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Water rates to flow 42% higher

City commissioners cut an expected 86 percent water rate hike in half after an outcry from residents. The city's water and sewer fund is \$900,000 in debt. Bonds will be issued to help offset costs.

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Depending on how you look at many issues, the glass can be either half empty or half full.

If the glass is half empty, the Plymouth city commission Monday night authorized the administration to increase sewer and water rates for the average user by 42 percent.

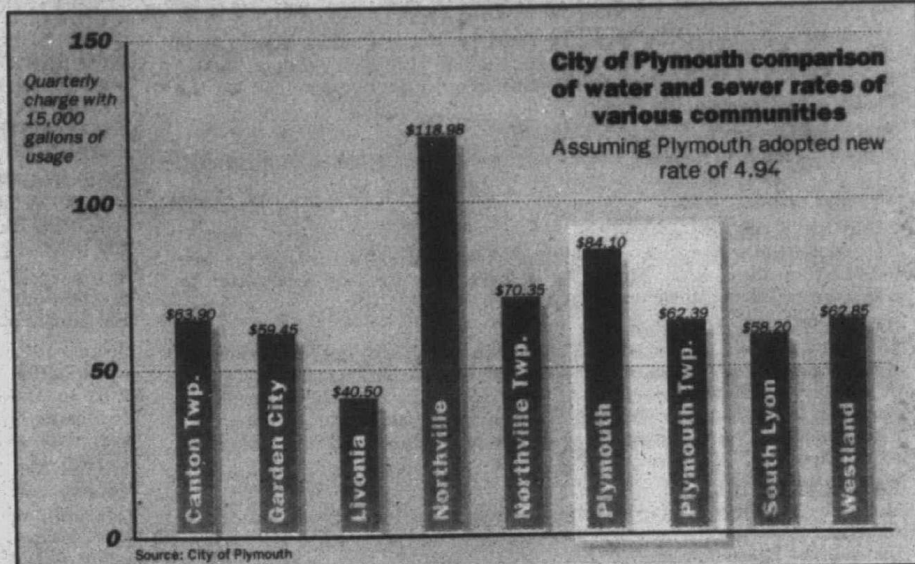
If the glass is half full, the Plymouth city commission backed off on plans for an 86-percent increase in sewer and water rates, instead cutting the

increase in half to make it more palatable for city residents.

"Our goal was to take away the hard hit on residents," said City Manager David Rich. "We can spread the cost out and make it easier for those who have fixed incomes."

More than a month after authorizing the huge increase to eliminate a water and sewer fund deficit, as well as build cash reserves for the future, the commission has decided to be more conservative in efforts to capture reserve money for future water and

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Town merger debated

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Former Plymouth Township police Chief Carl Berry is back and this time, he's in a consolidating mood.

Berry, who retired from the police department in April of 1997, has stepped forward in a push for the unification of the City of Plymouth and Plymouth Township in order to form one community.

"I'm making a stab at it," he said. "In the past, this whole thing has been studied to death. I feel, and apparently a lot of other people feel the same way, that now is the time for unification."

What Berry wants to do is bring the issue into the public domain and allow the people of both communities to make a decision for or against the merger.

"People need to know what unifica-

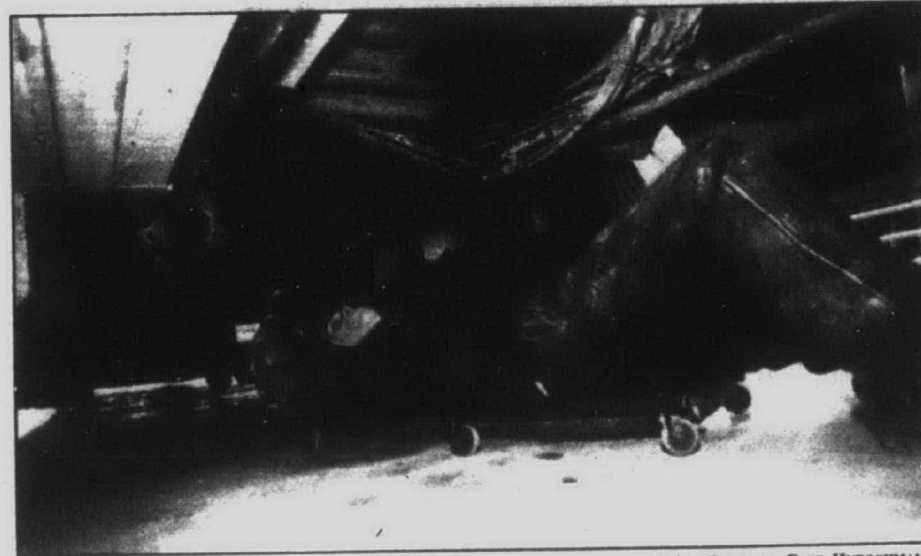
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Catering to Catholics



Fish fry Friday: Lorenzo, 13, and brother Santino, 10, pose with plates of perch Friday at the Plymouth Fish Seafood Market, owned by their parents, Vince and Lori Toia. See Page A3.

Schools operating on borrowed buses



Check up: Michigan State Police Vehicle Inspector Kevin Hogan checks one of the new buses at Plymouth-Canton's maintenance facility on Lilley in Plymouth.

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The Plymouth-Canton School District is paying out tens of thousands of dollars to temporarily shore up its problem-plagued bus fleet.

Beginning this week, many students started being transported in buses leased from the Southgate school district.

LuAnn Grech, director of transportation, said the district is leasing 10 buses from Southgate at \$65 per day, through the end of the school year. She estimates the final bill will be \$46,800.

"We are in dire need of buses to keep us going on a daily basis," said Grech. "We also have a problem with the lack of spare buses in case any go down."

Grech also became concerned about the lack of transportation because of the current Michigan State Police safety inspections. Nearly 10 buses a day are taken off routes for inspections,

and the district doesn't have spare units to put on the road in their place.

"We looked at leasing buses from out of state, but there would have been a delay in getting them," added Grech. "I found out they were available locally, which helped in getting them more quickly."

The Southgate buses became available when the Downriver district cut general education busing for the remainder of the year.

"As a result of a failed bond issue for roof replacements, the only service we could eliminate that would give us enough immediate money was busing," said Rick Henegar, the Southgate district's business manager. "Half our fleet was just going to be sitting and depreciating, so it helps Plymouth-Canton and allows us to make a little money."

John Birchler, Plymouth-Canton's executive director of business and operations, said the money was needed

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Guilty plea adds closure for Morante family

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More than three months have passed since Tiffany Morante was killed crossing Ford Road in Canton.

A measure of closure came for the 21-year-old Plymouth woman's family Monday. James P. LaRoche, the man who hit her near Beck Road, pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor charge of operating while impaired at 35th District Court in Plymouth.

The 27-year-old Northville Township man will serve no jail time. Judge John E. MacDonald sentenced him to probation and community service at a pretrial hearing.

"Tiffany Morante was one of the most beautiful people you'd ever want to meet," mother Marcia Kenely told the judge before sentencing. "She had a smile that would light up a room."

Morante was killed shortly before 2 a.m. Thanksgiving Day last year crossing Ford Road just east of Beck in Canton Township. She was hit by LaRoche driving westbound on Ford.

Canton police said that he tried to avoid Morante before hitting her. She was struck by the driver's side front fender of his car, however.

■ 'Tiffany Morante was one of the most beautiful people you'd ever want to meet. She had a smile that would light up a room.'

Marcia Kenely
-mother

Morante was dead at the scene. LaRoche, who was alone in the vehicle, was uninjured.

Shortly before the accident, Canton police received several phone calls saying Morante was wandering down the middle of Ford Road. Kenely denied that her daughter was trying to get hit.

"Suicide was not an issue," she said, adding that LaRoche was culpable. "He made a conscious decision to get in the car after he was drinking."

Kenely asked MacDonald not to go lightly on LaRoche. "I hope that he will be punished to the fullest extent of the law," she said.

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Tiffany Morante

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LaRoche was found to have a blood alcohol level of .08, meaning that he was legally impaired at the time of the accident. A level of .10 is considered legally drunk in Michigan.

Both Morante and LaRoche had been at Bailey's Pub, which

is located about a mile away from the accident scene at Ford Road and Canton Center. Township police said they were not together.

LaRoche declined comment on the case. Detroit-based attorney Michael J. Kemptz said it was

his client's first offense.

Morante, a 1995 Plymouth Salem graduate, was a senior at Michigan State University. She was studying merchandise management.

"She was a good student," Kenely told the Observer shortly

after her daughter's death. "She was so full of energy."

Morante was the last of four pedestrians or bicyclists that were killed in Canton last year. No such deaths have been recorded thus far in 1999.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BOARD PROCEEDINGS

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, February 23, 1999 at 1150 South Canton Center Road. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Bennett, Burdziak, Kirchgatter, McLaughlin, Shefferly, Yack
Members Absent: LaJoy

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

General Calendar Item No. 4, Computer Network Infrastructure Repairs, was deleted from the agenda. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to adopt the agenda as amended. All Ayes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to approve the Minutes of the Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton of February 9, 1999 as presented. All Ayes. Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly, to approve the Minutes of the Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton of February 18, 1999 as presented. All Ayes.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

Expenditure Recap

General Fund	101	\$ 166,938.61
Fire Fund	206	28,346.34
Police Fund	207	54,441.88
Community Center Fund	208	35,105.88
Golf Course Fund	211	3,263.36
Cable TV Fund	230	1,037.59
Community Improvement Fund	246	2,707.50
E-911 Emergency Funds	261	171.69
Special Investigative Funds	267	441.49
Federal Grants Funds	274	8,298.56
State Projects Fund	289	883.63
Retiree Benefits	296	12.00
Bld. Auth. Construction Fund	469	4,312,030.53
Water & Sewer Fund	592	1,275,383.35
Recreation Checking Acct.	Jan99	957.00
Total-All Funds		\$5,890,019.41

PUBLIC HEARING

Whispering Meadows Street Lighting Special Assessment District
Supervisor Yack declared the public hearing open at 7:04 P.M. After comments by Kevin Meyers, and Donald Hensen, the public hearing was closed. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to close the public hearing at 7:07 P.M. All Ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to approve the request of the petitioners to create the Whispering Meadows Subdivision Street Lighting Special Assessment District for four (4) street lights. All Ayes.

PUBLIC HEARING Consider Tax Abatement for Baron Drawn Steel Expansion

Supervisor Yack declared the public hearing open at 7:10 P.M. Upon hearing no comments from the public, Supervisor Yack asked for a motion to close the public hearing. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to close the public hearing at 7:12 P.M. All Ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak, to adopt the resolution to approve the application of Baron Drawn Steel Corporation for an industrial facilities exemption certificate for real and personal property which when issued shall remain in force and effect for a period of 4-years, expiring December 30, 2003. All Ayes.

RESOLUTION APPROVING APPLICATION OF BARON DRAWN STEEL CORPORATION (EXPANSION) INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE FOR REAL & PERSONAL PROPERTY

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

WHEREAS, Baron Drawn Steel Corporation has filed an application for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate with respect to a new facility to be acquired and installed within the Northeast Canton Industrial Development District; and

WHEREAS, before acting on said application the Charter Township of Canton held a public hearing on February 23, 1999 at the Canton Township administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, at 7 p.m., at which hearing the applicant, the Assessor and a representative of the affected taxing units were given written notice and were afforded an opportunity to be heard on said application; and

WHEREAS, construction of the facility and installation of new machinery and equipment had not begun earlier than six months before February 1, 1999, the date of acceptance of the application for the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate; and

WHEREAS, completion of the new facility is calculated to will at the time of issuance of the certificate have the reasonable likelihood to retain, create or prevent the loss of employment in Canton Township; and

WHEREAS, the aggregate SEV of real and personal property exempt from ad valorem taxes within the Charter Township of Canton, after granting this certificate will not exceed 5% of an amount equal to the sum of the SEV of the unit, plus the SEV of personal and real property thus exempted,

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

1. The Canton Board of Trustees finds and determines that the granting of the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate considered together with the aggregate amount of certificates previously granted and currently in force under Act No. 198 of the Public Acts of 1974 and Act No. 255 of the Public Acts of 1978, shall not have the effect of substantially impeding the operation of Canton Township, or impairing the financial soundness of a taxing unit which levies ad valorem property taxes in Canton Township.

2. The application of Baron Drawn Steel Corporation for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate with respect to a new facility to be acquired and installed on the following parcel of real property situated within the Northeast Canton Industrial Development District, to wit: part of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 2, Town 2 south, Range 8 East, Canton Township, Wayne County, Michigan, described as beginning at a point of the South line of Section 2, distant North 88 degrees 31 minutes 59 seconds East 1760.00 feet from the South 1/4 corner of Section 2, Town 2 South, Range 8 East; then proceeding along the centerline of Toniquish Creek, North 43 degrees 24 minutes 54 seconds West 1089.66 feet; thence North 89 degrees 26 minutes 47 seconds East 492.89 feet; thence 141.40 feet along the arc of a curve to the left, having a radius of 75.00 feet, a central angle of 108 degrees 01 minutes and 22 seconds and along chord bearing North 89 degrees 26 minutes 47 seconds East 121.37 feet; thence North 89 degrees 26 minutes 47 seconds East 533.39 feet; thence South 00 degrees 33 minutes 13 seconds East 792.24 feet; thence South 88 degrees 31 minutes 59 seconds West 406.49 feet along the South line of said Section 2, to the point of beginning; and containing 14.16 acres of land, more or less. Be and the same is hereby approved.

3. The Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate when issued be and remain in force and effect for a period of 4-years, expiring December 30, 2003.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to remove from the table and publish in the Canton Observer the Second Reading of the Amendments to the Telecommunications Ordinance No. 143(a) to become effective upon publication on March 4, 1999. All Ayes.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON SUMMARY OF REVISION TO TELECOMMUNICATIONS ORDINANCE NO. 143A

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1, ARTICLE III, PERMITS, SECTION 10, ANNUAL PERMIT FEES, SUBSECTION 2, OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ORDINANCE, ORDINANCE 143; AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE REGULATION OF THE ACCESS TO AND ONGOING USE OF PUBLIC UTILITY EASEMENTS AND RIGHTS OF WAY BY TELECOMMUNICATIONS PROVIDERS; PROVIDING FOR A PERMIT AND PERMIT FEES; PROVIDING FOR A RESERVATION OF RIGHTS; PROVIDING FOR DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING FOR A PERMIT APPLICATION PROCEDURE; PROVIDING FOR ANNUAL PERMIT FEES;

PROVIDING FOR THE USE OF THE PUBLIC EASEMENTS AND RIGHTS OF WAY BY A PERMITTEE; PROVIDING FOR INSTALLATION, CONSTRUCTION AND/OR RELOCATION OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS PROVIDERS FACILITIES; PROVIDING FOR LIABILITY AND INSURANCE; PROHIBITING THE ASSIGNMENT OF A PERMIT; PROVIDING FOR REVOCATION AND REMOVAL OF FACILITIES; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDAINS:
TELECOMMUNICATIONS
ARTICLE III PERMITS
SECTION 1

The purpose of the Ordinance is to amend the annual permit fee section of the Ordinance to regulate the access to and ongoing use of Public Utility Easements and Rights of Way by telecommunications providers.

Section 10 Annual Permit Fees. This section provides for the establishment, option and payment of an annual permit fee in alternative forms and the records attendant thereto. It provides for the Township Board, by Ordinance or resolution, to establish permit fees including a minimum fee for Permittees electing the 1% of annual Gross Revenues option.

SECTION 2 SEVERABILITY

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

SECTION 3 REPEAL

This Section provides for the repeal of all conflicting Ordinances.

SECTION 4 SAVINGS CLAUSE

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

SECTION 5 EFFECTIVE DATE

This Section provides that the Ordinance shall take full force and effect upon second publication in the Canton Observer on March 4, 1999.

Certification

This attached Telecommunications Ordinance No. 143 and its amendments were duly adopted by the Township Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton on Feb. 23, 1999 and were ordered given publication in the manner required by law. Copies of the Ordinances are available for inspection from the Township Clerk at the Canton Township Hall, located at 1150 South Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188.

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to adopt the resolution to grant final plat approval for the proposed Fellows Creek Estates Subdivision identified by Tax ID Nos. 031 99 0012 717, 031 99 0016 000, and 032 99 0009 702. All Ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to set the public hearing for March 23, 1999 to consider the industrial facilities exemption application of Bodycote I, Inc. for their new facility located at 8580 Haggerty Road North. All Ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to adopt the attached budget for the Western Wayne Narcotics Forfeiture Fund #266: Total Revenues \$229,000 an Total Expenditures \$229,000. All Ayes.

GENERAL CALENDAR

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to adopt the resolution granting tentative approval of the preliminary plat for Kirkway Subdivision Tax Id. #'s 077 99 0005 000, 077 99 0006 000, 077 99 0007 000, 077 99 0008 000, 077 99 0009 000, 077 99-0010 000, 077 99 0011 000, 078 99 0001 000, 078 99 0002 000, 078 99 0003 000, and 078 99 0004 000. All Ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by, to approve the property split and combination for parcels 133-02-0075-303, 133-02-0075-304, 133-02-0076-001, 134-99-0020-701 and 134-99-0020-702 as requested by Mr. Stanley Tkacz of AIT Design Group representing Mr. Tom Didario. All Ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to adopt the attached development agreement with Griffin Properties and further authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to sign the agreement. All Ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to waive formal bidding procedures and approve the purchase order for Continuing Professional Services to Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment's Geographic & Information Systems Division to provide base map updates, not to exceed \$40,000, from account #101-853-818-0000, Contracted Services, based on OHM's experience in municipal GIS application development and their knowledge of the Township's existing mapping and GIS Systems. All Ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak, to authorize the Township Supervisor to execute the Wade, Trim agreement to provide in-house consulting engineering services for an amount not to exceed \$2,021.25 per week for a total of \$24,255. All Ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to approve the purchase of one (1) 1999 Ford Crown Victoria vehicle for Building & Inspection Services Division from Jorgensen Ford, Detroit, under the State of Michigan bid at a cost of \$20,344.00. All Ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly, to approve the purchase of 13 mobile radios through Mobile Communications Sales, Inc., Livonia, MI., for a cost not to exceed \$46,280.00. All Ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve the extension of the contract with CleanNet USA inc., Ann Arbor, MI for the 2nd floor of the Public Safety Facility. All Ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve the purchase of a 1999 Ford Crown Victoria vehicle from Jorgensen Ford of Detroit, MI using the State of Michigan Cooperative Purchasing Program, not to exceed \$20,220.00. All Ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly, to approve the conference registration fee, transportation, hotel accommodations, and meal allowance request for David Medley to attend the SHRM Annual Conference in Atlanta, Georgia on June 27-30, 1999 at cost not to exceed \$2000. All Ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve the emergency purchase and installation of a new blower motor for roof top unit #3 at Summit on the Park in the amount of \$6,423 from Delta Temp. Inc. All Ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak, to approve a contract for professional services with TMP Associates, Inc. for a schematic design analysis and cost estimate for the proposed Summit on the Park expansion in an amount not to exceed \$6,000. All Ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly, to increase the Specialized Transportation Services Agreement with Help Source for the period of March 1, 1998 through February 28, 1999 from \$135,000 to \$140,000. All Ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve the Specialized Transportation Services Agreement with Help Source for the period of March 1, 1999 through February 29, 2000, for an amount not to exceed \$160,000. All Ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly, to approve the Recreation Bond Program Project Scope Amendment Number three for project BF92-195, Canton Community Center, and further to authorize the Township Supervisor to sign said agreement on behalf of the Township. All Ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to adopt the resolution to set the base Annual Permit fees for the Telecommunications Ordinance No. 143. All Ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly, to waive formal bidding and award the contract to Wolverine Fireworks in the amount of \$18,000 for the 1999 Canton Liberty Fest fireworks display. All Ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to authorize the Township Clerk to sign the proposal for professional services with the Municipal Code Corporation for the research, edit and codification of the Charter Township of Canton's ordinances. All Ayes.

ADJOURN

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 P.M. All Ayes.

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

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

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Investors: From left to right, Jerry Gaines, Mike Korduba and Mike Klimak.

Students make \$200,000 profit in stock game

The two finance and investment classes at Plymouth Salem High School participated in the Stock Market Game, which is sponsored by Economics America of Michigan. Each team starts with \$100,000 and can also buy "on margin."

The team of Mike Klimak, Jerry Gaines and Mike Korduba placed 12th in the state (out of 1,400 teams) and third in the region, which is the Detroit-Metropolitan area. After the first week, however, team members were discouraged: The team had lost \$46,000 in just seven days. They learned first-hand that the stock market can be very risky.

"After the first week, I thought it was over. Nothing is definite, there are no hot tips," Mike Korduba said.

Jerry Gaines echoed his opinion, "I thought for sure we would end up in last place. The fluctuation in the market can really help you or really hurt you. Playing the market is risky."

However, this team persevered. Team members picked a few quality stocks and, by the end of the 10-week game, they had made a profit of \$200,203 - after all interest and brokers fees were paid.

"Salem had a total of 21 teams participating in the Stock Market Game, and every one of them made a profit," said teacher Diane Holmes. "This is the first year that no money was lost. A total of seven of the teams made the top 50 in the state. 'I'm very proud of all of them.'"

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There's something fishy about Fridays

BY VALERIE OLANDER
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There's no need to flounder around on Friday wondering what to cook for a meatless meal. So many restaurants and churches in the Plymouth area are offering up Lenten specialties.

Forget the grilled cheese. Fresh fish comes in 25 varieties at Plymouth Fish Seafood Market, 578 Starkweather, west of Main Street, in Old Village. Fish & chips is the most popular, although Lake Perch, catfish and shrimp fare well among seafood lovers. The everyday menu also includes two choices of soup: New England clam chowder and seafood gumbo.

"You can just pick what you want out of the (glass display) case and we make it right in front of you," said owner Vince Toia, a Livonia resident. "It takes about five to seven minutes to cook."

Anyone lucky enough to find a seat on a Friday can dine in, although Toia said about 70 percent of the Seafood Market's business is takeout.

St. Kenneth Catholic Church on Haggerty, between Five Mile and Six Mile, cooked up 450 dinners last Friday, said the Rev. Joe Mallia.

The church's menu isn't exclusive to fish and chips either. There's something for everyone: shrimp, scallops, vegetable lasagna, clam chowder and for finicky kids - macaroni and cheese.

"We have a lot of young families here, so the macaroni and cheese goes over well," he said.

Depriving oneself of meat for religious reasons began as early as 400 A.D., according to Mallia. Friday was chosen as the day of sacrifice because it was the day Christ died. In the Middle Ages, it became general practice for Catholics to fast every Friday. And that practice continued for centuries in the Catholic Church. In 1966, the custom changed to include only the Fridays of Lent.

"Fish fries sprung up as a way of socialization. We started this and continue to do this as a social event. It's not a fund-raiser," he added.

The Lenten Friday Fish Fry at St. Ken's began about the same time the church was founded in 1967 and has grown every year. Cost is \$4.50 for adults, \$2 for children ages 6-12 and free for children under age 6.

For Toia and his co-owner wife, Lori, the seafood business is a family operation in which everyone pitches in to help during the busy Lenten season. It's the busiest time of year for the restaurant, which is proof that the custom of fasting hasn't waned in our fast-paced society, said Vince. The Toias are members of St. Edith Catholic Church in Livonia.

The Toias' two boys - Lorenzo, an eighth grader at Frost Middle School, and Santino, a fifth grader at Washington - often help out waiting tables. The Toia baby-sitter also works as a waitress. The family's friendly demeanor toward customers is one reason the restaurant has been successful for the past two years. They do not advertise, business is drawn-in by word of mouth.



Lunch costs about \$6 and dinner \$10.

While most types of fish can be found on the Seafood Market's menu, there is one decreed meatless product that is not - muskrat.

Pope Pius XII (1939-1958) declared that muskrat was a fish product after residents of Wyandotte petitioned his Holiness, said Mallia. Mallia remembered hearing the story while a youth minister at St. Pat's in Wyandotte.

