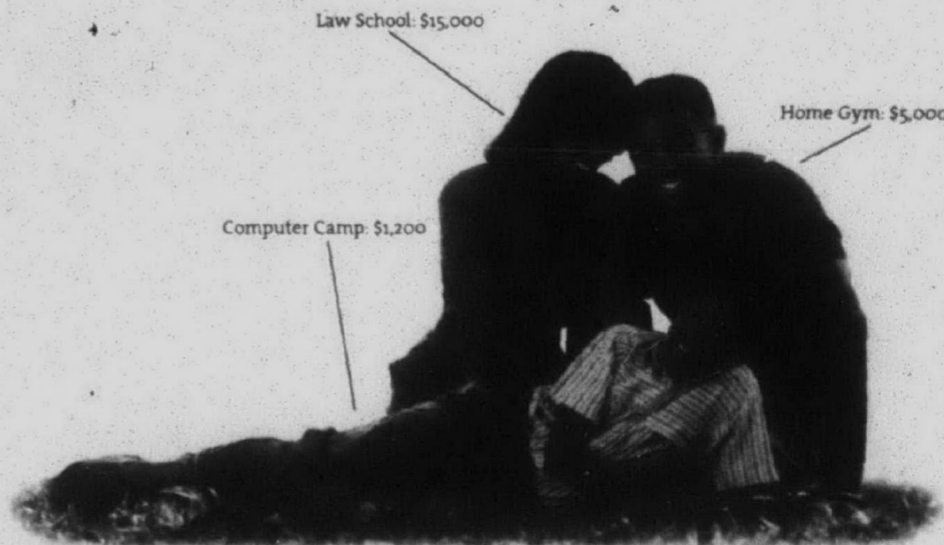
Farewell to the circus

It looks as though the circus in Washington is about over, the question is, what did it accomplish, if anything? Important government business has waited on the back burner while this fiasco dragged on, almost endlessly it seemed, and nothing was accomplished. The American people should be up in arms over this tremendous waste of public funds. How can we ever have faith in our public officials after this sideshow?

We don't need to bring in the clowns, they're already there. This fiasco will remain in our history for years to come.

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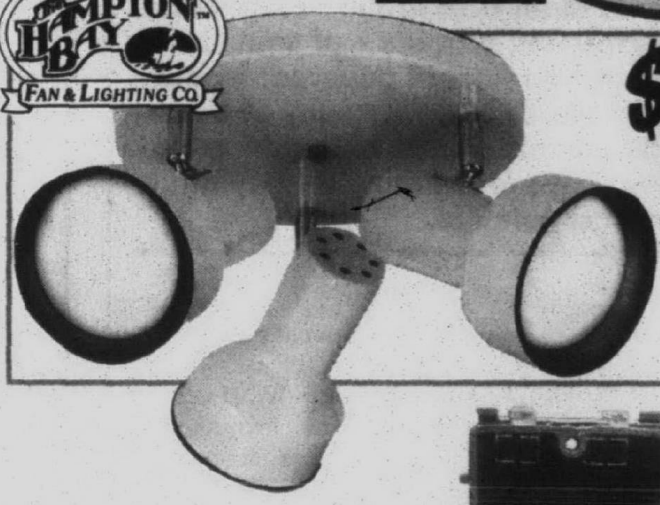
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COMMON SENSORS



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You can script your responses to 'child talk'

If you're a regular reader of this column, you've noticed that I've spent a lot of time talking about children and adolescents who act up and are disrespectful. This topic is dear to my heart because I have seen so many families suffer because one child is disrespectful and rude.

In hundreds of parenting workshops that I've given over the years, I've found that the most popular skit I introduce to parents is the one called **SCRIPTS**. The idea came to me when I realized that so many parents struggle with the words they should use when their child is belligerent, sarcastic or moody.

In fact, it has prompted me to start writing a book which I very well may title, "Scripts: What To Say When Your Child Pushes Your Buttons."

Children learn their "script" from peers, the media and sometimes even us. When responding to complaints that "The Simpsons," a '90s style television cartoon, is a bad role model, Matt Groening, the creator of the show, replied, "I now have a 7-year-old boy and a 9-year-old boy, so all I can say is I apologize. Now I know what you guys were talking about."

Folks in the media business don't care that you see their shows as disrespectful to adults. You haven't seen "The Simpsons" pulled from the lineup, have you? In fact, what children say on television is often highly respected, especially when it makes their parents look bad.

Over the years

In Ricker and Crowder's book, "Backtalk," they comment about what has taken place over the last 25 years. They note that children's status has changed because they now have economic and verbal power which they never had before.

"Children are now considered smarter, not to mention more amusing and appealing than adults. Or, to put it even more simply, suddenly to be young is to be powerful ... the mainstream media now shows children as adorable savants who are given the last word in most verbal exchanges."

You have no doubt heard these pearls of wisdom come out of your children's mouths? "You are soooooo uncool." "You're a poopy. I hate you." "Get a life, Dad." "You can't make me." "Oh, give me a break." "Duh, mother." "You call this food?" "Whatever!" "You are so stupid."

I'm sure your list could go on and on. But these are *fighting* words and don't deserve to be tolerated by anyone.

My book will highlight situations that occur in most households. It will help parents with the words that convey. "Talking like that doesn't fly in this house."

Share your script

If you would like to share a script with me that is appropriate, controlled and respectful, e-mail me at downsj@mail.resa.net and I will consider using it in the book.

Please remember that scripts like, "I'll show you who's boss ... you say that one more time and I'll knock your head off" only convey to the child that I must exert my power and control by yelling, screaming and threatening.

The best scripts tell the child what you won't tolerate and what the consequences are for that behavior. They are said in a disengaged businesslike voice.

In the meantime, you may want to read the book, "Backtalk." It has many good recommendations in it.

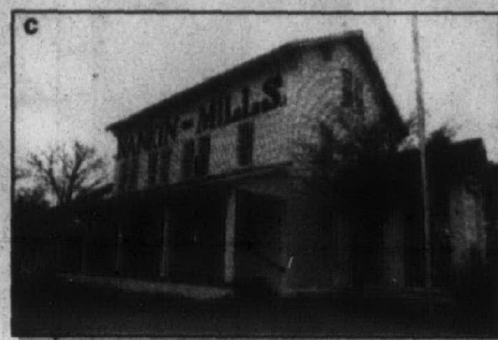
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A. The Godwin-Flora home on Warren Road near Morton Taylor Road in Canton is believed to have housed slaves seeking freedom. Staff Photo by Paul Hurschmann



B. One identified stop is a home that was located where Saxton's Garden Center now stands at 587 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. Staff Photo by Paul Hurschmann



C. Nankin Mills in Westland is rumored to have been a stop on the Underground Railroad. Staff Photo by Bryan Mitchell
D. A historical marker on Warren Road near Riverbend Apartments in Westland lists the achievements of Marcus Swift who reportedly supported abolition. Staff Photo by Elizabeth Carnegie



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Underground Railroad stations remain shrouded in secrecy

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The Underground Railroad kept a secret so there's very little documentation of it in this area. But rumors, research and even stories from area homeowners have led to speculation that the railroad passed through western Wayne County.

"There's a lot of rumors where the underground railway was. It was not legal, so it was a secret," said Jo Johnson, chairwoman of Westland Historical Commission. "There's nothing we can document. We work on it, but it's very hard to document because it was secret, it was not legal. They could get in trouble if they were caught."

"We're sure there was some Underground Railroad station in this area which was then Nankin Township."

The Underground Railroad was a group of houses and churches that helped escaped slaves find freedom in the northern United States and Canada from 1830 to 1861.

One of the rumored sites is Nankin Mills on Ann Arbor Trail west of Merriman Road in Westland.

"Usually, if they had a station and it was in Westland, it was near the Rouge River," Johnson said. "They used to transport them down the river to the Detroit River and across to Canada."

"The other rumor was that Glode Chubb was a part of it. He lived originally around Warren and Hix and then he moved down to around Venoy and Michigan Avenue. Of course, down at that end of town, you have the Lower Rouge."

Chubb, a minister, and Marcus Swift were part of the Methodist Episcopal Church, an organization that supported the freedom of slaves. A historical marker honoring Swift's accomplishments sits on Warren Road east of Merriman Road near the Riverbend Apartments.

Their participation is hearsay, however, Johnson explained.

Sporadic documentation

Documentation of Underground Railroad activity in Livonia also is sporadic.

"I'm in the process of going through a Kingsley genealogy," said Suzanne Daniel, chair of the Livonia Historical Commission. "I know I've read in one spot there was one of the girls in the family who told of remembering as a child of waking up and discovering that the parents were part of the Underground Railroad."

The Joseph Kingsley family lived near Ann Arbor Trail east of Newburgh Road.

"That's the only one I've had any real positive (identification)," she said. "There have been things said about some of the other houses, but we've never had anything in writing that would come close to confirming it."

Greenmead Historical Village houses the Society of Friends Meeting House that may have been used to help slaves seek freedom in Canada.

"The Quakers probably were involved in the underground because that was one of the things they did all over the country," Daniel said. "They were very much in favor of the slaves being set free and I'm sure they did everything they could to help bring that about."

A reddish brick home, known as the Godwin-Flora home, sits near the corner of Morton Taylor and Warren roads in Canton Township. It looks nondescript, but homeowner Jamie Flora found something that proved otherwise.

"When Jamie Flora, who owned it, did the renovation, they found a secret area in the basement; it definitely was something that was not real easy to see," said Melissa McLaughlin, Canton Township trustee, planning commissioner and vice chair of the Historic District Commission of Canton. "In it they found some small artifacts, some old newspapers and there was other bits and pieces of things that led them to believe that this house may have

been a stop on the Underground Railroad because the little cubbyhole that they found would have been big enough for a couple of people to get in there and hide until they could get out again."

Sign of a 'station'

According to the book "Plymouth at the Time of Lincoln," two tall pine trees signified a "station." Local legend has it that the Brink farm on Ann Arbor Road near Ann Arbor Trail was a stop. Another identified stop is a home that once stood in the current location of Saxton's Garden Center at 587 W. Ann Arbor Trail.

McLaughlin explained that there were several signals that identified a safe house like, perhaps, a quilt hanging on the line, or a lamp in the window.

"There were even some old Negro spirituals, songs that they sang, that if you were actually decipher the code, knowing what we know now, were used to communicate directions to people to get to Canada," McLaughlin said. "Like crossing the big water or whatever, those were code words about going across to Canada."

Once the slaves reached a safe house, they were sheltered, fed and given warm clothing.

"People didn't have a lot of money and a lot extra to give, but they would probably give them something. They would rest up and things in a safe place and then they would be on their way at night," McLaughlin explained.

But still, information is sketchy. "Again, there's just not a lot known other than what's been passed down through oral history through the black families," she said. "There may have been more than one person who was housing people. They moved people around a little bit in order to keep nosy neighbors off track."

"They were hunted down with a bounty on their heads in many cases. Back then, people didn't have a lot of money and if somebody was offering money, that was a pretty big incentive to turn somebody in."

Traveling on the Railroad

For the many African Americans who lived in the Slave States prior to and during the American Civil War, the Underground Railroad provided them the opportunity and assistance for escaping slavery and finding freedom.

No one knows exactly when it started, but there were isolated cases of help given to runaways as early as the 1700s. And by the early 19th century, there were organized flights to freedom, with much of the early help provided by Quaker abolitionists in Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

One of the most curious characteristics of the Underground Railroad was its lack of formal organization. It was locally organized and had no real center. It existed rather openly in the North and just beneath the surface of daily life in

the upper South and certain Southern cities.

Where it existed, the Underground Railroad offered local service to runaway slaves, assisting them from one point to another. Operations generally relied heavily on secret codes as railroad jargon alerted "passengers" when travel was safe. Runaways usually commuted either alone or in small groups, and were frequently assisted by African American and white "conductors" who risked their lives and property to escort refugees to freedom.

Among the "conductors" was Harriet Tubman, who escaped from the eastern shore of Maryland in 1849 and became known as "Moses" to her people when she made 19 trips to the South and helped deliver at least 300 fellow captives and loved ones to freedom.

March is the month to celebrate parenting



Ouida Cash

BY OUIDA CASH
GUEST COLUMNIST

While being a parent is the most challenging and important job you'll have in your life, it doesn't come with a neatly organized job description or field manual. Parents are "on call" 24 hours a day, attending to sniffing noses, fashion crises, scrapes, bruises and broken bones, transportation, teen angst and more.

While you carry out your wildly varied job duties, you must also be flexible, loving, supportive, even-keeled, firm and patient, patient, patient! And for all this work and patience, a celebration

has been planned in your honor. Please join with me and thousands of other Michigan parents in commemorating Parenting Awareness Month.

Seven years ago the state legislature declared March as Parenting Awareness Month to celebrate people who are raising children, to show the importance of good parenting to a child's well-being, to promote parenting education, and to encourage everyone to participate in the lives of all of our children.

With March just a few days away, I ask you to reflect on your role in a child's life, find a way to celebrate your parenting successes, and reward your good parenting by taking time to learn or teach a new parenting skill.

Here are some suggestions to help you celebrate Parenting Awareness Month:

■ Start a Family Fan Club - Each week, sit down with your family and have everyone write down three things he or she likes about each family member.

For variety, select another task, such as making cards or posters together to give to a family friend or relative. End the Family Fan Club activity with

something fun, like eating pizza or going to the park.

■ Read about parenting - While many of your parenting skills are experience and by following your own solid instincts, parenting resources can provide you with tips and ideas you may not have thought of.

Read parenting books or magazines, check out a parenting Internet site, or talk to a friend about how they deal with parenting challenges.

During the month of March, professionals from Starfish Family Services will be writing each Thursday about various parenting topics in the Observer Newspapers.

Read their articles for insight into getting kids to cooperate, raising kind and courteous kids, being an effective advocate for your child, and keeping your cool with your kids.

■ Treat your child and yourself - Playing with your children is just as important as teaching values or enforcing safety rules. Fun time with your child creates a warm and caring relationship. Whatever you

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'Still Roaring'



At Mercy High School: Becca Surowiec of Livonia, a senior at Mercy High School in Farmington Hills, gets in the spirit for the school's 20th annual auction, "20 ... Still Roaring," which will be Saturday, Feb. 27. The evening starts with a 5 p.m. liturgy in the chapel, followed by nine silent auctions at 6 p.m., strolling supper, live auction and entertainment by the Mercyaire, Mercy Mimes and members of the Mercy Pep Band and String Orchestra. Tickets cost \$75 per person and are available by calling the school's special events office at (248) 476-8020, Ext. 253.

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do together, make sure it's your child's choice - whether it's a favorite game or a trip to the mall.

Also, make time for yourself and your own interests. Take care of yourself by reading a good novel, taking a long bath or going out with friend. Self-pampering may feel indulgent, but in reality it makes you a better parent.

As we celebrate Parenting Awareness Month, take time for yourself and your family and don't forget to celebrate your successes as a significant person in a child's life.

Ouida G. Cash has committed the past 29 years to improving the lives of children and families in Michigan. She is chief executive officer of Starfish Family Services, a private, nonprofit organization with 21 programs that serve 10,000 children, individuals and families each year in southeastern Michigan.

Internet sites for parents

There are a variety of Web sites on the Internet that provide resources for parents and those who work with parents. Many provide links to other sites. Here's a few you can visit:

- 50+ Great Sites for Kids and Parents - www.ala.org/parentspage/greatsites/50.html
- Children's Defense Fund's Parent Resource Network - www.childrensdefense.org/prn.html
- Family Village (for families whose members have disabilities) - www.familyvillage.wisc.edu
- Moms Online - www.momsonline.com
- National Center for Family Literacy - www.familit.org
- National Fathers Network - www.father-network.org
- National Parent Information Network - www.npin.org

- Parent Soup - www.parentsoup.com
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- Michigan Association for the Education of Young Children - www.MIAEYC.com
- Parents as Teachers (PAT) National Center - www.patnc.org
- National Center for Fathering - www.fathers.com
- Raising Today's Teens - www.raisingtodaysteens.org
- Facts for Families - www.aacap.org/web/aacap/factsfam

NEW VOICES

Kurt and Lori Cassidy of Canton announce the birth of Eric Scott Oct. 28 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. He joins a sister, Alyssa Marie, and a brother, Kurt Wayne Jr.

Craig and Heather Mellas of Inkster announce the birth of Brendan Alexander Oct. 16 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Lawrence Henkel and Diane Henkel of Canton.

Kirk and Julie Albert of Canton announce the birth of Adam Michael Nov. 19 at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. Grandparents are Barbara Gunther of Westland, Leo and Sandra Albert of Canton and Ed and Judy Hewrick of Livonia. Great-grandmothers are Doris Lydy of Bear Lake, Mich., and Reba Phillips of Port Huron.

Kevin and Marybeth Naegel of Canton announce the birth of Connor Michael Nov. 18 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. He joins four siblings - Cameron, Christopher, Zachary and Nichole. Grandpar-

ents are Bruce and Judy Austin of California and John and Betty Hagen of New Jersey.

Franklin and Marsha Ray of Plymouth Township announce the birth of Nicholas Franklin Nov. 13 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ypsilanti. Grandparents are Sylvia Szilagyi of Plymouth Township, Franklin D. Ray of Belleville and Ann Walker of Belleville. Great-grandparents are Leo and Mary Style of Taylor and George Steger of Belleville.

John Korzek of Canton and Sheila Torres of Westland announce the birth of Selena Marie-Lynn Korzek Oct. 21 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She joins a step-sister, Kayley Baumia, 3. Grandparents are Rick and Diana Torres of Westland and John and Sandy Korzek of Canton.

Renee Clark and Don Hackney of Belleville announce the birth of Trevor Jacob Clark Nov. 29 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. He has a brother, Andrew. Grandmother

is Barbara Clark of Canton.

Mark and Linda Mitchell of Plymouth announce the birth of Elizabeth Rose Dec. 11 at University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor. She joins a sister, Anna, 23 months. Grandparents are Dick and Eunice Mitchell of Livonia and Bob and Darlene Stevenson of Plymouth. Great-grandmother is Ann Stevenson of Livonia.

Michael and Carie Goodsell of Canton announce the birth of Noah Michael Nov. 8 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Larry and Sharon Goodsell of Livonia and Irvin and Charlotte Armstrong of Garden City.

David and Anne Ellis of Plymouth announce the birth of Faith Elizabeth June 12 at Providence Hospital in Southfield. Grandparents are Jim and Jeanne Terski of Livonia, Sonja Ellis of Santa Rosa, Calif., and Rich and Joanne Ellis of Rancho Santa Margarita, Calif. Great-grandparents are Al and Yvette Shepard of Redford and Arlie

and Sarah Ellis of Grosse Pointe Woods.

John and Karen Clemmons of Westland announce the birth of Ryan Ashley Nov. 28 at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor. Grandparents are Howard and Joyce Taylor of Canton, Maureen and David Jeffery of Westland and Donald and Reba Clemmons of Canton. Great-grandmother is Obeth Pack of Plymouth.

Lawrence and Christina Scheffer of Livonia announce the birth of Austin Mikhail Nov. 17 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He joins a brother, Nathan, 3. Grandparents are Larry and Susan Scheffer of Westland and Gary and Beverly Percy of Canton.

David and Jennifer Nathaniel of Canton announce the birth of Alyssa Ann Dec. 12 at Oakwood Hospital/Annapolis Center-Wayne. She joins a sibling, Aaryn, 3. Grandparents are Nancy Drake of Canton, and Thumbiraj and Mabel Nathaniel of Maryland.

CRAFTS CALENDAR

Listings for the Crafts Calendar should be submitted in writing no later than noon Friday for the next Thursday's issue. 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.

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. Admission

will be \$2. For more information, call (734) 432-5603.

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. 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.

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. Admission will be \$1. Applications are still being accepted and are available by calling Diane at (734) 422-4507

or (734) 464-7425.

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. 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. Baby-sitting will be available. Admission will be \$2; no strollers permitted.



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WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Holzerland-Pedersen

Marilyn Crane of Livonia and O. Mark Holzerland announce the engagement of their daughter, Laura Ann Holzerland, to Todd Bergk Otto Pedersen, the son of Raymond and Mary Pedersen, also of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a 1990 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School. She is employed at the Comerica Operations Center in Livonia in the research and adjustments department.

Her fiancé is a 1985 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and a 1991 graduate of Schoolcraft College with an associate's degree in architecture. He is employed at United Parcel



Service as a driver.

An October wedding is planned at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church in Livonia.

Brown-Graham

Carolyn Brown of Westland announces the engagement of her daughter, Lisa Christine, to Richard B. Graham Jr., the son of Richard Sr. and Sandra Graham of New Castle, Pa.

The bride-to-be, the daughter of the late James W. Brown Jr., is a 1986 graduate of Cherry Hill High School. She also attended Eastern Michigan University. She is employed by Host-Mariotti at Detroit Metropolitan Airport.

Her fiancé is a 1987 graduate of Neshannock High School and a graduate of Akron University with a bachelor of science degree in chemical engineering. He is employed by R.A. Staffco as a manufacturer's representative.



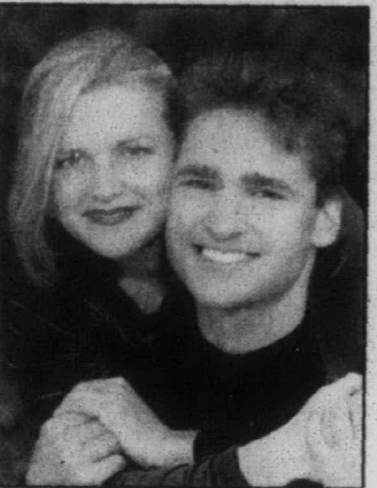
A September wedding is planned at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Dearborn.

Lee-Bros

Richard Lee and Aleta Lee of Evansville, Ind., announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristen Lee, to Robert Bros, the son of John Bros of Livonia and the late Mary Ann Bros.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Indiana University and the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law. She is employed as an attorney by Teligent, a telecommunications company.

Her fiancé is a graduate of the University of Michigan and Wayne State University's master's program. He is employed as an engineer by the Ford Motor Co.



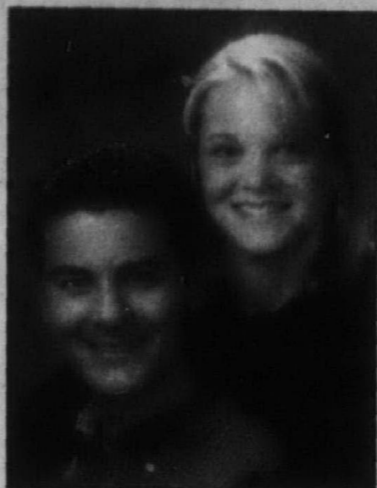
A May wedding is planned.

Clappison-Meier

Frank D. Clappison of Farmington announces the engagement of his daughter Gretchen Lynn, to Jason Edward Meier, the son of Jerald and Mary Meier of Plymouth.

The bride-to-be, the daughter of the late Janice Clappison, is a graduate of the University of Michigan School of Business. She is employed at Campbell-Ewald Company as an accounting manager.

Her fiancé is a graduate of the University of Michigan-Dearborn and is currently attending Wayne State University's master of business administration degree program. He is employed by Federal Mogul as a corporate accounting analyst.



A July wedding is planned at the First United Methodist Church in Birmingham.

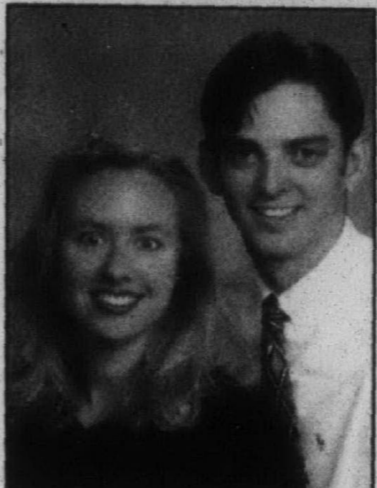
Gorecki-Francis

Casimir and Stella Gorecki of Westland announce the engagement of their daughter, Laura Helen, to Michael David Francis, the son of Carl and Judy Francis of Owosso.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Westland John Glenn High School and Western Michigan University. She is employed by Anderson Consulting.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Corunna High School and Western Michigan University. He is employed by Printing Services in East Lansing.

An April wedding is planned at St. Theodore Catholic Church in Westland.



Tomes-Webb

Dennis and Sandra Tomes of Garden City announce the engagement of their daughter, Regina Sylvia, to Richard Paul Webb, the son of Paul Webb of Belleville and Barbara Cubberly of Brooklyn, Mich.

The bride-to-be is a 1995 graduate of Garden City High School. She is working at the family-owned business.

Her fiancé is a 1995 graduate of Belleville High School. He also is working at the bride-to-be's family's business.

An August wedding is planned at Laurel Chapel in Livonia.



Visser-Ammons

Stephen Mark Visser and Amy Beth Ammons were married Feb. 6 at St. Michael Lutheran Church by the Rev. David Woodby.

The bride is the daughter of Ed and Beth Ammons of Plymouth. The groom is the son of Arlene Visser of St. Louis.

The bride is a graduate of Calvin College in Grand Rapids with a degree in elementary education.

The groom also is a graduate of Calvin College with a double major in business and chemistry.

The bride asked Kristina Tilly, Katie Vanden Bosch, Kelly Visser and Leanne Henrichs to serve as her attendants.

The groom asked Michael Dam, Rusty Schulchter, Stephen Gintz and Jeffrey Ammons to



serve as his attendants. The couple received guests at a reception at the Meeting House Grand Ballroom before leaving on a wedding trip to Jamaica.

Bialobrzewski-Barnes

Timothy and Maria Bialobrzewski announce the engagement of their daughter, Carolyn Marie, to Kevin Frederick Barnes of Farmington Hills, the son of Susan Barnes of Kalamazoo.

The bride-to-be is a 1993 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and a 1997 graduate of Michigan State University with a bachelor of arts degree in finance. She is employed by Comerica Bank as an investment fund analyst.

Her fiancé is a 1997 graduate of Michigan State University with a bachelor of arts degree in materials and logistics management. He is employed by the



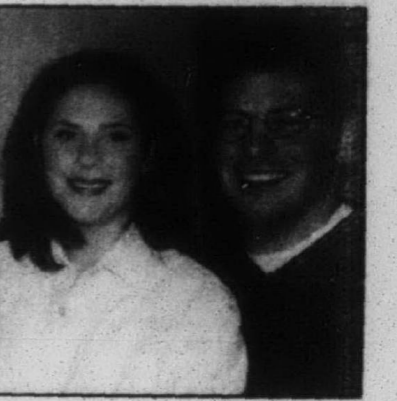
Ford Motor Co. as a material control supervisor. A June wedding is planned at St. Priscilla Catholic Church.

Piacentini-Kozar

Richard and Norma Piacentini of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Cher Danielle, to Matthew Robert Kozar, the son of Robert and Jeanette Kozar, also of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Schoolcraft College with an associate's degree in computer graphics. She is employed by Parisian as a full-time sales associate.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Michigan State University with a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering. He is employed by the Ford Motor Co.



in Dearborn. A May wedding is planned at St. Edith Church in Livonia.

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SINGLES' EVENTS

■ **Single Place** holds a walk in the park 10 a.m. every Saturday at Heritage Park, Farmington Road between 10 Mile and 11 Mile in Farmington Hills.

■ **Single Place** holds the following social events every Sunday: worship 11 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church Sanctuary; brunch 12:30 p.m. at Northville Crossing Restaurant, 18900 Northville Road, Northville; coffee and cards 6 p.m. at Tuscan Cafe, 150 N. Center, Northville.

■ **Suburban Singles** holds a single mingle dance 8 p.m. every Wednesday in the Bonnie Brook Country Club, on Telegraph south of Eight Mile, Redford. Proper attire, no jeans. Ages 21 and up. Admission is \$4, \$3 before 8:30 p.m. For more information, call (313) 842-0443.

■ **Suburban Singles** holds an after-dinner dance 7-11 p.m. every Sunday in the Bonnie Brook Country Club, on Telegraph, south of Eight Mile, Redford. Proper attire, no jeans. Ages 21 and up. Admission is \$4, \$3 before 7:30 p.m. For more information, call (313) 842-0443.

■ **West Side Singles** holds singles dances 8 p.m. to 1 a.m., every Friday in Burton Manor, Livonia located on Schoolcraft, west of Inkster. Admission before 8:30 p.m. is \$3 after 8:30 p.m., admission is \$5. Ages 21 and over, dressy attire (no jeans). For more information, call (734) 981-0909.

BREAST CANCER

■ The Jazzercise Fitness Center of Canton will be holding a Breast Cancer fund-raiser 1-4 p.m., Sunday, March 7, at the Central Middle School gym in Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 414-5581.

CAMP FAIR

■ The annual Camp Fair will be 10:30 a.m. to 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.

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.

HEALING SESSION

■ Bodyworks Healing Center will hold a complimentary healing session noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, located at 819 N. Mill in Old Village, Plymouth. Donations appreciated.

AROUND TOWN

TINY TOTS PROGRAM

■ The Tiny Tots Program offered by the Salvation Army of Plymouth is accepting applications for the 1999-2000 school year. A child is eligible for the program if he/she will be 3 by Sept. 1, 1999, or 4 years old by Dec. 1, 1999. Tiny

Tots is a nonprofit, Christian preschool program. The Salvation Army is at 9451 S. Main, Plymouth. For more information and registration, call Peggy Blaisdell at 453-5464.

OPEN HOUSES

■ Dixboro Cooperative Preschool will hold an open house 10 a.m. to 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 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 13, at 45000 N. Territorial, west of Sheldon, Plymouth Township. 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.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

■ The League of Women Voters serving Canton, Northville, Plymouth, Redford, Wayne, Westland, and Livonia is working to make this year's April book sale another successful fund-raising event. New batches of used books always are needed. Donate used books by calling Esther Friedrichs at (734) 427-0222 or Marge Gade at (734) 261-3191. Hardcover and paperback books in different categories of nonfiction and fiction for all ages are received.

IRISH WRITER'S NIGHT

■ Irish Writer's Night will be held 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 11, in the Box Bar, next to Kellogg Park, downtown Plymouth. Featured readers are Jerry Maloney, Tony Johnston, the Rev. Rod Reinhardt and Ama Cary Barr. For more information, call (734) 459-7319.

ART CLASSES

■ D&M Studios in cooperation with Canton Parks and Recreation and Plymouth Parks and Recreation (with classes at all three sites) offers fine art classes for the preschooler through adult to include preschool sessions, home-schoolers, student and teen drawing & painting, cartooning, student and teen studio art, high school portfolio preparation, adult oil/acrylic/watercolor, basic skills in drawing, advanced drawing skills, adult pastel and adult charcoal. For more information, call (734) 453-3710.

LENTEN PROGRAMS

■ 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

Art figures



Exhibit: The colorful, expressive work of Ypsilanti artist Rick Wedel will grace the walls of the Plymouth Community Arts Council in an exhibition entitled "Figure This." The show will run through Feb. 26. Call the PCAC at (734) 416-4278 for exhibition hours. The art center is located at 774 N. Sheldon in Plymouth.

information, call 453-0326.

■ The Plymouth Ministerial Association welcomes the Plymouth community to the Ecumenical Lenten Gatherings held every Wednesday through Lent at the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth at 12:05 p.m. with a worship service followed at 12:30 p.m. lunch of soup and bread. The members of the following churches will provide the worship and the lunch: March 3, worship by New Life Lutheran and lunch by Salvation Army; March 10, worship by First United Methodist Church and lunch by St. Kenneth Catholic Church; March 17, worship by St. Kenneth Catholic Church and lunch by First Baptist Church; and March 24, worship by First Baptist Church and lunch by First Methodist Church.

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 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.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

■ Madonna University is accepting scholarship applications through Monday, March 1, from admitted students for the 1999-2000 academic year. Scholarship applications may be obtained at the University Financial Aid Office or by calling (734) 432-5663.

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.

CANTON HISTORICAL MUSEUM

■ The Canton Historical Museum will open for the 1999 season on Tuesday, March 2. Hours for the museum are 1-3 p.m. Tuesdays and 1-4 p.m. Saturdays. Guided tours are available. The museum is on Canton Center Road at Heritage Drive. Parking is at the rear of the building.

Displays include items from Canton's agricultural past, household items and clothing from earlier eras, and pictures of Canton's 10 country schools. Taped conversations with some longtime Canton residents are available for listening. Books on Canton history are on sale; these include "Cornerstones - A History of Canton Township Families," "Canton's Country Schools" and "Ghost Stories and other tales from Canton." Sweet corn series buildings are also on sale. For more information, call (734) 397-0088.

CANTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

■ The Canton Historical Society will meet 7 p.m. Thursday, March 11, in the Canton Historical Museum, on Canton Center Road at Heritage Drive. Guest speaker will be David Washburn speaking on the Spanish-American War. Guests welcome. Refreshments will be served.

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, Coed 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.

COUNCIL ON AGING

■ The Plymouth Community Council on Aging will hold its monthly meeting 1:30 p.m. Monday, March 8, in Plymouth Independence Village, 14707 Northville Road. Speaker will be Dr. Manuel Manrique of Plymouth Psychology Center. Topic will be "How To Detect, Prevent or Cope With Depression." All

seniors aged 55 and older are welcome. For more information, call (734) 453-1234, Ext. 236.

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 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25, at Health-wrap. 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, through Feb. 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 of 1999. Early registration rate of \$150 must be received by Feb. 28. Enrollment is limited to 110 students. For more information, call Pat VanDusen at (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. Club members can use three gyms, six racquetball courts, weight machines, the pool and the sauna. An adult must accompany children under 16, and nonswimmers must be 45 inches tall at the shoulder to use the pool. The Health Club continues until March 28. For more information, call Continuing Education Services Physical Fitness at (734) 462-4413.

ARTS COUNCIL

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

GRIEF RECOVERY

■ Grief Recovery is a program designed to help grieving people find hope and healing through group

interaction. The program is 7-9 p.m. Thursdays, Feb. 25 and March 4, in the Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth Township. This will be an opportunity to learn the characteristics of grief, to share feelings and to receive support from others who have experienced similar losses. A professional facilitator will lead the group. Enrollment is limited to 20 participants; registration is required. The program is open to the community without charge. For more information or registration,

KIWANIS

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

ADULT DAY CARE

■ Adult Day Care is a weekday program, open 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., serving senior citizens who need some assistance but don't need to be in a nursing home. The program is designed to give relief to the caregiver while providing an enjoyable, activity-filled day in a relaxed, supervised, friendly environment. Professionals assist with the restroom, medications and offer a hot lunch. Transportation and financial assistance are available. For more information, call the Plymouth site at (734) 451-1455 or the Livonia site at (734) 591-2216.

SUPPORT GROUPS

STARTING OVER

■ Starting Over is a group for widowed men and women younger than 45. Meetings are held the first and third Tuesday of the month at Plymouth Church of Christ. For more information, call (734) 662-5999.

THYROID SUPPORT GROUP

■ The Thyroid Support Group will meet to educate and support those with thyroid disorders. For more information, call Tracy Green at (734) 453-7945 or e-mail at mitsg@mediaone.net.

ARBOR HOSPICE

■ Arbor Hospice sponsors grief support programs open to the public. If you would like more information or would like to sign up, call (734) 662-5999.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

■ Community Hospice and Home Care Services has a drop-in grief-support group. The group meets 6:30-8 p.m. every third Wednesday of the month to support and affirm people grieving a loss through death. To learn more, call Becky Rouse at (734) 522-4244.

WIDOW AND WIDOWER'S GROUP

■ Community Hospice & Home Care Services offers those recovering from the death of a partner a chance to share their grief. A trained facilitator guides members through topics ranging from loneliness, sadness, guilt and anger, as well as learning to rebuild a new life. The meetings, which are free, take place 1-3 p.m. every first and third Wednesday of the month. To learn more or to register, call Becky Rouse at (734) 522-4244.

DIVORCARE

■ DivorceCare recovery seminar and support group meets at St. Michael's Lutheran Church in Canton every Sunday. Check-in is 7 p.m. Child care is provided through fifth grade.

CALENDAR FORM

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

Event:

Date and Time:

Location:

Telephone:

Additional info.:

Use additional sheet if necessary

Dinner-dances benefit hospice care, cancer research

Looking for an evening of good food, good entertainment and a chance to have the highest bid on fabulous get-aways or sports memorabilia?

It's not too late to get tickets for Leukemia, Life, Research Inc.'s Evening of Hope "Around the World" dinner-dance and Community Hospice and Home Care Service's St. Patrick's dinner-dance and auction, both slated for Saturday, March 6.

More than 1,000 guests are expected to fill Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft, west of Newburgh, Livonia, to help LRL raise \$75,000 at its 18th annual dinner-dance.

The gala will start at 6:30 p.m. with cocktails and a silent auction, featuring a selection of sports memorabilia and travel and entertainment packages that will be sold to the highest bidder. The sit-down dinner will be at 7:30 p.m., followed by the always-popular dessert table and dancing.

Serving as honorary chairman for the benefit is Detroit Lions place kicker Jason Hanson, with Rich Fisher of WKBD/UPN-50 co-anchor, Lila Lazarus of WDIV-TV and Mark Hayes of WXYZ-TV serving as the masters of ceremony. Tickets for the dinner-dance

cost \$65 per person. VIP tickets (tables of 10 only) are priced at \$1,500 per table. Tickets are available by calling Eileen Surma at (313) 581-5647.

Proceeds from the event will support pediatric cancer research at Children's Hospital of Michigan and benefit children with cancer "around the world."

LRL got its start in 1981 when 10 people got together with the idea of making a difference. Now, the state-licensed 501(c)3 nonprofit organization is the largest single contributor to cancer research at Children's Hospital and the only orga-

nized group raising money to study pediatric cancers.

A totally volunteer fund-raising group, it has raised more than \$2 million for research through benefits like the Evening of Hope dinner-dance.

Wearing of the green isn't mandatory, but organizers are promising an evening of old-fashioned Irish fun at CHHCS's seventh annual St. Patrick's dinner-dance at St. Mary's Cultural Center, 18100 Merriman, Livonia.

The cocktail reception and auction preview will start at 6:30 p.m., followed by a traditional Irish dinner at 7:30 p.m.

and the entertainment, live and silent auctions and dancing 8:30 p.m. to midnight.

Tickets cost \$50 for supporters, \$75 for sponsors, \$125 for benefactors and \$1,000 for corporate tables (10 dinner-dance tickets, bottle of champagne at the table and full page advertisement in the program).

For tickets, call (313) 581-5647. For VIP tables of 10, call (313) 884-0931.

Community Hospice and Home Care Services, with offices in Plymouth and Westland, provides services to terminally ill patients and their families in western Wayne,

southern Oakland and eastern Washtenaw counties.

The dinner-dance is a major fund-raiser for the agency. It was started by members of St. Aidan's Catholic Church to honor their friend, Bill Nilan, who died in 1992. CHHCS provide care for Nilan, who died just 2 1/2 weeks after being diagnosed with brain tumors.

In past years, the benefit has raised close to \$50,000, earmarked for the agency's proposed Hospice Home, an eight-10-bed residence to care for incurably ill people who have nowhere to go or no one to care for them.

Time is running out to stock up on Girl Scout cookies

Haven't got your Girl Scout cookies yet?

Scouts belonging to the Huron Valley Girl Scout Council are working at cookie booths now through Friday, March 12.

Cookies cost \$3 per box. This year's varieties include Thin Mint, Caramel DeLite, Peanut Butter Sandwich, Peanut Butter Pattie, Shortbread, Lemon Pas-

stry Creme, Five World Cinnamon and Upsidedown Frosted Oatmeal.

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

For more information, call the Cookie Hotline at (800) 49-

SCOUT, Ext. 216.

Scouts belonging to the Michigan Metro Girl Scout Council are selling eight varieties of cookies - Samoas, Thin Mints, Trefoils, Tagalongs and Do-Si-Dos, a reduced fat Apple Cinnamon Lemon Drop and Striped Chocolate Chip and Pecan - through March 28 at booths at area banks, grocery stores and other locations throughout most of Wayne and Oakland counties.

The cookies cost \$3 per box. They can be ordered by calling the Cookie Hotline at (800) 326-0309, Ext. 297.

Cookies also go on sale at the council's Girl Scout Shop on the first floor of the Fisher Building, 3011 W. Grand Blvd., Detroit, on Friday, March 5, and members of the Michigan Metro Girl Scout Council's executive staff will sell Thin Mints, Samoas and Tagalongs as part of Corporate Cookie Days 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fridays, March 5 and 26 and April 16.

Corporate Cookie Day sites are the American Center in Southfield, Detroit Edison, St. John's Hospital, Children's Hospital at the Fisher Building, New Center One Building, Buhl Building, Cadillac Tower and 211 W. Fort, all in Detroit, Brookfield I and III in Farmington Hills and



Speaking up: Selected as 1999 Girl Scout Cookie Sale spokesgirls of the Michigan Metro Girl Scout Council are Amy Witkowski (left) and Katie Hoff, both of Livonia, and Bridget McCann of Redford. The girls have the job of giving radio, newspaper and television interviews and representing the council at Cookie Sale events.

Crown Pointe Building in Oak Park (March 5 only).

"The programs and opportunities offered by Girl Scouting are invaluable for all girls," said Penny Bailer, the council's executive director.

The money raised helps in maintaining scout camps and other program sites, providing professional training to Girl

Scout troop leaders and funding membership extension to reach girls from societal groups that are underserved.

Cookie sale proceeds benefit a variety of programs for 41,000 girls in Wayne and Oakland counties. Proceeds from the Corporate Cookie Day booths benefit the council's Financial Assistance Fund.

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Resource center offers 2 programs for parents

The Family Resource Center is offering two programs for parents, beginning next week.

"How To Talk So Kids Will Listen and How To Listen So Kids Will Talk" will be offered on Monday evenings for four weeks, beginning March 1.

The program will be held 7-9 p.m. at the Family Resource Center in Lincoln Elementary School, 33800 Grand Traverse, Westland. The cost is \$10 per person and \$15 per couple. Registration is required.

The second program, "Parent Support for the ADD Child," will be offered 9:15-11:15 a.m.

Wednesdays, beginning March 3, at P.D. Graham Elementary School, 1255 S. Hix, Westland.

The 6-week program is a networking and education group for parents of school-aged children. The cost is \$5 per person and registration is required.

Child care will not be available for either program. To register, call the resource center at (734) 595-2279.

The two programs are sponsored by the cities of Wayne and Westland, United Parcel Service Foundation and Wayne-Westland Community Schools.



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RELIGIOUS NEWS

Convention challenged by stewardship

Delegates to the 165th Episcopal Diocese of Michigan annual convention will be challenged to look at their personal giving as well as the stewardship of the church when they gather in Detroit this weekend.

The Right Rev. R. Stewart Wood Jr., who will preside at his last diocesan convention, is leading the delegation, representing 97 churches. The convention will be held at historic St. John's Episcopal Church in Detroit, which is celebrating its 140th anniversary during 1999.

During business sessions, convention delegates will elect diocesan officers, consider six resolutions and view the wares

of 38 exhibitors. The stewardship theme will be presented in skit form by The Friends of the Groom, a Christian drama and education group.

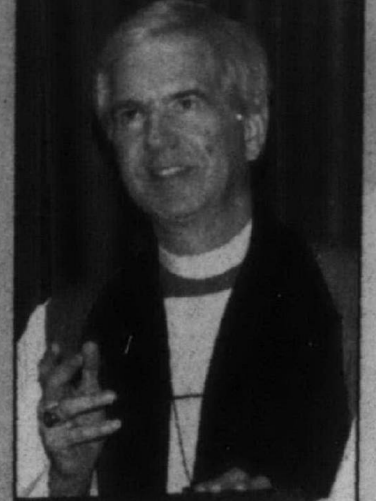
Delegates will be asked to affirm the tithe as their personal standard of giving. Since 1982, the national Episcopal Church has affirmed the tithe as the minimum standard of giving for Christians, and prior conventions of the Diocese of Michigan have also supported the standard.

Four worship services will highlight the convention. Two 8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist with healing services are planned for Friday and Saturday; prayers and necrology (remembrance of those who have died)

will take place at 11:45 a.m. Friday, followed by an organ concert at 12:15 p.m. And evening prayer will end the convention at 5:15 p.m. Friday.

Wood, the ninth bishop of Michigan, announced his intention to retire at last year's convention after 10 years as bishop and called for the election of a bishop co-adjutor. The bishop co-adjutor will be elected in October and will become the 10th bishop of Michigan.

Wood was elected bishop co-adjutor in 1988. He brought more than 30 years of experience in the Episcopal church in the midwestern United States.



Rt. Rev. R. Stewart Wood Jr.

will include baked and fried fish, shrimp, pierogi, french fries, macaroni and cheese, salad bar, desserts, coffee, tea and pop. For information, call (734) 464-1222.

MOM TO MOM SALE

Table space is available for the Mom to Mom sale 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, March 6, at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Donations of toys and clothes are welcome. For 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, baby furniture and maternity items will be sold. Admission will be \$1. For information and table rental, call Jennifer at (248) 426-6227.

LENTEEN PROGRAMS

Newburg United Methodist Church will have a Lenten dinner and program Sunday, March 7, at the church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. The potluck dinner (there is a small cost for meat, coffee and milk) will be at 6 p.m., followed by the Youth Choir cantata, "What Wondrous Love," at 7:15 p.m. For more information, call (734) 422-0149.

St. Matthew's United Methodist Church will have a potluck dinner and performance Sunday, March 7, at the church, 30900 W. Six Mile, Livonia. Dinner will be at 6 p.m. and participants should bring their place settings and a dish to pass. The performance of "KJB and the Family Tree" by the High Hands Puppet Ministry will be at 7 p.m. Registration is required. For information, or to sign up, call the church office at (734) 422-6038.

LOOKING FOR A CHURCH?

An open invitation is extended to anyone inquiring about membership in the Catholic church by St. Richard's Church, 35637 Cherry Hill, Westland. For more information, call Claudia at (734) 729-4411.

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

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. For more information, call the church at (734) 427-3660.

LENTEEN STUDY

St. James Presbyterian Church will have a Lenten study, following the novel, "A Skeleton in God's Closet" by Paul L. Maier, 11:30 a.m. Sundays, following church services. A series, called "Silent Witnesses," will be the theme for Lenten services 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays in the chapel. St. Paul's is at 24350 W. Six Mile, Redford. For more information, call the church at (313) 534-7730.

THE GATHERING

Losing hope? Do you feel your life is becoming unglued? Come to the Gathering 6 p.m. Sundays at Clarenceville United Methodist Church, 20300 Middlebelt, Livonia. For more information, call Sonja at (248) 474-3444.

CONGREGATION SKATE

Hosanna Tabor Lutheran Church will have an afternoon of roller or in-line skating Sunday, Feb. 28 and March 28, at the

Skating Station II, Joy Road between Haggerty and Lilley, Canton. Skate times will be 1:30-4:30 p.m. and cost \$4.50 plus \$2 skate rental. For more information, call the church at (313) 937-2424.

SPECIAL PERFORMANCE

Musician and singer Lynnelle Pierce will perform at the 9:30 a.m. worship service Sunday, Feb. 28, at the Church of the Savior, 38100 W. Five Mile, Livonia. Pierce will share portions of her "Go Light the World" concert. A voluntary collection will be taken to support her ministry. For more information, call the church at (734) 464-1062.

FRIEND SERVICE

A service to celebrate the gift of friendship will be presented 10 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 28, at Praise Chapel Church of God, 32747 Grand Traverse, Westland. "Friend Day" will include special music, a "human" video performed by John Ascencio, Tom Goins, Travis Goff and Cindy Goins, production director, and a message on friendship delivered by the senior pastor, the Rev. Ron Schubert. For more information, call the church at (734) 467-4818.