"They wanted to know if muskrat was considered meat or fish. Apparently, Pope Pius never heard of a muskrat, but later learned it swam, so he declared it a fish."



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Friday feast: It's the busiest time of year for Vince and Laurie Toia (above), who own the Plymouth Fish Seafood Market on Starkweather in Old Village. On display is a salmon, sliced for steaks.

Dream trip nears reality as Isbister plans takeoff

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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T-minus three days and counting.

That's how many days before approximately 100 students and teachers from Isbister Elementary School fly to Space Camp in Titusville, Fla.

Nearly 200 parents, teachers and students from Isbister listened intently Tuesday night to representatives from the U.S. Space and Rocket Center, describing the dream trip by fifth-graders to the camp.

"I just think it's really cool," said Colleen Burke, 10, of Plymouth. "I can't wait to get on the space simulators. I want to go really bad."

"I looked at the Web site at all the cool things there, and I can't wait to go," added Jason Hyde, 10, of Plymouth.

U.S. SPACE AND ROCKET CENTER

The fifth-graders and their teachers are the first of Plymouth-Canton's 14 elementary schools which will embark on free trips this year, thanks to unidentified benefactors who are picking up the \$2.5 million tab to send all fifth-grade students in the Plymouth-Canton, Van Buren and Taylor school districts.

Space Camp representatives gave ideas, tips and direction to parents and students. Eyes lit up when it was announced students would make several trips to the Kennedy Space Center. A few groans were heard when it was announced that immediately following registration students would be taken to their living quarters and have to make their beds.

Students will have full days ahead of them, with lectures and hands-on activities beginning at 9 a.m., and group activities ending nearly 12 hours later. Students will be watching IMAX films about space, commanding a shuttle mission, building model rockets and designing a space station.

Teachers will also have their own class time to learn how to integrate what students learn into lesson plans.

The group will be taking red-eye flights on each end of the trip. They will leave Pioneer Middle School at 4 a.m. Sunday, and fly out at 5:30 a.m. from Metro Airport. They'll be landing back in Detroit nearly a week later, at 1:45 a.m. Saturday, March 13.

Court seizes property at Crier for neglecting printing debts

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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The Penniman Street offices of The Community Crier newspaper are empty after property was seized by Wayne County court officials Monday.

Southfield attorney Marc Fishman said Michigan Webb Press of Springfield Township in Oakland County, which prints the newspaper for The Crier, filed a lawsuit "to get a judgment to collect an amount of money" which is near \$90,000.

"The Crier has accrued the debt over a long period of time, a number of years," said Fishman. "Michigan Webb Press has already extended an appreciable amount of credit, and it's time to move on."

Fishman said Community Crier owner W. Edward Wendover was served with the lawsuit, but failed to respond with the required 21 days. It was

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then Michigan Webb Press took action.

Every bit of equipment was taken, including an old-time newspaper printing press which had been prominently displayed in the business office storefront of the newspaper. An American flag now covers the entire front window, keeping passersby from looking into the business.

Fishman said The Crier has a legally-specified time frame in which to settle the debt, after which the equipment will go to auction.

"The assets seized will be sold

and applied to the debt," said Fishman. "My client will cut his losses."

Fishman did not know the exact amount of time Wendover would have to pay the debt before auction, but noted it was within a two-week time frame.

In Wednesday's weekly edition, the Community Crier wrote a three paragraph story stating "A long-standing legal feud continued Monday as assets belonging to The Plymouth-Canton Community Crier Inc. and its publishing arm, COMMA, were seized, slowing work at both places.

"The case involves a disputed debt that was apparently transferred, bought or discounted by an unknown assailant..."

The Community Crier currently has its papers printed by Webco Press in Lapeer.

Crier Editor Byron Martin commented on the situation by saying "The paper is on the street."

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tion is and what it's going to do to them if it happens," said Berry. "How it affects services ... taxation ... is it going to be a city form of government or a township?"

Berry will be holding a meeting to answer those types of questions 7 p.m. Monday, March 29, in the Plymouth Library, 223 S. Main Street in downtown Plymouth.

Although the project will require an extensive amount of work to complete, Berry is confident that it can be done.

Some government officials have stated that joining things slowly in a piecemeal fashion would be the easiest way of performing a merger but Berry wants to do it all at once.

"We don't want to piecemeal it like is going on now," he said. "We need to get rid of that so we can stabilize what's going on."

Berry has at least one supporter in his corner, Plymouth City Mayor Pro Tem Joe Koch.

"I fully support unification," he said. "Whether that new entity will be a township or a city, whichever it is, I'll support it."

Koch even offered to step out of the way in order to allow the transition to take place more smoothly.

"If that means that I have to

step down as mayor pro tem, then that's fine with me," he added. "I'd do it in a heartbeat and I'd do it because I'm not looking out for what's best for me. I'm looking out for what's best for the people of this community."

Plymouth Community Fire Chief Larry Groth, who endured a fire department merger earlier this decade, believes that a complete merger of the two communities is a long shot.

"That's something that has been talked about for a long time and it's extremely complicated," he said of the most recent round of debates. "The history of that issue goes way back to the '50's."

Plymouth Township Treasurer Ron Edwards said that a merging with the city is a foolish idea for that community's citizens.

"I cannot see merging with the city and raising the taxes of the individual homeowners in Plymouth Township," he said. "It doesn't make economic sense."

Edwards also said that forming a single community in order to give this area a more solid identity is also a moot point.

"I have an identity right now: 48170 Plymouth, Michigan," he said.

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sooner than expected.

"This is an emergency, especially with the safety inspections putting a lot of stress on the bus system," said Birchler. "If we can't make changes in other parts of the budget to compensate, the money will come from the general fund balance."

Birchler said the district's fund balance is currently \$7.7 million, which doesn't include the Durant settlement of \$5.4 million.

Plymouth-Canton is also borrowing special education buses from Dearborn Public Schools. Plymouth-Canton began using the Dearborn 48-passenger buses before the mid-winter

break. One was taken back by Dearborn, and Grech expects the second to be given back soon. Dearborn did not charge for the use of the two buses.

The transportation department recently spent nearly a \$500,000 dollars from the October 1998 middle school bond for buses. The new units include six 78-passenger buses and one 48-passenger bus with a lift. Another bus with a lift is still on order.

However, despite the new buses, Grech said it's still not enough.

"We can't continue like this ... we're at a critical point," said Grech.

"We need to either get some new buses, or the level of service will suffer," she added. "Some buses won't go another school year. It's just more than we can expect from these vehicles."

When school buses are purchased, they are depreciated over a seven-year period. Many of the district's school buses have been on the road more than twice that amount of time.

"We spend too much time and money keeping some of these buses on the road," said Grech. "We're struggling to keep them going on a daily basis."

The district does have \$3 million dedicated from the March

1997 high school bond election for new buses. However, that money has yet to materialize because the election is in litigation.

Even if the money is received soon, Grech says it may be too late to order buses that will be delivered on time for the upcoming school year.

"We really should have those bids out now," she said. "If we don't have new units, we'll have to carefully take a look at the whole transportation system by next school year to see what we can deliver."

Water from page A1

sewer projects by ordering a smaller rate hike, combined with three bond issues.

"The average household is going to average a 42 percent increase, which will continue our improvements in the system and start us on the road to financial recovery," said assistant city manager Paul Sincock.

Under the proposal, the current cost of \$3.71 per 1,000 gallons of water will jump to \$4.94. Residential customers will see the quarterly service charge increase from \$2.84 to \$10.

In total dollars, the average customer, one who uses 18,000 gallons of water per quarter, will see a 3-month bill increase from

\$69.62 to \$98.92. Percentage increases for all homeowners will vary, depending upon gallons used.

The commission is expected to vote on the increase at its March 15 meeting. The rate increase will then go into effect with the April water bills. This will be the first increase in at least 10 years for city residents.

The city will issue two series of bond issues by July totaling \$1.7 million, which will erase the \$900,000 water and sewer fund deficit and pay for this year's sewer improvements.

Another \$900,000 bond will be issued next year, to be used for more improvements as well as

cash reserves for future projects.

"We're looking at \$700,000 in improvements for each of the next four years," said Sincock.

"After that we'll have about \$200,000 in repairs for the next few years until we get into the next phase of our street project, which will include water main replacement along with street paving."

Commissioners have added new language to the city ordinance that will force them to look at water and sewer rate increases on a yearly basis to avoid future double-digit increases.

"I'm not pleased, but it's probably the more equitable thing to do than the 86 percent," said Commissioner Dave McDonald, the only commissioner to vote against the 86 percent rate hike

in January.

"The 42 percent is probably the best thing we can do at this point in time," said Commissioner Stella Greene. "We don't want to look at such large increases that it becomes untenable for residents, but we have to address the fund deficit."

Sincock attempted to put the water rate increase into perspective, comparing the city's rate hike to the price for store-bought bottled water.

"This one-liter bottle was bought today for 89 cents," explained Sincock, holding up the bottle of water. "This same bottle, filled with water delivered to your tap, costs .000004 cents. One store-bought bottle of water costs the same as 200,000 bottles delivered to your door."

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

The following Agenda will be discussed:
Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
Roll Call: Cisek, Demopoulos, Johnson, Redfern
Acceptance of Agenda

- Claudio Rossi of 45380 West Ten Mile Road Novi, MI 48375 (248-349-0582) is representing Huntington Place II, L.L.C. For 2976 Wakefield Ct. Canton, MI. They are appealing Article 26.02 Schedule of Regulation Requirements for Agricultural & Residential Districts. They are requesting a rear yard setback variance at the Southeast corner of the house in order to accommodate custom house plans for the homeowner. Parcel # 71-111-03-0098-000 (Building)
- Kermit & Annette Coleman of 51262 Cherry Hill Road Canton, MI 48187 (495-0883) are appealing 26.02 and requesting a variance of 34 acres from the 40 acre minimum lot size in the RA District and a 170 ft. Variance for the 600 ft. Minimum lot width requirement in the RA district along the Napier Road right of way. Parcel # 071-990002-001 and 071-99-0002-002 (Planning)
- Edward and Dorothy Lough of 48485 Gyde Road in Canton, MI 48187 are appealing 26.02 (variance of 20' from the minimum 150' lot width and depth ratio for the easterly parcel.) and Section 2.10D (variance to the design requirements for a Class I Private Road to allow the current driveway to be used in lie of construction of the gravel road) Parcel # 71-019-99-0014-001 and 71-019-99-0014-002 (Planning)
- Fox Run Development Corporation of 41400 Dequindre, Suite 105 Sterling Heights, MI 48314 (810-726-9850) are appealing Article 6 Section 6.03D Side Yard Setbacks in a R-2 Cluster Zone. For Fellows Creek Estates Sub Parcel #is 031-990-0012-002, 031-990-012-714 and 031-990-014-000. (Planning)
- SSOE Inc. (Craig Mitland) of 1050 Wilshire Dr. Suite 260 Troy, MI 48084 (248-643-6222) is representing Meier, Inc. (Tom McGovern) of 4411 Plainfield, NE Grand Rapids, MI 49505 (616-365-5155) for property located at 45001 Ford Road Canton MI 48187. They are appealing Article 29 Section 9, Item 9.1 of the Building Sign Ordinance. Parcel #058-99-0003-710 (Building)

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

NOTICE THE CANTON PUBLIC SAFETY RECORDS BUREAU WILL BE CLOSED ON MARCH 9 & 10, 1999 AND REOPEN FOR BUSINESS ON MARCH 11, 1999 AT 1:00 PM. THE RECORDS BUREAU WILL RESUME NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS ON FRIDAY, MARCH 12, 1999, 8:30 AM UNTIL 5:00 PM. THE RECORDS BUREAU WILL HAVE SPECIAL HOURS ON SATURDAY, MARCH 13TH FROM 8:00 AM UNTIL 12:00 PM.

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The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon two weeks notice to the Charter Township of Canton. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Charter Township of Canton by writing or calling the following:

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ROY BOONE NIX

Services for Roy Boone Nix, 97, of Plymouth were Feb. 28 in the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth. Burial was in Higginsville City Cemetery, Higginsville, Miss.

He was born May 16, 1901, in Mannsville, Okla. He died Feb. 27 in Livonia. He began working in carpentry soon after World War I. His construction experience grew to include ship building as well as bridge and industrial construction. During World War II Nix served as a civilian employee for the Army Corps of Engineers and later worked for the Ford Motor Co. He retired from Ford in January 1965 and retired to Mesa, Ariz. He and his wife moved to Bāshor, Kan. in 1986 and after her death he moved to Plymouth in 1989. Nix was a 60-year member of the Masonic Lodge of Lexington, Mo. and a life long member of the Presbyterian Church.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Martha. Survivors include his daughter, Anita (Samuel) Barnes of Canton; one grandson, John Barnes; and one sister, Ruth Bush of Bullhead, Calif.

Memorials may be made to the Plymouth Lions Club, c/o Howard Schryer, 150 S. Union, Apt. 1, Plymouth, MI 48170.

EVELYN L. HINKS

Services for Evelyn L. Hinks, 84, of Plymouth were Feb. 26 in the Schrader Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth with the Rev. Drex Morton officiating. Burial was in Grandlawn Cemetery, Detroit.

She was born June 3, 1914, in Brantford, Ontario. She died Feb. 24 in Plymouth. She was a homemaker. She came to the Plymouth community from Detroit in 1970. She enjoyed gardening and fishing. She loved to travel. She loved family gatherings and to play cards.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Alfred. Survivors include one son, David (Donna) Hinks of Weidman, Mich.; one daughter, Barbara (Fred) Hacker of Plymouth; one sister, Loren Demrose of Oxford; sister-in-law, Eleanor Saunders of Redford Township; six grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Heartland Hospice, 28588 Northwestern Highway, Suite 425, Southfield, MI 48034.

CARITA B. RICK

Private services were held for Carita B. Rick, 72, of Plymouth. Local arrangements were made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth.

She was born Oct. 5, 1926 in Hibbing, Minn. She died Feb. 25 in Ann Arbor. She was a homemaker, mother, and traveler. She came to Plymouth from Minneapolis, Minn., in 1964. She was a member of St. Kenneth Catholic Church, the Study Club and Symphony Bridge. She earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Minnesota, class of 1948. She traveled to

China, South Africa, Portugal, Spain, England, Sweden, and Hong Kong. She loved to play bridge, golf, swim and was an avid reader.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Paul. Survivors include her three daughters, Stephanie (Woody) Johnson of Plymouth, Michelle (Cliff) Biddick of Charlevoix, Mich., Jacqueline (Arthur) Johnson of Walled Lake; one son, Douglas (Dorothy Engel) Rick; seven grandchildren, Jeffery Little, Kevin Little, Heather Biddick, Chelsea Biddick, Christine Johnson, Lauren Johnson, Allison Deagan; and one sister, Jacqueline Williams of Minneapolis, Minn.

ANDREW KLISZ JR.

Services for Andrew Klisz Jr., 77, of Belleville were March 2 in St. John Neumann Catholic Church with the Rev. Jack Quinlan officiating. Burial was in Washtenong Cemetery. Local arrangements were made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth.

He was born June 10, 1921, in Detroit. He died Feb. 27 in Ypsilanti. He was a tool and die maker at the Ford Motor Co., Dearborn Rouge Plant. He retired in 1975 after 31 years of service. He grew up in Detroit (Delray area) and Ecorse. He came to the Belleville community in 1996 from Jackson. He was a member of the Ford Retirees Club. He also was a member of September Days, a retirees organization. He also has lived in Lincoln Park, Taylor and Jackson. He served in the Navy. Survivors include his wife, Dolores Klisz of Belleville; two

daughters, Lana (Dennis) Heinrich of Plymouth, Karen (Bill) Filiater of Canton; one sister, Eleanor Klisz of Riverview; and four grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Juvenile Diabetes Foundation or the Kidney Foundation.

RICHARD E. MURPHY

Services for Richard E. Murphy, 72, of Plymouth were Feb. 27 in Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth with the Rev. Drex Morton officiating. Burial was in Oakwood Mausoleum, Saginaw.

He was born July 9, 1926, in Portsmouth, Ohio. He died Feb. 23 in Plymouth. He retired from Ford Motor Co. as a designer in 1983. He was a Scottish Rite Mason. He was a member of the Moslem Temple and of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Ohio.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Herbert and Pauline Murphy. Survivors include his wife, Gladys M. Murphy of Plymouth; one brother, Donald Murphy of Minford, Ohio; and several nieces and nephews.

MARY ANNA JANOWSKI

Services for Mary Anna Janowski, 84, of Plymouth were March 3 in SS. Peter & Paul Catholic Church with the Rev. Stan Tokarski officiating. Burial was in St. Hedwig Cemetery, Dearborn Heights. Local arrangements were made by Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth.

She was born Aug. 31, 1914, in Pienkie, Poland. She died Feb. 28 in Plymouth. She was a seamstress for Jeannette's Bridal Salon. She was a member

of SS. Peter & Paul Catholic Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Boleslaw and Helen Robowski. Survivors include her two sons, Eugene (Virginia) Janowski of Livonia, John (Sophie) J. Janowski of Plymouth; two daughters, Christine (Walt) Timoshark, and Lucy (David) Greer of Littleton, Colo.; eight grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Memorials may be made in Mass cards.

ANNA YUKENAVAGE

Private services were held for Anna Yukenavage, 83, of Detroit. Local arrangements were made by Neely-Turovski Funeral Home, Canton.

She was born Oct. 23, 1915, in Pennsylvania. She died March 1 in Oakwood Hospital. She worked at Kmart as a waitress in the cafeteria for years. Survivors include her daughter, Sylvia Ryckaert of Canton; and one grandchild.

HELEN T. BRANSKI

Services for Helen T. Branski, 77, of Canton were Feb. 28 in Grosse Ile Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Dr. Richard Cushnie officiating. Local arrangements were made by Neely-Turovski Funeral Home, Canton Chapel. She was born Feb. 10, 1922. She died Feb. 25 in Canton. She was retired from the telephone company as a billing clerk.

Survivors include her son, Bob (Marcy); one daughter, Sandy Arrowsmith; two sisters, Clare, Valerie; one brother, Doc; six grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

St. Al's visits OLGC



Trip: Parishioners from St. Aloysius in Detroit visited Our Lady of Good Counsel in Plymouth for Mass and to see the Focus: HOPE exhibit. Pictured are Ruth Ellis of St. Aloysius (left) and Michele Fallena, Rosemary Czechowicz and Alice Pappas of OLGC.

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Notice of intent to file a 'Clean Corporate Citizen' Application

The Visteon Automotive Systems, Sheldon Road Plant (located at 14425 Sheldon Road, Plymouth, Michigan) proposes to file an application with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality for a Clean Corporate Citizen designation in accordance with R336.2408 of Part 14 of the Air Quality Administration Rules, Michigan Administrative Code.

This program is intended to allow a regulated source that has demonstrated environmental stewardship and performance through their operation in Michigan to be recognized as a Clean Corporate Citizen. The program requires that the facility:

- Have an environmental management system
- Meet all environmental compliance requirements
- Implement a Pollution Prevention Policy and Program

The Sheldon Road Plant received ISO 14001 registration in June, 1998 for the facility Environmental Management System. All documentation required for the C3 application is available for public review starting March 8th in the reference section of the Plymouth District Library, 705 S. Main Street, Plymouth until May 7th, 1999.

Written comments will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. on May 7th, 1999 at the following address:

Visteon Sheldon Road Plant
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Attn: Katie Cunningham, Environmental Engineer

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Bidders on auction items boost scholarship funds

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM
STAFF WRITER

How much are you willing to pay for a weekend getaway at the historic Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island? How about a Florida vacation? Dinner for 40? Madonna University is hoping to get people's competitive juices flowing at its 11th annual "Around the World Scholarship Dinner Auction" at 5:30 p.m. Friday, April 16 in Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft.

The highest bidders will get to take home retired Beanie Babies, tickets for vacations, autographed sports memorabilia and more. The proceeds help

provide scholarship funding for approximately 160 Madonna University students, according to Andrea Nodge, Madonna's director of marketing and public relations.

This year, part of the funding also will go toward making the residence hall handicapped-accessible, she said.

One auction-goer will become the owner of a brand-new Cadillac Sedan DeVille. No more than 750 raffle tickets will be sold at \$200 each. If all 750 tickets are sold, \$150,000 will be generated from the raffle alone.

Nodge said people go to the fund-raising auction for a variety of reasons but end up coming

back for the entertainment.

"I think that when people come to a Madonna University auction it's for a higher purpose," Nodge said, referring to the fund-raising aspect. "But when they do come, they have some fun. It's a fun event with good camaraderie and a nice meal."

Proceeds from the auction will provide scholarship funding for Madonna University students and will support other projects, making higher education accessible to a diverse student body. The event will begin 5:30 p.m. with a silent auction followed by dinner and a live auction. The goal for this year's auction is

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\$280,000.

The general admission ticket price is \$75 and includes dinner, open bar and the live and silent auction. Gold Inner Circle Seating tickets are available for \$125 and allow special seating near the center stage.

Auctioneer Dan Stall Jr. of Birmingham will field the bids. A sampling of the items up for bid include Northwest Airlines tickets to Hawaii and other destinations throughout the continental U.S., weekend getaways to the Stratford Festival in

Ontario and the "Somewhere in Time Weekend" on Mackinac Island at the Grand Hotel; a weekend sailing trip on the award winning "Charisma" from Mackinac Island to Beaver Island; a cruise aboard the new "Infinity" yacht and several Florida vacations.

Also auctioned will be dinner for 40 at Under the Eagle Restaurant, \$2,000 worth of advertising from the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, a 20-person suite with food and drinks for a Red Wings playoff game,

and signed sports memorabilia from Ted Lindsay, Alex Delvecchio, Adam Oates and John Salley, among others. The auction will also include a wide selection of retired Beanie Babies.

Laura Frances Welling of Livonia, the reigning 1998 Miss Michigan and Ladywood High School graduate, will attend the auction.

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Friends of Rouge seek groups to help with promotion of rivers, environment

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM
STAFF WRITER

The Friends of the Rouge want everyone to think about rivers on June 5.

The 14-year-old organization is looking for groups interested in initiating environment-oriented activities on that date, dubbed "Rouge River Day."

The Friends of the Rouge will sponsor its annual Rouge River cleanup, but this year that group and other volunteer organizations will expand the day's focus to include other Southeast Michigan rivers such as the Clinton, Detroit and Huron.

"We want to increase the

number of opportunities to participate in activities on Rouge River Day," said Jim Graham, executive director of Friends of the Rouge. "Everything that might be remotely related to rivers or the environment is fair game."

Expanding the scope to include other watersheds was a positive step, he said.

"The fact that we're working together for the first time is very, very promising," Graham said. "There are ways we can share resources, not only on our own watershed."

Increased attention to the Rouge over the years has resulted in decreased fecal coliform

bacteria caused by raw sewage and increased oxygen levels.

"The most dramatic improvement is that it looks a lot better," Graham said.

Upgraded separated sewer systems have also improved the river's health by ensuring that less sewage goes into it, he added.

Other local river communities are invited to sponsor a local event anytime on that date. Local community groups, businesses, scout troops, church groups, school groups, environmental clubs and others can organize a variety of community events to focus attention on water resources.

Ideas include nature hikes, storm drain stenciling, school yard cleanups, water quality monitoring, canoe trips, fishing events, park cleanup, invasive plant removal and photo contests.

Friends of the Rouge can provide support by matching groups with potential volunteers, donated materials and supplies.

Organizational meetings are planned for 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 24, and 10 a.m. Wednesday, April 14, at Henry Ford Community College's Dearborn Heights campus, 22586 Ann Arbor Trail, between Outer Driveway and Warren. For more information, call (313) 792-9900.

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The program is the Michigan-Shiga Student Exchange Program, sponsored by the Michigan Department of Education. Twenty Michigan students are selected to participate each year, and then paired with 20 Japanese students with similar interests.

The Michigan students will live with host families and attend school with the Shiga exchange students from July 17-18, Sept. 11-26, the Japanese students will come

here and spend two weeks with the Michigan families, attending school with their exchange students.

The cost of the program is approximately \$1,600, which is based mainly on the cost of the round-trip tickets. Any student who is adventurous, likes to meet new people and is open-minded qualifies for the program. Knowledge of the Japanese language is helpful

but not necessary. There is an orientation in early May to acquaint students and parents with Japanese customs and basic language.

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Airport reorganization calls for parking oversight

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
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David Katz, director of Detroit Wayne County Metropolitan Airport, has proposed an airport reorganization plan that will include a concessions and quality assurance division to oversee parking and food concessions.

He also has submitted a new airport parking contract to the county commission using the same operator whose practices were questioned in an audit released in December.

The new division is Katz's plan to resolve some of the problems with airport operations detailed in an audit released by Wayne County Auditor General Brendan Dunleavy.

Dunleavy said Wayne County should have

received \$1 million more in taxes for valet parking from 1992-97 from airport parking operator APCOA. Dunleavy also questioned the lack of competitive bidding or management approval of several expense items and the costs of lease agreements and parking machine maintenance. The audit report was approved Feb. 18 by county commissioners with an expected follow-up to be completed at a later date.

In an interview last week, Katz said the report brings up some "excellent" points and the airport



David Katz

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is making "significant adjustments" since it was first released in December.

The report found certain practices in the airport parking operation could be reducing revenue to Wayne County's general fund.

Dunleavy said \$1.1 million in parking taxes for Wayne County was underreported and \$300,000 for the city of Romulus due to airport parking operator APCOA's practice of deducting labor costs from the valet parking

receipts before calculating the parking tax. Not only were parking taxes underreported, but interest revenue on parking tax receipts were not credited back to the airport and fees to parking operator APCOA were overpaid.

Under state law the parking operator is to collect a 30 percent airport parking tax on each vehicle using the service. "Our audit revealed that the operator was only paying taxes on about 25 percent of the total charge for valet parking," Dunleavy reported.

Airport officials told auditors they have begun to calculate the tax on the full charge of valet parking, but also want a formal determination from the Michigan Department of Treasury before committing

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APCOA has nationwide experience

APCOA is based in Cleveland and has 46 years experience in the operation of airport automobile parking facilities.

It was formerly known as Airport Parking Company of America, but changed its name to APCOA in 1960. The company is a subsidiary of Holberg Industries Inc., a private, diversified service company.

APCOA currently operates nine airport facilities in a city or county with a population of over 1 million, including airports in the metropolitan areas or cities of Cleveland, Columbus, Minneapolis, St. Louis, Sacramento and San Jose. In the past five years, it has operated the Baltimore-Washington International, New Orleans International and Honolulu International airports.

It also manages more than 600 parking facilities serving downtown areas, shopping centers, sports complexes and stadiums and sports complexes. Currently its airport division manages more than 60 airport parking facilities in more than 35 states and Canada, ranging from small regional airports to large facilities.

It has operated at Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport since 1982. Williford Enterprises joined APCOA in 1996 as APCOA's joint venture partner in providing parking services at Metro with a percentage interest split 80 percent for APCOA and 20 percent for Williford.

Since the APCOA's contract expiration in 1991, the operator has continued to operate on an extension of the expired contract on a month-to-month basis. Wayne County entered into a three-year agreement on Oct. 1, 1988, with APCOA to manage and operate all on-site parking facilities at Detroit Metro.

David Katz, director of Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport, said he has sent to the Wayne County Commission a new contract with APCOA, after the airport accepted bids from companies. Katz said APCOA was the low bidder, but the contract has not been acted on yet by the commission.

Job fair is planned for March 26

Michigan employers are invited to take part in the 23rd Michigan Collegiate Job Fair 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, March 26, at Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft in Livonia.

The fair is co-sponsored by Wayne State and Eastern Michigan universities and promoted by more than 70 other four-year and two-year institutions. ESD, the Engineering Society, is a supporting sponsor.

The fair is expected to draw 1,000 to 1,200 seniors and recent alumni from colleges and universities throughout Michigan and surrounding states.

The employer registration fee is \$325. Included in that cost is floor space, table and chairs, a company sign, parking, lunch and refreshments for up to four recruiters per firm.

Registration is first-come, first-served and should be submitted as soon as possible. For more information, call Nannette McCleary of Wayne State at (313) 577-9947 or Renee Elliott at (734) 487-4395 for information or contact local university or college placement offices or visit the Internet: www.sa.wayne.edu

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Farmers facing tough markets sell out to developers

BY TIM RICHARD
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They're usually optimists, but Michigan farmers may be facing a crisis due to low corn prices and suburban sprawl, a legislative committee was told.

"They're close to very, very difficult times," Ron Nelson of the Michigan Farm Bureau told the House Economic Development Committee March 2.

"Corn is selling at \$1.75 a bushel, and it costs \$2.50 to produce. Milk costs as much to pro-

duce as it sells for. It's going to be hard for farmers to pay interest on their loans," Nelson said.

He said "coffee house" chats indicate some are going out of business as pressure for development mounts, though they always expect this year will be good. "Assume farmland sells for \$1,000 an acre - that's reasonable. For development, it may bring \$10,000. Many farmers are deciding to cash out and try something else."

Committee chair Valde Garcia, R-St. Johns, said the subject

when he said he had heard two-thirds of farmers aren't making a profit and that agribusiness is "a year away from crisis."

Rep. Patricia Lockwood, D-Fenton, said, "Urban sprawl is a thread going through many communities." Urban sprawl means the eating up of open land, particularly farmland, at rates faster than justified by population growth.

Nelson cited an unidentified farm of 160 acres that was a "cow-calf" beef operation, but now is the site of 700 manufac-

tures houses. "It won't be long before the rest (of surrounding farms) find it's too expensive to operate (as farms)," he said.

"For them, development makes perfect sense. It's two miles from the expressway. From the standpoint of agriculture, it makes no sense. Assessments will go up."

Proposal A of 1994 gives farmers some protection: Assessments can't rise faster than the rate of consumer price inflation. But if an aging farmer transfers the property to his children, they'll pay the higher assess-

ments dictated by the real estate market.

Nelson said the concept of governmental purchase of development rights (PDR) has potential for saving farmland, but "can we purchase PDR for the entire state? There's not enough money."

Grand Traverse and Leelanau counties have inaugurated PDR programs to save farms, but Washtenaw County voters last year rejected the idea.

Nelson was asked what the state Jobs Commission, succes-

or to the Department of Commerce, has done for farming. "The Jobs Commission is locked into new jobs," Nelson replied, but is doing less for in-state job transfers.

In other testimony before the House panel:

■ Kristi Clemens of the Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce said there's a shortage of skilled workers for a "technology-driven global marketplace," and a need for government to ease business expansion in "brownfields" of older cities.

2 seats open on SC board

Nominating petitions are available for two seats, each for six-year terms, on the Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees for the upcoming biennial election of trustees on June 14.

Candidates must live in the Schoolcraft College district, which includes the school districts of Clarenceville, Garden City, Livonia, Northville, Plymouth-Canton and part of Novi. They also must be registered voters.

Petitions are available in the office of Schoolcraft President Richard McDowell in the Grote Administration Center and must be returned to the secretary by 4 p.m. Monday, April 12. The office is open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.

The signatures of not less than 50 nor more than 200 qualified voters are required for nominations. Candidates are asked to circulate petitions so that those signing any one petition are residents of a single school district. There is no charge for filing petitions.

The seats are currently held by Patricia Watson, who is board president and a Northville resident, and Greg Stempien, also of Northville and a Livonia attorney, who was appointed in January 1998 to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of John Walsh.

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Seminar to focus on study of Japan

Madonna University is one of eight U.S. colleges and universities chosen to participate in a yearlong seminar focused on Japan.

The seminar is offered through the Association of American Colleges and Universities to assist education centers in their efforts to become more global in their orientation and programs.

Twenty-four faculty members, three each from eight institutions, first attended a two-day orientation meeting in San Francisco in January.

Next, they will receive five months of on-campus study, followed by a three-week summer visit to Japan and a fall semester.

Madonna faculty participating are Kathleen O'Dowd, Ph.D., professor, literature; Denise St. Arnault, Ph.D., assistant professor, nursing; Dennis Bozyk, associate professor, history. Betty Jean Hebel, Ph.D., professor, marketing and chair, business graduate program, will serve as an alternate.

Each of the Madonna professors will concentrate on their particular discipline to learn how they can incorporate Japan-related content into the curriculum, O'Dowd said.

In July, when the faculty go to Japan, they will visit three or four major areas including Kyoto, Hiroshima and Tokyo and explore traditional, industrial, political-economic and regional aspects of Japan. They will also meet with a group with a variety of academic colleagues and other leaders in Japan.

By the end of 1999, each team will be expected to develop and share plans for the wider inclusion of Japan-related topics in curriculum. The work will be featured nationally through publications, web-site and conferences.

Others participating in the project are Baruch College-CUNY, Catholic University of America, Davidson College, Gustavus Adolphus College, Lincoln University, Swarthmore College and Wichita State University.

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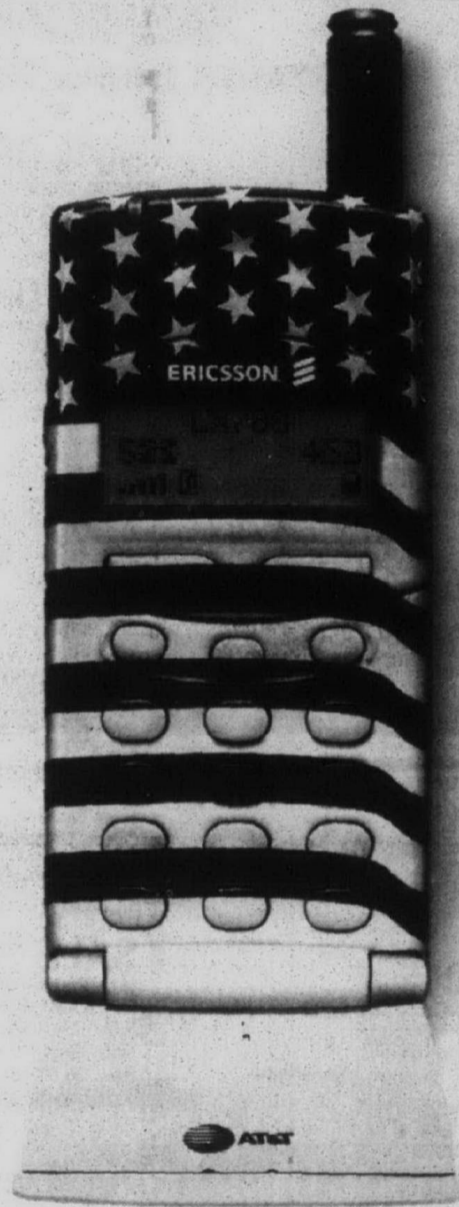
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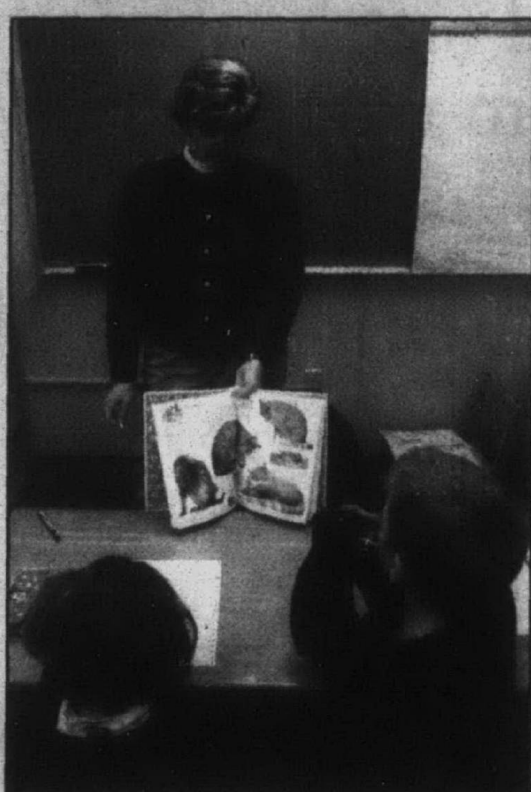
Discussion: Madlein Kabrossi (left), teacher at the Learning Center discusses a story with Caitlin Penny, 9, (center) of Redford and Andrew Easow, 9, of Livonia.

READING ENGAGES ACTIVE PARTNERS



Together: Teacher Marilyn Nagy reads a story with Heather Abee, 12, of Garden City.

Reviewing: Teacher Kate Uberti at the Madonna University Learning Center goes over a story with Courtney McAadoo, 7, (left) of Canton and Eric Puschak, 7, of Livonia.



STAFF PHOTOS BY TOM HAWLEY

Fun, games make kids better readers

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM
STAFF WRITER

For nearly half a century, a Madonna University reading program has helped transform struggling young readers into accomplished ones. The Reading Engages Active Partners program, in its 49th year, takes struggling readers from elementary, middle and high schools from across metro Detroit and gives them one-on-one tutoring once a week. The classes are taught by Madonna faculty and by community volunteers.

Madlein Kabrossi of Livonia, a volunteer and Madonna graduate, said the program is effective for both students and tutors.

"I was just so impressed," she said. "(The program) is such a wonderful thing. The basic training that Madonna gave us

■ The students use games, such as 'Go Fish,' to learn words.

makes it so much easier." A typical class consists of one-on-one or two-on-one tutoring, reading aloud, word games and discussion.

The students use games, such as "Go Fish," to learn words. In one recent lesson, Kabrossi had her two students ask each other if they had particular words, which were written on small squares of construction paper. Then they had to use the word in a sentence and spell it.

William Deuchere, a 9-year-old Hull Elementary student, was winning. Then Kabrossi learned why.

"You are going to be the

biggest cheater in poker," Kabrossi said scoldingly to Deuchere, who was able to read his partner's cards.

Kabrossi said she would rewrite the cards using lighter colored ink.

The games help make the sessions more enjoyable, Kabrossi said.

"They get the idea that reading is fun," she said. "They get involved in the story."

In the first five-10 minutes of each session, the students review the previous lesson. At the end, they review the day's lesson and listen to the tutor read. Kabrossi read portions of "The Secret Garden," by Frances Hodgson Burnett until the bell rang.

In the past, workbooks and "ditto" sheets were the norm in



Beaming: Madonna University Learning Center Director Sister Mary Duane Rydel is proud of the program.

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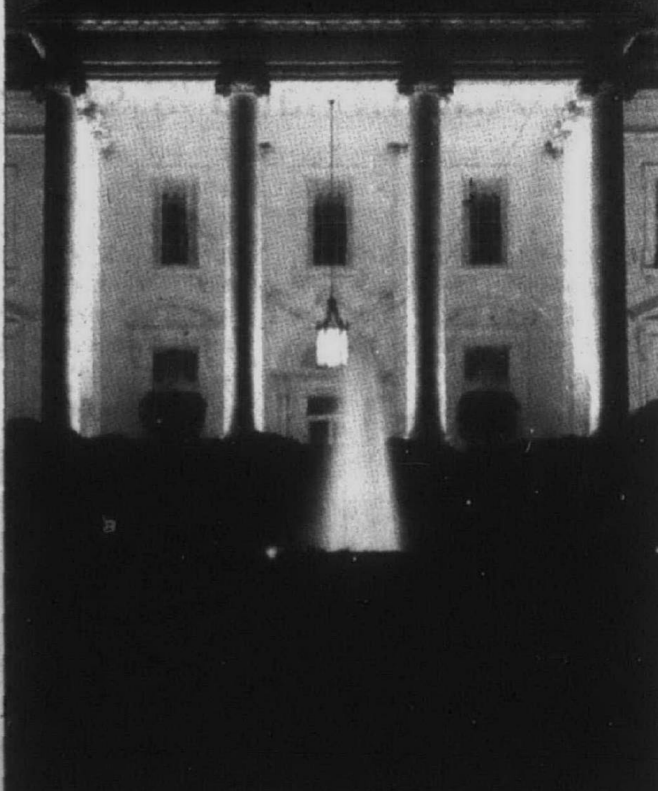
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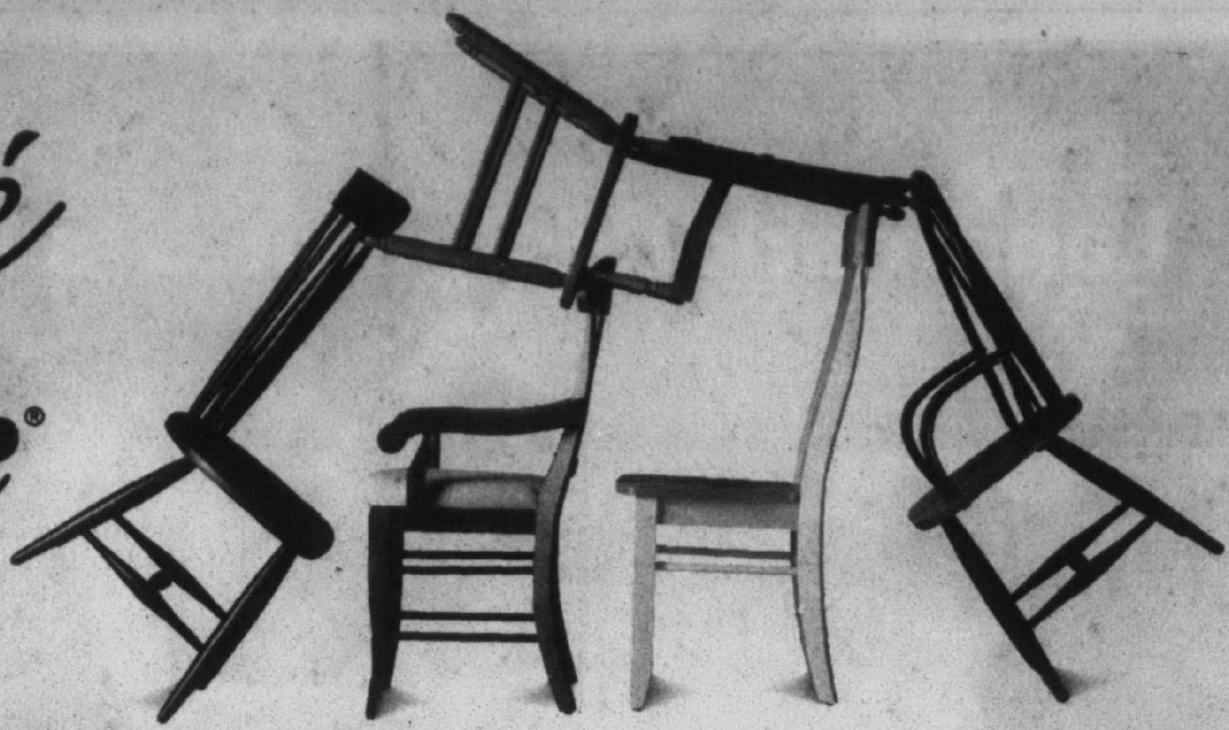
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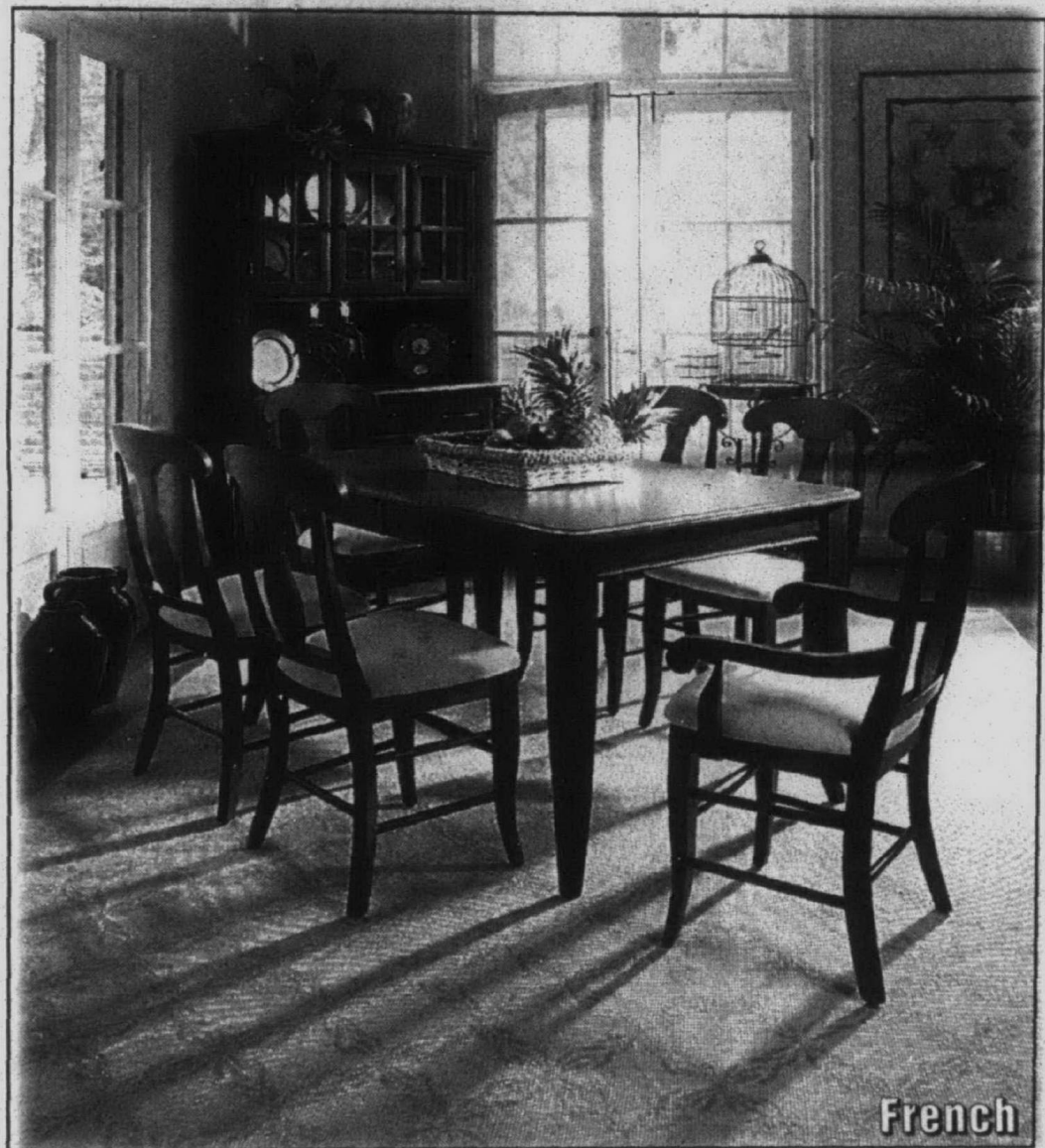
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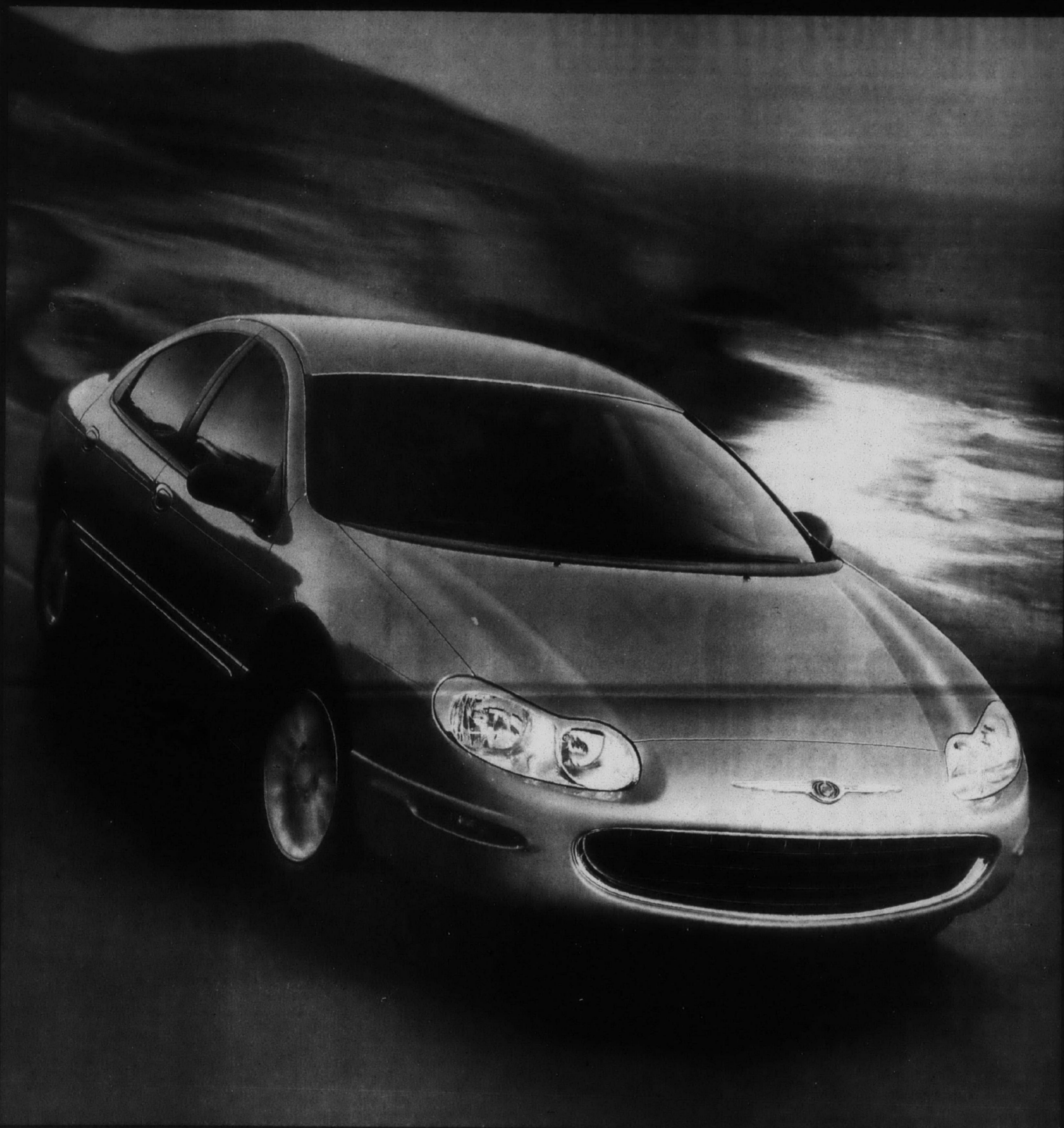
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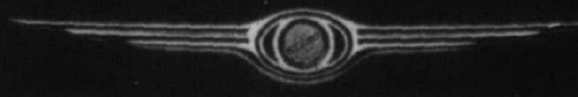
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ting to pay the underreported amount.