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Dan Bergen and his son and daughter, Nicholas and Alicia,

will minister in a program of praise and worship, featuring vocal, piano, saxophone, violin and drama, 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28, at Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy, Canton.

Bergen has been in concert and church ministry for more than 20 years. He blends contemporary worship song with great hymns of faith to draw participants closer to the Lord. A free will offering will be accepted. For more information, call the church at (734) 455-0022.

LENTEEN 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 and light refreshments. For more information, call the church at (313) 532-8655.

NEW BEGINNING

Warren Gilbert will discuss the "Managing Memories" when New Beginnings, a grief support group, meets 7 p.m. Thursday, March 4, at St. Matthew's Unit-

ed Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile, east of Merriman, Livonia. The program is for people suffering as the result of the death of a loved one. There are no fees. Anyone may attend any or all sessions as they feel the need. For more information, call the church office at (734) 422-6038, Marilyn Wilkinson at (248) 380-7903, or Rosemary Kline at (734) 462-3770.

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.

FISH FRY

St. Edith Parish will have Lenten fish fries 4:30-7 p.m. Fridays, March 5, 12, 19 and 26 and April 2, at the church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. The menu

St. Paul's launches new lecture series

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Livonia is launching a new lecture series designed to present the best speakers in Christian Scholarship and those whose secular scholarship would have value to the Christian church.

The William F. Whittlege Lecture Series is named in honor of the Rev. Dr. William Whittlege who served as the pastor of St.

Paul's from 1961 to 1988. It is designed to put Christians in touch with Christianity's scholarly currents.

"By doing this, the life of a congregation is significantly enhanced," said the Rev. Thomas Eggebeen, pastor of St. Paul's.

Dr. Richard Osmer, the lecture series' inaugural speaker, will speak at the 8:30 and 11 a.m. services at St. Paul's on Sunday, March 7. He will also give two lecture and a workshop Sunday and Monday, March 8.

Osmer was raised in Greensboro, N.C., and attended the University of North Carolina, where he graduated magna cum laude. He also studied at the Harvard Divinity School and Yale Divinity School.

The author of numerous articles and three popular books, Osmer, as chairman of the special general assembly committee, played a central role in authoring the New Presbyterian Catechism.

The committee oversaw the writing of the catechism, the instructional device which relies

on a question and answer format. The Presbyterian church had not authored a new catechism since the 1600s when the Westminster Catechism was written.

Because space is limited, interested people should register early for the lecture. For a brochure on the event, call St. Paul's Church at (734) 422-1470.



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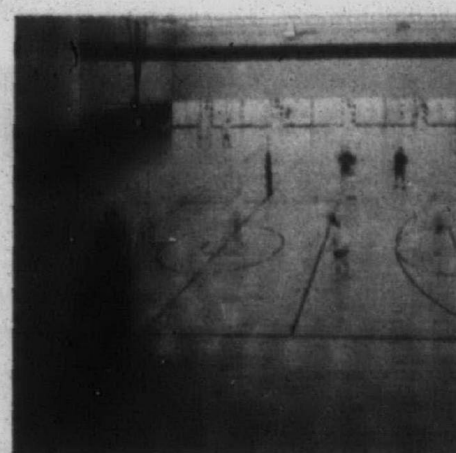
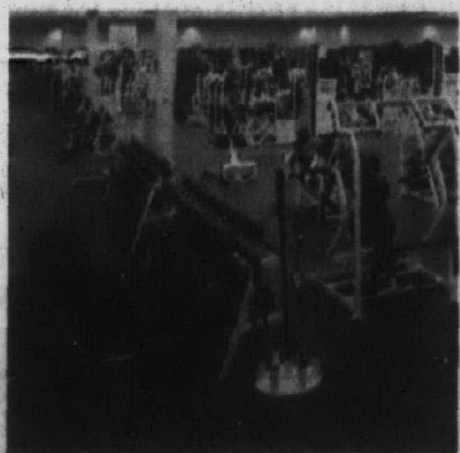
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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

All-WHAC selections

The Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference has made its picks in both men's and women's basketball, and Madonna University is represented in most of the categories.

In men's basketball, freshman guard Mike Massey — who has set a team record for points in a season (569 and counting) — has been selected to the 10-member all-WHAC team. Massey, a Walled Lake Western graduate, is averaging 19 points a game for the Crusaders. He also shared conference newcomer-of-the-year honors with Courtney Norman of Aquinas College.

Chad Putnam, a junior forward for Madonna from Redford Thurston, was named to the all-academic squad. Putnam has a 3.68 grade-point average, majoring in social studies. Also chosen to the all-academic team was Dan McKian, a senior forward at Siena Heights and a Plymouth Salem graduate who has a 3.25 GPA with a business major.

On the WHAC women's team, both Kathy Panganis and Chris Dietrich were all-WHAC team selections. Panganis, a sophomore forward from Allen Park, is averaging 14.9 points and 6.4 rebounds a game; Dietrich, a junior guard from Newport, is averaging 15.8 points and 4.4 boards.

Two Crusaders were named to the all-WHAC academic squad: Katie Cushman, a junior guard from Flushing who has a 3.73 grade-point average with a major in criminal justice, and Jennifer Jacek, a junior forward from Livonia (Divine Child HS), carries a 3.28 GPA with a major in secondary education.

Tough inside

Sarah Warnke continues to shine for Wayne State University's women's basketball team. A junior forward for the Tartars, the Plymouth Canton graduate scored 16 points, snared 17 rebounds — seven of them offensive — and blocked two shots in WSU's 84-42 victory over Westminster Saturday.

Britta Anderson, a senior forward for WSU and another Canton grad, added seven points and eight boards to the victory. The Tartars are 7-19 overall, 5-14 in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Westminster is 3-23 overall, 0-19 in the GLIAC.

Baseball clinic

The Plymouth Salem HS baseball team and coaching staff will sponsor their annual instructional clinics Saturday, March 27 and Saturday, April 3 in the Salem gym. Cost for each session is \$20, which includes a hot dog lunch.

The 11-15 year-old session will be 9 a.m.-noon each day; the 7-10 year-old session will be from 1-4 p.m. Lunch will be served from noon-1 p.m. Mail your check (made payable to the Plymouth Salem Dugout Club) to the Plymouth Salem Dugout Club, 10782 Red Maple Drive, Plymouth, 48170.

For more information, call Salem coach Dale Rumberger at (734) 453-4003.

Schoolcraft fundraiser

Here's a way to get all the pizza and salad you can handle and help the Schoolcraft College Athletic Scholarship Fund at the same time.

An all-you-can-eat pizza and salad special is being sponsored on Monday by Buddy's Pizza, located on Plymouth Road west of Farmington Road in Livonia. Cost is \$10, with a portion going to the Schoolcraft Athletic Scholarship Fund.

The special meal-deal lasts all day.

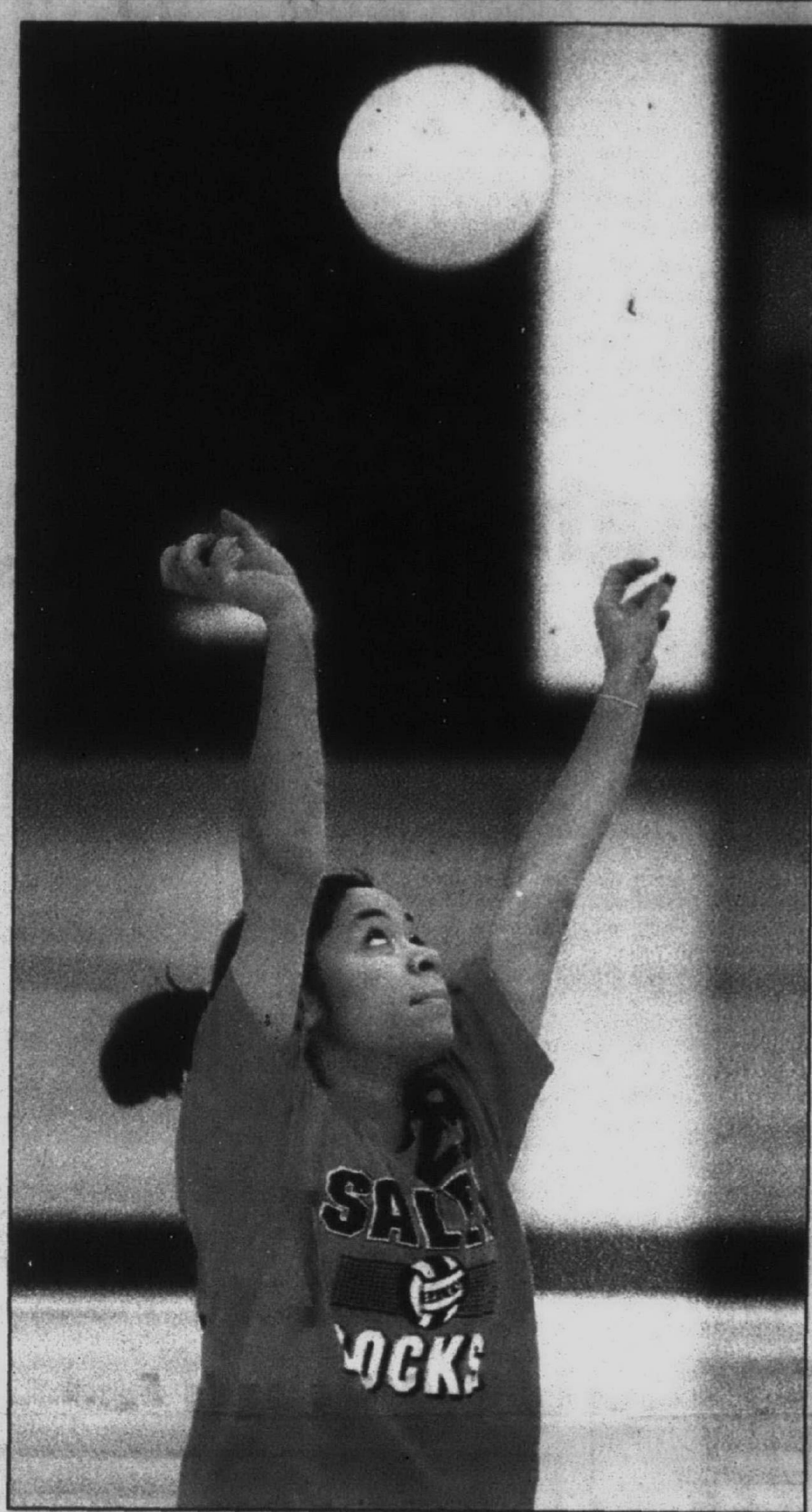
Basketball leagues

Basketball leagues for adult women and adult men are now being formed by the Northville Parks and Recreation Department.

The women's league will play on Thursdays from April 22 through June 10. Cost is \$290 per team, with referees fees extra; non-residents are \$15 more per person.

The men's league will play on Tuesdays, starting April 20 through June 8. Cost is \$280 per team, with referee fees additional. Non-residents are \$15 more per person.

Registration for both is March 15-31 at the Northville Parks and Recreation office, 303 W. Main in Northville. Call (248) 349-0203 for further information.



All-around standout: Laine Sterling did a bit of everything for Salem against Canton, collecting 17 assists to kills, six digs and two service aces.

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Salem powers past Canton

BY C.J. RISAK
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The match was concluded, the players were slowly filtering out of the Plymouth Salem gym, some stopping to talk to their coaches, others talking to teammates, still others conversing with the opposition.

It didn't take too long for the Rocks to dispose of rival Plymouth Canton Monday — the minimum two games, during which Salem never trailed. The 15-4, 15-6 win was the eighth in 10 Western Lakes Activities Association matches for the Rocks, who are 38-9 overall; Canton finished at 4-7 in the WLAA.

And yet, despite the quick decision in this heated rivalry, Salem coach Tom Teeters called the opposing Chiefs "a better team than I thought. They have equal back row defense to ours, but (up front) they just don't have the athletic talent we do."

Few teams do. After all, Salem has Angie Sillmon, who has already committed to play volleyball at Western Michigan, and Andrea Pruet, who will attend Miami University (Ohio) on a basketball scholarship, on their front row. They also have Amanda Suder, a junior with all-around ability that could land her a college scholarship, too.

Their overwhelming advantage at the net became apparent early. "We established ourselves in the first game, then we could sub more in the second game," explained Teeters.

Sillmon did a lot of that. With Laine Sterling serving, Sillmon slammed three kills through the Canton defense as Salem ran off five-straight points, increasing their lead to 6-0. The Chiefs got to within three (twice) in the game, but could never overtake Salem.

Game two was a bit tighter, at least for a while, with Canton tying it at 2-2. But Sillmon again stepped to the forefront, serving five-straight points (including an ace) — two coming on kills by Suder. The Rocks eventually made it 10-2, on an ace by Erica Stein and a kill by Jill Dombrowski, before

the Chiefs could mount a comeback. They narrowed the gap to 11-6, two points coming on serving aces by Elizabeth Elsner, before Salem closed out the game and the match — three of their final four points coming on aces as well (by Liz Gizicki, Wendie Donica and Sterling).

"It's been our problem all year — our block," said Canton coach Cynthia Montgomery. "Everything else is in place. And there's only so much we can do with Sillmon up there."

Indeed, the Salem senior did make life miserable for the Chiefs with eight kills and a 583 kill percentage. Sillmon also had two aces and two block assists. Other contributors for the Rocks were Suder, with four kills and four digs; Stein, with two aces and eight digs; Pruet, with four kills in four attempts (a 1,000 average) and three block assists; and Sterling, with two aces, 17 assists to kills and six digs.

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Set-up: Back-court play was good for Canton, as Robin DeVos exhibited, but the Chiefs had trouble at the net.

McKelvey lifts Ocelots to semis

BY BRAD EMONS
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Derek McKelvey took a liking to his first appearance in the Concordia College gymnasium.

The 6-foot-3 sharpshooter nailed seven 3-pointers en route to a game-high 27 points to lead Schoolcraft College past Henry Ford, 95-84, in the quarterfinals of the Michigan Commu-

nity College Athletic Association men's basketball playoffs on Wednesday.

SC, now 23-4 overall, meets Western Conference champion Grand Rapids JC, 20-2, in the MCCA semifinals, 5:15 p.m. Friday at Kalamazoo Valley Community College.

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SC, Madonna win playoff openers

Things did not look good.

Schoolcraft College's women's basketball team, which set school records by slicing through the Michigan Community College Athletic Association's Eastern Conference season without a defeat, a team that had won 20-straight games, was trailing Oakland CC 71-65 with 2:14 left in an MCCA State Tournament opening-round game Wednesday at Concordia College.

But the Lady Ocelots proved deter-

WOMEN'S HOOP

mined. They battled back, overtaking the Lady Raiders. With 1.4 seconds remaining, Kim Washnóck (from Farmington HS) split her two free throws, and that was good enough to supply SC with a come-from-behind 73-72 triumph.

SC, now 25-3, advances to the

on Wednesday.

McKelvey had plenty of help, too, as four other teammates scored in double figures as the Ocelots beat the stingy Hawks for the third time this season.

Point-guard Dave McGlown added 15 points, Dashawn Williams finished with 14, Chris Colley chipped in with 13, and Lamar Bigby added 12 a 42-40 halftime deficit.

Henry Ford, which fell to 18-9 overall, was led by Tim Frye's 22 points.

MCCA semifinals against the Lansing CC-Lake Michigan winner at 5:15 p.m. Friday at Glen Oaks CC in Centreville. OCC falls to 17-11.

Samantha Theisen led the Ocelots, now winners of a school-record 21-straight games, with 21 points. Antone Watson and Jackie Kocis added 13 apiece, and Washnóck scored 10.

Madonna 76, Siena Heights 67: In an

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WRESTLING

Regional-bound: 5 for the Rocks, 2 for the Chiefs

In one weight group at least, Plymouth Salem will be well represented at the state individual wrestling regional Saturday at South Lyon.

The Rocks, it seems, have four talented 112-pounders. At last Saturday's individual district tournament at South Lyon, all four managed to wrestle their way to the state regional by finishing in the top four, giving them five qualifiers.

Plymouth Canton will have two representatives at Saturday's individual regional.

"We tried to move them out (of 112), gaining weight and everything, but we couldn't do it real well," said Salem co-coach Ron Krueger. "All four of them are really

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Switch pays for Hunter

BY C.J. RISAK
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Talk about making things right. Certainly Ron Hunter feels just that. When Hunter, a star in both football and basketball at Plymouth Canton HS, graduated in 1996, it seemed apparent his athletic abilities would carry him to the college of his choice.

He selected Michigan State, primarily to play football. That proved unwise.

"Coming out of high school, I was recruited as a wide receiver," recalled Hunter. "At Michigan State, they put me at safety and, in certain situations, I'd have to move up and play linebacker."

"I didn't want to play there. I wanted to play wide receiver."

Hunter quickly got the feeling he was just another number at MSU. His enthusiasm to play football, at least as a Spartan, was fading. "I was just going

through the motions there," he said. "The coaches didn't even know my name."

Anyone who knows Hunter and what makes him such a special athlete knows that "going through the motions" is not his style.

"He loved to play every single day," Canton basketball coach Dan Young said. "Whether it was the off-season, in gym class or practice, he loved to compete."

Since he felt he was not being afforded that opportunity at MSU, Hunter — who had considered walking-on to play basketball for the Spartans — opted to switch schools.

He chose to transfer to Northwood University, an NCAA Division II school in Midland. That proved

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PROFILE



Movin' on up: Ron Hunter averaged 18 points a game as a senior at Canton; now he's a two-sport star at Northwood.

STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRENNER

Whalers harpoon OHL rivals



Tied for first. That must sound pretty good to the Plymouth Whalers, especially in a season like this, in which three teams have pretty much dominated the Ontario Hockey League — so much so that a single loss can be devastating.

Two weeks ago, they went into a weekend series against London and Oshawa with nine losses in 53 games. By the end of the weekend, however, they had 11 defeats and were in third place in the overall OHL points race.

But it's difficult to stay perfect. Ottawa, which had been atop the OHL points ladder since Christmas, has stumbled a bit; now the 67s are two points behind (having played one less game) Plymouth and Barrie, which both have 91 points.

That two-loss weekend didn't bother the Whalers for long. After crushing the Toronto St. Michaels Majors 7-0 Thursday, they stopped Erie 5-1 Saturday in Erie and the London Knights 4-2 Sunday at Compuware Arena.

The weekend wins boosted Plymouth's record to 44-11-3; Erie is 25-27-4 through the weekend, and London is 28-28-3.

The win over the Knights was particularly sweet, after they had blasted Plymouth 6-2 in London the previous Friday. David Legwand was the Whalers' catalyst, scoring two goals and assisting on the other two.

The game was tied at 2-2 through two periods, but Eric Gooldy scored 47 seconds into the final period to put Plymouth ahead. Jason Ward got the clincher at 9:54 of the period.

Legwand had an unassisted goal in the first period and scored with assists

from Ward and Gooldy at 17:48 of the second. Ward had two assists in the game.

Robert Holsinger turned away 22 shots to earn the win. Gene Chiarello made 37 saves for the Knights. Rico Fata and Jay Legault each had a goal and an assist for London.

In Saturday's game at Erie, Plymouth rode a 3-0 first period to victory. Jared Newman, Damian Surma and Ward all scored in less than a two-minute span as the Whalers pounded Otters' goalie Corey Batten with 22 shots, while Erie had just three.

The Otters' Paul Harvey narrowed the gap to 3-1 at 11:09 of the second period, but goals by Plymouth's James Ramsay and Harold Druken finished the period — and the Otters.

Druken and Newman both had a goal and an assist, and Adam Colaglia-

como had two assists for the Whalers. Batten faced 47 shots in the game, making 42 saves; Rob Zepp made 18 saves for Plymouth.

This weekend, the Whalers have home games against Kitchener at 7:30 p.m. Saturday and Windsor at 6:30 p.m. Sunday.

Ambassadors win twice

The Compuware Ambassadors remained atop the North American Hockey League with two road wins last weekend, 6-4 over Team USA Sunday and 3-2 over the Grand Rapids BearCats Saturday. The victories improved the Ambassadors' NAHL-leading record to 30-10-5.

J.J. Swistak and Phil Lewandowski scored two goals apiece in Sunday's win over Team USA (10-32-1). Rob Globke had two goals in Compuware's win Saturday over the BearCats (21-25-0).

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Ottawa 67s	43	11	3	89
Belleville Bulls	34	18	6	74
Peterborough Petes	35	21	1	71
Oshawa Generals	31	23	4	66
Kingston Frontenacs	17	38	3	37
Central Division				
Barrie Colts	43	10	5	91
Sudbury Wolves	21	30	7	49
North Bay Centennials	19	33	6	44
Toronto St. M. Majors	17	34	5	39
Miss. Ice Dogs	2	49	3	7
West Division				
Plymouth Whalers	44	11	3	91
Sarnia Sting	31	21	5	67
SSM Greyhounds	30	22	5	65
London Knights	28	28	3	59
Windsor Spitfires	18	33	6	42
Midwest Division				
Guelph Storm	36	19	2	74
Owen Sound Platers	33	21	5	71
Erie Otters	25	27	4	54
Kitchener Rangers	18	34	5	41
Brampton Battalion	7	49	3	17

Coming through

Rocks edge Glenn; Canton tops Walled Lake

It was going to take a clutch performance in the final routine of the night for Plymouth Salem to beat Westland John Glenn in a Western Lakes Activities Association dual meet Monday at Canton HS.

The Rocks got it, from senior Janine Schmedding — who has earned the title "Clutch" from her teammates after scoring a personal-best 8.85 on balance beam to finish second and assure Salem of a 134.7-134.15 victory.

The win gave Salem a 3-5 record in WLAA dual meets.

"We put the pressure on Janine," said Salem coach Melissa Hopson, "and she came through."

Top all-around scorer for the Rocks was April Aquinto, who was first in the beam (9.0) and uneven parallel bars (8.9), tied for third in the floor exercise (8.9) and took fourth in the vault (8.6). Her 35.4 all-around total

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was second.

Melissa Drake won the floor (9.35), took third on beam (8.8), tied for fourth on bars (8.6) and tied for fifth on vault (8.4); her all-around total of 35.15 was third in the meet.

Schmedding got a personal-best all-around score, too: 34.25, which was sixth. Schmedding's other finishes were all fifths, in the vault (8.4), bars (8.15) and floor (8.65). Salem also got a good performance from Kelsey Ensor, who finished sixth in floor (8.15) and scored 7.75 on beam.

"They did well," said Hopson. "They took on the pressure when they needed to. You've got to either want it, or you won't get it."

Hopson added, "There's still room for improvement."

Plymouth Canton hosted Walled Lake at the same time Monday, and the Chiefs won with far less drama, 134.2-120.75.

Canton had the top three all-around scores, led by Liz Fitzgerald's 35.05. Fitzgerald won the vault (8.5), bars (9.2) and floor (9.1), and she finished second in the beam (8.25).

Kristin Schilk took second for the Chiefs in the all-around with a personal-best 33.9. Schilk won the beam (8.7), was second on bars (8.5), took third on vault (8.3) and finished tied for fourth on floor (8.4). Michelle Farnsworth's 32.75 all-around score, also a personal best, featured a third on beam (8.15), a tie for third on bars (8.2) and a tie for fourth on floor (8.4).

Maggie Bett was fifth in the all-around (32.4) with thirds in floor (8.6) and bars (8.2) and a fourth in beam (7.6). Bobbi Jones

had a pair of fifths, in vault (8.1) and beam (7.55).

Last Thursday, Salem recorded its best score of the season, beating Walled Lake 136.00-96.8 at Canton. Drake took top honors with a personal-best 35.8 in the all-around; she won the floor (9.35) and bars (9.15), and was second in both the vault (8.55) and beam (8.75).

Aquinto's 34.55 all-around was second; she took first in vault (8.8), second in both bars (8.65) and floor (8.85), and finished third in beam (8.25). Schmedding was third in the all-around (34.15) with a first in beam (8.8) and thirds in the floor (8.65), bars (8.25) and vault (8.8).