Katz said the state treasurer, county commissioners and governor agreed with the airport in 1987 to levy the parking tax at a lesser amount. "The airport did it because we wanted to minimize the impact to the citizens," Katz said.

"I'm not sure Brendan's right, he may be right. It depends on your interpretation of statute."

The money was collected for the parking tax, sent to Lansing and then sent to Wayne County.

Katz said APCOA acted properly with the tax. "It's not some skulduggery. The money stayed here at the airport. The new (commission) wants us to tax the whole \$20."

Agreement questioned

Dunleavy questioned APCOA's 18-month lease agreements for which the firm is reimbursed by the airport. These agreements cost an average of \$28,000 per vehicle, based on unlimited mileage. The auditor general's office discussed these leases with an independent dealer and

obtained a quote for similar vehicle leases for comparison purposes.

"Based on the quote, it appears the airport could have leased the majority of these vehicles for an average of about \$17,000 per vehicle. At this rate, the airport could be paying as much as \$400,000 too much to lease the 37 vehicles."

The dealer also said the majority of these vehicles could have been purchased outright for an average price of about \$21,000 each. Based on the auditor's work, the operator said they had begun replacing these leases for 16 of the 37 vehicles. New vehicle lease averages about \$13,500 over the term of the agreement.

Dunleavy said the operator could not provide evidence that the leases were competitively bid. Katz said he has sent a letter asking for competitive bids from the airport operators.

"We also sent some equipment guys to Ford Motor Company to give us their assessment," Katz said. "We asked them 'Were they priced reasonably?'"

The lease agreement was priced high because liability costs are so high and so many

miles are put on the vehicles, Katz said.

Practices conflict

During the audit, Dunleavy's staff identified several practices that conflict with county policies and ordinances.

"These practices include failure to employ sound business practices, including failure to obtain competitive bids and failure to adhere to the county's appropriations ordinance by extending an expired contract on a month-to-month basis over the last several years without notifying the commission."

Not obtaining competitive bids for significant purchases has several implications, Dunleavy said.

"We believe this contributed to the excessive cost reimbursed by the airport for airport parking operations, denied small and minority business owners an opportunity to compete for contracts and raises concern about the integrity of the contracting process employed by county vendors at the airport."

Katz said he recently issued a

directive stating that contractors are to comply with all county procurement policies. He also will reorganize his department to ensure those policies are followed.

Under the county charter, County Executive Edward McNamara must propose to the county commission a reorganization plan at the beginning of his term. Katz said McNamara agrees with Katz's reorganization proposal and will present it soon to the commission, which has 60 days to approve or reject it.

Katz has proposed the reorganization to oversee third-party concessions, where contracted companies at the airport subcontracts with other firms for purchases or services.

"We'll have a parking director to take care of customer service and a management initiative," Katz said.

Since the APCOA's contract expiration in 1991, the operator has continued to operate on an extension of the expired contract

on a month-to-month basis. Wayne County entered into a three-year agreement on Oct. 1, 1988, with APCOA Inc. to manage and operate all on-site parking facilities at Detroit Metro.

Katz said his office had the parking contract ready for bid "months and months ago."

"We held it back and waited until the audit was completed. We didn't want to jam it down their throats, and we wanted to wait, out of respect for the commission and the auditor general."

Once again, APCOA has submitted the lowest bid, at about one-third the price of the other bidders, Katz said. That bid has been submitted to the commissioners. "That shouldn't surprise anyone. They know the business."

Katz admitted he needs to be more timely with his contracts to the commission, and he also informed the contractors he wanted subcontracts competitively bid.

"When in doubt, bid it out.

There were a lot of contracts that expired (23 or 24) or are going to lapse. There's just a couple left."

High maintenance

Dunleavy's review of the separate maintenance agreement also revealed what appears to be excessive charges for the maintenance of four of the 18 machines used to collect parking fees from customers.

For those four machines, maintenance and repair costs are estimated to be at least \$168,000 annually, or \$42,000 for each machine. For \$40,000, a new machine can be purchased.

Katz said new machines were not purchased because officials were uncertain of the final location of the proposed South Access Road, which is being constructed as part of the airport expansion. One machine has been replaced; three others will be within 60 days.

Next week: Katz reviews his first year at the helm and expansion plans.

Readers

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reading classes. REAP uses a "whole language" approach, said Sister Mary Duane, director of the Learning Center.

"We create a language-rich environment where the children are encouraged to explore, to experiment and to take risks," Sister Duane said. "Children are encouraged to engage in activities that use language in meaningful and purposeful ways."

The hourlong after-school sessions are held Monday through Thursday. Each student attends one per week. Summer sessions also are available.

Parents or guardians pay \$14 per hour for 2-1 sessions and \$17 per hour for one-on-one sessions, which are taught in small cubicles. Initial informal reading tests cost \$85. Madonna University is privately funded, so scholarships are not available, according to Sister Duane.

The costs, which basically only cover overhead expenses, are very reasonable compared to other tutoring programs, she said.

Parent and volunteer Margaret Hakun of Canton saw a big difference with her son, Michael, 11. When he was 7, he was struggling with reading. He spent about four years in the program.

"It was a wonderful experience," Hakun said. "He started feeling much more self-confident about his reading. He became more comfortable with it."

Now Hakun is working toward an education degree at Eastern Michigan University.

Parental involvement like Hakun's is very important, according to Sister Duane.

"Any time parents are involved in school programs and projects, those programs will be successful," she said.

"Our purpose is really to allow (children) to gain faculty in word recognition, vocabulary development, reading comprehension and writing."

Madonna advertises the program at area schools. REAP students come from public and parochial schools from across metro Detroit.

Hearing success stories from the parents is the most rewarding part.

"The big joy of the program is when we have parents come back to tell us how much their child has improved in reading and writing," she said.

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Mom, co-worker ready to walk for Abby

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM
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Compared to aggressive chemotherapy treatments, hair loss, kidney failure, strokes and numerous drug therapies, walking 26.2 miles is a cinch.

That's according to Gisele St. Louis-Woolsey, whose daughter Abby, 8, was diagnosed with leukemia in October 1997.

St. Louis-Woolsey is training about five days a week for the Leukemia Society of America Team in Training Marathon in May.

"I know this marathon will probably be the most physically challenging event of my lifetime and yet it seems so small a feat in comparison to the challenges that Abby has faced," St. Louis-Woolsey wrote in a fund-raising letter to friends and family.

After watching her daughter endure the numerous trials of leukemia, she decided the marathon was the thing to do. Though she has always been fitness-minded, preparing for the 26.2 mile walk was new territory.

"It's a real commitment," she said. "If you don't follow the

training schedule, you're not ready for it."

For the past four weeks, she has been gradually adding mileage to her walks with co-worker Diane Miller, who will walk the marathon with her. Their goal is to complete a 20-mile hike by the time they head out to San Diego.

Together they trek through Hines Park, Kensington Metropark near Milford and numerous spots in Livonia.

"It just makes you feel good," Miller said of the walks. "We've met a lot of new people."

At first the women dreaded taking outdoor walks in frigid winter conditions.

"Now we don't want to walk inside," St. Louis-Woolsey said.

Leukemia Society trainers have been coaching the women about diet, clothing, footwear and the training.

Miller said she had to return one pair of shoes because they hurt her feet. Running Fit, a Northville Township store, was helpful in finding shoes to fit her hard to fit size-5 feet.

Miller and St. Louis-Woolsey



In remission: Abby, 8, was diagnosed with leukemia in October 1997. She currently has no leukemia symptoms.

work at Parisian at Laurel Park Place. St. Louis-Woolsey's co-workers have been helping spearhead fund-raising drives for the pair.

A fund-raiser a week ago generated \$3,180. They each need to raise \$3,600 by May 6. They have been sending out pledge cards to family and friends asking for contributions.

Right now Abby has no leukemia symptoms. She has been receiving aggressive treatment since her diagnosis.

Abby's problems came to light with a simple trip to the pediatrician.

"I thought she had the flu," St.

Louis-Woolsey said. Her symptoms included achy joints and fever, which are both common flu symptoms.

But the doctor noticed her spleen and liver were enlarged, which caused them to rule out influenza. Several blood tests ruled out other diseases, such as mononucleosis.

"A CBC (complete blood count) test pretty much told them what they needed to know," she said.

St. Louis-Woolsey said Abby started receiving treatment at Beaumont Hospital the next day. Along the way she has experienced strokes, kidney failure, hair loss, side effects from chemotherapy and medication and more. She has already missed a whole year of school and still periodically misses days here and there.

Last week, she was sidelined by a day-long doctor's appointment.

But she is in good spirits and recently went sledding, skiing and snowboarding in Colorado. She attends St. Michael Catholic School in Livonia.

"She's a strong kid, very strong," St. Louis-Woolsey said.

To donate, write to KMA Associates, 1000 Wayne Road, Romulus, 48174, attn.: Leukemia Society. Checks should be made payable to the Leukemia Society of America. For more information about leukemia fund-raisers, contact the Leukemia Society of America's Michigan chapter at (800)456-5413.



Shoe shopping: Gisele St. Louis-Woolsey and Diane Miller look at walking shoes at Parisian in Laurel Park Place. The two women are training for the run/walk marathon in San Diego in April. They are raising money for the Leukemia Society of America.

Facts about leukemia

Leukemia is a chronic or acute disease characterized by the rapid growth of mutated white blood cells. The mutated cells crowd out red blood cells and disease-fighting white blood cells, causing anemia and frequent infection.

It strikes people of all ages, but acute lymphocytic leukemia most commonly strikes children.

Some suspected factors in leukemia include benzene, which is used as a solvent and in making plastics, insecticides, detergents, paints and dyes; viruses, radiation and X-rays.

The main symptoms include anemia, weakness, chronic fatigue, high fever, bleeding without clotting, bruising easily, recurrent infection, joint aches and swollen lymph nodes, spleen and liver.

The main treatment for leukemia is chemotherapy and drugs. The main goal of treatment is to bring about complete remission, which means there is no evidence of the disease. A remission lasting five years or more after treatment is considered to indicate cure.

Another common treatment is

a bone marrow transplant, where healthy bone marrow is injected into the bloodstream.

Other facts about leukemia:

■ Five-year childhood leukemia survival rates have increased from 4 percent in 1963 to 80 percent in 1993.

■ Childhood leukemia death rates have declined 57 percent over the past 20 years, but it still causes more U.S. deaths than any other disease in persons under 15.

■ Approximately 1,000 new leukemia cases were diagnosed in 1998 in Michigan and an estimated 800 died.

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OPINION

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THURSDAY, MARCH 4, 1999

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Witch hunt Common sense didn't prevail

While some issues that need immediate attention are falling by the wayside in township hall, the powers that be scurried to hire an attorney to protect the name of the "Charter Township of Plymouth."

Advertising the March 27 "Celebration of Hometown" dinner-dance as the "The First Annual Charter Township of Plymouth 'Celebration of Hometown'" could be contrived as being an official event for some. But for the most part, it was harmless.

The invitation and flier list specific names as to who is hosting the event. It also says the black tie affair at Fox Hills Country Club is sponsored by Peoples State Bank. And further, interested guests are told to write a check for the \$150 per couple cost to the *Tonquish Creek Yacht Club*.

Critics could have simply picked up the phone at a cost of 35 cents and said, "Hey, Commodore Bill Joyner, I don't like the fact that you use the 'Charter Township of Plymouth' in naming the yacht club's 'Celebration of Hometown' event, could you please change it?"

But that did not happen. Common sense did not prevail.

Instead, the township's paranoid politicians hired an attorney - at a cost of \$600 - to look at liability and copyright infringement laws. Absolutely, ridiculous.

Is the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular or Plymouth Fall Festival infringing on Plymouth's rights? Or what about private ventures, such as Plymouth Fish & Chips Market, Plymouth Furniture Refinishing, Plymouth Orchards & Cider Mill or the Plymouth Veterinary Hospital?

It doesn't take six hours to investigate the legalities of this nor does it take a juris doctorate. In fact, a person with a degree in Hamburgerology could have figured it out. Kudos to Treasurer Ron Edwards and trustee Chuck Curmi for standing up and saying how ludicrous this was by voting against payment of

The six-hour legal probe was a witch hunt at the taxpayer's expense. Even more outrageous are allegations that the Tonquish Creek Yacht Club misleads people into believing it is a tax-exempt 501(c)3 organization. Who in their right mind would think a check payable to a yacht club is a tax-deductible contribution?

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The yacht club organizes other community get-togethers, such as a township picnic, monthly Economic Club luncheons featuring named speakers from across the country and a scholarship program. It donates money to the Plymouth Community Arts Council and honors community volunteers.

This newspaper believes the people associated with the Tonquish Creek Yacht Club deserve a pat on the back for showing some leadership skills and genuine caring for the community in which they live. No one else is doing it.

The five board members who approved the \$600 attorney bill should divvy up the costs among themselves and repay the citizens of Plymouth for such petty ridiculousness. Give the \$600 to the city of Plymouth Parks and Recreation Division to supplement the increased fees that township residents are paying for higher program fees due to the botched property tax proposal last summer.



LETTERS

Principal thanked

In recognition of Principal's Week Feb. 8-12, the staff of Plymouth Salem High School would like to thank our principal, Jerry Ostoin, for his dedication to the safety, dignity and education of the students in our community. His passionate commitment to a generation of students and staff at PCEP are a genuine source of Salem Pride!

The staff includes: Cindy Bastion, Diane Gaubatz, Betty Schaar, Jennifer Hawk, Dodi Hidgins, Joanne Hart, Lisa Pearl, Michael Seneker, Alvin Dvorsky, Scott Thomas, Diane Holmes, Mary Robinson, Mary Anne Eppley, Jan Carney, Harriet Wolbrink, Mary Ann Becker, Barbara Meteyer, Ted Balaj, R. Gould, Janelle Stec, Martin Authier, Amy Welken-Hill, Helene Ross, Christine Forley, M.S. Welker, Andrew Lennington, Bob Kroeger, Beth Savalox, William Omiatek, Kathryn Thompson, Deanna Huff, Barbara Macek, Marcia Lizzio, Paula J. Williams, William Bartlett, Lauren Cummings, Margaret Verduce, Maryanne Turovaara, Ann Slomkowski, Karen Ludema, Joan Pence, Jim Mellis, Diane Jackson, Bridget Golnick, Gerda Burnside, Lynn Sandman, K. Huyck, Barbara Brownlie, Don Chamberlain, Mary Beth Carroll, Diane Perko, Thomas Brown, Tom Alles, Marianne Wright, Nicol Shamey, Vicki Bonner, John Gravin, Jan Eggers, Kay Woodruff, A. Ellis, D. Russ, Linda Thomas, Jim Wheaton, Julia Ferguson, Diane Kzeminski, Angela C. Brown, Brenda Belanger, Effie Lucas, Dave Robb, Scott Beaman, Olivia Way, Patrick Barry, Judith Braun, Cleve Koon, Renee Schmoekel, Marybeth Turner, Nancy Bitzarakis, Linda Hensley, Mary Lou Nagy, Cyndi Burnstein, Tom Cotner, J. Walworth, John Campbell and many more ...

Plymouth Salem staff

Tax me happy

The government levies a happiness-crushing tax burden on me. It reaches into my pants and, with a smile, grabs what money it can and hands the booty over to a stranger, making them smile too, not noticing the sadness appearing on my face.

Since the government enjoys taxing my happiness, the opportunity to "choose" a schooling method remains just out of reach. Adding more public school buildings and long-term debt helps perpetuate, and locks me into the public school system. Furthermore, my own tax money is turned against me in the form of dues used to push the idea that the state must be in the business of education.

To "choose" a non-public school opportunity means making the choice between keeping an 11-year-old car for another five years, moving out of a 1,400 square foot house to an 1,100 square-foot house, quitting the perfect long-

term job in favor of a new riskier job, reducing the winter furnace setting from 65 to 62 degrees, eliminating lunch in favor of a bag of dirt, more Friday macaroni dinners, doubling up on all showers, not reupholstering my hand me down living room couch for seven more years, reducing the two-day family vacation to no vacation, putting off buying a family computer for two more years, etc.

Everyone can accomplish some of these tax induced personal sacrifices up to a point. After that, you start destroying the happiness of life.

When a system takes a decade to change from within, it's time to say enough and prod it into responsiveness by the best way it has shown me, the pocketbook.

I'm glad that at least some citizens in Plymouth Canton can use their pocketbook to make their own choice. Taxes choose for me.

Glen Kremer
Plymouth

Tobacco prevention dollars

Communities must sound off now on our tobacco settlement dollars. Yes, it is true. Gov. John Engler plans to use our tobacco settlement dollars for other than tobacco control that could protect our children from the addictive drug of nicotine.

Advocates, over the past eight years, have campaigned for the protection of our children from the tobacco industry through policy and law changes only to find out that when the payoff is at hand, no tobacco prevention and cessation are included in the distribution of tobacco settlement dollars.

We need at least \$75 million per year allocated for tobacco control.

As taxpayers, we pay dearly for tobacco-related illness/disabilities for smokers who perhaps did not have access to cessation opportunities in order to quit the habit.

Our youth are still being subjected to secondhand smoke in restaurants and other places they seek employment.

The community needs to be heard as we attempt to protect our children from starting to become addicted and encourage others to quit. We should all be outraged enough to say so.

Velestia ReVels
Wayne County Health Department

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Rouge needs togetherness

If western Wayne officials were to develop a slogan for the Rouge River, the motto should be "Let's work together."

Canton, Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Livonia, Westland, Garden City and Redford Township are among 41 of 48 Rouge basin communities that have applied to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality for a voluntary stormwater permit. If approved by the DEQ, the communities have agreed to work to control illicit sewer connections and encourage public participation and public education programs. Communities remain concerned about the threats of federal mandates, while Wayne County officials and some communities are concerned over who oversees the project, but overall the regulatory agencies, the federal court and local communities have all worked well together.

The permit process was developed from the "bottom up" - a voluntary process for communities to address the stormwater runoff in cleaning the Rouge. Those permits were outlined and examined locally last year with input from communities and subwatershed groups of representatives of these local communities. Of course, U.S. District Judge John Feikens has prodded the communities along through the process with his threat of an authority to oversee the process, but the per-

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mits have shown that the communities are serious about cleaning the Rouge. At this point, the EPA and DEQ have not raised any serious objections about the permit applications.

The subwatershed groups have a long way to go to clean the river, but if this local, yet regional, approach continues with the same seriousness shown during the subwatershed meetings, then the stormwater runoff of road salt and chemicals that plague the Rouge can be controlled with enough time, effort and money.

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We hope it continues.

COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION:

What is the single greatest accomplishment of the U.S. space program to date?

We went to Isbister Elementary to ask students who will be attending Space Camp next week.



"Landing on the moon. We should go to the moon to explore more."
David Leone, 11



"When Neil Armstrong stepped on the moon."
Jon Easton, 10



"When John Glenn went back up into space. Because he's pretty old and I thought that was pretty brave."
Kim Olch, 10



"I think getting someone on the moon is an amazing accomplishment. It's not like just taking a walk in the park."
Andrew Kokoszka, 11

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POINTS OF VIEW

Standards need to apply to all people in our society

Admittedly, today times have changed. How often we hear that phrase. Those words are supposed to explain all the various actions people engage in that might seem difficult to explain to a reasoning mind. We pick and choose at a moment's whim to justify a particular behavior.

One of the loudest cries consistently heard is this: a country with "Freedom of Speech." We guard this freedom unquestionably, and use its "guidelines" to allow an extreme broad and at times immoral interpretation of what constitutes art.

But then, we challenge a person's right to utter personal opinions when we choose to expand our own feelings of being put upon. In a recent case - well-publicized - a man was ticketed for shouting some explicit bad lan-

guage when he fell out of a canoe. It didn't matter that he was in the wide open spaces and had just experienced an embarrassing and at first instance a frightening accident.

He was judged violating the freedom of speech theory because a child was in the vicinity at the time. While this is judged immoral and unlawful due to an outdated, antiquated law still on the books, our television shows which are readily available for many young minds to see and accept, constantly use not only bad, offensive language, but expound immoral ideas, are allowed to broadcast on the basis of free speech.

We protect our freedom of speech and demand that that freedom must allow for anyone who chooses to say or defame our flag in any way they want, in the name of art or freedom,

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SHIRLEY WELCH

and yet, there have been numerous incidents when sports figures have uttered words that were unpopular with various groups, which resulted with those celebrities being forced to vacate prestigious jobs or positions or having their reputations challenged and ruined because they had a slip of the tongue at an unguarded moment.

Our judges and prosecutors will uphold obsolete laws they personally choose to, while picking out the silliness and modern inappropriate meaning in other laws. In Michigan recently, while one judge was fining the man for his vulgar words in the open air, citing the old law, another judge throws out of court another old law that cited adultery as unlawful because of the modern attitude toward affairs of the heart.

Our politicians use their offices and standing to back their own party and back their own constituents just because they belong to a political group. We have recently seen that in our own country. Whatever the facts or interpretation of the wording, our Constitution was founded as a guide and principle for all to live by, and each situation should be judged on

the merits or weakness of the act, and not by whether a Whig, Democrat or Republican committed the act.

We see our state and national representatives challenging the wisdom and advisability of raising the minimum wages, on the basis that it might not be the feasible thing for the economy, but at the same time, they vote a substantial wage hike for themselves.

The time has come for there to be a uniform interpretation of matters for the common good. If language is wrong, it is wrong. If we are insisting to pursue and demand abiding to a law regarding speech that is on the books, we must also uphold other laws regarding extramarital affairs, and any other outdated law that still exists.

Shirley Welch is a Livonia resident.

Deceptive business practices good reason to slam Ameritech

My knuckles are still raw from the last beating inflicted on Ameritech Michigan, the unfriendly telephone company that loves to fire people and tie them up in court with interminable appeals.

Duty calls, however, because Ameritech is still at it, this time losing before the Michigan Public Service Commission and the state Court of Appeals. The court opinion is 10 pages of legalisms. In sum, the terms "misleading," "false," "deceptive" and "anticompetitive" pop up with frightening frequency.

The unanimous, bipartisan Feb. 12 opinion is signed by Stephen Markman and Robert Young Jr. (Engler appointees) and Helene White (Clinton's designee for a federal slot). It finds that "Ameritech sent a misleading and anti-competitive bill insert to its customers in violation of the Michigan Telecommunications Act." That's fascinating because insiders say Ameritech's lobbyists drafted the

act. In December 1995, we all received an insert in our Ameritech bills headlined "DON'T GET SLAMMED." Slamming is the practice of some long-distance providers of billing you for services you never ordered. The insert invited us to fill out a form to avoid slamming for "long-distance or other telecommunications services."

Here the plot thickens. The notice doesn't differentiate between inter-LATA (long distance) and intra-LATA (local area code calls for which we pay long-distance rates).

Sprint complained to the MPSC. It seems that on Jan. 1, 1996, competition was to be allowed for intra-LATA calls. The bill insert "does not remind customers that Ameritech Michigan was required to implement intra-LATA to dialing parity for 10 percent of its customers on Jan. 1, 1996, and that local service would soon be available from other providers," MPSC said.



TIM RICHARD

Here's the trick: If you signed the slammer protection notice, you couldn't authorize Sprint, MCI or AT&T to be your short long-distance provider. The competitors would be unable to inform Ameritech that you wanted a change. You would have to notify Ameritech yourself to make a change.

MPSC ruled that the competitors feared Ameritech "will delay requests from customers to change providers and that it will use the contact as an opportunity to try to dissuade the cus-

tomers from leaving Ameritech ... (T)here's ample evidence that Ameritech Michigan understood the bill insert to be anticompetitive and intended it to have that effect."

MPSC ordered Ameritech to make remedies, including a corrective bill insert and easier changes in service providers. MPSC also sought to send the case file to the attorney general "for review of possible action under the Michigan Consumer Protection Act." (It will be fun to see if Attorney General Jennifer Granholm remembers her "I'll take your case" political speech and prosecutes Ameritech vigorously.)

Ameritech's lawyers threw up all sorts of arguments, every one of which was shot down by the Court of Appeals. One was Ameritech's customer survey purporting to show that customers correctly understood the insert. MPSC found the survey "self-serving and unrealistic," having "fundamental flaws due to the nature of

the questions, the tone of the interviews and people excluded from the sample." The court agreed.

The court also rejected Ameritech's defense of "free speech," saying, "False, deceptive or misleading advertising is subject to restraint ..."

Will Ameritech fold its tent like a good corporate citizen, stop the appeals, obey the MPSC order and take its punishment from the attorney general like a man? Its behavior in other cases suggests Ameritech will appeal forever.

If Ameritech appeals, then I propose the stockholders not be stuck with the legal bill. The lawyers' costs should come from President Bob Cooper's bonus and salary.

Misleading. Deceptive. False. Anticompetitive. Ameritech.

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

Comerica does Michigan proud as a first-rate corporate citizen

For those of us with long memories and sentimental hearts, the last quarter century has been a rough time for Michigan institutions.

Remember Vernors ginger ale? In my memory, Vernors was the essential ingredient for a proper ginger ale float. I still recall being driven by my parents to the big green and yellow plant on Woodward, while being instructed about just why Vernors was so much better than Canada Dry.

Sadly, Vernors has been gone for a long time.

More recently, Stroh's got sold to Heileman and Miller. My childhood memories of beer and Ernie Harwell announcing the ball games on the radio run from Goebel (also disappeared) to Stroh's. I don't listen to baseball much any more, but I always bought Stroh for sentiment's sake and because Peter Stroh and his family were exemplars of what good, decent, locally responsible people ought to be.

And by now everybody who isn't taking intensive German lessons knows full well that what we used to know as Chrysler is now something called DaimlerChrysler.

The old names, very often associated with old families, aren't much with us any longer.

Which is why it's nice to celebrate a business with a solid name that's intensely focused on Michigan, that looks like it'll be around for a while and that has helped countless local businesses. I'm referring to Comerica, the oldest and largest bank in Michigan, that will celebrate its 150th anniversary on Friday.

Originally chartered in 1849 as the Detroit Savings Fund Institute and then better known as the Detroit Bank & Trust, Comerica assumed its present name in 1982. In 1992, Comerica merged with Manufacturers National Corp.

The merger was difficult. The "reds" (old Comerica employees) were interlarded with the "blues" (ex-Manufacturers staffers) in such a way as to perpetuate for years the competition between the two.

The stock price fell, and for a time Comerica looked as though it would be taken over and move out of Michigan in just the same way that the National Bank of Detroit got taken over and moved to Chicago by First Chicago-NBD Bank Corp.

But CEO Eugene Miller (a "red") and President Mike Monahan (a "blue") moved quickly. They eliminated poor risk loans, expanded branches throughout the region and redeployed their capital. The stock responded and has now



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The bank has been one of the most civic-minded corporations in the entire southeastern Michigan region, generous in its donations to charities and forthcoming in its willingness to assign top executives to worthwhile causes.

appreciated so much as to make Comerica nearly takeover-proof.

Having an independent, well-managed bank with a solid focus on providing banking services to Michigan businesses and households is vitally important to the future of our state. Though the folks at First Chicago-NBD will deny it till the cows come home, that bank has no more particular interest in Michigan than it has in any other state.

It's too bad. But that's life, and that's what happens when a big local company gets merged with a bigger nonlocal company and moves away.

But not (so far) at Comerica. The bank has been one of the most civic-minded corporations in the entire southeastern Michigan region, generous in its donations to charities and forthcoming in its willingness to assign top executives to worthwhile causes. Coupled with its excellent business performance, that's an outstanding record for any company, locally based or not.

Here's tall, cold one (a Stroh's, of course) hoisted to Comerica's 150th. I hope they'll be a solid, Michigan-oriented company for many, many years to come.

Phil Power is chairman of HomeTown Communications Network Inc., the company that owns this newspaper. He welcomes your comments, either by voice mail at (734) 953-2047, Ext. 1880, or by e-mail: ppower@oeonline.com

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Griffith, SC dean, cited for leadership in continuing ed

Ronald Griffith, dean of educational services, will be honored by the National Council for Continuing Education and Training, receiving its Regional Leadership Award for the North Central Region. He will receive the award at the NCCET national conference in Milwaukee, Wis., in October.

Griffith will receive the award for his "contributions to continuing education in your region and because you exemplify the qualities of leadership that NCCET hopes to promote among continuing education professionals," wrote Ruth L. Prather, president of the NCCET Board of Directors.

"No one has done more to strengthen the bond between the colleges within a region and the Council than you have. Your ability to raise awareness of the value of continuing education professionals, their place in the community college organiza-

tion, and their contribution to their community in your region is appreciated."

Griffith, a Plymouth Township resident, came to Schoolcraft in 1971 as director of community services and was named dean of the department in 1975. He was named dean of continuing education and community services in 1977 and dean of educational services in 1984. In 1997-98, the student unduplicated head count for CES and the Business Development Center enrollment, all of which report to him, was more than 17,000. The programs serve students from infants through senior citizens.

The NCCET, the oldest affiliate of the American Association for Community Colleges, provides leadership for continuing education, workforce development and community services professionals within community, technical and junior colleges.

Former dean honored by S'craft board

Sirkka Gudan, former assistant dean for academic and assessment services at Schoolcraft College, received emeritus status from the Schoolcraft Board of Trustees.

A West Bloomfield resident, Gudan initiated, organized and developed the Learning Assistance/Assessment Center at Schoolcraft and has been a leader in the field of student assessment, publishing research and conducting presentations statewide and nationally.

The Learning Assistance Center offers academic support to students and community members through tutoring and study skills instruction. The Assessment Center offers comprehen-

sive testing for students, faculty, businesses, groups and individuals.

In the L A C, Gudan established collaborative programs among departments to support at-risk students, pairing reading and study courses with content courses such as English, biology and electronics, often using students who successfully completed a course to tutor students currently taking the



Gudan pioneered a homework assistance program between Livonia's Riley Middle School and Schoolcraft students interested in teaching.

and Schoolcraft students interested in teaching.

Gudan earned her doctorate from the University of Michigan in educational psychology. She joined Schoolcraft in 1980 as learning assistance coordinator and is a recipient of the Schoolcraft College Presidential Recognition Award.

Gudan has been president of the Schoolcraft College Association of Administrative and Professional Personnel, chairman of the Student Athlete Support System, chairman of the Civil Rights Onsite Review Committee, chairman of the Goals Assessment Committee, and a board member of the Michigan Community College Journal.

Attorneys to teach legal classes at Madonna

Several local attorneys are among the faculty teaching eight legal assistant courses for the spring/summer term, which begins May 10 at Madonna University in Livonia.

A workshop titled "Advanced Legal Research on the Internet" will focus on this emerging use of technology to conduct legal research and will be held over two weekends on May 14-15 and May 21-22. The course will be

taught by Mary Urisko, a Detroit attorney and co-author of West's Paralegal Today. She will also teach the course "Legal Assistant Orientation" on Tuesday evenings. Urisko, assistant director of the Legal Assistant program at Madonna, will lead the class, "Contractual and Commercial Relations" Wednesday evenings.

Plymouth attorney Richard Dimanin will teach "Medical

Legal Concepts" and "Medical Records" on Monday evenings and a weekend workshop, "Case Preparation and Trial," on July 9-10 and July 16-17.

Attorney Craig Tarpinian of Farmington Hills will teach "Probate Estates" on Thursday evenings as well as the workshop "Will and Trust Drafting" on two consecutive weekends, June 11-12 and June 18-19. Jennifer Cote, director of

Madonna's Legal Assistant program and chair of the ABA Approval Commission, will teach "Legal Seminar and Practicum" on selected Tuesday evenings.

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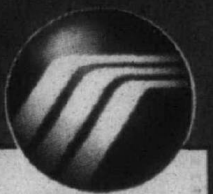


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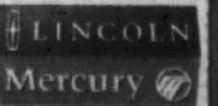
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JACK GLADDEN

It's about time to have a 'Get It Right' Day

What do Dr. Seuss, a recipe for rye bread, a Southfield man with a tattoo and the Texas state song have in common?

They all represent reasons why we need to observe something that I'd call "National Get It Right Day." Let me explain.

A couple of weeks ago, The Boss asked if I would write an editorial page piece on March being "National Reading Month."

"And could you tie it in with Dr. Seuss?" she asked. I gave her a funny look and said, "Uh, yeah, sure."

So I got on the Internet and did a search on "National Reading Month." I got a few hits, but most of them were from 1998 or earlier and they were mostly references on elementary school Web sites. I did find a press release on Michigan Gov. John Engler's Web site in which he proclaimed March 1998 to be "National Reading Month" in Michigan. But nothing for 1999.

"I can't find anything about March being 'National Reading Month,'" I told The Boss.

"Well, it is in Livonia," one editor said.

"And it is in Westland," said another.

The sources of this information turned out to be press releases from various elementary schools which made reference to Dr. Seuss and to March being "Reading Month." Nothing about it being "National" and no indication of who decided that March should get this designation.

Another press release from a local university made the Dr. Seuss connection. March 2 would have been his 95th birthday and the university had some events planned to commemorate that date in connection with the "America Reads Program."

So I got back on the Net. A little bit better luck this time. A search brought me to the National Education Association's home page, where I learned that the NEA was promoting Dr. Seuss celebrations on March 2 as part of its "Read Across America" program.

This must be it

This had to be what all those press releases were talking about, even though the one from the university had the name of the program wrong and the NEA site made no mention of March being "Reading Month," national or otherwise. But at least now I had something to work with.

I decided to do a bit more Internet research on Dr. Seuss to help with the piece I was supposed to write. It was fascinating.

According to the Associated Press' obituary, Dr. Seuss "wrote and illustrated" 47 books that were translated into 18 languages. The Grolier Encyclopedia Web site placed the number of books at 48 and the number of languages at 20. Another site hedged and just said that he wrote more than 45 children's books.

A frequently told anecdote is the one about Dr. Seuss' first book being rejected by numerous publishers before it was finally accepted. The number of publishers who rejected the book was either 28, 29 or 43, depending on whose information you accept. And he started writing children's books in either the 1930s, '40s

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Hospice has tickets for dinner-dance

Wearing of the green isn't mandatory for an evening of old-fashioned Irish fun at Community Hospice and Home Care Services Inc.'s seventh annual St. Patrick's dinner-dance Saturday, March 6, at St. Mary's Cultural Center, 18100 Merriman, Livonia.

The festivities get under way at 6:30 p.m. The deadline for ordering tickets to be picked up at the door is noon Friday, March 5. To order, Call CHHCS at (734) 522-4244.

Gathering together



STAFF PHOTOS BY TOM HAWLEY

Come on in: Brenda Hoffman of Northville (center) meets Suburban West Community Center director Bill Hart and Alice Ming, director of rehabilitation services, at the front door of The Gathering Place Clubhouse in Livonia.

Mentally ill find 'community'

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER
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Like Judy Collins' 1968 hit song, Brenda Hoffman has looked at life from both sides now. Sitting in the Suburban West Community Center in Redford, she speaks openly about her life before and after being diagnosed with chronic depression.

The Northville resident had depressive tendencies when she was young, but shrugged them off as being a teenager. But she couldn't do that after having a baby. For more than a year, she stayed in her house, with the drapes closed, and didn't get dressed. On the verge of committing suicide, she was committed to a hospital.

When she lost her insurance, she turned to Suburban West for help. The staff at its Canton office sent her to the "clubhouse." Hoffman admits she didn't like it at first, but today is an ardent supporter.

"I've seen a great change," she said. "That might be why when I first came to Suburban West I felt funny. After about two weeks, I realized it (the clubhouse) was a godsend."

"If it weren't for the caring calls, I might lay in bed until my husband takes me in or something happens. It's why I consider them my family."

Suburban West provides services to mentally ill people like Hoffman in Redford, Livonia, Plymouth, Canton and Northville as a contractual agency for the Detroit-Wayne County Mental Health Board. The Gathering Place Clubhouse is its psychosocial rehabilitation program and is modeled after Fountain House in New York.

The clubhouse offers it 85 members experiences that help them function in their communities and decrease the need for hospitalization. Members take an active role in its operation, cooking food for the coffee shop, doing clerical work, helping in the library or doing

maintenance.

Known as Robert J to his friends - clubhouse members only use an initial in lieu of their last name - Robert Johnson was "looking for a better opportunity" when he walked into the clubhouse. Six years later, the Plymouth resident is a leader in the drop-in center and like Hoffman sits on Suburban West's Board of Directors.

"I was looking to better myself," said Johnson, who also suffers from mental illness. "I try to take advantage of the opportunities presented to me and help my fellow members. As time has gone on, things have blossomed for me at the center."

Good things to hear

Bill Hart smiles when he hears what Hoffman and Johnson have to say. They are a testimonial to the 20 years of service Suburban West has been providing to its consumers.

"The clubhouse is one of our service

programs where the consumers and staff work together," said Hart, Suburban West's executive director. "Every member contributes to its continuing development and growth."

"When this program started, it was a very structured partial day program; the staff determined the program and they were the professionals," added Alice Ming, director of rehabilitation services. "Now it's staff- and member-run. The consumers have a part in every decision that is made. The staff and the consumers work together, even in hiring new staff."

"There are no closed meetings. The consumers are a part of everything."

Originally affiliated with Northville Psychiatric Hospital as an aftercare clinic, Suburban West currently has 621 consumers in its outpatient, Assertive Community Treatment, psychosocial rehabilitation and case man-

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Suburban West focuses on its consumers

Incorporated as a private nonprofit community mental health agency in 1978, Suburban West Community Center provides consumers living in the Redford, Livonia, Canton, Plymouth and Northville areas with:

■ **Outpatient treatment of psychiatric disorders.** Treatment is geared toward prevention of rehospitalization, elimination of symptoms, reduction of negative personal and social effects of hospitalization and enhancement of personal skills and growth.

■ **Assertive Community Treatment** - The program's primary goals are to prevent rehospitalization and to maximize the consumer's community adjustment while decreasing dependency. Services include around-the-clock crisis intervention, training in daily living skills, mental health edu-

cation, advocacy with landlords and other community resources, chemotherapy and individual counseling.

■ **Case Management/Hospital Liaison Program** - The program has two components. The hospital liaison program is designed to offer a more continuous flow of treatment to people being discharged to Suburban West from community and state hospitals.

The case management component is designed to facilitate access to community services like housing, medical services and vocational rehabilitation to help the consumer achieve a maximum level of independence while reducing the likelihood of rehospitalization.

■ **Psychosocial Rehabilitation Program** - The Gathering Place Clubhouse in Livonia is a psychosocial

rehabilitation program that provides experiences that help members function in their community and decrease the need for hospitalization. Members are encouraged assume productive roles in the program through the Clerical, Food Service and Member Services units.

■ **Counseling Center West** - The program provides services to adult consumers who have never been hospitalized and who aren't currently at risk for hospitalization. Individual, couples and family counseling are available for emotional, behavioral and stress-related problems.

■ **Suburban Nights** - A consumer-run drop-in center in Livonia, Suburban Nights is operated by a consumer advisory council and Suburban West. It's open 4:30-9 p.m. Monday-Friday and 12:30-9 p.m. Saturday at the



Getting ready: Robert Johnson checks to see if the desserts are ready for lunch.

clubhouse.

Suburban West Community Center has offices at 11677 Beech Daly Road, Redford, and 5800 N. Canton Center Road, Canton, and The Gathering Place Clubhouse at 27595 Schoolcraft, Livonia. For more information, call Suburban West at (313) 937-9500.

You can raise helpful, cooperative children

PARENTING AWARENESS MONTH



JANET TROST

For many parents, one of the most exciting victories in raising children is getting them to cooperate. On the flip side, one of the most frustrating experiences is when they don't. Most parents feel like "drill sergeants" at one time or another, simply barking orders and listening to children complain or resist helping. There is hope, however, if a few simple suggestions are followed.

■ **Create a cooperative environment.** Parents set the tone for behavior in every home. By showing children what is expected, cooperative behavior is easier to achieve.

When your child asks for help, be willing to provide the help with a positive attitude. It's very important

to demonstrate cooperation with your spouse or other adults in your home. This will be the example that children will follow. We all work harder for people who inspire the best in us.

■ **Use humor whenever possible.** Parents who are fun, who are caring and who show respect, motivate children. Joking around with your children to get their cooperation can create a lighter atmosphere, one more apt to yield a positive response.

Amidst chuckles, school-aged children to teens are more likely to acknowledge your cleverly worded and cleverly placed requests.

■ **Understand normal development in children.** All children go through various stages as they grow. At times children may appear to be uncooperative when, in fact, they are simply acting their age.

No one expects an infant to put his arms through the sleeves of a T-shirt because they are simply incapable of doing so. The same may be said of expecting a 2-year-old to follow a request that has multiple steps.

The challenge comes as children get older and we

know they are capable of following directions, but they choose not to. This is a common problem with 9- and 10-year-olds who don't want to brush their hair, let alone their teeth!

Teenagers may prefer to spend time alone in their room rather than politely visit with their grandparents. Although these behaviors don't have to be accepted by parents, it is helpful to know that they are normal and special consideration needs to occur to ensure cooperation.

Perhaps you'll shorten the visit to grandma's house by an hour so your teen can meet her friends at the movies. Talking to other parents with children of similar age or reading about child development helps to prepare parents for difficult stages.

■ **Put it in writing.** Many parents avoid the feeling of constantly pleading for help by putting their expectations in writing. Even small children can understand job lists or house rules, if they are illustrated with pictures as well as words. This will be even

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agement programs. It has offices and facilities in Redford, Livonia and Canton and has earned a reputation in the mental health system as a provider of quality services, a distinction buoyed by an accreditation with commendation from the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Mental Health Organizations.

In its early years, Suburban West provided general outpatient treatment, primarily for people who had been in psychiatric hospitals in the past, and crisis intervention. In 1985, it added ACT, taking treatment to consumers in their homes and other settings.

In 1986, case management was added to link consumers who had been hospitalized more than once with needed services in their communities.

The partial day program started 12 years ago, when consumers were receiving more passive activities. Its evolution to the clubhouse started in 1987. Open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday, members like Hoffman and Johnson provide the talent to keep it running smoothly.

The drop-in center picks up after the clubhouse closes. Open 4-9 p.m. Monday-Friday and noon to 9 p.m. Saturday, it's staffed completely by the con-

sumers and clubhouse membership isn't a prerequisite for dropping in.

"Some members are here from 8 in the morning to 9 at night," said Ming. "The old program couldn't operate without the staff; this one can't run without the consumers."

Suits their needs

While Johnson helps out in finances before switching over to a waiter at lunchtime, Kimberly B and Marty B, both Redford residents, are part of the kitchen staff on a regular basis.

Kimberly has been a member for 5 1/2 years, Marty for 10. A bit on the shy side, both admit they like the program, with Marty adding that it suits his needs.

"It was a partial day program when I first came," he said. "I like this better."

Hart points out that a lot has changed in the 20 years Suburban West has been in business. Back then, it wasn't unusual for a hospital stay to span months or years. Now, it's evolved into a contract with private hospital for a stay of eight-12 days.

And the change goes beyond the treatment. Twenty years ago, the mentally ill were called patients because of the hospital-based treatment. Then they

became clients and 10 years ago, they became consumers "when clients started speaking out to remove the stigma," Hart said.

"It reflects the consumer voice in the services," he added. "They are now consumers of mental health services."

Now, Suburban West is positioning itself for more changes in the mental health arena. The implementation of managed care and discussions about reducing the number of catchment (service) areas to keep costs under control may be viewed as threats by some, but Hart sees them as an opportunity.

The agency recently developed a semi-independent living program to offer apartments (16 in all) with support services to people leaving adult foster care or their parents' homes and making the transition to independent living.

Its Counseling Center West in Canton offers individual, couple and group therapy for people with less serious problems and the agency is looking for a partnership to provide a residential program.

"I like to think that we do it better than the others," Hart said. "The one thing about Suburban West is that it always has been very consumer-oriented and people-oriented."



What's for lunch? Kimberly B and Marty B, both of Redford, start mixing together the ingredients for the day's special - chicken and broccoli casserole - that will be served to the lunch crowd at The Gathering Place Clubhouse.

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or '50s.

Dr. Seuss was a pseudonym, of course. His real name was Theodor Seuss Geisel, except in "Carol Hurst's Children's Literature Newsletter," in which she devotes three pages to an essay on the man, yet misspells his first name as "Theodore," the common spelling, but not the way he spelled it.

There was much more misinformation out there, on sites

thrown together by fervent, if careless, Seuss fans to an official Random House site, not to mention that Grolier Online page.

Now you can cluck your tongue and blame it on the vagaries of the Internet, but that doesn't explain those errant press releases or the rye bread recipe.