Other top-six scores for the Rocks came from Mahshid Pirzadeh, a third in beam (8.25); Ashley Heard, a fifth in floor (8.25); and Ann-Marie Zielinski, a tie for fifth in vault (7.85).

The WLAA Championship Meet starts at 4 p.m. today at the Farmington Training Center.

THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL

Thursday, Feb. 25
(CHSL Playoffs at Schoolcraft)
Cabrini vs. Benedictine, 6 p.m.
Brother Rice vs. Notre Dame, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 26

Franklin at Farmington, 7 p.m.
Churchill at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
Belleville at Wayne, 7 p.m.
Southgate at Garden City, 7 p.m.
Annapolis at Thurston, 7 p.m.
Redford Union at Crestwood, 7 p.m.
Clarenceville at Hamtramck, 7 p.m.
Luth. W'sld at Harper Wds., 7 p.m.
Huron Valley at Roper, 8 p.m.
(Western Lakes Playoffs -1st Round)
Northville at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.
W.L. Central at N. Farmington, 7 p.m.
Harrison at Ply. Salem, 7 p.m.
Canton at John Glenn, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 27

Borgess at Muskegon Hts., 6 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 28

(CHSL Finals at U-D's Cailhan Hall)
C-D Division final, noon.
East-West final, 2 p.m.
Central-AA final, 4 p.m.

PREP HOCKEY

DISTRICT TOURNAMENT PAIRINGS
CLASS A
at LIVONIA'S EDGAR ARENA
Thursday, Feb. 25: (A) Livonia Stevenson vs. (B) Redford Catholic Central, 8:30 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 26: Livonia Churchill vs. Livonia Franklin, 3:30 p.m. Redford Unified vs. A-B

winner, 5:50 p.m.

Wednesday, March 3: Championship final, 7:30 p.m. (Winner advances to the Trenton regional final Saturday, March 6 at Kennedy Arena vs. Trenton district champion.)

at PLYMOUTH'S COMPUWARE ARENA

Friday, Feb. 26: (A) Bloomfield Hills Lahser vs. (B) West Bloomfield, 5 p.m.; (C) Southfield Unified vs. (D) Birmingham Unified, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 27: Farmington Unified vs. Birmingham Brother Rice, 11 a.m.; A-B winner vs. C-D winner, 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 2: Championship final, 6 p.m. (Winner advances to the University of Detroit-Jesuit regional final Saturday March 6 at City Sports Arena in Detroit vs. Grosse Pointe South district champion.)

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE

Saturday, Feb. 27
Ply. Whalers vs. Kitchener at Compuware Arena, 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 28
Ply. Whalers vs. Windsor at Compuware Arena, 6:30 p.m.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Thursday, Feb. 25
Huron Valley at Det. Urban, 6 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 27
Ypsilanti Invitational, 8 a.m.
UM-Dearborn Tourney, 8:30 a.m.
WLAA Tourney at Northville, 9 a.m.
Metro Tourney at Luth. North, 9 a.m.

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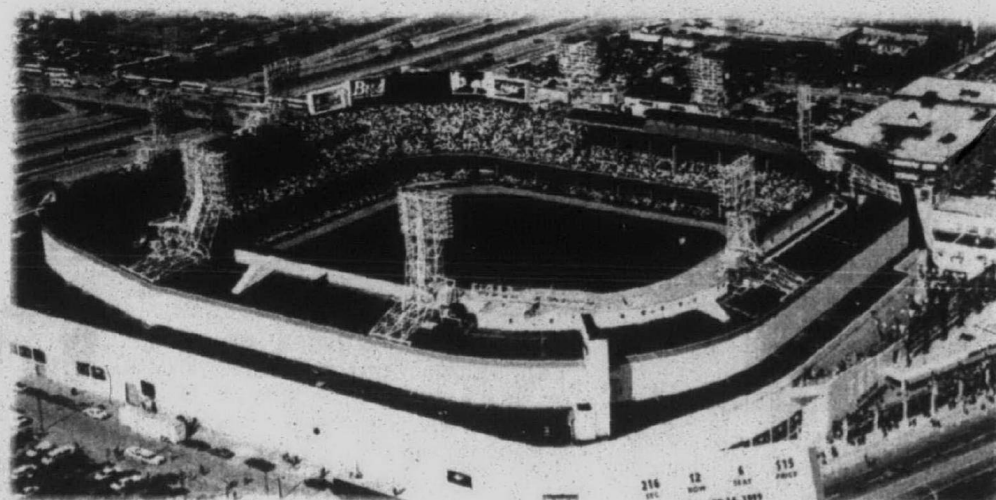
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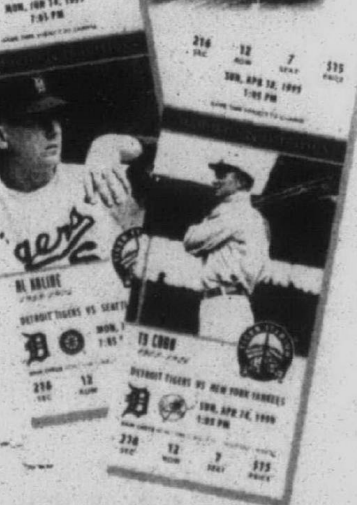
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BY C.J. RISAK
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COLLEGE SPORTS

Additions brighten Madonna's future

BY C.J. RISAK STAFF WRITER cjrisk@oe.homecomm.net

It wasn't going to be easy and Al White knew it when he accepted the job as Madonna University softball coach...

But, as will happen, recruiting broke down a bit with Abraham's resignation...

When White assumed command in early October, he knew the problem confronting him. They had one pitcher on the roster...

That's a lot of pressure to put on a freshman to begin with, said White.

Fortunately, Madonna's fortunes changed. Three months ago, we didn't have any pitching, White said.

That's because White did some first-rate recruiting on a player already in the fold: Janell Leschinger...

An Alpena HS graduate now living in Plymouth, Leschinger had her student teaching to be concerned with...

I told her we would be bringing in a lot of new players next year, and maybe we wouldn't need her as much.

Leschinger worked it out, however, which was a great relief for White. Although not Madonna's top pitcher...

She keeps the ball low, said White. She's our No. 1 — we're counting on her.

But White has some others,

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too, which means Bako can play center field and get 5-10 starts on the mound...

Both should help, and both (together with Bako) should gain valuable experience backing up Leschinger.

Another late addition is Macomb CC transfer Kelly Zurawski, a Roseville HS graduate who will fill a need at second base.

What White won't have on this team is depth. He has just 12 players on the roster.

Which explains why he's been busy signing players for the 2000 season. His 1999 campaign starts in two weeks...

They all have great potential, said White. And as I said, if they hit they'll play somewhere.

Three of the six recruits are catchers: Candice Little of Taylor Truman, Karmen Hatcher of Dearborn Heights Robichaud and Pam Kowinski of Southgate Aquinas.

White figures one, perhaps two, will get playing time behind the plate for Madonna.

One player that has great potential is third baseman Meghan Quinn, from Hartland. Others signees are Erika Keys, an outfielder from Monroe St. Mary's Catholic Central, and Jeanna Turcheck, a pitcher/second baseman from Taylor Truman.

They all have all-around, ball-playing skills, said White. They've all played summer ball, and most of them have the ability to play other positions.

What's missing, and what White is still searching for, is a top-notch pitcher. The prospects he has coming in have potential, but need development.

That could come later, through the junior college ranks.

For now, developing the current team and seeing how far they can go in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference is first and foremost.

But the future is certainly looking bright.

Crusaders hold off Saints

Katie Cushman enjoyed her best offensive production in a month and Madonna University withstood a late Siena Heights charge to post an 80-78 victory Saturday at Madonna in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference regular-season finale for both teams.

The Lady Crusaders took a 16-13 overall record and a 5-9 mark in the conference into the opening round of the WHAC Tournament last night at Siena Heights.

Madonna, making 6-of-11 three-pointers (54.5 percent) in the first half while limiting Siena Heights to 11-of-29 shooting from the floor (37.9 percent), had a 45-34 halftime lead — thanks in part to Cushman's three-pointer at the buzzer.

But that, for all intents and purposes,

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ended their rally. Madonna got baskets by Melissa Poma and Chris Dietrich and two free throws from Cushman to go back in front; a triple at the buzzer by Ehrika Kaweck supplied Siena Heights with its final points.

Cushman finished with a game-high 25 points for the Crusaders; she also had four assists and three steals. Dietrich added 15 points (11 in the first half) and four assists, and Kathy Panganis contributed 11 points, 12 boards, five assists and two steals.

The Saints were led by Bevin Malley's 20 points and eight boards. Napier added 14 points and five assists, Jamie Hallenbeck scored 11 points and Kaweck scored 10.

SC 96, Wayne CCC 50: Samantha Theisen poured in 21 first-half points, including three

three-pointers, en route to a 32-point performance in Saturday's regular-season finale for Schoolcraft College at Wayne County CC.

The Lady Ocelots entered the Michigan Community College Athletic Association state tournament as the No. 1 seed from the Eastern Conference, with a 20-game win streak and a perfect 16-0 conference mark (24-3 overall). Wayne CCC is 6-19 overall, 4-12 in the conference.

Theisen's point explosion helped SC put this game away early. The Ocelots led 49-28 at halftime, then outscored the Wildcats 47-22 in the second half, with Stacy Cavin scoring 12 points, Theisen getting 11 and Antone Watson 10 over the final 20 minutes.

Joining Theisen in double figures in scoring were Watson with 16, Cavin with 14 and Kim Washnock (from Farmington HS) with 10. Jackie Kocis and Jenni Talbot added nine points apiece.

For Wayne CCC, Nicolita Holston scored 14 points and Joanna Menzie netted 13.

Ocelots rip Wayne CCC; Madonna stalls

When Schoolcraft College and Wayne County CC clashed at Schoolcraft Jan. 25, it was nothing more than good fortune that saved the Ocelots from defeat as they pulled out a come-from-behind two-point triumph.

On Saturday, the two Michigan Community College Athletic Association Eastern Conference rivals met again, this time at Wayne CCC. But there were no last-second heroics this time; none were needed.

SC bolted to a 52-31 lead by halftime and cruised past the outmanned Wildcats, 97-71. The win allowed the Ocelots to enter last night's MCCA State Tournament game against Henry Ford CC with a 22-4 overall record, 12-4 in the Eastern Con-

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ference. They were the second-seeded team from the conference. Wayne did not go to the tournament, and finishes 9-18 overall, 8-8 in the conference.

Accurate shooting was the key factor in SC's victory. The Ocelots converted 34-of-54 floor shots (63 percent), including 10-of-18 three-pointers (56 percent), compared to Wayne's 29-of-68 shooting (42.6 percent) and 4-of-14 on threes (28 percent). SC also made 19-of-27 free throws (70.4 percent), compared to Wayne's 9-of-21 (43 percent).

Twelve players scored for the Ocelots, paced by Lamar Bigby's

19 points and Dashawn Williams (18 and eight rebounds). Derek McKelvey added 15. Mario Montgomery contributed six assists.

Wayne was led by Bennie Theriot, with 22 points and 12 rebounds. Donald Tinsley added 14 points and nine boards.

Siena Heights 99, Madonna 63: The final game of the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference regular season was a forgettable one for Madonna University.

On Saturday at Siena Heights, the Crusaders fell behind 52-29 by halftime and never did get on any kind of track. The loss means Madonna enters tonight's 7:30 p.m. WHAC Tournament

game at second-seeded Siena Heights as the No. 7 seed; the Crusaders are 8-22 overall, 4-10 in the conference. The Saints are 25-5 overall, 11-3 in the WHAC.

Mike Massey, a freshman guard who was named to the all-WHAC team, led Madonna with 22 points; he also had seven rebounds and two steals. Jason Skoczylas added 14 points and 10 rebounds, and Mike Maryanski netted 10 points and six boards.

The Saints were led by senior forward Dan McKian (from Plymouth Salem) with 18 points, five boards and three blocked shots. Mike Brown and Don Marcero added 13 points apiece, and Jeff Gullekson had 12 points and 10 rebounds.

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112-pounders. "But all four of them qualified."

Two of them — John Mervyn and Ron Thompson — actually wrestled at 112. Mervyn finished first, giving Salem its only district champion. He pinned Livonia Churchill's Tom Traub in 3:35 in his opening match, then pinned Mike Starinki of Adrian in 3:51 to advance to the semifinals.

A technical fall over Kory Kramer of Saline, 18-3, put Mervyn in the final opposite Novi's Ryan Churella. Churella, who beat Thompson in the other semifinal 18-3, was no match for Mervyn, who won 10-4.

Before meeting Churella, Thompson beat Milford's Ben Lawrence 14-2, then pinned Northville's Matt Tarrow in 3:36. After losing to Churella, Thompson wrestled Walled Lake West-

ern's Ryan Beech and won on a pin in 2:02. That put him against Saline's Kramer in a match for third place; Thompson lost, 14-10.

At 119, another of the true 112-pounders qualified for regionals as Rob Ash placed fourth. After an opening bye, Ash beat Kevin Arbuckle of Northville 5-3 before losing to Novi's Dan Jilg 9-2. In the consolation round, Ash defeated Churchills Steve Vasiloff 11-2, then lost to Arbuckle in a rematch — this one for third place — 4-2.

The fourth 112-pounder, Lucas Stump, wrestled at 125. He pinned Ann Arbor Pioneer's Tim Iannetoni in 2:29, then lost to Western's Jacob Pattendaude 6-0. In the consolation round, Stump did well, defeating Milford's Jordan Boudreau 7-4 and Novi's Brent Frey 6-3. In the

battle for third, Stump lost to South Lyon's Andy Golden 13-4.

Salem other qualifier was heavyweight Charlie Hamblin, who finished third. Hamblin beat Ryan Jones of Brighton 6-3, then lost to Brett Faulkner of Novi 3-2. In the consolations, Hamblin defeated Tony Henry of Western 8-2 and edged Will McLoughlin of Adrian 3-2 in the battle for third.

"Now we've got to try and qualify them for the show," said Krueger. And which of them has the best chance?

"If you would have asked me who would advance out of the districts," Krueger replied, "I would have been totally off. So now I don't want to put the kiss of death on anybody."

Canton's qualifiers were Kevin Stone at 145 and Rob Demisick at 160.

Stone placed fourth, beating Robert Kast of Adrian 14-6 before losing to Mike Chandler of South Lyon 14-5 in the semifinals. In the consolations, Stone defeated Josh Bagalay of Western 4-2 before losing to Milford's Sean Turner in the battle for third, 9-3.

Demisick pinned Ryan Rubley of Adrian in 1:04 in his first match, then lost to Brighton's Matt Stone 7-6 in the semifinals. In the consolations, Demisick defeated Milford's Brian Smith 6-1, but lost to South Lyon's Brian Clark 4-2 to finish fourth.

"We were hoping to do better, but nonetheless we had a great season," said Canton coach John Demisick, noting that four other Chiefs — Kyle Pitt, Greg Mussler, John Pocock and Jim Shelton — were one match win away from qualifying.

INDIVIDUAL WRESTLING STATE TOURNAMENT RESULTS
DIVISION I
DISTRICT NO. 5
Feb. 20 at South Lyon (top 4 qualify for regional)
Heavyweight: Ted Boxersox (Northville) decision Brett Faulkner (Novi), 6-1; **consolation final:** Charlie Hamblin (Plymouth Salem) dec. Will McLoughlin (Adrian), 3-2.
103 pounds: Tim Bragg (White Lake-Lake) dec. Dan Duncan (Adrian), 3-2; **consolation:** Elbert Sauls (South Lyon) dec. Chris Kilbane (Saline), 6-4.
112: John Mervyn (Salem) dec. Ryan Churella (Novi), 10-4; **consolation:** Kory Kramer (Saline) dec. Ron Thompson (Salem), 10-4.
119: Dan Jilg (Novi) dec. Eric Jones (Adrian), 3-0; **consolation:** Kevin Arbuckle (Northville) dec. Rob Ash (Salem), 4-2.
125: Reggie Torrence (Northville) won by major dec. over Jacob Pattendaude (Walled Lake Western), 11-0; **consolation:** Andy Golden (S. Lyon) won by major dec. over Lucas Stump (Salem), 13-4.
130: Anant Saran (Northville) dec. Leif Olson (Brighton), 3-0; **consolation:** Ryan Chamberlain (Lakeland) won by injury default over Scott Westfall (Adrian).
135: Paul Bordenkirc (Brighton) won by

major dec. over Matt Quinn (Ann Arbor Pioneer), 12-4; **consolation:** Rick Stemm (Saline) dec. Tom Stanley (Highland-Milford), 11-5.
140: Kevin Neundorff (Lakeland) won by injury default over Keith Wood (Brighton); **consolation:** Chad Neuman (Northville) won by injury default over Dan Scappaticci (Northville).
145: Mike Carter (Livonia Churchill) p. Mike Chandler (S. Lyon), 0-25; **consolation:** Sean Turner (Milford) dec. Kevin Stone (Plymouth Canton), 9-3.
152: Chris Schuyler (Saline) dec. Brandon LaPointe (Churchill), 3-2; **consolation:** Justin Lambert (Milford) dec. Matt Barrett (Adrian), 2-1.
160: Colin Krone (Pioneer) dec. Matt Stone (Brighton), 6-4; **consolation:** Brian Clark (S. Lyon) dec. Robert Demisick (Canton), 4-2.
171: Norm Wroblewski (W.L. Western) won by major dec. over Chris Kirby (Pioneer), 16-2; **consolation:** Ryan McCracken (Northville) dec. Adam Borashko (Novi), 4-1.
185: Ryan Giles (Northville) dec. Bob Everett (Saline), 7-5; **consolation:** Aron Guerrero (Adrian) p. Matt Firby (S. Lyon), 2-59.
215: Nick Vanover (Adrian) dec. Chris Clissham (Saline), 8-5; **consolation:** Pat Quiney (Milford) p. Tim Zemaitis (S. Lyon), 4-30.

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opening-round Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Tournament game, Madonna outscored host Siena Heights 8-2 in the final 2:26 to pull away to the victory Wednesday.

The sixth-seeded Lady Crusaders, now 17-13 overall, advance to play top-seeded Spring Arbor (27-4 overall) in

Spring Arbor at 1 p.m. Saturday. Siena Heights, the third-seeded team in the WHAC Tournament, finishes with a 16-15 overall mark.

Katie Cushman and Chris Dietrich spearheaded Madonna's late surge. Nursing a three-point lead, Dietrich converted a three-

point play with 2:26 remaining. Cushman followed with four-straight free throws to ice the victory. Cushman finished with 12 points and six assists; Dietrich had eight points and four assists.

Kathy Panganis led Madonna with 17 points, 15 rebounds and

four assists; Kristi Fiorenzi (from Plymouth Canton) added 14 points, six boards, three assists and two steals; and Jennifer Jacek scored 12 points (on 6-of-7 shooting).

The Saints were led by Falke with 23 points and Bevin Malley with 14 points and 11 boards.

Volleyball from page C1

With the final WLAA match played last night at Farmington Harrison, the Rocks can now look to the WLAA Tournament Saturday at Northville. Salem will go in probably as the No. 3 seed, behind league champ Walled Lake Central and Livonia Franklin.

changes that have resulted in two straight wins over the Vikings. Still, their size will make them formidable.

Franklin also has three strong (and sizable) front-line players, which makes the Patriots difficult to block, while Stevenson has front-court standout Stephanie Dulz. Churchill, while lacking the potent attack of the other four contenders, never lacks hustle and serving strength.

"We can't do much now with the lineup," said Teeters. "We'll just try to pump them up a bit and work on our skills in practice."

"We've done well in tournaments this year — that should be an advantage for us. We've been able to make adjustments if things weren't going well that day."

The competition at the conference tournament will be formidable. Four teams other than Salem have a legitimate shot at first; Central, the league champ; Franklin, which beat the Rocks but lost to Central and Livonia Stevenson; Stevenson, with just three league losses; and Livonia Churchill, which beat the Spartans during the season.

Since losing to Central in league play and in a tournament, the Rocks have made some

Canton figures to be in the middle of the 12 seeds, although exactly where was difficult to determine with WLAA matches still scheduled for last night. The Chiefs won't go into the tournament on a low, either; at last Saturday's Livonia Ladywood Invitational, they were second in their pool with a win over Warren Mott and splits with two formidable foes, Ladywood and Monroe St. Mary's Catholic Central.

"It was not a mistake," said Montgomery. "It showed them they can win, that any team can be beaten."

That kind of attitude could make Canton dangerous Saturday.

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very wise.

The 6-foot-3 speedster with freshman eligibility is a star in two sports with the Timberwolves. Last fall, he was named to the all-Midwest Intercollegiate Football Conference's second team as a wide receiver after hauling down 39 passes for 978 yards and 11 touchdowns. He averaged 25.1 yards per catch, and his yardage and touchdown total, as well as his three-touchdown performance against Saginaw Valley State, were school records.

Sound impressive? Well, wait — there's more.

Hunter is one of the first players off the bench for Northwood's basketball team, which is currently in Battle Creek for the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Ath-

letic Conference Tournament. He is averaging eight points and three rebounds per game, which sounds decent but not spectacular. But remember: Hunter joined the team just prior to the first game, and in his words (and those of his coach, Bob Taylor), "It took a while to get my legs back."

Once Hunter got re-adjusted to playing basketball, things started to fall into place. And this wasn't a team begging for help; Northwood took a 21-5 overall record into the GLIAC Tournament, 4-5 in the conference. In one five-game stretch just prior to the tournament, Hunter averaged 14.4 points, making 29-of-46 floor shots (63 percent), and five rebounds per game.

"He has a fabulous feel for the

game," said Taylor. "He sees the floor real well, and he's just a great athlete."

Taylor and Northwood football coach Pat Riepma couldn't be happier to have him, that's certain. It also makes it easy to pick an MVP, when it comes to judging newcomers at Northwood — their's would be the same.

Donald Tabron. Tabron is a friend of Hunter's, and he — like Hunter — was recruited out of high school by Northwood. Tabron accepted and joined the Timberwolves; Hunter did, too, but in a roundabout way.

"Coach (Riepma) always said if I ever changed my mind to call him, so I did," said Hunter. "Almost anybody would rather

play in the Big Ten, I guess, but I'm glad I switched."

No regrets? "None at all," he answered, without hesitation.

Not that it's easy, particularly playing two sports back-to-back. "It gets challenging sometimes," Hunter admitted, referring to the sometimes overwhelming combination of classwork and two sports.

But his goals are set, and his competitive fire is aflame again. "Right now, I'm just shooting to be on the first Northwood (basketball) team ever to make the NCAA II Tournament," he said. "I just want to do my part on the team to help us win games."

He's done that, in both basketball and football, and in his freshman year. Who can tell what lies ahead for both Hunter and the Timberwolves?



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SHOWS

OUTDOORAMA
Outdoorama '99 Sport and Travel Show will be held 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.

SPORTFISHING EXPO
The 10th annual Greater Detroit Sportfishing and Travel Expo will be held Thursday through Sunday, March 4-7, at the Palace of Auburn Hills. The show will feature 45 non-stop seminars including a special appearance by national walleye angling champion Ted Takasaki at 5 p.m. Friday, March 5. Other speakers of national renown scheduled to speak include walleye pros Mike McClelland and Keith Kavajecz, bowhunting expert Chuck Adams, In-Fisherman Magazine editors Dave Csanda and Matt Straw, and Michigan author Tom Huggler. There will be more than 300 exhibitors including retailers, factory exhibits, outfitters, guides, charter boat captains and more. Show hours are 4-9:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday; 10 a.m.-9:30 p.m. Saturday; and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$7.50 for adults, \$3.50 for children ages 6-12, and children 5 and under will be admitted free. Coupons for \$1 off admission are available at all Dunham's stores.