That came out of the new edition of Bernard Clayton's "Complete Book of Breads." I was whipping up a batch of Old Mil-

waukee Rye, when I realized that yeast was not listed as an ingredient. I still had the original edition, with the stained pages and ripped cover, so I dug it out of the bookcase and checked the recipe there. Yep, it called for yeast. Somehow that ingredient got left out in the revision.

And the Texas state song? It's "Texas, Our Texas." But a booklet being sold by McDonald's restaurants to commemorate Black History Month incorrectly

states that the Texas state "anthem" is "The Yellow Rose of Texas." The booklet also contains other inaccurate information about the history of the state.

From press releases to booklets to books to Internet sites, it's getting more and more dangerous to believe what you read. People throw things together carelessly, without checking their facts, and absolutely without double- or triple-checking. And all of this occurred to me as I was looking for information on

the man who has been picked to encourage kids to read.

So where does the tattooed man fit into this picture? The ex-Marine walked into a Roseville tattoo parlor to get the word "villain" tattooed on his forearm. But since neither he nor the tattoo artist knew how to spell it, it came out "villian." When his friends saw it they laughed and started making fun of him. He wore long-sleeve shirts to cover up the artwork until he had plastic surgery to remove it alto-

gether. He's suing the tattoo parlor for \$25,000.

But there may be a lesson here. Those tattoo artists and all the other purveyors of misinformation should get tattoos on the backs of their hands, so that when they sit down at a keyboard or take up a tattoo needle, the message stares up at them: "Get It Right!"

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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION

TO REZONE FROM: R-1 - SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT
 TO REZONE TO: R-2-A - MULTIPLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT

DATE OF HEARING: MARCH 10, 1999
 TIME OF HEARING: 7:00 p.m.
 PLACE OF HEARING: Plymouth Township Hall, 45350 Ann Arbor Road

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of Plymouth Charter Township has received a petition to rezone the following described property from R-1, "SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL" District, to R-2-A, "MULTIPLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL" Containing 7.05 acres, more or less.

Application #1568

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ORDINANCE NO. G3
AMENDED ZONING MAP NO. 108
PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP
WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

ADOPTED BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES ON _____
 EFFECTIVE DATE _____

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

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MARCIA SAYLES, Secretary
 Planning Commission

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more effective if the children help develop the list with their parents.

The key is to be consistent in enforcing rules and consequences. If a child violates a rule, parents can save the nagging and simply point to the rule list. Everyone will understand the message, and no one will have to listen to an unwanted lecture.

■ Allow natural and logical consequences: Allowing children to make their own choices helps them to learn from consequences. Some children need to learn from their mistakes. By the same token, they also learn from their successes.

Parents can help children by asking them to think through a choice and imagine what the outcome will be before they act.

They can also look for opportunities to point out how the choice to cooperate can have positive results.

For example, point out that the extra time the child saved you by helping you rake leaves means the two of you are free to do a fun activity that your child enjoys.

■ Encourage team play: Enrolling children in group activities, such as sports or scouting, will also reinforce the concept of working together for a common goal. They'll learn that cooperation is part of everyday life and not just an expectation found at home.

Teaching children to cooperate

is an important lesson. It helps children now and throughout their lives. Cooperation also helps make your home a happier, more loving place to live.

Janet Trost is the program manager for the After Baby Comes Program at Starfish Family Services. The program offers support and education to first-time parents delivering in the Oakwood Healthcare System. Volunteers assist in this effort. Interested, experienced parents should call (734) 425-7977, Ext. 117. For more information, or to arrange for presentation on parenting issues, call (734) 425-7977, Ext. 116.

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WESTERN TOWNSHIPS UTILITIES AUTHORITY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING SYNOPSIS
4:00 P.M., MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1999

Regular meeting called to order at 4:03 p.m.
 Present: Thomas Yack, Karen Woodside, Ron Griffith
 Agenda - adopted as presented.

Minutes of regular meeting of January 25, 1999 - approved
 Schedule of operating expenses totaling \$790,605.80 - approved
 Operations & Maintenance Report for January, 1999 - received and filed.
 Operations Manager's Report for February, 1999 - received and filed.
 Audit, Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 1999 - accepted.
 First Quarter Revenue/Expenditure Report (FY 98/99) - received and filed.
 Back-up Power Generation Draft Report - Receive and file for further review at next regular meeting.

Request To Advertise for Bids for Application of Protective Coatings on Concrete Block in Pump Area and painting of the Enclosed Screw Pumps at Middle Rouge - approved to advertise.

The regular meeting was adjourned at 4:39 p.m.

THOMAS J YACK
 Chairman

This is a synopsis. A complete copy of the minutes may be reviewed at the WTUA offices located at 40905 Joy Road, Canton, MI 48187.

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CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN

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Garden City BPW benefit helps fund scholarships

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
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Wonder where the money raised at this year's sixth annual Garden City Business and Professional Women "Parade of Fashion" fashion show and luncheon goes?

Back into community causes like scholarships that are awarded to local people and the First Step shelter.

The \$30-a-ticket benefit will begin with registration at 12:15 p.m. Sunday, March 14, at the Plymouth Manor in Plymouth.

BPW members and their families will model fashions from Talbots of Laurel Park; Talbots Kids of Laurel Park Place and "I Do," Two! Consignment Bridal Salon in Plymouth.

Talbots carries a complete line of women's fashions in sizes ranging from petite to size 18. Talbots Kids carries children's clothing for infants and boys and girls up to size 14.

"I Do" Two! Consignment Bridal Salon carries a complete line of gently used bridal fashions. The store's inventory includes designer labels and gowns in petite to plus sizes, discounted 30-60 percent.

Orin Jewelers and Talbots will also have display tables.

Money raised from a raffle at the fashion show also goes to the Rose Schilawski Scholarship, presented annually by the Garden City BPW to one woman who is returning to the work force or is furthering her education. Last year, Garden City resident Colleen Spano received \$500. Spano and her daughter will be modeling at the fashion show.

At 35, Spano has worked at Garden City Hospital for 18 years and is currently director of surgical services. She's working toward her bachelor's degree in health care administration at the Detroit College of Business.

Married and the mother of two children, Caitlyn, 9, and Michael, 11, Spano said the money helped defray the costs of going to college.

"My classes run, with books and all, usually around \$800 a class, so it did help quite a bit," said Spano who along with her husband, Joseph, was raised in Garden City. "I was fortunate to get it."

Raffle tickets cost \$1 each. Prizes include a day trip for two to Atlantic City, sponsored by Steve Kuhlman of Travel Desk in Garden City; a basic estate planning package, donated by attorney Sandra Larson; a \$100 gift certificate from Orin Jewelers; and a Waterford sweatshirt bowl, donated by Hudson's of Westland.

Door prizes include gift certificates to DeLuca's, New Peking and East Side Mario's restaurants, as well as gift baskets from Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe in Westland and Dearborn Florist.

The Garden City BPW is also supported by John Santeiu & Sons Funeral Home.

"We're hoping to raise enough money to fund our scholarships and the money we have left over is used to operate our budget," said Rebecca Viola, Garden City BPW fashion show chairwoman.

The professional women's organization also sponsors an honors scholarship that is

awarded to a high school senior from Garden City to help defray costs of attending a community college. Students must be recommended by school officials, have at least a 3.0 grade point average, leadership qualities and provide service to the student body and the community.

The BPW also supports the Garden City Library, First Step and Sea Camp, a program that sends school-aged children to Florida to study environmental issues.

"The fashion show will be nice and I'm sure the women will enjoy the afternoon," Spano said. "The organization supports a lot of local causes and please come out and support us."

To order tickets to the fashion show and lunch, featuring chicken kabobs and rice pilaf, call Beth Csicsila at (734) 458-4331 or (313) 277-7742. The deadline to buy tickets is Wednesday, March 10. No tickets will be sold at the door.



Ready for spring: Anne Schaeffer (left), president of the Garden City BPW, and Beth Csicsila, vice president, look over the latest spring fashions at Talbots at Laurel Park Place. The store is providing fashions for the club's annual fashion benefit Sunday, March 14, at Plymouth Manor.

STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL BURCHMANN

Organizers recruit riders for parade

There will be some recruiting going on when horse lovers and enthusiasts converge on Michigan State University next month for the Michigan Horse Council's Horse Expo and 16th annual International Stallion and Trade Show.

Representatives of the Michigan Parades into the 21st Century will be at the show, slated for Friday-Sunday, March 12-14, in East Lansing.

Parade participants will staff a booth at the expo and show to answer questions about the parade, provide application forms and show videos from past parades. There also will be a mini Michigan parade at 9:45 a.m. March 13, featuring past parade participants.

This year's Michigan Parades into the 21st Century Parade is scheduled for 11 a.m. Saturday, May 15, in Lansing. The parade

features more than 40 equine units as well as other animal units, bands and a Canine Hero Unit, featuring such groups as Leader Dogs for the Blind, Paws with a Cause and Canine Companions.

This year, each equine participant will receive a red, white and blue parade ribbon to wear during the parade and a new peppermint treat, provided by Buckeye Feeds, according to

Nancy Harm, who helps recruit equine units.

Members of the Canine Hero unit will have parade medals to wear and receive doggie treats, while human participants will receive lunch and an embroidered commemorative parade patch.

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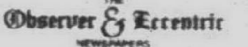
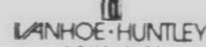
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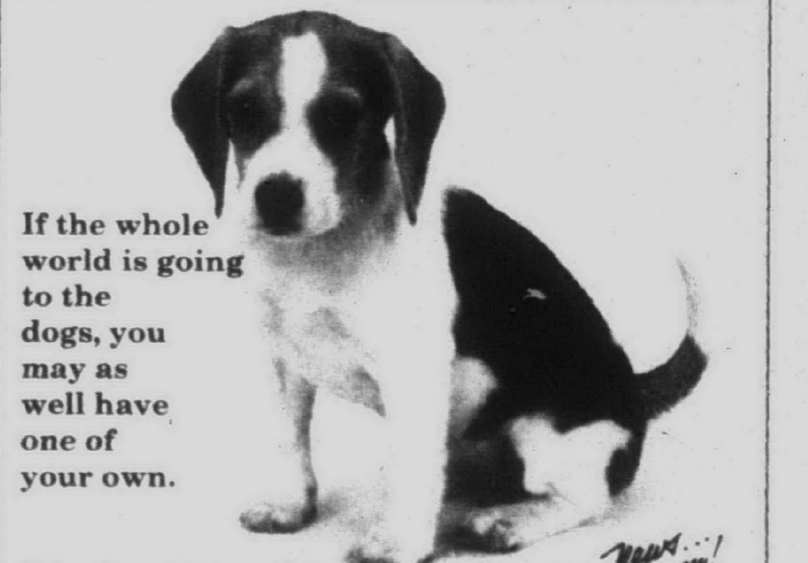
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NEW BEGINNING

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

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

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

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A grief seminar will be held

Praise Chapel hosts 4-day '99 Spiritfest

Ministers and Christian music artists from five area churches will join together for Spiritfest '99, a four-day revival, beginning Sunday, March 7, at Praise Chapel Church of God, 32747 Grand Traverse, Westland.

Services will start 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday and at 7 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, March 8-10.

Fred Weaver, the senior pastor at Abundant Life Church of God in Westland, will be the speaker Sunday evening. Music will be by Corum Deo, a Praise Chapel women's trio.

Scott Tysick, the senior pastor at Waterford Church of God, will speak on Monday, March 8. The music will be by Jr. Browning and Dunamis Praise of Waterford, which recently released their first CD.

Tim Teague, the senior pastor of Harvest Temple Worship Center in Farmington Hills, will speak on Tuesday, March 9. Music will be by Troy Michael and Soul to Soul, a contemporary blues gospel group. Michael is worship leader at Mt. Victory Assembly in Pontiac.

There also is an interpretive dance, performed by Spirit Wind, Praise Chapel, under the direction of Cindy Goins. The dancers include Missy Duty of Plymouth, Debbie Knaffle of Westland, Cathy Newsome of Plymouth, and Goins.

Don Campbell, the youth pastor at Word of Deliverance Church in Ypsilanti, will deliver the message at the final service on Wednesday, March 10. Anointed Voices of Praise, a 21-member choir and full band, under the direction of Steven Outen of Pontiac, will

provide the music. Participants at each service will have a chance to enter a drawing to win two hours of free studio time, donated by Harvest Wind Productions. The drawing will be at the conclusion of the Wednesday evening service.

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For more information, call Praise Chapel at (734) 467-4818.

from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 27, in the chapel. Cathy Clough will speak about "The Process of Grief," and Ruth Sissom will speak about "How Do We Move Beyond Grief?" The cost is \$20, which includes continental breakfast, lunch and seminar materials.

For information about any of the events, call the church at (248) 374-5920.

BETHANY SUBURBAN WEST

Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization that provides spiritual, social and support assistance for divorced and separated Christians, will have a Crazy Hats Dance at 8:30 p.m. Saturday, March 6, at St. Robert Bellarmine Church, West Chicago and Inkster roads, Redford. The \$8 charge includes refreshments.

The group also meets regularly on Sundays for breakfast and Mass 10 a.m. at the Redford Inn, Five Mile west of Beech Daly, Redford, and 11:15 a.m. at St. Aidan's Church, 17500 Farmington Road, north of Six Mile, Livonia. Call Val at (734) 729-1974.

It also meets for coffee and conversation 7 p.m. Tuesdays at Archie's Family Restaurant, 30471 Plymouth Road, Livonia, and for pinocle 7 p.m. every other Friday.

MOM TO MOM SALE

A Mom to Mom sale will be held 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, March 6, at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Proceeds will be donated to the Mom-Tot group. For more information, call Vicki at (734) 513-0167 or Kayla at (734) 595-6712.

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

LENENT PROGRAMS

Newburgh 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 charge 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 the church at (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. Din-

ner 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 more information, or to sign up for the dinner, call the church office at (734) 422-6038.

PRAYER GROUP

Sister Mary Desales of Madonna University will be the guest speaker at the Madonna University Prayer Group meeting at 6 p.m. Sunday, March 7, on ground Patio-1 at the university, 14221 Levan, north of Schoolcraft and I-96 freeway, Livonia. For more information, call Cecile at (734) 591-3247 or John at (734) 422-5611.

LENENT STUDY

St. James Presbyterian Church will have a Lenten study, following the novel, "A Skeleton in God's Closet" by Paul L. Maier, at 11:30 a.m. Sundays, after church services.

A series, called "Silent Witnesses," will be the theme for Lenten services at 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 at 6 p.m. Sundays at Clarenceville United Methodist Church, 20300 Middlebelt, Livonia. For more information, call Sonja at (248) 474-3444.

LENENT SERVICES

Lola Park Lutheran Church will have midweek Lenten services at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays at the church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford. The Rev. Gregory Gibbons will preach on the general theme of "Only Jesus." Each service will be followed by a fellowship time, featuring light refreshments. For more information, call the church at (313) 532-8655.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

First United Methodist Church, 6443 Merriman in Garden City, has announced its 1999 Lenten programs. It will begin with guest the Rev. Olaf Lidums speaking about "New Creation Ministries" at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 11. A potluck will precede at 6 p.m. For more information, call (734) 421-8628.

SUPPORT FOR MOTHERS

Aldersgate United Methodist Church is beginning a support group for mothers at 7 p.m. Friday, March 12. Afterward the group will meet at 7 p.m. every other Friday in the church's parlor, 10000 Beech Daly, Redford. The first seven sessions of the spiritually based program will be on parenting and The Serendipity workshop. Some child care will be provided. For more information, call Lisa Bruce at (313) 561-5145.

CHILDREN'S WORKSHOP

The Board of Fellowship and Social Welfare of Hosanna Tabor Lutheran Church will present a free children's workshop 2:30-4:30 p.m. Saturday, March 13, at the church, 9600 Leverage, Redford. The workshop will be held once a month for children ages 2-9. There will be games, songs, arts and crafts and creative snacks. Advance registration can be completed by calling Lisa Clayton at (313) 533-2009 by March 10.

KHALSA ANNIVERSARY

The Gurdwara Guru Nanak Sikh Temple of Plymouth, along with two other Sikh temples, is celebrating the 300th anniversary of the Khalsa, an order of Sikhs bound by common identity and discipline, on Saturday, March 13, at the Novi Hilton. The cost of the banquet is \$50. For more information, call Tejinder Singh at (734) 416-9012, or Harpal Singh at (248) 373-4658.



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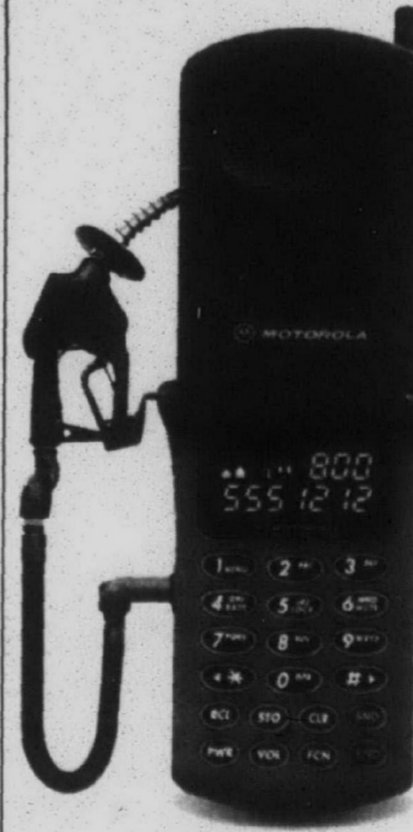
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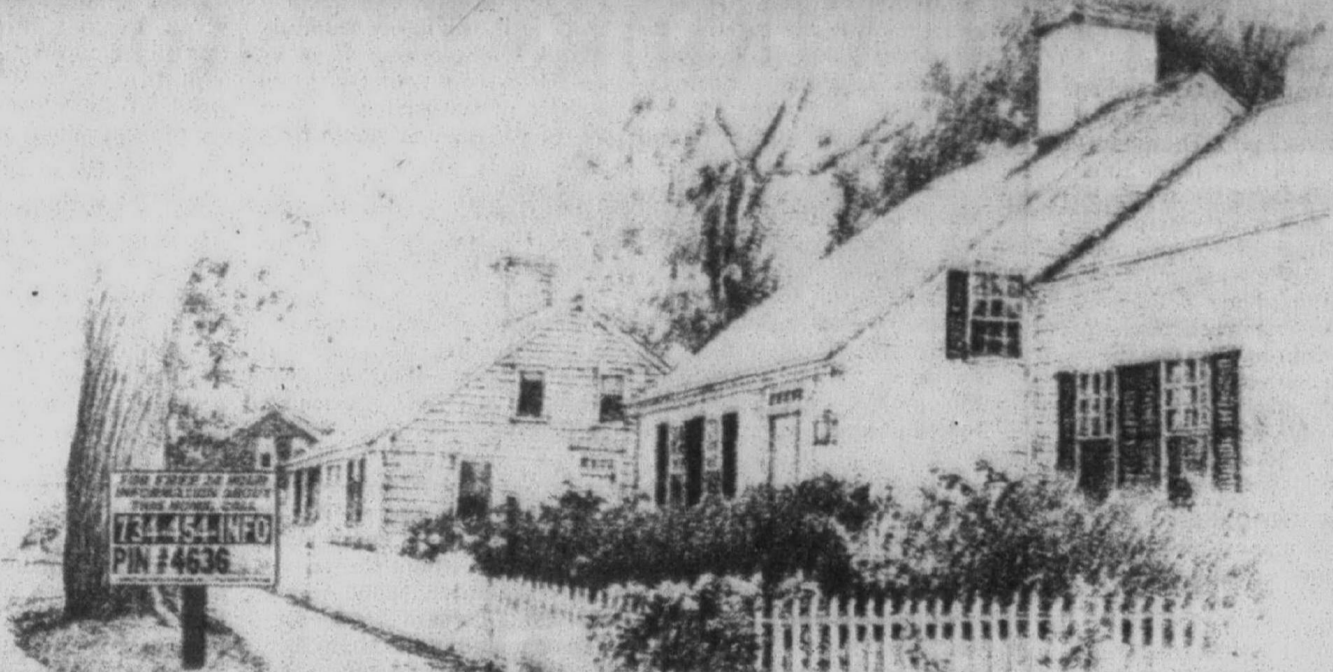
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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Girls hockey champs

Molly Leon and Alison Proodian, both Canton Township residents, helped propel the Michigan Capitals to an unbeaten season and the championship in the Michigan 12-and-under Girls Ice Hockey League. Proodian totaled 60 points and Leon had 33 for the 16-0 Capitals.

The Caps also traveled to Chicago for the Team Illinois Tournament, which they won. Next up: the National Championships in Washington, D.C. next month.

The Caps are coached by Dave Boik.

3rd at Nationals

Yvonne Lynn, a Plymouth Salem HS graduate now attending Oakland University, finished third in the 200-yard backstroke at the National Independent Conference Championships Feb. 27 at OU.

A sophomore, Lynn was clocked in 2:05.12. The Grizzlies placed third in the 11-team meet, scoring 458.5 points; Cincinnati was first with 649, followed by Northern Arizona with 469.

Hornets win

The Canton Hornets under-16 First Division Little Caesars soccer team won the 11-on-11 indoor under-17 championship at Total Soccer in Wixom.

Team members are P.J. Calandro, Derek Gismondi, Jeff Haar, Mike Harkins, Andrew Hathaway, Andrew Holmes, Sean Lanigan, Matthew Magers, Tommaso Mainella, Evan Malone, John McGlone, Mike Reoch, Keith Schenkel, James Steinert, Eric Sullivan, Sean Thompson, Nick Tochman and Mike Zemanski. The Hornets are coached by Mark Zemanski, Roscoe Nash and John Calandro.

MCCAA's top players

The Michigan Community College Athletic Association named its all-state and all-conference basketball teams for both men and women, and Schoolcraft College seemed strangely overlooked.

SC's men's team finished second in the MCCAA's Eastern Conference and won the state tournament, and yet the Ocelots had no representatives on the all-Region 12 and all-state first team. They had two players — sophomores DaShawn Williams and Derrick McKelvey — on the first team all-conference, but no one on the second team.

The same held for the women's team. SC was unbeaten in conference play, winning the title with a 16-0 record. But the Lady Ocelots did not have the player of the year, nor the coach of the year. Samantha Theisen and Stacy Cavin did get first team all-region/all-state honors.

Antone Watson was named to the all-conference second team, and Jackie Kocis was honorable mention all-conference.

Boosters to meet

The Canton Chiefs Football Booster Club will meet at 7 p.m. next Wednesday in Room 165 of Canton HS. Fund-raising goals will be the main topic of discussion.

All parents of Canton football players are asked to attend. Parents of freshmen football players-to-be are also encouraged to attend. For further information, call Dan Murphy at (734) 416-8117.

Baseball registration

The Canton Community Junior Baseball and Softball Association (aka PCJBL) is accepting late registrations for its spring/summer baseball and softball programs. There will be a \$10 late fee.

"We won't shut kids out who want to play ball," CCJBSA President Harry Hill said. "We're here so kids can play. That's our policy."

"And we'd like to remind parents we're still serving the Canton, Plymouth and Plymouth Township communities."

Forms can be downloaded and printed out from the league's Website, www.pcjbl.com, or picked up at the city or township offices.

Registration forms will also be available for pickup in person at the March CCJBSA meeting, 7-9 p.m. March 10 at the Plymouth District Library.

Vikings top Rocks in final



Plymouth Salem and Walled Lake Central had battled through the regular season, each team gaining the upper hand at one time. At last Saturday's WLAA final, it was the Vikings' turn to be on top.

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Walled Lake Central entered Saturday's Western Lakes Activities Association volleyball tournament on a roll. The Vikings left celebrating a championship.

Central continued its superior play,

downing defending league champ Plymouth Salem in two games in the championship final at Northville High School, and now the focus shifts to the upcoming Class A state tournament where the Vikings seek an eighth straight district crown.