WILDLIFE ART
The 16th annual Michigan Wildlife Art Festival, Michigan's largest wildlife art exhibit and sale, will be held March 26-28 at the Southfield Pavilion. Sponsored by the Michigan Wildlife Habitat Foundation, the festival annually raises money for wildlife habitat improvement projects statewide.

BANQUETS

NWTF
Beard & Spurs Chapter-Oakland County of the National Wild Turkey Federation will hold its fourth annual Super Fund Banquet and Auction beginning at 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25, at the Stephenson Haus in Hazel Park. Call (248) 548-2036 for more information.

FISHING TOURNAMENTS

SALMON STAKES
The 21st annual River Crab Salmon Stakes charity fishing tournament and raffle will be held Saturday, April 24. Money raised through the sale of \$10 raffle/entry tickets will benefit

the Blue Water mental Health Clinic and other programs that help troubled children, adults and their families statewide. Raffle prizes include a trip for two adults and two children to Mackinac Island, use of a private suite for a Detroit Tigers baseball game, a weekend for two in Chicago, \$500 in gift certificates to Chuck Muer restaurants, and a limousine ride and dinner for two at a Chuck Muer restaurant. Ticket stubs are also good for \$10 off dinner for two or Sunday brunch at participating Chuck Muer restaurants. There are also cash prizes for the anglers, boats and clubs who catch the biggest salmon and trout on tournament day. Tickets are available at Charley's Crab in Troy, Meriwethers in Southfield, Muer's Sea Food Tavern in West Bloomfield, Big Fish in Dearborn, Big Fish Too in Madison Heights, Gandy Dancer in Ann Arbor, or by calling the River Crab at (800) 468-3727.

CLASSES

HUNTER EDUCATION
Wayne County Sportsman's Club is accepting registration for two upcoming hunter education classes. The two-day sessions will be held Saturday and Sunday, March 27 & 28, and April 17 & 18, at the WSCS clubhouse and grounds in Romulus. Cost is \$12 per student and includes text, equipment, range fees and lunch. Call (313) 532-0285 for more information and to register.

FLY TYING
Paint Creek Outfitters in Rochester offers a variety of fly tying classes for beginners and advanced tyers. Call (248) 650-0440 for more information or to make a reservation for an upcoming class.

CCW LEGISLATION
Michigan Big Game Hunter's Association will hold an informative seminar on legislation concerning concealed weapons permit (CCW) legislation, beginning at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 17, at the Gander Mountain store in Taylor. State representative Raymond Basham (Taylor) will conduct the seminar. Call (313) 381-4735 for more information.

BIKE MAINTENANCE 101
Get your bike ready for spring during this instructional clinic, which begins at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, at REI in Northville. Call (248) 347-2100 for more information.

ACTIVITIES

ICE HIKE
Join members of the Southeast Michigan Group, Sierra Club on

the 8th annual ice hike to Canada, which begins at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, at Pte. Pelee. Interested participants should meet at 9:30 a.m. at the Ontario Tourist Center on Route 3 in Windsor. Call Liz Allingham at (313) 581-7579 for more information.

SEASON/DATES

BOBCAT
Bobcat 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.

FREE FISHING
Michigan's annual Free Fishing Weekend will be held June 12-13.

FOX
Gray and red fox season runs through March 1 statewide.

SPEARING
Feb. 28 is the last day of perch spearing on Lake St. Clair.

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.

CLINTON VALLEY BASS
Clinton Valley Bass Anglers club is seeking new members (boaters and non-boaters are welcome.) The club meets monthly at Gander Mountain in Waterford. Call Mike Daly at (248) 666-8910 for more information.

METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS
Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the cafeteria at Garden City High School. Call Dominic Liparoto at (248) 476-5027 for more information.

MICHIGAN FLY FISHING
The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7 p.m. the first and

third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Junior High School. Call (810) 478-1494 for more information.

FOUR SEASONS
The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30-9:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, in Livonia. Visitors are invited and refreshments will be served. Call Jim Kudej at (734) 591-0843 for more information.

FISHING BUDDIES
Fishing Buddies Fishing Club meets the third Tuesday of each month in Rochester Hills. The meetings are open to all anglers (boaters and non-boaters). Call (248) 656-0556 for more information.

HURON VALLEY STEELHEADERS
The Huron Valley Steelheaders meets the third Thursday of each month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 27600 Hall 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.

MEETINGS

NRC
The monthly meeting of the state Natural Resource Commission will be Wednesday and Thursday, March 10-11, in East Lansing. The commission will be taking public comment on 1999 deer season regulations. Persons who wish to address the commission or persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation should contact Teresa Golden at (517) 373-2352 one week in advance.

ARCHERY

JUNIOR OLYMPICS
The Oakland County Sportsman Club in Clarkston offers a Junior Olympic Archery Development Program beginning at 1 p.m. on Sundays. Call (248) 623-0444 for more information.

JUNIOR ARCHERS
A weekly program for junior archers begins at 9 a.m. Saturdays at Detroit Archers in West Bloomfield. Call (248) 661-9610 or (313) 835-2110 for more information.

SHOOTING RANGES

BALD MOUNTAIN
Bald Mountain Recreation Area in Lake Orion has shotgun (skeeet & trap, sporting clays, 5-stand), rifle, pistol, and archery shooting facilities. Range hours through Dec. 31 are 10 a.m. to sunset Saturdays, Sundays and Wednesdays. On Mondays and Tuesdays only the sporting clay course is open, noon to sunset. Bald Mountain is located at 1330 Greenshield Road, which is three miles north of the Palace of Auburn Hills off M-24. Call (248) 814-9193 for more information.

PONTIAC LAKE
Pontiac Lake Recreation Area in Waterford has rifle, pistol, shotgun, and archery ranges. Range hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesdays through Sundays. Pontiac Lake Recreation Area is located at 7800 Gale Rd. Call (248) 666-1020 for more information.

ORTONVILLE RECREATION
Ortonville Recreation Area in Ortonville has rifle, pistol and shotgun shooting facilities. Range hours are 12-5 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. The Ortonville Recreation Area is located at 5779 Hadley Road. Call (248) 693-6767 for more information.

METROPARKS

METROPARK REQUIREMENTS
Most Metropark programs are free while some require a nominal fee. Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all programs. Call the respective parks toll free at the following numbers: Stony Creek, (800) 477-7756; Indian

Springs, (800) 477-3192; Kensington, (800) 477-3178.

MAPLE'S SWEET STORY
Visit the sugarbush and see how maple trees are tapped and the sap collected, then stop by the sugary shack and watch as the sap is boiled into maple syrup during this program, which will be held noon to 3 p.m. weekends through the end of March at Kensington.

BLUEBIRD BOX
Learn to make a bluebird box and pick up some tips on how to encourage nesting during this program, which begins at 1 p.m. Saturday at Indian Springs.

IN SEARCH OF
A naturalist-led walk to explore places insects and animals spend the cold winter months begins at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Kensington.

DEAD AS A DODO
The extinction of birds and other animals will be the focus of this one-hour long program of slides and discussion, which begins at 2 p.m. Sunday at Kensington.

FULL MOON WALK
Learn some moon facts and lore during this naturalist-led hike under the light of the full moon, which begins at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 2, at Kensington.

1999 PERMITS
The 1999 Huron-Clinton Metroparks annual vehicle entry permits and boat launching permits are on sale at all Metropark offices. Vehicle entry permits are \$15 (\$8 for senior citizens). The annual boat launching permit is \$18 (\$9 for senior citizens). Call (800) 47-PARKS for more information.

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North secures title share

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North Farmington earned a share of the Western Lakes Activities Association boys basketball championship Tuesday but not without a challenge from crosstown rival Farmington.

The Raiders had to overcome a late charge by the host Falcons to claim a 45-35 victory in the WLAA round-robin finale for both teams.

North finishes 10-1 and will share the regular-season title with Walled Lake Western. Farmington finishes in ninth place with a 3-8 record.

"I'm just really happy for the kids; they've really worked hard," North coach Tom Negoshian said, adding the Raiders also won Lakes Division and city championships. "Farmington didn't roll over and die. They played us as tough as they could and did a great job."

Negoshian shares credit with former coach Brian Swinehart, who became athletic director for Farmington Public Schools in September, for helping to shape this year's team, which is 14-3 overall.

"The work ethic has been tremendous, and I think it goes back to the summertime," Negoshian said. "They put in a lot of time with Brian Swinehart. This didn't just happen in November. Brian did a great job working with them."

Farmington held North's leading scorer, junior center Emir Medunjanin, to seven points, but junior forward Phil Watha made four three-point shots and a pair of deuces for a game-high 16.

Senior guard Albert Deljosevic had one three, was 7-of-8 shooting free throws and scored 12 points. Junior post player Adrian Bridges added six points.

Farmington junior center Justin Milus was responsible for limiting Medunjanin with his post defense, causing the North star to shoot off balance and holding him to one shot most of the time.

"You're not going to stop Emir completely," Farmington coach Denny Mikel said. "We wanted to be playing up tight on him, keep a

BASKETBALL

hand in the face and not let him get any put-backs. Justin did a nice job trying to contain him."

Milus led the Falcons, who are 6-11 overall, with eight points — all of them in the first half. Juniors Chad Seaborn, C.J. Whitfield and Garlin Gilchrist scored seven points apiece.

Farmington's lead scorer, sophomore guard Matt Mikel, had just two points, which is 11 below his average. Milus is second in scoring with 12 per game.

"I thought my kids played pretty hard," Mikel said. "We didn't have a whole lot to play for. We were playing for some pride, and I thought we gave them a little bit of a scare."

"As good a team as North has, we were just hoping to keep it respectable. We didn't want to get blown out."

"That's a nice (North) ballclub. They have the inside-outside game, and they have good ball handling. Tom has done a nice job with that team."

After a sluggish start by both teams — their first-quarter shooting percentages were in the low teens — Watha broke a 7-7 tie with back-to-back triples in the second period. His third three gave the Raiders a 19-15 halftime lead.

"Of all the kids, fortunately, he was shooting well," Negoshian said, a reference to Watha's ability to turn a game around with his perimeter shooting. "Phil did a great job for us."

"We wanted to play Watha and Albert pretty tough man-to-man," Mikel said. "We didn't want to sag and help, because Emir does a good job of kicking it out and those two can shoot the perimeter shot."

"That meant we guarded Bridges and Emir one-on-one down in the paint, which is kinda dangerous, but we had to give up something."

"We did a pretty good job. But then Phil got away from us a few times, and it was tough for us to recover from that."

The Raiders scored the first 10 points of the third quarter and led 32-17 after Deljose-

vic sank his three. But the Falcons scored the last nine to get within six at the end, 32-26, and Gilchrist came off the bench to spark Farmington in the fourth quarter.

Gilchrist scored seven straight points for the Falcons, including a three to cut North's lead to 36-33 with six minutes remaining.

"They shut down our big scoring threats, but Garlin stepped up," Mikel said. "He kept us in it for a while, but we couldn't seem to get anybody else on track from the perimeter."

Seaborn's basket with four minutes left kept it a three-point difference, 38-35, but Farmington didn't score again.

The Falcons failed to capitalize on a North turnover and missed shots on their next two possessions.

The Raiders, meanwhile, got two free throws from Deljosevic and another three from Watha to build their lead back to eight with a minute to play. Deljosevic added two free throws with nine seconds remaining.

"Give credit where it's due," Negoshian said. "(The Falcons) did a great job on Emir, but we hung in there, did some things and won the game."

North was 16-of-51 (31 percent) from the floor and 8-of-10 at the line; Farmington was 15-of-47 (32 percent) and 4-of-7, respectively.

The Raiders will play host to Walled Lake Central in a first-round WLAA playoff game Friday. The Falcons were one game and one place short of qualifying for the tournament.

"I've been in this league since it started, and I really believe this year's tournament, one through eight, is as tough as it's ever been," Negoshian said. "Anyone can win it."

LUTHERAN NORTH 56, CLARENCEVILLE 45: Poor shooting doomed the Trojans. Clarenceville made just 19 of 53 shots Tuesday while in falling to host Macomb Lutheran North.

Sophomore center Scott Wion scored 14 points to lead the Trojans, and junior forward Rick Burack contributed 10.

David Schwark scored 23 points for the Mustangs while teammate John Blanchard added 12.

Lutheran North (9-8) upped its Metro Conference mark to 8-5 while Clarenceville (6-11) dropped to 5-8.

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) 951-7279 or calling (734) 953-2141.

200-YARD MEDLEY RELAY

(state cut: 1:42.99)
North Farmington 1:42.19
Plymouth Salem 1:44.28
Livonia Stevenson 1:44.30
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) 1:50.81
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 Digla (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
Mike Malik (Stevenson) 2:07.30
James McPartlin (John Glenn) 2:07.36
Paul Perez (Salem) 2:09.59
Mike Nemer (Stevenson) 2:09.82
Brett Meconis (Redford CC) 2:11.06
Aaron Reeder (Canton) 2:11.63
Eric Lynn (Salem) 2:11.63
Aaron Shelton (Salem) 2:12.05

50 FREESTYLE

(state cut: 22.59)
Matt Zaid (N. Farmington) 21.68
Andrew Locke (Salem) 22.19
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 Wachsborg (N. Farmington) 23.18
Bill Randall (Churchill) 23.55

DIVING

Joe Lebovic (N. Farmington) 261.75
Chris McFarland (John Glenn) 257.20
Greg Brazunas (Redford CC) 256.30
Mike Mattis (Redford CC) 230.50
Justin Goodwin (N. Farmington) 197.65
Greg Kubitski (Salem) 180.95
Blake Brunner (Canton) 177.00
Mike Baskin (Stevenson) 173.90
Kory Stevens (Redford CC) 172.10
John Chase (Salem) 168.95

100 BUTTERFLY

(state cut: 55.59)
Keith Falk (Stevenson) 54.00
James McPartlin (John Glenn) 54.55
Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 55.45
Brett Meconis (Redford CC) 55.68
Paul Perez (Salem) 56.13

100 FREESTYLE

(state cut: 49.49)
Matt Zaid (N. Farmington) 48.17
Keith Falk (Stevenson) 48.92
Ryan Meekins (Redford CC) 48.97
Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 49.66
Jim McPartlin (John Glenn) 49.81
Andrew Locke (Salem) 49.95
Don LeClair (Canton) 50.59
Kurtis Hornick (Canton) 50.94
Mark Wachsborg (N. Farmington) 51.04
Bill Randall (Churchill) 51.36

500 FREESTYLE

(state cut: 4:57.39)
Keith Falk (Stevenson) 4:51.40
Brian Mertens (Salem) 5:00.24
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
Loch Rycroft (N. Farmington) 5:19.23

200 FREESTYLE RELAY

(state cut: 1:31.99)
North Farmington 1:29.69
Plymouth Salem 1:31.93
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
Eric Lynn (Salem) 1:00.05

100 BREASTSTROKE

(state cut: 1:03.19)
Adam Farber (N. Farmington) 1:02.68
Keith Falk (Stevenson) 1:03.76
Mike Nemer (Stevenson) 1:04.97
Kevin VanTiem (Stevenson) 1:05.13
David Hartmann (Farmington) 1:05.58
Josh Markou (Redford CC) 1:06.01
Sonny Webber (Wayne) 1:06.91
Jon Zaid (N. Farmington) 1:07.27
Mike Kruszewski (Redford CC) 1:07.30
Aaron Shelton (Salem) 1:07.90

400 FREESTYLE RELAY

(state cut: 3:23.09)
North Farmington 3:21.17
Livonia Stevenson 3:22.30
Plymouth Salem 3:24.04
Redford Catholic Central 3:24.16
Plymouth Canton 3:29.29

FISHING TRIVIA QUESTION

Here's your last chance to win tickets to the 11th annual Greater Detroit Sportfishing and Travel Expo through our fishing trivia contest. Since the show runs March 4-7 at the Palace of Auburn Hills, this will be the final trivia question.

One winner will be randomly

selected from all the correct answers we receive. All entries must be postmarked by Monday, March 1. Check next week's Observer & Eccentric for a list of all the winners.

Here's this week's question:

An area lake features about

420 square miles of surface area and an average depth of just 13.3 feet. This lake offers outstanding walleye and yellow perch fishing opportunities and is nationally renowned for its muskie and small-mouth bass fisheries. This lake is comprised mostly of Canadian waters and is often referred to as

"the sixth Great Lake."
Name the lake.

Send in the correct answer to: Fishing Trivia Contest, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. Remember, all entries must be postmarked by Monday, March 1.

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District opener could decide state title

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A champion in the Class A hockey district No. 7 at Livonia's Eddie Edgar Arena won't be crowned until next Wednesday, but some might push to have the ceremony after the final horn tonight.

The district opens at 8:30 p.m. tonight with a marquee matchup: the state's No. 1 ranked team, Redford Catholic Central, against the next-highest ranked team in the district, No. 5 Livonia Stevenson.

The winner, some suggest, is the "unofficial" champion or at least the overwhelming favorite to win the five-team district and advance to the regionals.

But it might not be so cut and dry.

Redford Unified, 19-3-2 overall and tied with Clarkston at No. 10 in Class A, will play the CC-Stevenson winner at 5:30 p.m. Friday in a district semifinal. Waiting on the other side of the bracket could be red-hot Livonia Churchill, which meets Livonia Franklin in the other district semifinal at 3:30 p.m. Friday.

The Chargers, 13-7-4 overall, ended the regular season on a five-game winning streak and have perhaps the state's top sophomore goaltender, Ryan McBroom.

That's why nothing's conceded until the real championship at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday. As they say, it's one game at a time.

"I think we're as ready as we're going to be," said CC coach Gordie St. John, whose team won a Michigan Metro Hockey League championship and is 22-1-1 overall. "Stevenson is a very strong team, talented, and will give us all we can handle. It's got a rivalry to it. It's two schools out of the same area. The team that makes the fewest mistakes will win."

St. John calls the district one of the best in the state. RU finished second behind Stevenson in the Suburban High School Prep Hockey League standings and also shares ice time with CC at Redford Arena.

Those variables make Stevenson and CC rivals of RU, according to St. John. Churchill, meanwhile, could be the wild card the way it's played lately in front of McBroom.

"No matter who RU plays (CC or Stevenson) it will be a very intense game," St. John said. "And McBroom can win it by himself. You never can discount a guy who is real good between

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the pipes. That Churchill team is on fire."

Stevenson coach Mike Harris said Monday he's glad the Spartans drew CC in the opener, because he "wants to see how good we are. They're the number one team and that's what we hope to have: quality competition. I know we're going to get that. (But) I think we're better."

The Spartans won the SHSPLL and finished the regular season 19-2-2 overall after Tuesday's 5-3 win over Birmingham Brother Rice.

CC has won two state titles in St. John's five years as coach but the Spartans have three of the top four point getters in the SHSPLL, led by John May with 21 goals and 21 assists in 14 games. Tim Allen (13-17) and Mark Nebus (12-18) have 30 points each.

David Moss (18-15) and Todd Bentley (15-18) lead CC in Metro play with 33 points each. Senior Keith Rowe has 29 (10-19).

"This time of year, just drop the puck," Harris added. "It's two great teams playing, No. 1 against 5, and we're underdogs, have nothing to lose."

"It's going to come down to goaltending and who wants it more. I don't have a top line, I have 20 guys that love the game and are ready to play."

Each team has used a two goaltender rotation in recent weeks and hasn't decided on a starter as of Monday. The Spartans have used Kevin Marlowe and Chris McComb while the Shamrocks have gone with Andrew McCoy and Ben Dunne the last several weeks after using Dunne almost exclusively earlier.

RU coach Pete Mazzoni is happy with a first-round bye but knows Stevenson, which has beaten the Panthers twice already, and CC are huge tests.

"I'm happy CC and Stevenson have to play each other first," Mazzoni said. "One will have to knock the other out."

RU has a balanced lineup that includes senior defenseman Dave Sellin and forwards Joel

Halliday and Jason Moul.

Churchill is 4-1-3 in non-league games, including a win over Trenton.

Franklin, 7-14-2, is a heavy underdog, especially with the Chargers playing so well of late.

"With the state playoffs on the horizon the Churchill team is starting to play with a greater sense of urgency than maybe what you've seen us playing during the league schedule," Churchill coach Jeff Hatley said. "We're playing our best hockey and they're having fun coming to the rink. We're starting to gel. Everybody is working hard. We use non-league games as a marker. I'm happy with what I've seen in those games."

Mazzoni is also leery of Churchill, which lost twice to RU.

"Churchill has really been improving the last couple weeks, played a tough non-conference schedule and McBroom is an outstanding goaltender," Mazzoni said. "If they win their game (against Franklin) whoever they play (in the finals) I wouldn't be surprised if they won."

CC caps regular season by beating Forest Hills

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Redford Catholic Central wrapped its regular-season with a 6-2 win Monday over previously-undefeated Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central at Redford Arena.

The Shamrocks, 22-1-1 overall, outscored Central, 6-1 in the second period after a 1-1 tie through the first 15 minutes.

Sophomore Ben Dunne played the first 2-1/2 periods in net, surrendering three goals. Andrew McCoy played the remaining minutes.

Senior Keith Rowe scored two goals and Todd Bentley, Pat O'Dea, Brad Holland, David Moss, Joe Hillebrand and Joe Moreau scored one goal each.

Nathan LeWarne, Ryan Yost, Holland and Rick Buttery had two assists apiece. Brandon Kaleniecki, Moss, Jim Spiewak, Moreau, Rowe, Chris Morelli, Dunne and Erik Hawkins contributed one each. On Saturday, the Shamrocks beat Bloomfield Hills Cran-

brook, 2-1, in a non-league game at Redford Arena.

CC scored two goals in the second period after a scoreless first period. Dunne gave up one goal in the third.

Holland opened the scoring, assisted by Bentley and Moss. Kaleniecki scored the second goal, assisted by Yost.

Churchill 6, Troy 2: Livonia Churchill capped the regular season with five straight wins including Saturday's triumph against host Troy Unified.

The Chargers enter Friday's Class A district clash with a 13-7-4 overall record.

Aaron Jakubowski, Adam Krug, Jason Turri, Chris Galatis, Dan Cook and Derek Martin scored goals for Churchill. Ryan McBroom was in goal for the Chargers.

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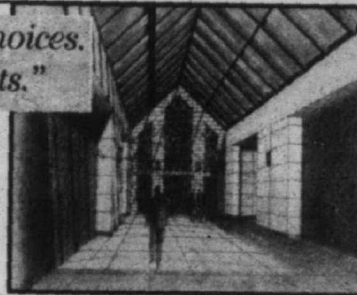
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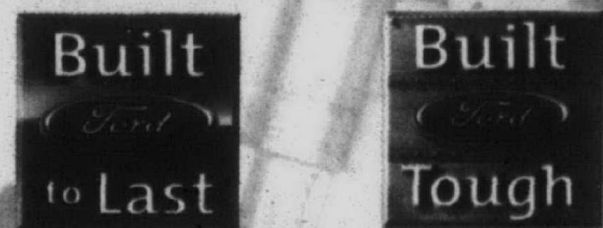
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Petula Clark enjoys being on 'Sunset Boulevard'



JOAN MARCUS

On Sunset Boulevard: Petula Clark and Lewis Cleale as Norma Desmond and Joe Gillis in a scene from "Sunset Boulevard."

BY KEELY WYGONIK
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It's a battle to stay healthy on tour, but Petula Clark is a soldier who hasn't missed a show yet.

"We're having a great time, like everyone we've had the flu, coughs and colds. I had a little bout of it," said Clark who plays Norma Desmond in Andrew Lloyd Webber's "Sunset Boulevard," coming to the Detroit Opera House, March 2-21.

It was a role she accepted reluctantly when asked by producer Trevor Nunn in London.

"I didn't think I was right for the part," said Clark in a telephone interview from the Cleveland Ritz-Carlton. "I got talked into it by Trevor. 'But of course, you're absolutely right for the part,' he said. The next thing I knew I was rehearsing for the damn thing."

"Sunset Boulevard" is based on Billy Wilder's 1950 film by the same name. It's a love story set in Hollywood and tells the story of a down and out young screenwriter Joe Gillis, played by Lewis Cleale, and his meeting with Norma Desmond, a legendary silent screen star.