But coach Mike Lindstrom and his Vikings took the time to enjoy last weekend's accomplishments, punctuated by an impressive 15-6, 15-11 victory

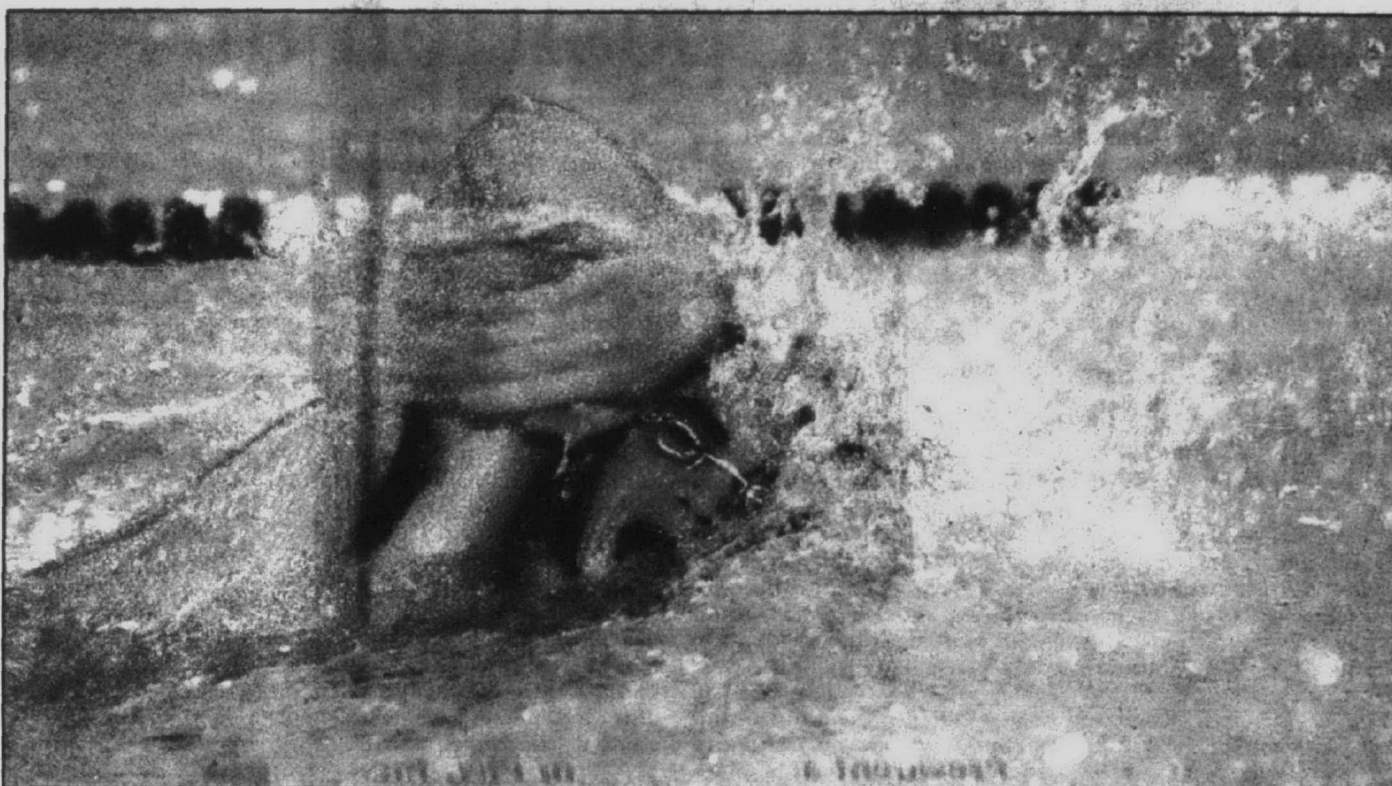
over Salem in the final. Central lost Leah Douglas to a broken ankle during last year's league tournament and wound up falling to Livonia Stevenson in the semifinals.

The Vikings and Rocks, arguably the conference's top two teams, staged an entertaining championship match. Salem, which defeated Central twice at the Temperance-Bedford Invitational in mid-February by scores of 15-11, 15-12 and 15-8, 15-11, came in ranked No. 6 in the Michigan High School Volleyball Coaches Class A poll and Central held down the No. 7 spot.

"That was our best volleyball of the

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Still the best!



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State qualifier: Senior Andrew Locke proved to be Plymouth Salem's top freestyler, finishing second in the 50-yard and third in the 100-yard.

Salem gains 7th-straight title

BY C.J. RISAK
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And this was the year everything was going to be different. "The king is dead! Long live the king!"

An old refrain, it's true — but one that certainly seemed suitable as the Western Lakes Activities Association Swim Championships approached. Long-time league kingpin Plymouth Salem was stumbling; the Rocks, who had relied on superior depth fueled by superior numbers to win six consecutive WLAA titles, had a smaller roster this season (only 36 swimmers).

A crack in the defending champions once seemingly impregnable armor? That seemed to be the case when Salem lost a pair of WLAA dual meets, first to North Farmington and then to Livonia Stevenson.

Which meant there wasn't just one

legitimate challenger to Salem's supremacy, but two. And Plymouth Canton, which the Rocks had beaten early in the dual-meet season by a mere 13 points, wasn't far behind.

So there was more than a little trepidation for the Rocks and their coach, Chuck Olson. "We knew they were good," said Olson of the opposition. "Obviously, we were going to have to step it up."

Such challenges are not swept aside at Salem. Last Saturday, the Rocks proved just that by capturing yet another WLAA championship, beating runner-up Livonia Stevenson by 21 points (498 to 477). North Farmington placed third (411) and Canton was fourth (317). See statistical summary.

"Everything's right in the world," said Olson.

Despite its supposed lack of numbers — at least compared to its previous first-place teams — Salem won using

that tried-and-true formula: more depth. The Rocks had just one first-place finish, their 200-yard freestyle relay team of Dan Jones, Mike Johnson, Mark Witthoff and Matt Casillas (1:30.61). By comparison, Stevenson had four firsts and North got three.

But Salem finished in the top three in all three relays and had at least one individual in the top six in every event but the 100 breaststroke. Indeed, the Rocks averaged more than three scorers in each individual event.

Their best performances came in the four freestyle events. "You've got to swim to your strengths," said Olson. "We've got good freestylers. We out-freestyled everybody."

Indeed, the Rocks were outscored in just one freestyle individual event (the 500, by Stevenson). They ended up scoring 208 points in the four individual free events, compared to North's 193

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North knocks Rocks out in WLAA semis

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On a night when neither team was prolific on offense, defense carried the day again for North Farmington in boys basketball Tuesday.

The Raiders used good defensive rebounding and solid team defense to defeat visiting Plymouth Salem in a Western Lakes Activities Association semifinal game, 45-42.

North (16-3) will make its first appearance since 1988 in the WLAA championship game Friday night when it plays Walled Lake Western at Livonia Franklin.

Eleven years ago, the Raiders finished last in the Lakes Division, upset undefeated Walled Lake Central on the final weekend of the round-robin season to qualify and won their next three games to finish first in the tournament.

"The league is so tough it's a great accomplishment for the kids to get where they are," North coach Tom Negoshian said. "Like the conference and division championships, I'm just really tickled for the kids."

Aaron Rypkowski scored a game-high 17 points for the Rocks (15-4) but was the only Salem player in double figures. Adam Wilson added seven, Tony Jancevski six and Matt McCaffrey five.

Emir Medunjanin led the Raiders with 13 points but had just two free throws in the second half as Salem got tough itself defensively.



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Steal attempt: The Rocks' Andy Kocoloski dives for a theft, but can't quite get it from North's Brian Shulman in Tuesday's WLAA semifinal.

"That was our purpose the whole game," Salem coach Bob Brodie said in regard to holding down Medunjanin. "We just didn't do a good job of it early."

"We threw a lot of bodies at them. We thought we could wear them down, but they withstood the pressure."

North's Adrian Bridges followed with 10 points, Albert Deljosevic nine and Brian Shulman seven. Bridges led the rebounding effort with 10; Medunjanin had eight. Deljosevic also had six assists.

In the absence of Phil Watha for disciplinary reasons, the Raiders also had five important points from Matt Kelmigian in the second half when points were at a premium.

"He was upset that he missed a couple free throws, but he played a great floor game," Negoshian said.

Salem narrowed North's lead to 34-31 after three quarters, and Andy Kocoloski's basket early in the fourth put the Rocks within a point.

Kelmigian ignited a 6-0 run by North with a three-point play. Bridges scored the next three as the Raiders went ahead 40-33 midway in the final.

"The last time we were down 18 in this gym in the third quarter, so I felt pretty good about only being down seven," Brodie said.

An aggressive man-to-man defense got the

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COLLEGE HOOPS

Cincy State ends Ocelot tourney run

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The finals seconds were ticking away, but Schoolcraft College was still battling, still fouling and hoping for a miracle of some sort.

It was not to come, not on this night.

Cincinnati State retained its championship composure, even when faced with relentless pressure, and ousted the Ocelots 90-74 in the NCJAA Region 12 men's basketball final Wednesday at Lansing Community College. Schoolcraft bows out at 26-5.

Cincinnati State, now 25-6, advances to the NCJAA Inter-Regional against the Region 13 champion, a game the Surge will host Sunday.

It was hardly a performance to be ashamed of for SC.

"We feel very fortunate," Cincinnati State coach John Hurley said. "After watching Schoolcraft last night we were concerned with their athleticism,

See REGION 12 TOURNEY, C5

Lady Ocelots topple Hawks

The Schoolcraft College women's basketball team broke open a close game during the final five minutes to gain an opening-round 76-60 victory Wednesday over Eastern Conference foe Henry Ford Community College in the 13-team NCJAA Division II Region 12 tournament at Sinclair CC in Dayton, Ohio.

The Lady Ocelots, seeded fourth, improved to 26-4 overall with the win. They will meet Lakeland, Ohio (19-8) today in the second round.

Henry Ford bows out at 17-13. Samantha Theisen, one of five Lady Ocelots in double figures, led the way with 20 points. She also had seven rebounds and seven steals.

Other SC standouts included Antone Watson, 14 points and three assists; Jackie Kocis, 12 points and five rebounds; Stacy Cavin, 10 points, 10 rebounds, three blocks; Esther Ross, 10 points, four assists and three steals.

Zeinab Mroueh led Henry Ford with 20 points and 12 rebounds. Erika Rammler chipped in with 16, while Julie Wechter and Christine Marek had 11 and 10, respectively.

Schoolcraft led 31-30 at intermission and by only four, 58-54, with 5:32 remaining.

Semifinal action in Dayton continues at 5 and 7 p.m. Friday. The championship game is set for 3:30 p.m. Saturday.

3 Rocks reach state

When the Division I Individual State Wrestling Championships convene next Saturday (March 14) at Joe Louis Arena, Plymouth Salem will have three representatives — and two of them will be in the same weight division.

John Mervyn and Ron Thompson, both juniors, advanced in the 112-pound division at last Saturday's Division I individual regional at South Lyon. Mervyn, with a 41-5 record, wrestles Adam Cross (37-7), a senior from Rochester Adams, in the opening round in the field of 16.

Thompson, with a 44-14 record, goes against Scott Walker (43-1), a junior from Flushing, in the first round.

There will be some other familiar faces in the field, such as Walled Lake Central junior Dale Zarnick (17-13), Novi sophomore Ryan Churella (50-4) and Rochester sophomore Brian VanEman (35-6). Churella and VanEman face off in the first round.

WRESTLING

Top records in the division belong to Grand Haven senior Eric Gervais (43-0), Walker, Churella, Mervyn and Monroe junior Ryan Nowitzke (35-3).

The Rocks' third qualifier is familiar to the state individual wrestling championships. Heavyweight Charlie Hamblin, now a senior, reached the state finals last year before losing to Redford Catholic Central's Casey Rogowski.

Both are back this season, Rogowski seeking another unbeaten season and a second state title. The CC senior (43-0) goes against Andy Iszler (32-12), a junior from Grand Ledge.

Hamblin, 31-8 this season, faces Davison junior Nic LaFear (50-7) in the opening round.

Again, it won't be an unfamiliar field for Hamblin. There's Northville senior Ted Bowersox (35-3), Clarkston junior Jon Robinson (36-7), Adams senior

James Paik (40-7) and Temperance Bedford senior Art Snowberger (39-9).

Plymouth Canton sent two wrestlers to the regional, Kevin Stone at 152 and Rob Demsick at 160, but neither were able to advance. Stone finished the season with a 32-6 record, raising his career match-win total to 78; Demsick was 30-6, setting a varsity career win record at Canton with 101 victories.

"They have set the pace for wrestlers to come at Canton," said Chiefs' coach John Demsick. "They have a lot to be proud of."

Other Observerland wrestlers to qualify are Livonia Stevenson's Josh Gunterman (35-10) and Joe Moreau (45-4) at 103, Dustin Obied (31-12) at 125, Imad Kharbush (38-14) at 135 and Brian Barker (35-8) at 160; CC's Sean Bell (16-13) at 140, Ryan Zajdel (37-16) at 145, Mitch Hancock at 152 and Brocc Navysmith (31-3) at 155; and Livonia Churchill's Brandon LaPointe (34-6) at 152.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

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 to 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 Bill Styles at (734) 453-1679.

Cost is \$125 per team, with a \$20 USSSA registration fee for those not registered. Entry deadline is April 5. Rain make-up dates are April 17-18; there is a three-game guarantee.

For more information, call Jeff Bradley at (734) 483-5600, Ext. 2 or 3.

Softball sign-up

The Canton Softball Center is now accepting registrations for its adult softball leagues, both day and evening leagues, Sundays through Fridays.

The spring session runs April 12-July 12; the summer session is July 12-Sept. 12; the fall session is Sept. 13-Oct. 21. There are both resident and non-resident leagues. Divisions are Men's B-C-D, Women's C-D, Co-ed, and Masters 30, 40 and 50 and over. All games will be played at Canton Softball Center, located at 46555 Michigan in Canton.

There is a \$100 deposit to enter a team, with the balance due at the respective manager's meeting.

For more information, call Jeff Bradley at (734) 483-5600, ext. 2

Adult softball

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

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

Cannons tryout

The Plymouth-Canton Cannons, a 12-year-old boys travel baseball team, will conduct tryouts from 12:30-2:30 p.m. March 6 at the Upper Deck in Northville. All players must be 12 or older by July 31, 1999.

For further information, call Bill Stamm at (734) 451-9623.

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Early Bird Classic

There's still snow on the ground, but it's not too soon to consider the softball season.

With that in mind, the Canton Softball Center — located at 46555 W. Michigan in Canton — will host its annual Early Bird Classic Softball Tournament April 10-11 for men's B/C and D/E Division teams and all Women's Division teams.

Whalers solidify their position at No. 1 in OHL



Now the real fun begins.

It's March Madness time, only in hockey.

Which means a lot of that "If the playoffs were to begin tomorrow" stuff is being bandied about.

No other Ontario Hockey League team is in a better position than the Plymouth Whalers. They have six games left, and only two of those are on the road. Those road games, next Thursday and March 19, are against Windsor and Brampton.

The Spitfires currently reside in the West Division cellar; the Battalion hold the same position in the Midwest Division, and with 17 points are better than just one other team (the expansion Mississauga Ice Dogs) in the OHL.

Plymouth's two wins last weekend — 10-3 over Kitchener

Saturday and 3-2 over Windsor Sunday, both at Compuware Arena — boosted the Whalers to the No. 1 overall spot in the OHL with 97 points.

Of their four remaining home games (Kingston, Sault Ste. Marie, Guelph and Windsor), only Sault Ste. Marie and Guelph will finish their respective OHL seasons with a better than .500 record (Kingston, Friday's opponent at Compuware, owns the basement in the East Division).

It's all there for the taking. And the Whalers' performance last weekend indicates their hungry enough to gobble it up.

In Sunday's win over the Spitfires, Plymouth got first-period goals by Damian Surma and Randy Fitzgerald before Windsor battled back, knotting it at 2-2 on Joey Sewell's goal 3:28 into the second period.

Fitzgerald's second goal of the game, with five seconds left in

the second period, proved to be the game-winner. Robert Holsinger replaced Rob Zepp in goal for Plymouth after Sewell's goal and blanked the Spitfires the rest of the way, making 10 saves. Michael Leighton faced 49 shots, making 46 saves for Windsor.

Paul Mara assisted on both Fitzgerald goals.

On Saturday against Kitchener, the Whalers pulled away from a 2-2 tie after one period with a three-goal onslaught in the second. Five more goals in the third iced the triumph.

Adam Colagiaco led the offense with three goals and an assist. Harold Druken added two goals and three assists, Eric Goody totaled two goals and two assists, David Legwand netted a goal and two assists, Jason Ward had a goal and two assists, Mara contributed a goal and an assist, and Fitzgerald, Jared Newman and Nikos Tselios each had two

assists.

Zepp made 16 saves in goal to earn the win for Plymouth. Reg Bourcier and Mark Aggio split time in goal for the Rangers.

Colagiaco and Druken remain among the OHL leaders in scoring. Colagiaco is fourth with 34 goals and 94 points, and Druken is sixth with a league-leading 52 goals and 92 points.

The Whalers also have the OHL's top defense, with Holsinger leading the league in goals-against average (2.14), save percentage (.917) and shutouts (four, tied with two others). Combined with Zepp (2.61, three shutouts), Plymouth boasts the OHL's best goalkeeping, averaging a league-low 2.34 goals-against average with a .910 save percentage and seven shutouts (tied for first).

Compuware extends lead

Two wins in three road games last weekend helped the Compuware Ambassadors to increase their lead in the nine-team North American Hockey League to seven points.

They improved their record to 32-10-6 with a 2-1 win over the Danville Wings Sunday; Mark Mink's second-period goal was the game-winner. Phil

Lewandowski also scored for Compuware.

The Ambassadors lost 2-1 to Danville in a shootout Saturday, after beating the Grand Rapids BearCats 3-1 Friday. Nick Schrader, Josh Bowers and Troy Milam netted goals for Compuware.

Ambassadors honored

Two Ambassadors were honored for their performances with a sweep of the NAHL player of the week honors. Team captain John Shouneyia, the team's captain, assisted on five of the six goals scored over the weekend, helping solidify his position as the league's second-leading scorer with 22 goals and 49 assists (71 points in 48 games).

The Ambassadors' Craig Kowalski was the NAHL goalie

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE STANDINGS				
East Division	W	L	T	Pts.
Ottawa 67s	45	11	4	94
Belleville Bulls	36	20	6	78
Peterborough Petes	35	23	2	72
Oshawa Generals	33	23	5	71
Kingston Frontenacs	19	39	3	41
Central Division	W	L	T	Pts.
Barrie Colts	45	11	5	95
Sudbury Wolves	21	33	8	50
North Bay Centennials	20	35	6	46
Toronto St. M. Majors	17	36	6	40
Miss. Ice Dogs	3	52	3	9
West Division	W	L	T	Pts.
Plymouth Whalers	47	11	3	97
Sarnia Sting	33	22	5	71
SSM Greyhounds	31	23	6	68
London Knights	29	29	3	61
Windsor Spitfires	19	35	6	44
Midwest Division	W	L	T	Pts.
Guelph Storm	39	19	2	80
Owen Sound Platers	35	22	5	75
Erie Otters	26	29	4	56
Kitchener Rangers	20	35	5	45
Brampton Battalion	7	52	3	17

of the week. He made 101 saves while allowing three goals in three games. Kowalski leads the league in wins with 29 and a 2.14 goals-against average.

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Canton clubs Northville; PCA loses a pair

It was pretty much a one-man show for Plymouth Canton — at least offensively — Tuesday against visiting Northville.

The Chiefs trailed their Western Lakes Activities Association foe 25-23 at halftime, but reversed that with a 15-8 third-quarter surge that set the table for a 52-45 triumph.

Canton improved to 11-8 overall.

Senior guard Joe Cortellini was the spark in the Chiefs' offense, pouring in 25 points. Jason Waidmann chipped in with 10, Dan MacLean scored seven and Scott Samulski totaled six — which accounts for 48 of Canton's points.

The Mustangs were led by Marshall Knapp's 13 points. Aaron Redden was next best with eight.

Cortellini didn't limit his per-

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formance to the offensive end. He limited Brett Allen, one of Northville's more formidable offensive weapons, to six points.

"This was a good win for us, against a good team," said Canton coach Dan Young. "It was a battle all the way."

The victory earned the Chiefs another home game. They host Farmington Harrison at 7 p.m. tonight.

Melvindale 80, PCA 76: Plymouth Christian Academy had a chance Tuesday at Class B Melvindale to get a victory. But the Cardinals rebounded from a five-point deficit after three quarters to overtake PCA with a 28-19 final-period surge, hand-

ing the Eagles their second-straight loss after going 17-1 and winning the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference championship in their first 18 games. Melvindale is 9-10.

Jordan Roose led PCA with 20 points. Mike Huntsman added 19 and Derric Isensee scored 15. The Cardinals got 24 points from Azriel Woodson and 18 from Anthony Gaorski.

The Eagles were up 18-17 after one quarter, then fell behind 37-36 at halftime. A strong third quarter, in which they outscored Melvindale 21-15, gave them a 57-52 advantage heading into the final period.

Greenhills 65, PCA 62: A furious, fourth-quarter comeback couldn't save Plymouth Christian Academy Monday at Ann Arbor Greenhills.

Greenhills, a Class C school, is 9-9.

The Gryphons jumped out to a quick lead, going up 18-8 by the end of the first quarter and maintaining a 36-27 lead at halftime. They extended that to 53-37 after three quarters.

PCA battled back, however, trimming the deficit to one point with 1:40 left. The Eagles were still within three and had the ball with seven seconds remaining, but couldn't convert the game-tying three-pointer.

Mike Huntsman topped PCA with 20 points and 11 rebounds. Dave Carty contributed 12 points and Derric Isensee had 11 points and nine boards.

Greenhills got 26 points, including six three-pointers, from Steve Cowen. Paul Krajcik added 11.

CC 72, Detroit City 45: Two different halves.

Redford Catholic Central and Detroit City, a PSL semifinalist despite its Class D status, battled evenly for a half Tuesday at CC, with the Shamrocks taking a 27-25 lead into the intermission. But CC took complete command in the second half with a 45-20 onslaught to improve to 14-5 overall.

The Bears are 16-3.

Four Shamrocks reached double figures in scoring, led by Dan Jess with 20 points. Rob Sparks added 17, Nick Moore scored 15 and Chuck Cash netted 12. Darius Hollis and Cecil Hood paced Detroit City with 13 points apiece.

Jess got CC going in the second half, scoring eight points in the third quarter. Moore kept the Shamrocks on track with six points in the fourth.

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Rocks back in the game. Wilson and Rypkowski scored after Salem forced consecutive turnovers to make it 40-38. The Rocks missed the tying layup following a third-straight turnover, however.

"We played pretty much aggressive defense the whole game," Brodie said. "We struggled offensively. They rushed us and we shot the ball pretty quick."

"In a lot of cases, they were good shots, but when you're rushing them and not knocking them down it's going to be a long night."

Salem was 17-of-53 (32 percent) from the floor overall, while North was 16-of-38 (42 percent).

North was putting a lot of effort into its passes and not taking any three-point shots

by this time. But it was due in large part to Salem's in-your-face defense and a lack of open shots.

"We were trying to make sure we got it inside to Emir or Adrian," Negoshian said. "To Salem's credit, they did a good job of trapping the ball and rotating."

"I thought it was a pretty good defensive game. I didn't think it was sloppy; it was two teams playing awful hard."

After Bridges and Rypkowski exchanged baskets, a series of missed shots ensued until the Rocks were forced to put Medunjanin on the free-throw line with 20.7 seconds left.

Medunjanin made both and Deljosevic added one after a Jancevski basket. Ryp-

kowski took the final shot for Salem from inside the circle, but the ball bounced off the iron.

"We held them to 45; that's pretty good defense, but we weren't scoring," Brodie said. "North Farmington played good defense. They caused us to rush shots, and they didn't give us any second shots."