"They didn't want me to see the movie, in a way I was rather pleased," said Clark. "They wanted me to do it my way, and I didn't know what my way was. They said I'd bring humor and vulnerability to the part. It helped a bit, just

"Sunset Boulevard"

WHEN: Tuesday, March 2 through Sunday, March 21. Performances 8 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday; 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday; and 7:30 p.m. Sunday.

WHERE: Detroit Opera House

TICKETS: \$32.50-\$65, available at the Fisher Theatre box office and all Ticketmaster outlets. To charge tickets call (248) 645-6666. For information call (313) 872-1000.

doing it by instinct my way."

Her first performance as Norma Desmond was in September 1995. She stayed with the London production until it closed on April 5, 1997.

"I disliked her intensely when I started playing her," said Clark about Norma Desmond. "When I got used to being her, I began to understand her, then I began to love her. When the show ended in London, I missed this friend I made."

Clark will be touring with the cast of "Sunset Boulevard," as part of a 47-city tour in the U.S. until December. "I'm from England you know, and I enjoy traveling around the States," she said.

A show biz veteran who started her career at the age of 10 when she appeared on the BBC and did shows for the troops during World War II at Army camps, Clark is a trooper. She admits that Webber's musicals can be challenging both as an actress and a singer. In

"Sunset Boulevard," the focus of the production is on Norma Desmond.

"You just have to take care of yourself," she said. "It's a great role to play. It's a journey you have to take every night. As soon as I have my make-up on and hear the music, I'm ready for that long, difficult journey. I'm prepared for it."

She's enjoying playing opposite Lewis Cleale. "He's an amazing actor, and an amazingly clever singer," she said.

She compared working with Cleale to playing tennis with a good tennis player. "It keeps you on your toes," she said. "It helps you perform better."

Long before we started humming the words to "Downtown," the song that made her a household name, Clark was already an established actress and singer.

She made her first film at age 12, "A Medal for the General," and appeared in more than two dozen films in the late 1940s and early 1950s.

Her first big hit was "With All My Heart," in the 1950s. In the late 1960s she appeared in Francis Ford Coppola's screen version of "Finians Rainbow," opposite the late Fred Astaire, and starred with Peter O'Toole in "Goodbye Mr. Chips."

Stage credits include "The Sound of Music," "Candida" and "Blood Brothers." She composed the music and starred in "Someone

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COMMUNITY THEATER

Actresses recall experiences for riveting drama

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Tom Ziegler's play about two women struggling to unravel their own truths about life and death really hit home for Elizabeth Bradford. Tears glistening in her eyes, Bradford talked about the role she plays in "Grace & Glorie," the upcoming Trinity House Theatre production. Two weeks after rehearsals began, Bradford's mother was diagnosed with breast cancer.

Bradford plays Glorie, a 30-something woman who's left a career as a high-powered New York executive to become a hospice volunteer. She befriends Grace, a woman dying of cancer in the backwoods of Virginia.

"It's both hard and cathartic, as Glo-

rie deals with Grace dying and the death of her own son, to see how someone else deals with it," said Bradford of Plymouth. "Grace ends up showing her there are joys in life, and loss is a part of living."

Trudy Mason got a bonus when she double cast the roles of Glorie and

"Grace & Glorie"

WHEN: Friday, March 5 through Sunday, March 28 with a special preview Wednesday, March 3. Curtain times 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday.

WHERE: Trinity House Theatre, 38840 W. Six Mile, (west of I-275), Livonia.

TICKETS: \$10, \$8 for groups of 10 or more. Call (734) 464-6302.

Grace because she didn't want to risk losing one of the play's two characters to a snow storm or sickness — four actresses with life experiences similar to the characters they're playing. Each bring their own interpretations to the roles.

"It's a universal theme," said Mason. "We all have to deal with life and death. The characters are from different places and different lives. Glorie has a lot to learn from the older lady. Yet there's this thread they discover, they're all human."

Mason's 35 years in theater readied her to direct this play. From acting in "The Merry Wives of Windsor" at Meadow Brook Theatre to singing gospel in a

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STAFF PHOTO BY ELIZABETH CARNIGIE

Looking for Aretha: Keith Richards met members of the media with a rousing "Yeah" after descending from a Northwest Airlines jet on Saturday at Oakland County International Airport. Singer Aretha Franklin was the first person for whom he asked.

'Stones' roll into Detroit

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
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As the Rolling Stones' luxury Northwest Airlines jet landed at Oakland County International Airport, guitarist Keith Richards had one request for Detroit-area media.

"Is Aretha (Franklin) here? I want some home cookin,'" he said after greeting the media with a rousing "Yeah! Detroit, it's good to be back here."

Richards' flamboyant exit — with voodoo walking stick in hand and

'Yeah! Detroit, it's good to be back here.'

— Keith Richards

fishy lure-like accessories dangling from his hair — from the airplane at 7:20 p.m. Saturday

was a way to divert attention from singer Mick Jagger who walked immediately to a nearby limo.

The band was in town to play The Palace of Auburn Hills on Monday. Richards and guitarist Ron Wood said they're happy to return to the "club" atmosphere of arenas.

"God's not in the band anymore. You don't have to worry about the weather. You don't have to worry about the elements," Richards said of the nights spent playing outdoor stadiums.

"It's great getting nearer to the fans and especially because of the smaller stage," Wood added as drummer Charlie Watts snuck up behind him grinning like a Cheshire cat. When asked if he misses having the freedom to roam around a large stage, Wood explained, "It keeps us under control."

The Stones didn't have any big plans for the two days leading up to its concert. Wood, mimicking a boxer, said he was happy just sitting in his hotel room and watching the Felix Trinidad and Pernell Whitaker fight on HBO.



Grace & Glorie: Elizabeth Lee (left) and Laura Gumina play two women from vastly different backgrounds who are struggling with life and death matters.

Music masters help out a friend

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
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The guest list is impressive — guitar masters Chet Atkins, Earl Klugh and Larry Carlton, bluegrass sensation Alison Krauss, jazz saxman Kirk Whalum, trumpeter Marcus Belgrave and vibes legend Gary Burton.

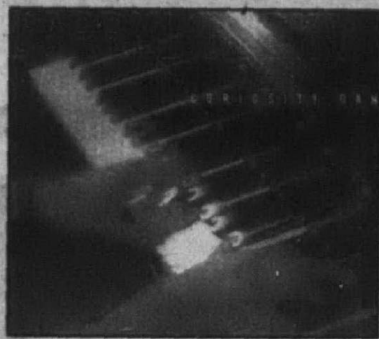
Now Darryl Dybka just needs to find the right distributor for his "Curiosity Dance" CD.

Darryl Dybka? The composer-pianist may not be well known to the general public but his long years as a sideman have earned the Redford native the respect of his fellow musicians.

A 1971 graduate of Redford Thurston High School, Dybka's soft jazz stylings belie his beginnings as a touring musician with Frank Zappa.

"It was a real short tour, but I learned a lot," the quiet-spoken musician said. "It was exciting to go into a sports arena and everyone screaming. I wasn't used to that."

His next gig was closer in spirit to his musical tastes when he joined Detroit jazz guitarist Earl Klugh for six years, including a



performance at Carnegie Hall.

"He came to hear me play at a club in Rochester and he told me to call him back in a couple weeks, so I did," Dybka said.

On the album notes, Dybka thanks Klugh for "all the fun times out on tour and in the studio.... What a great pleasure it is for me to hear you play your guitar so beautifully on your compositions."

It was Klugh who helped Dybka move to his next long-term association.

"Earl knew I wanted to write music," Dybka said. "Chet Atkins was looking for someone who wrote tunes. Chet heard some of my songs and said he really liked one and said 'I could use a guy like you in my band if you ever moved to Nashville.' So I

moved here in 1985."

Dybka toured with Atkins from 1992 to 1994 and co-produced three of his records. In 1992 he won a Grammy certificate for co-producing the Chet Atkins-Jerry Reed "Sneakin' Around" album.

"The reason he wanted to use me as a composer was to give him a jazzier sound, he was looking to get into new music," Dybka said.

Atkins recorded several of Dybka's compositions and co-wrote several songs with him.

Dybka obviously admires his mentors, Klugh and Atkins.

"I think they're similar, not in what they play but in their appreciation of the guitar and music in general," he said. "They have strong love for their instrument."

Dybka's own musical tastes are rooted in modern jazz.

"I love and listen to a lot of Herbie Hancock, Keith Jarrett, Miles Davis. I like Weather Report," he said.

Dybka said working with Gary Burton, who has recently reteamed with Chick Corea for several sold-out concerts, was as if he were visiting the Beatles.

Allison Krauss joined on through her brother Viktor, who

plays bass on the album.

"I wanted someone to do a little scatting, not jazz scatting but non-verbal singing to get across an emotion," Dybka said. "I was thrilled about her, she sings beautifully."

He said beauty was a major focus of his music.

"I enjoy more complex harmonies than just simple music," he said.

Dybka's music is multi-layered but soft, almost delicate. His work with Atkins on "Jimmy" shows some of the guitarist's country influence.

When asked for his favorite cuts, Dybka chooses his solo work on "Amber Sunshine" and the complex "Five Balloons" with Larry Carlton and flute and sax playing by Denis Solee.

The music is reminiscent of CDs produced by the Windham Hill and Concord labels and Dybka said those are two companies he will be approaching, but he is more interested in his composing and performing.

He's working on another CD even as he tries to peddle "Curiosity Dance."

"I'm having to depend on other people, I don't want to spend a career being a record guy," he said.



On Stage: Zachary Boose (left) of Royal Oak stars as File, Amanda Poland as Lizzie and Dean Martell of Livonia as Starbuck in "The Rainmaker."

Local thespians light up the stage

There's "No Business Like Show Business" for talented local and actors and actress who participate in community theater.

Local thespians are featured in the following upcoming productions.

Zachary Boose of Royal Oak and Dean Martell of Livonia star in the Grosse Pointe Theatre production of "The Rainmaker" by N. Richard Nash. Opening 8 p.m. Thursday, March 11 in the Fries Auditorium of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore Road, Grosse Pointe Farms, the show continues 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, through Saturday, March 27. Tickets are \$13, call (313) 881-4004.

Not to be confused with the recent film by the same title, "The Rainmaker" is the classic American play which also became the 1956 film, starring Katherine Hepburn and Burt Lancaster.

It is the story of Lizzie, the only woman in her family, who believes she is plain and will become an old maid. In this romance, set against the backdrop of the drought-ridden Southwest, the charismatic rainmaker Starbuck helps Lizzie to realize that she has a beauty all

her own. Sarah Hope Hedeon of Livonia is directing "Quilters" by Barbara Damashek and Molly Newman to be presented March 12-14, March 19-21 and March 26-27 at the North Rosedale Park Community House, 18445 Scarsdale, Detroit (west of Southfield Road, south of McNichols). Call (313) 531-0431 for ticket information.

Hedeon performed "Quilters" five six years ago at Trinity House Theatre in Livonia. A musical, "Quilters" celebrates life in pioneer America in the late 1800s. Seven women depict the true stories of over 150 characters.

Stagecrafters is presenting the comedy "Light Up the Sky," by Moss Hart, March 12-28 at the historic Baldwin Theatre in downtown Royal Oak. Tickets are \$10-\$12, call (248) 541-6430. A special dinner package is available from Illusions Bar & Grill in downtown Royal Oak, call (248) 586-1313.

The production features Rosemary Gass of Southfield, Maureen Cook of Beverly Hills, Mark and Linda Hammell of Lathrup Village, Tania Velinsky of Royal Oak, Brigid Michael of Walled Lake, and Tom Krell of Royal Oak. Jay Kaplan of Lathrup Village directs.

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Like You," an original stage musical set in the aftermath of the American Civil War. She also co-wrote the book with Fay Weldon.

Show business is the only business she knows, and if she had the opportunity to do anything else, it "would be something wonderful," she said. Hesitating a few seconds, she says, "I'd like to work with refugees. I've been out with the U.N. and would like to go out there in the field instead of just raising money. I'd like to do something worthwhile. Sometimes you think show business is not worthwhile, but then you'll get a letter from someone who says they probably wouldn't be alive if it wasn't for your music."

Maybe we are doing something worthwhile, but we don't think of it that way at the time."

She's working on a one woman show with a team from Cirque Soleil. "It's a concert with attitudes and special effects," she said. "It's very special. There will be visual and sound effects."

Still, it's hard to picture Clark as anywhere but "Downtown, where all the lights are bright..."

Did she know it would be a hit?

"I knew it was a good song," she said. "But people are the ones who tell you what's a hit. It's like a recipe. You can have all the right ingredients, but there's something that makes it work."

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CBS commercial, Mason has honed her skills behind as well as in front of the footlights. As a director, she's managed to draw thunderous applause for Jackson Productions' "The Fantasticks" and Trinity House Theatre's "Jugger's Rain" and "The Boys Next Door." She expects "Grace & Glorie" to do the same because it deals with the topical issues of life support and right to die.

"This play is well-written and beautifully crafted," said Mason. "The dialogue weaves in and out. This Appalachian lady is surrounded by quilts in her cabin and the play is like that patchwork. It's a very truthful play and it's very hopeful. It appears Grace has nothing left. At the end, that's not the case. Our lives are more than our apparent or

seeming wealth."

Preparing to die

Although Dorothy Dunne enjoys doing light comedy, she looks forward to playing a character like Grace, the 90-year-old woman is forced to sell her family orchard to developers. Grace is preparing to die. Dunne watched her own mother go through the process.

"It is a part which connects me to my mother who died in 1981," said Dunne of Livonia. "She was very down-willed. Nothing held her back. She raised seven children and at the end went through a radical mastectomy. I can feel Grace's pain. My challenge is the serenity and acceptance that Grace has with her life."

Even though Laura Gumina is the exact opposite of Grace — an unsophisticated, uneducated, shoot-from-the-hip woman with a fighting spirit — the hardest part of playing her was learning how to knit. Gumina used her more than 25 years of theatrical experience to create the pain in Grace's voice and eyes.

"You're given the words by the playwright, but the actor has to take those words and breathe life into them," said Gumina, a Redford resident who's taught theater at Southfield Public Schools, Cranbrook Middle School and the Roper Schools in Bloomfield Hills, and Trinity House's summer youth drama program. "My parents have died. I've suffered a lot of loss, so I felt experienced. Everything Grace stood for is in rubble so she has to ask herself what was her life been for."

Elizabeth Lee draws on the emotions she felt when her grandmother was dying of pancreatic cancer. Lee plays the younger woman watching Grace die.

"It's getting in touch with going through that loss," said Lee, a Hazel Park resident who grew up in Birmingham. "You have to let yourself revive emotions that socially we repress. It really makes me reflect on living

life right now, cherishing the relationships I have."

Technical challenges

"Grace & Glorie" did have its challenges though for set designer Gary Grace of Plymouth. Technically, the play tested the abilities of Grace to produce a pump with running water, a wood stove and fire, and to fit all of it along with Grace's bed onto the tiny Trinity House stage. Sound and special effects were a challenge for Mason and Mark Hammell of Sound Ideas because Grace's cabin is in the midst of a construction site.

"Sound was a big challenge because it's the third character," said Mason. "The dynamite explosions and falling trees occur constantly and interrupt Grace's conversations with Glorie."

Joe Garreffa, a graduate of the Detroit High School for the Performing Arts and assistant director, loves the play despite its challenges.

"It's beautifully written," Joe Garreffa, who acted in Trinity House's "Sister Camille's Kaleidoscopic Cabaret" in November. "The interconnection of the characters. It's a study of life and death and acceptance of both of those."

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Thriller: David Ellenstein and Denise Michelle Young in Meadow Brook Theatre's production of "Scotland Road."

'Scotland Road' sinks with its cleverness

"Scotland Road," Tuesday-Saturday, through Sunday, March 7. Meadow Brook Theatre, Wilson Hall, Oakland University campus, Rochester Hills; (248) 377-3300.

BY FRANK PROVENZANO
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From now on, any future discussions about the Titanic as a source of inspiration for a book, movie or play should be referred to "Scotland Road."

If ever a tale put to rest the notion that the sinking of the unsinkable ocean liner was a timeless story, "Scotland Road" is it.

In the end, the play sinks from an all-too-clever premise and the bloated promise of suspense. ("Scotland Road," by the way, is a reference to the hallway passage taken by third-class passengers to the top deck on the doomed ship.)

Despite some fine moments of acting, the cast and Meadow Brook director Geoffrey Sherman do not pull off the difficult task of delving into the popular mythology of the Titanic.

Instead, audiences are presented with a neat-plot idea that author Jeffrey Hatcher stretched into a one-act play, set in the present.

The premise of "Scotland Road" is torn from the tabloids. A woman, who is found floating in the Atlantic, claims to be a survivor of the Titanic. Discard reason and the obvious absurdity. At least that's the course of the supposed grandson of a victim of the Titanic, the tycoon John Jacob Astor.

In a sterile gas station turned private sanitarium along the coast of Maine, Astor has confined the lost woman in order to discover whether she is telling the truth. A grueling interrogation conducted by Astor and an

accommodating psychologist is intended to reveal the woman's true identity and motivation.

Along the way, Astor is slowly convinced that maybe the woman is who she says she is. The twist is that Astor isn't who he says he is.

The success of this kind of dramatic sleight-of-hand, however, depends on whether audiences can empathize with the play's characters.

But initially, the play fails to draw any deep emotional connection to the audience. The story is told through vignettes, flashes of the interrogation and audio interludes of rushing water as the emotionally cool woman sits in an authentic early century deck chair.

Fortunately, Astor played by David Ellenstein begins to thaw as he reveals his need to discover how his supposed great-grandfather died.

Ellenstein hits the mark as he becomes more vulnerable, and the audience learns of his character's bizarre obsession with the Titanic tale.

Ironically, the woman who was discovered on an iceberg, played by Denise Michelle Young, slowly thaws and offers the most chilling and convincing accounts of the last moments afloat the Titanic.

It's a tale of heroism, cowardice and injustice.

Of course, it's a story of which audiences have shown an insatiable appetite.

The strongest moments in "Scotland Road" are the insightful examinations of how the Titanic story has been clinically dissected by the mass media.

But ultimately, the play's unsatisfying climax renders any insight as a mere afterthought. "Scotland Road" never sees the iceberg ahead.

Plymouth Theatre Guild presents Rodgers and Hammerstein's "The Sound of Music" 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 26-27, March 5-6; and 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28 at the Water Tower Theatre on the grounds of the Northville Psychiatric Hospital (south of Seven Mile Road, west of I-275) in Northville. Call (248) 349-7110 for ticket information.

BY SUE SUCHYTA
 SPECIAL WRITER

From the beautiful opening prelude of nuns from the Nonnberg Abbey to the ending crescendo of "Climb Ev'ry Mountain," the music in the Plymouth Theatre Guild's production of "The Sound of Music" will stir your soul and warm your heart. Even if you think you've seen "The Sound of Music" too many times, the strong cast and Lisa Andres' clever and skillful direction, infuse the delightful show with new energy, and give PTG its season's must see production.

Set in Austria in 1938, "The Sound of Music" is the story of Maria, a young novice who is sent to be a governess for Captain von Trapp's seven children.

She uses music to unlock their hearts and changes all of their lives forever.

Jenni Clark of Royal Oak as Maria, sang beautifully and was full of vibrant energy. Both the impetuosity and warmth she invested in Maria, as well as her chemistry with the youngsters in the cast, created a heartwarming character. No even a lighting snafu, which left her in the dark for the balance of "I Have Confidence," caused her to miss a note.

The von Trapp children are a talented troupe from their impish antics in "The Lonely Goatherd" to the hauntingly beautiful tones of the title song. Each child developed their distinct personality traits, from Caitlin Donovan's inquisitive Brigitta to Brooke Andres' blossoming Liesel. Donovan is a resident of Farmington Hills, and Andres of Livonia.

The other cast members include Jeff Ott as Friedrich, Emily Tar as Louisa, Paul Luoma of Farmington Hills as Kurt, Sarah Wierciach as Marta, and Molly Donovan as Gretl.

Brooke's scenes with Jeremy Hargis as Rolf, the enamored telegram delivery boy, delivered a touch of innocence and magic. From Liesel's laughing entrance while perched on the handlebars of Rolf's bike, to the shy, yet flirtatious chemistry of the romantically choreographed and innocently sung, "Sixteen Going on Seventeen," there is young love in the air.

Nathan Kaufman as Captain von Trapp sang well, and captured the Captain's military reserve without sacrificing his warm affection for his children, and Maria. His voice, however, faded out at times, and some of his lines were lost to the house.

Tani Mough as Baroness Schraeder, captured the upper-class mannerisms and vocal inflections of her character. She's also vocally talented. Mough lacked, however, the elegant visage and couture one associates with a wealthy and sophisticated baroness of the 1930s, with her evening gown being the single exception.

Joe Donovan appeared as the clever and scheming Max Detweiler. Jeanette Sowman as

the Mother Abbess thrilled the house with her soaring rendition of "Climb Ev'ry Mountain." Corinne Fine made the most of the comic relief she provided as Frau Schmidt.

The set, an engineering marvel of versatility, was dominated by the majestic backdrop of the Austrian Alps. Scene changes were swift and seamless with the startlingly effective use of a huge, rapidly unfurled Nazi banner as the scene segued from the Villa von Trapp to the stage of the Salzburg Festival.

The von Trapp family costumes, especially those of the children, were exquisite, reaching the epitome of elegance during the wedding scene, during which Maria carried lilies. The tuxedo clad men among the party guests though were ill-matched by some of the Polyester-garbed ladies whose evening gowns seemed an afterthought.

Ursula, a von Trapp servant, would not have been so poorly dressed while serving elegant party guests.

Rivera mural is proud symbol of Detroit

BACKSTAGE PASS



ANN DELISI

When you visualize the Detroit area, what icons come to mind? The Renaissance Center? The Motown Museum? The Spirit of Detroit sculpture? Maybe you picture something that's either dead or dying—like The Hudson's Building or Tiger Stadium. I've seen such monuments as the Joe Louis fist and forearm sculpture or (yikes) the big tire along I-94 used as a snapshot when our city is in the national spotlight.

If asked to choose a single image that captures the story of the Detroit area in a beautiful and moving way, I'd pick Diego Rivera's "Detroit Industry" murals at the Detroit Institute of Arts. That's why I'm eagerly awaiting the world premiere of a new Meadow Brook Theatre production running March 10 through April 4, and a special March 21 benefit performance in support of Detroit Public Television's Backstage Pass series.

A Gift of Glory: Edsel Ford and the Diego Rivera Murals at the Detroit Institute of Arts, a drama from the theatre's playwright-in-residence Karim Alrawi, is based on the true life relationship between Edsel Ford, son of auto baron Henry Ford,

and Diego Rivera, one of the greatest muralists of the twentieth century.

It was Edsel who commissioned the controversial Rivera to create the murals for the walls of the prestigious art museum, over the objections of his father. Given the turbulence of the Great Depression and the union movement of the 1930s, the murals depicted autoworkers struggling for dignity in an industrial environment. Imagine the lively discussions they triggered in the boardrooms and around the Ford family dinner table. Ultimately, Edsel's gift is a shining example of how the Ford Motor Co. built its legacy of outstanding contributions to the arts.

In an edition which premieres on Channel 56 at 7:30 p.m., Sunday, February 28, Backstage Pass

takes you on location to the Detroit Institute of Arts to celebrate Rivera's achievement, and visits Meadow Brook Theatre for a behind-the-scenes look at the production.

I hope you'll join me, Karim Alrawi, and the cast of A Gift of Glory for the benefit performance at Oakland University's Wilson Hall on March 21.

Ticket information is available by calling 248-377-3300.

Still smitten by the Valentine's Day performance by Maxim Vengerov in Ann Arbor is Madonna University's Dave Wagner, who also serves as Backstage Pass classical music host.

"Vengerov not only has great technique, but also the musician-ship to go with it and a wonderful, charming personality, which

is a rare combination," he says.

The local visit by the 24-year-old Siberian violinist was a highlight of this year's classical offerings, as you'll discover by seeing him perform in a Backstage Pass rebroadcast Friday, Feb. 26, at midnight.

Speaking of highlights, how about the exciting announcement that The Three Tenors will perform at the soon to be obsolete Tiger Stadium this summer? Staging such a high-profile event surely will boost the area's reputation as a center for the performing arts. It's also another reminder that such things as a sports stadium, a record company, a retail store, and a hometown brewery can go the way of the Edsel motor car, but the arts, if supported, endure.

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DETROIT OPERA HOUSE

"Sunset Boulevard," Andrew Lloyd Webber's musical starring Petula Clark as Norma Desmond, runs March 2-21, 8 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays, 7:30 p.m. Sundays, and 2 p.m. Saturdays-Sundays, at the opera house, Detroit. \$32.50-\$65. (248) 645-6666

DETROIT REPERTORY THEATRE

"Camp Logan," Celeste Bedford Walker's play about the Houston riot and court martial of 1917, through Sunday, March 21, 8:30 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, 3 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sundays, at the theater, 13103 Woodrow Wilson, Detroit. \$15. (313) 868-1347

FOX THEATRE

"Cats," 8 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday, March 2-4, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 5-6, and 1 p.m. Sunday, March 7, at the theater, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets at Ticketmaster. All ages. (248) 433-1515

JEWISH ENSEMBLE THEATRE

"Never the Sinner," John Logan's dramatization of the Leopold and Loeb story of the 1924 thrill killing of 14-year-old Bobby Franks, through March 7, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday and Sunday, 8 p.m. Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday, at the Aaron DeRoy Theatre, lower level of the Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple Road at Drake, West Bloomfield. Community forums follow Thursday evening and Sunday matinee performances. Featured speakers include Mort Crim, George Canton, and Clementine Barfield of So Sad. Call for details. \$13-\$23, discounts for seniors/students. (248) 788-2900

MEADOW BROOK THEATRE

"Scotland Road," Jeffrey Hatcher's thriller about a woman found floating in the Atlantic in 1998 claiming to be a Titanic survivor, through March 7, at the theater on the campus of Oakland University in Rochester. (248) 377-3300

PLANET ANT THEATRE

"Garage," a hilarious musical comedy written by and starring Detroit Second City mainstage alumni Joshua Funk and Nancy Hayden, chronicles three decades in the life of an ill-fated band formed in the 1970s in a Hamtramck garage, continues through February, 8 p.m. and midnight Thursdays, 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturday, and 7 p.m. Sundays, at the theater, 2357 Caniff, Hamtramck. \$10. (313) 365-4948 or <http://www.planetant.com>

COLLEGE

WSU BONSTELLE

"Our Country's Good," a hilarious and harrowing play illustrating how theater has the potential to change people's lives when a colony of convicts attempt to do comedy, opens March 5 and runs through March 14, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday, at 3424 Woodward, Detroit. \$8-10. (313) 577-2960

WSU HILBERRY THEATRE

Charles Dickens' classic "A Tale of Two Cities," runs in rotating repertory to March 4, Moss Hart's riotous comedy "Light Up the Sky" continues in rotating repertory to April 1, at the theater, 4743 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$10-\$17. (313) 577-2972

WSU STUDIO THEATRE

Athol Fugard's "The Road to Mecca," a compelling tale of human individuality in a conformist society, set in a small village in Africa in 1974 and based on a real-life South African artist, opens Feb. 25, 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays through March 7 at the theater downstairs from the Hilberry, 4743 Cass Ave. at Hancock, Detroit. \$6-8. (313) 577-2972

COMMUNITY THEATER

AVON PLAYERS

"The Children's Hour," Lillian Hellman's adult drama, March 5-7, 12-14 and 18-20, 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, and 2 p.m. Sundays, at the theater, 1185 Tienken Road, east of Rochester Road, Rochester Hills. \$13. (248) 608-9077

COMIC OPERA GUILD

"Kismet," a musical Arabian Nights, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 25-27, and 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Feb. 27-28, at the Lydia Mendelssohn Theatre, Ann Arbor. \$16, \$13 seniors, \$7 students. (734) 973-3264

FARMINGTON PLAYERS

"The Fantasticks" by Tom Jones and Harvey Schmidt, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 26-27, in the Players Barn, 32332 W. 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills. \$14. (248) 553-2955

HARTLAND PLAYERS

"Faithful," the adult comic/thriller by Chazz Palminteri, Feb. 26-27 and March 6-7, 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, and 2 p.m. Sunday, at the Hartland Music Hall, 3619 Avon, Hartland. \$8, \$7 seniors; reserved seating. (810) 220-3521

NOVI THEATRES

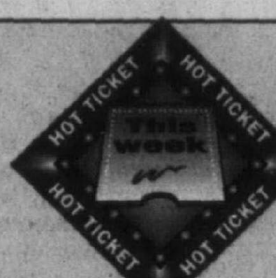
"The Wizard of Oz," the Broadway musical, 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturday, March 5, 12-13, and 3 p.m. Saturday, March 6, at the Novi Civic Center Stage, 45175 W. 10 Mile.

PLYMOUTH THEATRE GUILD

"The Sound of Music," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 26-28, and Friday-Saturday, March 5-6, and 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28, Water Tower Theatre on the campus of Northville Psychiatric Hospital, 41001 W. Seven Mile Road,



Special event: The multi-color extravaganza of Cirque Ingenieux has a P.T. Barnum influence. Cirque Ingenieux continues through Sunday, Feb. 28 at Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 350 Madison Avenue, Detroit. Performances: 7:30 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.



ST. PATRICK'S DINNER DANCE & AUCTION

6:30 p.m. Saturday, March 6, cocktail reception, dinner, live entertainment and auction, at St. Mary's Cultural Center, Merriman Road, Livonia. \$125, \$75, \$50, \$1,000 for table of 10. Proceeds to benefit Community Hospice & Home care Services. (734) 522-4244

"IT'S THE TOPSI!"

A re-creation of Top of the Park to benefit the Ann Arbor Summer Festival, with performances by Trademark, Cigar Store Indians, and rockabilly DJ Del Villarreal, 6:30 p.m. Saturday, March 13, Ann Arbor Civic Theatre, 2275 Platt Road, between Washtenaw and Packard roads, Ann Arbor. \$125 includes 20 coupons to select food and beverages and games of chance, and \$75 tax-deductible donation; \$7 cover charge to dance, watch movies, buy tickets for games, ice cream and popcorn. (734) 647-2278 or <http://www.mlive.com/aasf>

CLASSICAL

LIONA BOYD

8 p.m. Wednesday, March 3, Capitol Theatre and Arts Centre, 121 University Ave., Windsor. \$25 adults, \$22.50 seniors and students. (519) 253-8065 or <http://www.mnsi.net/~capitol>

DETROIT SYMPHONY CIVIC ORCHESTRA

With Ya-Hui Wang, conductor, performing works of Bernstein, Copland and Dvorak, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets at the box office. (313) 833-3700 or <http://www.detroitssymphony.com>

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

With conductor Yan Pascal Tortelier and violinist Emmanuelle Boisvert, 10:45 a.m. Friday, Feb. 26, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28; With Tortelier and British pianist Howard Shelley, 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, March 4-5, and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, March 6, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$13-\$48, \$40-\$60 box seats. Rush tickets for students and senior citizens aged 60 or older (with proper identification) are available at a 50 percent discount at the box office window 90 minutes before each classical concert. (313) 576-5111 or <http://www.detroitssymphony.com>

LIVONIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Features guest pianist 14-year old Joshua Cullen performing George Gershwin's "Concerto in F," 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 6, at Churchill High School auditorium, 8900 Newburgh, north of Joy Road, Livonia. \$15, \$8 children age 12 and under. (248) 645-6666/(734) 464-2741/(734) 421-1111

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

JASON VIEAUX

The classical guitarist performs 8 p.m. Saturday, March 6, in Kresge Hall at Madonna University, 36600 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia. \$15. (248) 975-8797

ORGAN

MOTOR CITY THEATRE ORGAN SOCIETY

Winter Movie Series continues with "Hello, Dolly!" featuring Barbara Streisand and Walter Matthau, 8 p.m. Friday, March 5, and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, March 6 (organ overtures start 30 minutes earlier, guest organists evening Lance Luce, matinee Gus Borman), at the Historic Redford Theatre, 17360 Lahser Road at Grand River, Detroit. \$2.50. (313) 531-4407

POPS/SWING

SHAKEN NOT STIRRED

9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, Boulders, 1020 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. Free. 21 and older. (734) 459-4190 (swing)

STARLIGHT DRIFTERS

10 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25, Gameworks inside Great Lakes Crossing, 4316 Baldwin Road, Auburn Hills. Free. 21 and older. (248) 745-9675; 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, during the Rockers game, Joe Louis Arena, 600 Civic Center Dr., Detroit. Tickets at Ticketmaster. All ages. (313) 983-6606 (western swing)

IV-VI ORCHESTRA

9-11:30 p.m. Thursdays, at the Soup Kitchen, 1585 Franklin, Detroit. (313) 259-1374; 7-9:30 p.m. Sundays, at the Heidelberg, 215 N. Main, Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 663-7758

AUDITIONS

AVON PLAYERS

Open auditions for five females, 2 male youths and an ensemble of storytellers of all ages for "Children of Eden," a new musical based on the Biblical stories of Adam & Eve, Cain & Abel and Noah's Ark, 6 p.m. Sunday, March 7 and 7 p.m. Monday, March 8, at the playhouse, 1185 Tienken Road, east of Rochester Road, Rochester Hills. (248) 608-0792

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

HENRY FORD MUSEUM/GREENFIELD VILLAGE

Auditions for 16 women, including 6 African-American women, and 21 men, including 4 African-Americans, for three different shows, 2-5 p.m. Sunday, March 7 and 4-7 p.m. Monday, March 8, at the Anderson Center Theater, 20900 Oakwood Boulevard, inside Henry Ford Museum, Dearborn. To schedule an appointment, call (313) 982-6044

JAZZ AND SPIRIT DANCE THEATRE OF DETROIT

Auditions for modern and jazz dancers age 18 and up, 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 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 <http://www.causeway.com/pg/>

RIDGEDALE PLAYERS

Auditions for six men and 11 women for Stephen Sondheim's musical "Into the Woods," 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 1, callbacks March 2, at the playhouse, 205 W. Long Lake, between Livernois and Crooks, Troy. For performances April 30 to May 23. (734) 591-3405

SHOWBIZ EXPO

Accepting applications from boys and girls ages 3-18 for Michigan's 12th annual Showbiz Entertainment and Photogenic Expo, March 20-21, portions of all proceeds to benefit Make-A-Wish Foundation. (248) 650-1741/(810) 977-2741

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, 20-23, 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

TROY PLAYERS

Auditions for six women for "Steel Magnolias," 7 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, March 1-2, at the Troy Community Center (old Troy High School), 3179 Livernois, Troy. For performances April 9-10 and 16-18. (248) 879-1285

VAULT 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 St., at Woodward, south of Maple, Birmingham. For performances May 11, 13-16, 21-23, and 28-29. (248) 424-5658/(313) 226-3329

JAZZ

GERI ALLEN

With vocalist Dee Dee Bridgewater, bassist Thomas Baramere, 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>

GARY BLUMER TRIO

9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (piano/bass/drums)

DAVE DOUGLAS TINY BELL TRIO

8 p.m. Friday, March 5, at the Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Avenue, Ann Arbor. \$15, \$10. (734) 769-2999 or kch@ic.net

KURT ELLING

9 p.m. and 11 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 5-6, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. \$18 in advance. (734) 662-8310 or <http://www.99music.com>

HEIDI HEPLER/MICHELE RAMO/TODD CURTIS

11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays, at Vic's Market, 42875 Grand River Ave., Novi. (248) 305-7333

"HIGH SCHOOL JAZZ BAND SHOWCASE"

With Ellen Rowe, 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. \$5. All ages. (734) 662-8310

"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

JAZZHEAD

9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday, March 5, Copper Canyon Brewery, 27522 Northwestern Highway, Southfield. Free. 21 and older. (248) 223-1700

"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

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Northville. \$11 in advance at The Penman Deli, 820 Penman St., Plymouth, Gardenview's, 202 W. Main St., Northville, and Evola Music, 7170 Haggerty Road North, Canton; \$12 at the door. Discounts for groups of 15 or more. (248) 349-7110

RIDGEDALE PLAYERS

"Beau Jest," a comedy involving a young Jewish woman who hires an actor to pretend to be her Jewish doctor boyfriend in order to please her parents, 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, March 5-6, 12-13 and 19-20, and 3 p.m. Sundays, March 14 and 21, at the playhouse, 205 W. Long Lake, between Crooks and Livernois, Troy. \$11, \$10 students/seniors on Sundays. (248) 988-7049

TINDERBOX PRODUCTIONS

"Into the Woods" by Stephen Sondheim, an adult production suitable for families, 8 p.m. Saturdays, March 6 and 13 and Friday, March 12, and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 7, at the Cathedral Theatre in Masonic Temple, 500 Temple Ave., Detroit. \$12 at the door, \$10 advance. (313) 535-8962

TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE

"Grace & Gloria," a drama about two women from different backgrounds who find friendship as they struggle with matters of death and life, 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, March 5-6, 12-13, 19-20 and 26-27, and 2 p.m. Sundays, March 7, 14, 21, and 28, at the theater, 38840 W. Six Mile, (west of I-75), Livonia. \$10, \$8 for groups of 10 or more. (734) 464-6302

ZEITGEIST

"Glengarry Glen Ross," David Mamet's Pulitzer Prize winning drama, 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, February 26-27, at Zeitgeist, 2661 Michigan Avenue, one mile from Tiger Stadium, Detroit. \$10, includes refreshments. (313) 965-9192

DINNER THEATER

BACI ABRACCI ITALIAN CUPHOUSE

"Tony n' Tina's Wedding," an interactive theatre show with patrons having an Italian dinner, and dancing to a live band performing traditional Italian wedding songs, has an open-ended run, at the restaurant, 40 W. Pike St., Pontiac. 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays-Fridays, 2 p.m. and 7:30 Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sundays. \$50 Wednesday-Thursday and Sundays, \$55 Friday and Saturdays, in advance at 8 W. Lawrence St., Pontiac. (248) 745-8668/(248) 645-6666

DAVE AND BUSTER'S

"Contract: Death," a comedic mystery in which the lead character attends a business convention along with unhappy wife, jilted mistress and business rival, 8 p.m. Saturdays through March 13, at the D & B entertainment center, M-59 and M-53, Utica. \$32.95. Not recommended for children under age 18. (810) 930-1515

YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

PAPER BAG PRODUCTIONS

The children's musical "Jack and the Beanstalk," runs Saturdays-Sundays Feb. 27 to Sunday, May 23, 1 p.m. Saturdays (lunch at noon) and 2 p.m. Sundays (lunch at 1 p.m.), at the Historic Players Club, 3321 East Jefferson, between Mt. Elliott and McDougall across from Harbortown, Detroit. \$7.50, includes lunch and

SPECIAL EVENTS

ASTROLOGY/PSYCHIC FAIR

Astrologers, card readers, palmistry, psychics, lectures, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, at the Royal Oak American Legion Hall, Rochester and 12 Mile roads. \$5. (248) 528-2610

COMPUTER & TECHNOLOGY SHOW

Noon to 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, and until 6 p.m. Feb. 28, at the Gibraltar Trade Center-Taylor, Eureka and I-75. (734) 287-2000

DUQUESNE UNIVERSITY TAMBU-RITZANS

A concert by the musicians, dancers and vocalists portraying the cultures of Eastern Europe, 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28, at Lakeview High School Auditorium, 21100 11 Mile Road, St. Clair Shores. \$18, \$15. (248) 645-6666

"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 <http://www.fsp.org>

GREAT DETROIT SPORTFISHING AND TRAVEL EXPO

4-9 p.m. Thursday-Friday, March 4-5, 10 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Saturday, March 6, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, March 7, The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr., Auburn Hills. \$7.50, \$3.50 for children ages 12 and younger. (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacenet.com>

GREAT MICHIGAN GOLF SHOW

2-9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27 and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28, at the Pontiac Silverdome, 1200 Featherstone Road. \$8, \$5 teens, \$3 ages 6-12, \$1 off seniors. (248) 456-1600

RAILROAD MEMORABILIA SHOW AND SALE

Fifty dealers display train items to swap and buy, noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, March 7 at St. Martha's Parish Hall, 18100 Oakwood Blvd, across the street from Oakwood Hospital, south of Greenfield Village, Dearborn. \$2, \$5 family, \$10 early birds, with proceeds to St. Martha's ushers for church improvements and the Bluewater Michigan Chapter of the National Railroad Historical Society for its restoration program for passenger cars. The Bluewater chapter will show videos of their steam trip May 22-23 to Clare. (313) 277-2419

UNDERGROUND RAILROAD

"Northville's Connection on the Underground Railroad" presented by Julie Fountain and her guitar, 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 28, at the Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady St., south of Main Street, west of Center (Sheldon) Street. Free. (248) 349-3020

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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

KUZ

9 p.m. Tuesday, March 2, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 21 and older. (734) 662-8310 ("out-jazz")

SHEILA LANDIS AND RICK MATLE

7-10 p.m. Wednesdays in March, Woodruff's, 212 W. Sixth St., Royal Oak. Free. All ages. (248) 586-1519

LARVAL

With Groop Dogdrill and 50 Tons of Black Terror, 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$8. 18 and older. (313) 833-9700 (avant jazz/rock)

HAROLD MCKINNEY AND WENDELL HARRISON

9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 26-27, at Tom's Oyster Bar, 29106 Franklin Road, Southfield. (248) 356-8881

MATT MICHAELS

With Larry Nozoro (sax) and Johnny Trudell (trumpet) Thursday, Feb. 25, at the Botsford Inn, Farmington. \$5 cover waived with dinner order. (248) 474-4800

M.A.S. (MUTUAL ADMIRATION SOCIETY)

8 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, March 3-6, Duet, 3663 Woodward Ave., at Mack/Martin Luther King Boulevard, Detroit. Reservations recommended. (313) 831-3838

SHAHIDA NURULLAH TRIO

8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 26, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (vocal/piano/bass)

CECIL PAYNE

Baritone sax player performs with Marcus Belgrave, trumpet, Marcus Belgrave Jr., bass, George Davidson, drums, and Gary Schunk, piano, 9 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 26-27 (20); The forementioned band along with Beans Bowles, Richard Lazon, Larry Nozoro and Ben Pruitt also perform during the "Sunday Baritone Sax Summit," 6 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28 (20), both at SereNgeti Ballroom, 2957 Woodward Ave., Detroit. (313) 832-3010

CHARLES SCALES DUO

8 p.m. Mondays in March, Duet, 3663 Woodward Ave., at Mack/Martin Luther King Boulevard, Detroit. Reservations recommended. (313) 831-3838

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8 p.m. Tuesdays in March, Duet, 3663 Woodward Ave., at Mack/Martin Luther King Boulevard, Detroit. Reservations recommended. (313) 831-3838

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

BLACKTHORN

3 p.m. Sunday, March 7, at the Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road. \$8. (248) 424-9041 (Irish)

KODO

8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25, Power Center for the Performing Arts, 121 Fletcher St., Ann Arbor. \$26, \$30, \$32 and \$36. All ages. (734) 764-2538 or <http://www.ums.org> (Japanese drum)

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)

SUPER STEEL BAND

8:10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, Borders Books and Music, 34300 Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. All ages. (248) 203-0005

FOLK/BLUEGRASS

JIM PERKINS

9 p.m. Wednesdays in March, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (734) 650-5060 (acoustic folk)

THE RENO BROTHERS

With The Special Consensus, 8 p.m. Friday, March 5, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$13.50. All ages. (734) 761-1451 (bluegrass)

MICHAEL SMITH

7:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$12.50. All ages. (734) 761-1800 or <http://www.a2ark.org>

SONIA DADA

8 p.m. Thursday, March 4, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$15. All ages. (734) 761-1451

POETRY/ SPOKEN WORD

"POETRY IN MOTION"

Featuring J.C. Hyatt, 6-10 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28, at the Grand Cafe, 33316 Grand River, Farmington. No cover. (248) 615-9181

STORYTELLING WEEKEND

With Roslyn Bresnick-Perry, Namu Lwanga, David Holt, Jerry Feast 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 fiction writers Wendell Mayo and Wayne State University's Christopher T. Leland reading 12:30-1:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 3, room 3234 of the Wayne State University English Department Building, 51 W. Warren Avenue, Detroit. Free. (313) 577-7713/(313) 267-5300, ext. 338

DANCE

CONTRA DANCE

Experienced dancers, minimal walk-throughs, Peter Baker calls to music by Contrapneurs, 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26, at the Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Road, south of I-94, Ann Arbor. \$8. (734) 665-8863

"COUNTRY CLASS"

Country Western dance 7:45 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, at the Plymouth Elks, 41700 E. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. \$7. (734) 425-2207

POLKA DANCE

Presented by Polka Booster Club of America with music by Polka Towners Chapter II from Bay City, 3-7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28, at Pvt. Lyskawa Hall, 6828 Waverly, Dearborn Hgts. \$9. (313) 561-8389/(248) 471-2963

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

"COMEDY GUYS FOR KIDS"

With WPLT-FM's Johnny in the Morning, Jeff Dunham, John Caponera, Russ Ammagucci and Chris Zito, 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28, Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit. \$14.96, net revenue benefits the Children's Center in Detroit. (248) 645-6666 or <http://www.planet963.com>

EL DORADO COUNTRY CLUB

Joe Dunkle, Friday-Saturday, Feb. 26-27, at the club, 2869 N. Pontiac Trail, Commerce Township. (248) 624-1050

THE GAYLORDS

7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, Farmington Civic Theatre, 33332 Grand River Ave., at Farmington Road, Farmington. \$20. (248) 473-7777

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB

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

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, \$24.95 dinner show package), at the club, 5070 Schaefer Road, Dearborn, Victoria Jackson's show Friday-Saturday, Feb. 26-28, has been cancelled due to movie deal. (313) 584-8885

MAINSTREET COMEDY SHOWCASE

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); Mike "Chainsaw" Hessman, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, March 4 (\$8), 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday, March 5 (\$10), and 5:45 p.m., 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Saturday, March 6 (\$10), at the club, 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 996-9080

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE

Blair Shannon and Gary George, Thursday-Sunday, Feb. 25-28; Paul Kozak and Spike Rizzo, Wednesday-Sunday, March 3-7, and a special kids matinee at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 6, 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>

CHRIS ROCK

8 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$37.50 and \$45. All ages. (248) 433-1515

SECOND CITY

"Daimlers are a Girl's Best Friend," a fifth anniversary celebration show retrospective, 8 p.m. Wednesdays-Sundays with additional shows at 10:30 p.m. on Fridays-Saturdays through Feb. 7, at the club, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$10 Wednesdays, Thursdays, Sundays. \$17.50 on Fridays, and \$19.50 on Saturdays. (313) 965-2222

MUSEUMS AND TOURS

CRANBROOK ART MUSEUM

"Weird Science: A Conflation of Art and Science," featuring four artists' projects representing an ongoing exploration of a specific area of science, some incorporate specimens from Cranbrook Institute of Science, an Eastern Box turtle, satellite broadcasting prototypes, and a chicken coop,

through April 3, lectures by the artists Feb. 25, March 11, at the museum, 1221 N. 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 <http://www.cranbrook.edu/museum>

DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Church Tour Monday, March 1, (313) 833-1405; "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 prosperous era, at the museum, 5401 Woodward Ave. (at Kirby), Detroit. Museum hours are 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. Free admission Wednesdays; \$3 for adults, \$1.50 seniors and children aged 12-18, free for children ages 11 and younger Thursdays-Sundays. (313) 833-1805 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, also a life mask made 60 days before his assassination; "Rhythm Rising: Exploring America's Musical Roots" celebrates the contributions of African-Americans to world music week-ends in February, Will Davidson (spirituals) noon and 2 p.m. Feb. 27-28, and Perfect Blend (freedom songs) 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Feb. 28-March 1, also cooking demonstrations, dramatic presentations of an African tale, historical photo exhibit, and hands-on activities to create traditional African kufi hats, paper beads, quilt squares, at the museum during regular hours 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, 20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn. \$12.50, \$11.50 seniors, \$7.50 kids 5-12, members and children under 5 free. (313) 271-1620

MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY

In celebration of Black History Month, the museum presents a historical film noon Saturday, Feb. 27, "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 E. Warren, at Brush, Detroit. Activities free with museum admission \$5, \$3 ages 17 and under. (313) 494-5800

POPULAR MUSIC

AHADA

9 p.m. Tuesday, March 2, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

BLACK BEAUTY

With Thornetta Davis, 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty St., Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 451-1213 (rockabilly)

"BLIND PIG SHOWCASE"

Featuring Sarah Abramowitz, Away, Polecat and The Kind, 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 2, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Free. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (variety)

BLUE CAT

With Ken Murphy, 9 p.m. Friday, March 5, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

BLUE SUIT

9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, Ford Road, Bar and Grill, 35505 Ford Road, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (734) 721-8609 (blues)

CALAMITY JANE

With The Prime Ministers, formerly known as Sensitive Clown, 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5. 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 (pop rock)

DEEP SPACE SIX

With Baked Potato, 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Cover charge. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com> (jam rock/funk)

JIMMY DILLON

10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, Amer's First Street Grill, 102 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door. 21 and older. (734) 213-6000 (blues)

ELECTRIC BOOGALOO

With Baked Potato and John Norman, 9:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (funk)

ELIZA

9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Free. 21 and older. (313) 886-8101 (pop rock)

PETE "BIG DOG" FETTERS

9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26, Muldoon's, 3982 Auburn Road, Rochester Hills. Free. 21 and older. (248) 852-2707; 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Free. 21 and older. (313) 886-8101 (blues)

GODSMACK

With Grinspoon and Pushmonkey, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 3, St. Andrew's

Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$10 in advance. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com> (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

9 p.m. Thursday, March 4, Gameworks inside Great Lakes Crossing, 4316 Baldwin Road, Auburn Hills. Free. 21 and older. (248) 745-9675 (rock)

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 or <http://www.harbingersmile.com> (acoustic roots rock)

ALVIN YOUNGBLOOD HART

With Rollie Tussing, 8 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$10 in advance. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com> (blues)

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)

THE HOPE ORCHESTRA

8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26, Borders Books, 17141 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe. Free. All ages. (313) 885-1188 or <http://www.concentric.net/~hopeorch> (rock)

HOWLING DIABLOS

With Fathers of the Id, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$6. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (funk/rock)

CHUCK HUGHES

Ebeling Hughes member performs 10 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28, Garden Bowl in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Free. 18 and older. (313) 833-9700 (rock)

JILL JACK

With Thornetta Davis and Harbinger's Mile, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Cover charge. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com> (variety)

JUMPCATS

9 p.m. Friday, March 5, CK Diggs, 2010 Auburn Road, Rochester Hills. Free. 21 and older. (248) 853-6600 (blues)

BILL KAHLER

7 p.m. to midnight Thursday, Feb. 25, Boulders, 1020 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. Free. All ages. (734) 459-4190 (singer)

MIKE KING BAND.

9:30 p.m. Thursday, March 4, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 850-5060 (rock)

KUNG FU DIESEL

9:30 p.m. Thursday, March 4, Kari's Cabin, 9779 Old N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. Free. 21 and older. (734) 455-8450 (rockabilly)

LADY SUNSHINE AND THE X BAND

9 p.m. Friday, March 5, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 543-0917 (blues)

JOHN D. LAMB

With Sal D'Agnillo, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, March 4, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 349-9110 (rock)

JONNY LANG

With Chris Whitley, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 4, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$23.50 in advance, \$25 at the door. All ages. (313) 961-5451 or <http://www.961melt.com> (blues/rock)

LOVE AND ROCKETS

With Orgy, 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 2, Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. \$18.50 in advance. All ages. (248) 333-2362 or <http://www.961melt.com> (alternative rock)

STONEZ MAZAR AND THE WESTSIDERS

MOVIES

'Blast from the Past' offers time-warped laughs

BY JON KATZ
SPECIAL WRITER

Take "Pleasantville" and turn it around. That's pretty much "Blast From the Past." And that's fine by me.

In "Pleasantville," two teens from today are sucked into their TV. Emerging in a black and white 1950s sitcom world, they put some 1990s naughtiness into the picture, colorizing the citizens with individuality, for better or worse.

"Blast From the Past" gives us a new Adam, Adam Webber (Brendan Fraser). Born in a bomb shelter and raised on "Honeymooners" films and Perry Como records, he ventures to the

surface at age 35. He's never seen the ocean, never seen the sky, never seen a person of color. But he's got immaculate sitcom manners, speaks fluent everything and is just in time for the swing dance revival. In other words, he's perfect for post-apocalypse Los Angeles.

That, at least, is what he believes he's found. During the Cuban Missile Crisis of 1962, his kooky inventor father (Christopher Walken) and pregnant mother (Sissy Spacek) took cover in their elaborate fallout shelter. Did we say elaborate? It's an entire eight-room underground facsimile of their San Fernando Valley tract house, complete with a hydroponic garden, air system

and enough supplies for 35 years — the length of time dad figures the fallout will last if the Comies drop the big one.

When an Air Force jet crashes into their house they're sure that's exactly what's happened, and now it's up to them to start civilization over once the contamination clears. When the time comes, they send Adam up to replenish their supplies and hopefully meet a nice girl from Pasadena who doesn't glow in the dark.

Funny stuff, and "Blast" stays funny throughout; it doesn't shift gears like "Pleasantville" does and moralize about how awful we are. When dad scouts around and reports back that, "There

were survivors; the fallout created a subspecies of mutants," well hey, we knew that about L.A. already.

Walken and Spacek are a riot. Oscar winners for their dramatic roles ("The Deer Hunter" and "Coal Miner's Daughter," respectively), they seem grateful for the chance to do shtick. As Calvin Webber, Walken's not a mad scientist; he's a Cal Tech professor who knows the end is near and wants no part of it. He builds his own Garden of Eden and is perfectly content to wait it out down there. Not so his obedient wife Helen. Spacek grows weary of being Harriet to his Ozzie. Around the 10th year, she begins to get into the cooking sherry.

Fraser ("George of the Jungle") is the perfect innocent. He sees nothing wrong with wearing the jacket his mom knitted from the bedspread. And he's more than willing to barter his dad's priceless Rogers Hornsby baseball card for a ride to the nearest Holiday Inn. There are lots of bits like that; no big classic moments, but plenty of time-warped laughs from screenwriters Bill Kelly and Hugh Wilson, who also directed.

Alicia Silverstone is miscast as a street-wise Eve — that's right, Eve. She's certainly cute enough to take back down to the shelter to meet the folks, but she still looks like the "Clueless" Califor-



Romantic comedy: Ryan Sparks (left to right), Sissy Spacek and Christopher Walken in "Blast From the Past."

nia teenager, not someone who's been around the freeway a few times. As her gay confidante Troy, Dave Foley (TV's "NewsRadio") steals his few scenes; watch for him in future works. And there are some wonderful individual reactions by the actors playing a bus driver, a bellboy, a butcher and especially a black lady mail person.

The problem with "Blast" is we're supposed to believe that Calvin spent years getting his shelter ready. The pipes are laid, the appliances are in, the radiation sensors are calibrated and it's stocked with more food than a Farmer Jack, but they leave the only radio behind? Kinda contaminates the whole thing.

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STREET SCENE

Love and Rockets seeks out grass roots



CHRISTINA FUOCO

"Grassroots operation" is a phrase generally associated with up and coming bands. But that is exactly what Love and Rockets' bassist/co-lyricist David J. is dubbing his band's tour.

In order to promote "Lift," Love and Rockets' 1998 album released on Red Ant Entertainment, the English alternative rock legends are funding their own 30-city tour.

"They didn't put any money up at all," David J. said about Red Ant. "We're just on a bus. This is the first time we're gonna be on a bus with a crew since the early '80s. We usually fly. It's a real guerrilla operation."

"We actually have field representatives recruited through the internet who are fans going out promoting the gigs. It's a real grassroots operation which is a very cool thing in a way. It's through necessity."

Love and Rockets is paying the reps with tickets and backstage passes for the shows. David J. along with drummer/percussionist Kevin Haskins and lead singer/guitarist/co-lyricist Daniel Ash is playing Clutch Cargo's in Pontiac on Tuesday, March 2.

Unlike the band's set during "Ignition" dance night at the State Theatre in early December,



So alive: Love and Rockets - from left, drummer/percussionist Kevin Haskins, lead singer/guitarist/co-lyricist Daniel Ash and bassist/co-lyricist David J. - perform Tuesday, March 2, with special guests Orgy at Clutch Cargo's in Pontiac.

Love and Rockets will play older material at Clutch Cargo's. Love and Rockets made a conscious decision to skip hits like "So Alive" and "No New Tale to Tell" to avoid the "retro" tag.

"We didn't want to be perceived as being an old act. And we just thought it was coura-

geous to do that. It's kind of in the spirit of the group to push the envelope a bit," he said.

That applies to "Lift," an album that taps more into electronic than guitars.

"We always just make the music that we really feel. We

don't really contrive it. It's what comes out. It comes from a deep place. We've listened to electronic music since the early '70s, really. It's always been a really big influence right back to Bauhaus," he said about the band of which he, Ash and Haskins are members.

On "Holy Fool," the single from the record, Love and Rockets teams up with members of the electronic pop band Luscious Jackson, a pairing conceived by producer Doug Deangelis.

"We met them in the studio in that session. It was his idea. He just gave them a call and they came straight down and did the session. It's quite interesting, the process. What we did, it was all recorded as far as our parts are concerned. We mixed down all the vocals so what they heard was the instrumental. So they didn't have any idea of where our vocals came in," he explained.

"Then we just said you come up with your own vocal idea and just lay it down. Jill (Cunniff of Luscious Jackson) just came up with that refrain instantly. She went in and recorded it and we put up all of our vocals and it just worked so well. Where she sang her bit it fell in the right spaces by chance."

"That's pretty typical of the way we work. We like to employ chance because chance creates magic."

As for live shows, spontaneity creates the magic.

"Spontaneous events do occur. We allow ourselves passages that aren't planned, improvised passages to allow that spirit in. We always have done it but it's against a very worked-out backdrop. We work on the structure of the songs. You've got to have that anchor in order to take flight."

The release of "Lift" came on the heels of a sold-out Bauhaus reunion tour which hit Detroit's State Theatre in August. The Bauhaus and Love and Rockets tours are contradictions. Bauhaus hasn't released new material in years, while Love and Rockets is promoting a new record.

Leaving Bauhaus lead singer Peter Murphy behind to concentrate on Love and Rockets was "very strange."

"I found myself looking around for Mr. Murphy on a number of occasions. I missed his presence there, on-stage and off. It was a different focus but the music was strong enough for it to pull through and for it to work. It's just putting on a different hat."

Love and Rockets and special guest Orgy perform Tuesday, March 2, at Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron St., Pontiac. Doors open at 8 p.m. for the all-ages show. Tickets are \$18.50 in advance. For more information, call (248) 333-2362 or visit <http://www.961melt.com> or cfuoco@oe.homecomm.net.

<http://www.loveandrockets.com>.

Veterans vs. newcomers

Opening for Love and Rockets is Orgy, which has found success with a cover of "Blue Monday" by Bauhaus peers New Order. Orgy is one of the few bands in music that was signed to a deal before playing a live show.

Orgy recorded a demo tape which quickly made its way to the rock band Korn. Within six months of forming, Orgy was the first band signed to Korn's Elementree Records, a Reprise Records-distributed label.

"The whole Korn thing came into the picture, the offer was so good I thought, 'screw it. Why should we bother going out and playing LA when we can go in right now and start making the record?'" said guitarist/key-boardist Amir Derakh.

"None of us wanted to play in L.A. It's not really all that productive, honestly. All of us had been in bands, all of us had played, all of us had done that. So the live aspect wasn't something that was foreign to us."

The music industry isn't foreign to members of Orgy either. Derakh is an engineer who worked on eels' "Beautiful Freak" and Spineshank's "Strictly Diesel" albums. Singer Jay Gordon produced and Derakh engineered Coal Chamber's self-titled album.

It was all the studio work that influenced the recording of its debut album "Candyass."

"We sort of have an odd way of recording and writing. We're so used to being in the studio that most of our work is done in the studio. We write anywhere and use just about anything to come up with a song," Derakh explained.

"Candyass" was recorded in a cabin in Tahoe and Orgy's A&R man is happy with the result.

"It's something fresh and new - that's what turns me on. I think they'll appeal to a lot of kids, a lot of different people. They're fashionable pretty-dudes, so all the chicks will dig 'em. And they're real heavy, so hopefully a lot of our friends will like them too," said Korn singer Jonathan Davis.

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Harbinger's Mile makes fine debut album

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"Hallowed Boulevard," the debut album from Harbinger's Mile, could rival any major label release. With stellar production, immaculately written lyrics, melodies that would make Toad the Wet Sprocket jealous, and a potential hit (the melancholy "13 Cigarettes"), "Hallowed Boulevard" is a winner.

Sound like an eternal perfectionist, singer/guitarist Mike Rut, a 1983 graduate of Southfield Christian High School, finds it necessary to make excuses for the record. "Peace Pipe," an acoustic number that closes out the album, makes him wince.

"It's not my favorite recorded song. The instrumentation on it isn't right. When we were going to record that song, we wanted to put on an accordion and pedal steel guitar. But the drums and the guitar didn't seem to sync up very well. In order to salvage what we had, and to stay within the time constraints of being in the studio, we ended up making it semi-acoustic."

"When we play it live, it sounds a whole lot better," he said reassuringly.

Defunct relationships

Rut, who grew up in Plymouth, Farmington Hills and Canton, and Francis, a 1990 Troy High School graduate, duo met through now-former girlfriends on a camping trip. When the

relationships ended Rut and Francis moved in together and started writing music. Both of them had previous musical experience - Rut as a member of Billy Sunday and Francis as the road manager/guitar tech for Red C, Susan Calloway's former band.

"The two of us were living in this place, a house on 16 Mile, and it was \$400 a month including utilities. It had broken windows, plumbing problems. It was a hell hole. That's where we began writing together," said Francis, who like Rut is now happily married.

Weaving smartly written lyrics with acoustic guitars, the duo formed the base for Harbinger's Mile. Although the desire to form a band was there, Rut and Francis set out as a duo.

"The only thing that ever really took off for us was the acoustic thing. It was the easiest thing for us to do. We could do lots of shows. We didn't have to teach people the songs we were writing. We could write a song together and later that night go perform it. It was pretty low maintenance," Francis explained.

When Francis and Rut headed into Mocombo Media studio in Grosse Pointe Park, owner/producer Ron Pangborn, drummer for the Chisel Bros., changed that. Pangborn recruited area musicians to help with "Hallowed Boulevard."

"The only thing he ever knew about us was the songs that we performed acoustically. He

believed we could put this together in a band environment and make something happen. He worked alongside of us in the capacity of producer to fully realize that," Rut explained.

To do that, Pangborn hit the skins, Jim Rawlings played mandolin and slide guitar, Alex Duncan played organ and John Dunn was the bassist.

Rawlings is still with Rut and Francis, joining bassist Raquel Salasay and drummer Dave Masen for live shows.

Although Rut is uneasy about aspects of "Hallowed Boulevard," he said that the album deftly shows his and Francis' songwriting abilities. Like the name, Harbinger's Mile, their lyrics are thought provoking.

"Lyrically, we try and be provocative in thought and try and give images. We were sort of mulling over a couple different ideas and we thought Harbinger's Mile (offered) pictures without

explanation. Our lyrics tend to be that way too," he said.

Harbinger's Mile, in a band format, opens for Jill Jack and Thornetta Davis at 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, at the Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Cover charge is \$6 for the 18 and older show. For more information, call (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com>.

Harbinger's Mile also plays acoustic shows at 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26, at Borders Books and Music, 1122 S. Rochester Road, Rochester Hills, (248) 652-0558; at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 7, at Borders Book Shop, 31150 Southfield Road, Birmingham, (248) 644-1515; and at 8 p.m. Friday, March 19, at Borders Books and Music, 45290 Utica Park Boulevard, Utica, (810) 726-8555.

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DINING

Cozy La Bistecca Italian Grille captures bygone era

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Piedmontese Beef is the star at La Bistecca Italian Grille in Plymouth. Endorsed by the American Heart Association, this low-fat beef is lean and tender.

Piedmontese Beef is a breed of cattle that was originally raised in the foothills of the Alps in the Piedmont region of Italy. It is now available in the United States and called "Better Beef," because it is naturally lower in fat and cholesterol than traditional cuts of beef. La Bistecca offers it exclusively.

But beef isn't the only thing to love at La Bistecca, which is owned and operated by the Costanza family, who also own Station 885 in Plymouth and Portofino on the River in Wyandotte.

Cozy La Bistecca captures an era gone by with heavy emphasis on comfort. It's a place you can dress up to go to and enjoy a night out. It's elegant, but not stuffy. A coat and tie are not required.

The interior is beige with soft grays, dark wood, soft lighting and Italian imported accents. You can hear Frank Sinatra singing in the background, and there's even a portrait of "Old Blue Eyes" hanging over the piano bar. The portrait and two colorful paintings in the dining room were painted by Joyce's sister Cheryl Mann.

"We wanted it to have a retro feel like a post-war supper club," said Joyce Costanza about the restaurant. "When my wife and I dined out we had to travel to find a similar atmosphere," added her husband Jerry. "We wanted to bring something to

La Bistecca Italian Grille

Where: 39405 Plymouth Road (at Eckles Road) Plymouth, (734) 254-0400
Hours: 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. (lunch), 4-10 p.m. (dinner) Monday-Friday; 5-10 p.m. (dinner) Saturday; lounge open until midnight.
Reservations: Recommended, but not necessary.
Credit cards: All majors accepted.
Menu: Italian steakhouse with chicken, pasta and seafood dishes.
Cost: Lunches range from \$6.95 to \$16.95; dinners \$18.95 to \$31.95.
Carry-out: Available for all menu items.
Entertainment: Piano bar, 7-11 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday.
Private parties: La Bistecca is available for private parties on Sundays. Call restaurant for information.
Seats: 100

this area where people can go and get pampered."

The Costanzas raised their family in Livonia and later moved to Canton Township. Sons Jerry Jr. and Robert work at the restaurant.

"We figured that if we're getting into a steakhouse it should be a healthy experience," said Jerry. "This will be the meat of the future, because of the quality, nutrients, and value," added Robert.

Beef is a highlight, but the menu is diverse. Lukasik tries to accommodate special requests. "If someone comes in and wants grilled chicken with vegetables we can do it," said Lukasik. "At lunch we cater to customer time needs, and combine elegant dining with an efficient manner," said Jerry Jr.

Chef Eriq Lukasik takes pride in details such as roasting his own peppers, and using fresh herbs. "I have a great respect for the food," he said. The bread is homemade.

Start with Gamberi 'con Asparago — Scampi and asparagus in a lemon-garlic sauté finished with fresh herbs and capers, or the traditional Antipasto Assortito — Prosciutto di Parma, Oldani Salami and classic Italian cheeses, paired with an array of Italian appetizers.

The lunch menu offers homemade Minestrone, a variety of salads and sandwiches in addition to the house special — Filetto di Manzo alla Padella, grilled premium filet mignon finished with a vintage sauce, Italian sausage, chicken and pasta dishes.

For dinner, choose from the filet, Rib Eye, New York Strip or Porterhouse. Other choices include Grilled Provimi Veal Chop, lamb chops, pork chops, fresh fish, chicken and pasta. Entrees are beautifully garnished with flavor enhancing sauces and vegetables such as caramelized onions and served with vegetable and potato. Salads are extra.



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

At your service: Jerry Costanza (bottom left), general manager Ray Borden (left to right, back row), Jerry Jr., Chef Eriq Lukasik, Robert, and Joyce at La Bistecca Italian Grille in Plymouth. Lukasik presents the house specialty, Piedmontese beef.

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Jerry Costanza
Restaurant owner

quality.

Smoking is only allowed in the lounge. Ask to see the cigar menu. Premium whiskies, cognac, martinis and coffee drinks are also available.

"One of the keys to our success is having a family member here

at all times, and putting an emphasis on family dining," said Jerry Jr. "We feel the dining experience should be an evening of enjoyment, like sitting in someone's home. We're here to serve the public in any way we can."

WHAT'S COOKING

Send items for consideration in What's Cooking to Keely Wygonik, Entertainment Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Inc., 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, fax (248) 591-7279, or e-mail kwygonik@oe.homecomm.net

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE

Fourth annual Winterfest Beer Tasting, 7 p.m. Thursday, March 4 in the Waterman Campus Center, 18600 Haggerty Road (between Six and Seven Mile Roads) Livonia. Tickets are \$35 per person, and must be purchased in advance, call (734) 462-4422. Patrons must be 21 years old or older to attend, and will receive a complimentary souvenir beer tasting glass and

chance to win door prizes.

Sample wide variety of foods prepared by the college's world-renowned Culinary Arts Department, specially chosen to complement the beverages.

Featured beverage makers include Sam Adams, Thomas Manley, Pete's Wicked Ale, and Boyne River. Sponsored by the Schoolcraft College Gourmet Club and Merchant's Fine Wine. All proceeds benefit Gourmet Club Scholarships.

American Harvest Restaurant — run by culinary arts students under the guidance of Certified Master Chefs in the Water-

man Center on campus. Open for lunch 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday-Friday. Call (734) 462-4488 for reservations/information.

International dinners — 6:45 p.m. Thursdays through April. Next dinner, Feb. 25 Italian. Cost \$26.95 per person, (plus tax) wine included. Call (734) 462-4488 for reservations/information.

Grazing Nights — Mingle in the Culinary Arts Kitchen, and experience dishes prepared by culinary arts students, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 17, March 24 and April 21. Cost \$15 per person, payable at the door. Call (734) 462-4423 for your reservation.

THE MOOSE PRESERVE BAR & GRILL

Three day Beach Bash, Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 25-27, 2395 N. Woodward Ave., (just north of Square Lake Road) Bloomfield Hills. Caribbean food, live Reggae bands, sand dance floor, hair braiding, limbo contest, and other surprises. Call (248) 85-TROUT for details.

OSCAR NIGHT AMERICA

Party Sunday, March 21 at The Second City and Risata Restaurant in Detroit's theater district. The gala fund-raiser is the only party in Michigan officially sanctioned by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences. Tickets are \$125 per person, call

(313) 833-0247.

UNIQUE RESTAURANT CORP.

Matthew Prentice, president and CEO of Unique Restaurant Corp. was selected as one of the "50 new Taste Makers" in a special issue of Nation's Restaurant News, a leading national restaurant industry publication.

Prentice was included in a list of 50 people who have had a profound effect on the food service industry. Prentice was the only Michigan restaurateur to be included in the list. URC owns and operates 14 restaurants, a baking facility and catering service in southeastern Michigan.

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Is under new management. Check out the new juice bar, menu items, and special cappuccino. For breakfast, lunch or dinner, Jonathan's has something for everyone. Special senior menu for customers age 55 and over. Ask about the specials of the day.

The restaurant is located at 40345 Michigan Ave., Canton. Call (734) 326-5870 for more information.

LEATHER BOTTLE INN

Under new management, new menu items. The restaurant is at 20300 Farmington Road, Livonia, (248) 474-2420.

NEXT WEEK IN DINING

Newly opened Bailey's Pub & Grille, 1777 Canton Center Road in Canton is more than a sports bar. You can play pool, watch the game, or just relax and enjoy a nice dinner.

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