"Of all the defenses we played, the only thing I wasn't happy with was second shots (by North). We mixed up defenses and disrupted them a little. But it was the second shots that caused us difficulty, and I thought that was the key."

North made 10 of 17 free throws and was 3-of-5 shooting the three. Salem was 5-of-7 and 3-of-14, respectively.

Madonna ousted by 9th-ranked Spring Arbor in WHAC

Madonna University's women's basketball team had started the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference with high hopes. A 5-9 conference season dimmed those hopes, but then the Lady Crusaders made a short run in the WHAC Tournament, beating third-seeded Siena Heights to reach Saturday's semifinals.

Unfortunately, their opponent was Spring Arbor, the ninth-

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ranked team in the NAIA. Madonna kept it close for a half, but could not keep pace with the host Cougars, who clawed their way into the WHAC finals with a 78-67 victory.

Madonna finishes with a 17-14 overall record. Spring Arbor improved to 27-4.

Poor shooting in the second half doomed the Crusaders. After converting 12-of-25 floor shots in the first half (48 percent), they managed to make just 10-of-37 in the second (27 percent). Madonna trailed 42-37 at the intermission.

The Crusaders were paced by Kathy Panganis with 17 points and 11 rebounds. Katie Cushman added 17 points and two steals, and Chris Dietrich

totalled 15 points, six assists and two steals.

Spring Arbor was led by the one-two punch of Andrea VanderHorst with 24 points, seven assists, five rebounds and three steals, and the inside power of Courtney Thompson, who collected 20 points, 10 boards, nine blocked shots, four assists and three steals. Kristin Dankert contributed 13 points.

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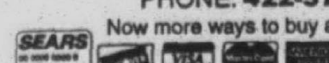
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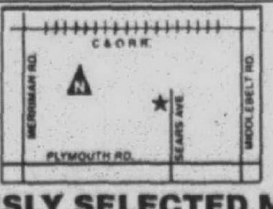
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and Stevenson's 154. "He's good," said Stevenson coach Doug Buckler of Olson. "He does a great job. And his boys worked hard. It probably sounds funny, but these two teams see so much of each other during the season (five times, including mutual invitationals) that, even though they're both very, very competitive and both want to win badly, they still cheer for each other and congratulate each other on good swims."

Considering the size of the meet, the final point spread wasn't large. "It was very small for a meet this size," agreed Buckler.

So could he have done anything different to change the outcome? "I really don't think so," he answered. "I thought our boys swam real well."

Atop that list for Stevenson was Keith Falk, who successfully defended his WLAA title in the 500 free (4:45.03) and added a first in the 200 free (1:44.71). The Spartans also got wins from Joe Bublitz in the 200 individual medley (1:59.22) and their 400

free relay team of Bublitz, Mike Malik, Brad Buckler and Falk (3:18.60).

North actually beat Stevenson in the 400 free relay in what would have been a league-record time, but the Raiders were disqualified when one of their swimmers jumped into the pool in celebration before the other relay teams had finished. The DQ did not alter the final standings, but it cost the North swimmers a place in the record book — and a medal.

The meet's only other double-winner in individual events was the Raiders' Matt Zald, who was first in both the 50 (21.81) and 100 (48.50) free. North's Jim Gabriel, Adam Farber, Mark Wachsberg and Zald combined to win the 200 medley relay (1:40.37).

Walled Lake had two wins, by Chris Gawronski in diving (422.05 points) and Derek Zerber in the 100 backstroke (54.46). Other individual firsts went to Westland John Glenn's James McPartlin in the 100

butterfly (54.57) and Northville's Mark Kowalski in the 100 breast (1:01.46).

All that remains now is the big show: the Class A state finals, March 12-13 at Oakland University in Rochester. Salem will send three relay teams, plus Andrew Locke in the 50 and 100 free, Matt Casillas in the 200 free and Brian Mertens in the 500 free.

Stevenson has its 200 medley relay and 400 free relay teams qualified, as well as Falk in the 100, 200 and 500 free, the 200 individual medley, the 100 fly and the 100 breast; and Bublitz in the 200 IM, 100 fly and 100 back.

Glenn will send McPartlin in the 100 fly and Canton has its 200 and 400 free relays qualified, as well as Kurtis Hornick in the 50 free and Aaron Reeder in the 100 back.

There will be a last-chance state qualifying meet Monday at Livonia Stevenson. The Class A state diving regional for all Observerland schools is 5 p.m. Tuesday at Grosse Pointe North HS.



Stylin': Hacking off hair to shave off time is an accepted practice in swimming. Canton teammates John Heiss (left) and Brad Nilson compare what's left.

WESTERN LAKES ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION SWIM FINALS Saturday, Feb. 27 at Salem HS

Team standings

1. Plymouth Salem, 498; 2. Livonia Stevenson, 477; 3. North Farmington, 411; 4. Plymouth Canton, 317; 5. Northville, 264; 6. Walled Lake, 250; 7. Westland John Glenn, 194; 8. Farmington, 144; 9. Livonia Churchill, 124; 10. (tie) Farmington Harrison, Livonia Franklin, 123.

Event results

200-YARD MEDLEY RELAY — 1. North Farmington (Jim Gabriel, Adam Farber, Mark Wachsberg, Matt Zald), 1:40.37 (state cut); 2. Plymouth Salem (Eric Lynn, Andrew Locke, Paul Perez, Aaron Shelton), 1:41.33 (state cut); 3. Livonia Stevenson (Joe Bublitz, Mike Nemer, Keith Falk, Brad Buckler), 1:41.35 (state cut); 4. Plymouth Canton, 1:43.30; 5. Walled Lake, 1:44.21; 6. Northville, 1:44.64.

Consolations: 7. Farmington, 1:46.27; 8. Westland John Glenn, 1:46.55; 9. Livonia Franklin, 1:53.09; 10. Farmington Harrison, 1:56.64; 11. Livonia Churchill, 2:02.67.

200-YARD FREESTYLE — 1. Keith Falk (LS), 1:44.71 (state cut); 2. Brandon Digia (NF), 1:48.79 (state cut); 3. Matt Casillas (PS), 1:49.10 (state cut); 4. James McPartlin (JG), 1:52.62; 5. Jim Gabriel (NF), 1:53.37; 6. Don LeClair (PC), 1:53.98.

Consolations: 7. David Whitbeck (NV), 1:53.14; 8. Brian Mertens (PS), 1:53.25; 9. Danny Price (FH), 1:54.00; 10. Justin Ketterer (LS), 1:55.44; 11. Dan Jones (PS), 1:56.70; 12. Aaron Rycroft (NF), 1:57.85.

Bonus consolations: 13. Pat Rodemeyer (S), 1:54.37; 14. Mark Witthoff (PS),

1:55.14; 15. Matt Wisniewski (PC), 1:56.99; 16. James Ross (PS), 1:57.18; 17. Brandon Truscott (LS), 1:57.95; 18. Bill Stewart (PC), 1:58.46.

200-YARD INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY — 1. Joe Bublitz (LS), 1:59.22 (state cut); 2. Derek Zerber (WL), 1:59.54 (state cut); 3. Paul Perez (PS), 2:04.26; 4. Mike Malik (LS), 2:05.53; 5. Scott Whitebeck (NV), 2:06.59; 6. Aaron Reeder (PC), 2:06.75.

Consolations: 7. Eric Lynn (PS), 2:07.56; 8. Aaron Shelton (PS), 2:08.79; 9. Mike Nemer (LS), 2:09.14; 10. Brad Nilson (PC), 2:10.91; 11. Craig Paske (NF), 2:12.76; 12. Devin Hopper (F), 2:14.63.

Bonus consolations: 13. Geoffrey Lowes (LS), 2:10.98; 14. John Kern (NF), 2:12.30; 15. Anthony Serge (NV), 2:13.82; 16. Kevin VanTiem (LS), 2:13.85; 17. Garrett Stone (JG), 2:15.11; 18. Eric Dabkowski (LS), 2:15.55.

50-YARD FREESTYLE — 1. Matt Zald (NF), 21.81 (state cut); 2. Andrew Locke (PS), 22.21 (state cut); 3. Kurtis Hornick (PC), 22.59 (state cut); 4. Mike Johnson (PS), 22.74; 5. Mark Wachsberg (NF), 23.07; 6. Brad Buckler (LS), 23.19.

Consolations: 7. Bill Randall (LC), 23.02; 8. Chris Supplee (LF), 23.22; 9. Dan Zoumbaris (JG), 23.22; 10. Jason Rebarchik (PS), 23.53; 11. Oz Pearlman (NF), 23.57; 12. Chad Williams (PC), 23.86.

Bonus consolations: 13. Dave Carson (PS), 23.87; 14. Chris Gawronski (WL), 23.99; 15. Chris Clayton (NF), 24.26; 16. Max Suttles (FH), 24.28; 17. Mike McCowan (LS), 24.35; 18. Kyle Grant (LC), 24.50.

DIVING — 1. Chris Gawronski (WL), 422.05 points; 2. Elliott Myers (WL), 372.00;

3. Chris McFarland (JG), 349.20; 4. Stephen Zerber (WL), 304.25; 5. Greg Kubitski (PS), 275.95; 6. Mike Baskin (LS), 269.20; 7. Ken Douglas (LF), 257.25; 8. Blake Brunner (PC), 256.30; 9. Scott Clark (JG), 249.15; 10. Ryan Henry (PC), 245.95; 11. Johnathon Chase (PS), 245.60; 12. Jason Zykowski (LS), 239.90; 13. Jared Goldman (NF), 231.70; 14. Bobby Kowunen (LC), 218.55; 15. Tony Matta (LF), 215.50; 16. Gerald Bennett (PC), 203.40; 17. Tom Morbitzer (PC), 194.50; 18. Jordan Ford (LC), 180.00.

100-YARD BUTTERFLY — 1. James McPartlin (JG), 54.57 (state cut); 2. Paul Perez (PS), 55.64; 3. Kurtis Hornick (PC), 56.00; 4. Mark Wachsberg (NF), 57.29; 5. Adam Farber (NF), 57.50; 6. Scott Whitebeck (NV), 59.00.

Consolations: 7. Brandon Truscott (LS), 58.66; 8. Robert Cambridge (LS), 59.75; 9. Geoffrey Lowes (LS), 1:00.37; 10. Justin Allen (PC), 1:00.77; 11. Matt Wisniewski (PC), 1:00.81; 12. Kevin Crabill (PS), 1:01.02.

Bonus consolations: 13. William Givans (WL), 1:00.90; 14. Matt Schacht (PC), 1:02.08; 15. Pat Rodemeyer (LS), 1:02.11; 16. Eric Ryden (WL), 1:02.53; 17. Dave Carson (PS), 1:03.19; 18. Dan Fowler (JG), 1:04.24.

100-YARD FREESTYLE — 1. Matt Zald (NF), 48.50 (state cut); 2. Brandon Digia (NF), 48.85 (state cut); 3. Andrew Locke (PS), 49.34 (state cut); 4. Bill Randall (LC), 50.61; 5. Brad Buckler (LS), 51.88; 6. Don LeClair (PC), 51.92.

Consolations: 7. Dan Jones (PS), 51.09; 8. Mike Johnson (PS), 51.10; 9. Mark Witthoff (PS), 51.72; 10. Oz Pearlman (NF), 51.91; 11. Chris Supplee (LF), 52.89; 12. Max Suttles (FH), 54.99.

Bonus consolations: 13. Mark Kowalski (NV), 53.17; 14. Kevin Stuart (NV), 53.73; 15. Dan Bowman (NF), 54.13; 16. Chad Williams (PC), 54.22; 17. Rob Walker (WL), 54.23; 18. David Hartmann (F), 56.00.

500-YARD FREESTYLE — 1. Keith Falk (LS), 4:45.03 (state cut); 2. David Whitebeck (NV), 4:56.33 (state cut); 3. Brian Mertens (PS), 5:01.79; 4. Mike Malik (LS), 5:11.32; 5. Justin Ketterer (LS), 5:11.44; 6. Danny Price (FH), 5:14.75.

Consolations: 7. Matt Casillas (PS), 5:00.06; 8. Adam Melvin (NV), 5:14.69; 9. Craig Paske (NF), 5:17.12; 10. Brad Nilson (PC), 5:20.24; 11. Loch Rycroft (NF), 5:23.47; 12. Andy Kee (PC), 5:24.86.

Bonus consolations: 13. Robert Cambridge (LS), 5:19.62; 14. Aaron Rycroft (NF), 5:24.20; 15. James Ross (PS), 5:24.65; 16. David Bosman (LF), 5:28.15; 17. Sermet Aker (NF), 5:28.44; 18. Steve Rice (PC), 5:29.76.

200-YARD FREESTYLE RELAY — 1. Plymouth Salem (Dan Jones, Mike Johnson, Mark Witthoff, Matt Casillas), 1:30.61 (state cut); 2. Walled Lake, 1:33.72; 3. Livonia Stevenson, 1:34.49; 4. North Farmington, 1:34.51; 5. Westland John Glenn, 1:35.00; 6. Farmington Harrison, 1:38.06.

Consolations: 7. Northville, 1:36.74; 8. Farmington, 1:37.55; 9. Livonia Churchill, 1:38.51; 10. Livonia Franklin, 1:52.56.

100-YARD BACKSTROKE — 1. Derek Zerber (WL), 54.46 (state cut); 2. Joe Bublitz (LS), 54.78 (state cut); 3. Devin Hopper (F), 56.07 (state cut); 4. Aaron Reeder (PC), 56.35 (state cut); 5. Jim Gabriel (NF), 56.62; 6. Eric Lynn (PS), 58.10.

Consolations: 7. Aaron Shelton (PS), 57.33; 8. Justin Allen (PC), 1:00.08; 9. John

Kern (NF), 1:00.56; 10. Anthony Serge (NV), 1:01.09; 11. Garrett Stone (JG), 1:01.19; 12. Kyle Grant (LC), 1:01.76.

Bonus consolations: 13. Mark Colombo (LF), 1:03.06; 14. Robbie Gundlach (F), 1:03.14; 15. Dan Bowman (NF), 1:03.38; 16. Brian Dorogi (PS), 1:03.96; 17. Andrew Kortnik (LS), 1:04.52; 18. Tony Palmeri (LS), 1:04.84.

100-YARD BREASTSTROKE — 1. Mark Kowalski (NV), 1:01.46 (state cut); 2. Adam Farber (NF), 1:03.34; 3. Mike Nemer (LS), 1:05.12; 4. Ryan Conroy (WL), 1:05.59; 5. Jon Zald (NF), 1:05.82; 6. David Hartmann (F), 1:06.06.

Consolations: 7. Jason Rebarchik (PS), 1:06.76; 8. Kevin VanTiem (LS), 1:06.88; 9. Matt Schlanser (NV), 1:06.91; 10. Jason Balou (NV), 1:07.45; 11. Dan Zoumbaris (JG), 1:07.50; 12. Jon Heiss (PC), 1:07.68.

Bonus consolations: 13. Mike McCowan (LS), 1:06.15; 14. David Bosman (LF), 1:08.90; 15. Brett Johnson (NV), 1:08.98; 16. Brian McNeff (WL), 1:09.14; 17. Kevin Crabill (PS), 1:09.56; 18. Eddie Lindow (PC), 1:09.60.

400-YARD FREESTYLE RELAY — 1. Livonia Stevenson (Joe Bublitz, Mike Malik, Brad Buckler, Keith Falk), 3:18.60 (state cut); 2. Plymouth Canton (Kurtis Hornick, Don LeClair, Brad Nilson, Aaron Reeder), 3:20.57 (state cut); 3. Plymouth Salem (Dan Jones, Paul Perez, Mark Witthoff, Andrew Locke), 3:20.73 (state cut); 4. Northville, 3:31.80; 5. Farmington, 3:34.70; North Farmington, DQ.

Consolations: 7. Livonia Churchill, 3:35.64; 8. Farmington Harrison, 3:36.61; 9. Walled Lake, 3:43.30; 10. John Glenn, 3:47.99; 11. Livonia Franklin, 3:49.79.

Zebras 2nd in the Mega

Wayne Memorial pulled out a second-place finish in the Michigan Mega Conference White Division swim meet Friday, thanks to a seventh-place finish in the final event of the meet.

The Zebras were second going into the 400-yard relay, the last event, and took a seventh to garner 14 points.

Wayne finished with 183 points, behind Wyandotte's 240 but one point ahead of Dearborn Edsel Ford.

Garden City wound up fourth (178), followed by Trenton (175), Southgate (166), Redford Union (129) and Taylor Truman (56).

The only Zebra to win an event was Sonny Webber, who was first in the 200 individual medley (2:07.00).

Adam Chiasson, Webber, Justin Smoes and Greg Sarkozi took second in the 200 medley relay (1:47.09). Smoes, Webber, Sarkozi and Sam Raub combined for a 1:36.88 in the 200 freestyle, good for third.

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History is made! SC gains 1st state crown

Schoolcraft College avenged two regular-season losses to Eastern Conference champion Flint Mott to post a resounding 104-83 victory in the championship game of the Michigan Community College Athletic Association tournament Saturday at Kalamazoo Valley CC.

Second-year coach Carlos Briggs, the former SC All-America who has led an amazing turnabout in the school's fortunes in men's basketball, called it "probably biggest in school history."

Longtime Schoolcraft administrator and ex-athletic director Marv Gans verified it was the first-ever state basketball title for the Livonia school.

"There wasn't a state tournament for awhile, but even when we had it we never even came close," Gans said.

STATE FINAL

This Schoolcraft team, which improved to 25-4 with the 21-point win, left little doubt who is playing the best basketball down the stretch among Michigan junior colleges.

After losing 78-75 and 81-70 to the Bears within a span of a week last month, SC led from start to finish.

Derek McKelvey, the 6-foot-3 sophomore guard from Adrian headed to Tennessee-Martin, continued his torrid late season shooting with a career-high 33 points, including nine of 14 from three-point range.

Point-guard Dave McGlown (Pontiac

Notre Dame Prep) added 17 points and seven assists. Lamar Bigby, the 6-5 forward from Detroit Northern who missed the second Mott game due to an eligibility issue, made his presence known with 16 points and 10 rebounds.

Dashawn Williams added a team-high 12 rebounds and 14 points, while Quentin Mitchell came off the bench to score 12 points.

Larry Patrick had 13 for Mott, which trailed 54-36 at intermission. Richard Bryant and Renardo Brown each added 10 for the Bears, who fell to 25-5 overall.

One of the keys to beating Mott was containing 6-6 guard Daniel Lawson.

"It was our defensive intensity, we played well as a team," said Briggs, who

is 49-11 in two years and was named NJCAA Region 12 Coach of the Year. "This time we put a quicker guy, Dave McGlown, on Lawson.

"Before we had used Dashawn (Williams) on him, but it kept him away from the basket to rebound. The switch worked out well."

Schoolcraft made 57.4 percent of its shots from the floor (39 of 68) and 16 of 21 free throws. Mott was 29 of 72 from the field (40.3 percent) and 18 of 22 from the line.

The Ocelots also held a 39-35 edge in rebounds.

"The difference was our defensive rebounding and we knocked down shots," Briggs said.

Also giving Schoolcraft a boost was

the recent post-season awards handed out and voted upon in the Eastern Conference voted on by the coaches.

Mott had two players selected the first team (MVP Lawson and Patrick), while SC had two named the second team, McKelvey and Williams, along with Mott's Sigfried Hodge.

"We're the second place team and I thought we deserved one or two spots on the first team," Briggs said. "They didn't really respect our players. That gave us some incentive."

And how about that first-ever state crown?

"It's a great accomplishment for our kids because many of these guys haven't won any kind of a title before," Briggs said.

THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL

Thursday, March 4
Stevenson at Farmington, 7 p.m.
Franklin at Churchill, 7 p.m.
Harrison at Canton, 7 p.m.
Northville at W.L. Central, 7 p.m.
Clarencville at Liggett, 7 p.m.
Det. Central at Redford CC, 7 p.m.
Agape at West Highland, 7:15 p.m.

Friday, March 5

Southgate at Redford Union, 7 p.m.
Clarencville at Luth. N.west, 7 p.m.
Huron Valley vs. Immac. Conception at Marshall Middle School, 7 p.m.
(Western Lakes finals at Franklin)
John Glenn vs. Salem, 5 p.m.
W.L. Western vs. N. Farmington, 7 p.m.

Saturday, March 6

Operation Friendship finals at U-D's Callahan Hall, 1 & 2:30 p.m.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Tuesday, March 2

W. Wayne at Canton Agape, 4:30 p.m.
PCA at Macomb Christian, 7 p.m.
Huron Valley vs. Saline Christian at Livonia St. Paul's, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, March 3

Gab. Richard at C'ville, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 4

Agape at West Highland, 4:30 p.m.

STATE TOURNAMENT

DISTRICT DRAWS

CLASS A

March 5 at LIVONIA LADYWOOD

First round: (A) Livonia Ladywood vs. (B) Livonia Stevenson, 5 p.m.
Semifinals: Livonia Franklin vs. Detroit Redford, 6 p.m.; Redford Union vs. A-B winner, 6 p.m.

Championship final: 7:30 p.m. (Winner advances to the Ann Arbor Huron Regional vs. Ypsilanti-Lincoln district champion.)

March 6 at NOVI HIGH SCHOOL

First round: (A) Plymouth Canton vs. (B) Plymouth Salem, 10 a.m.
Semifinals: Livonia Churchill vs. Northville, 11:30 a.m.; Novi vs. A-B winner, 11:30 a.m.

Championship final: 1 p.m. (Winner advances to the Ann Arbor Huron regional vs. Ann Arbor Pioneer district champion.)

March 6 at WALLED LAKE CENTRAL

First round: (A) Farmington Hills Harrison vs. (B) Walled Lake Western, 10 a.m.
Semifinals: North Farmington vs. Farmington, 11 a.m.; Walled Lake Central vs. A-B winner, 11 a.m.

Championship final: 12:30 p.m. (Winner advances to the Walled Lake Western regional vs. Farmington Hills Mercy district champion.)

March 6 at FARMINGTON HILLS MERCY

First round: (A) Farmington Hills Mercy vs.

(B) Berkley, 10 a.m.

Semifinals: Southfield-Lathrup vs. Southfield, 11 a.m.; Detroit Henry Ford vs. A-B winner, noon.

Championship final: 1:30 p.m. (Winner advances to the Walled Lake Western regional vs. Walled Lake Central district champion.)

March 6 at YPSILANTI LINCOLN

First round: (A) Ypsilanti Lincoln vs. (B) Belleville, 10:30 a.m.

Semifinals: (B) Garden City vs. (C) Westland John Glenn, noon; Wayne Memorial vs. A-B winner, 1:30 p.m.

Championship final: 3 p.m. (winner advances to the Ann Arbor Huron regional vs. Livonia Ladywood district champion.)

CLASS B

March 6 at DEARBORN DIVINE CHILD

First round: (A) Dearborn Heights Robichaud vs. (B) Dearborn Heights Crestwood, 9 a.m.; Redford Thurston vs. Detroit Renaissance, 10 a.m.

Semifinals: Dearborn Heights Annapolis vs. A-B winner, 11 a.m.; Dearborn Divine Child vs. C-D winner, noon.

Championship final: 1 p.m. (Winner advances to the Ida regional vs. Riverview district champion.)

CLASS C

March 6 at DETROIT CMA

Semifinals: Dearborn St. Alphonus vs. Detroit Communication & Media Arts, 3 p.m.; Lutheran High Westland vs. Detroit Benedictine, 4:30 p.m.

Championship final: 6 p.m. (Winner

advances to the Almont regional vs. Capac district champion.)

March 6 at SOUTHFIELD CHRISTIAN

Semifinals: Livonia Clarencville vs. Redford Bishop Borgess, 10 a.m.; Southfield Christian vs. Royal Oak Shrine, noon.

Championship final: 2 p.m. (Winner advances to the Almont regional vs. Capac district champion.)

CLASS D

March 6 at SOUTHFIELD FRANKLIN ROAD CHRISTIAN

First round: (A) Redford St. Agatha vs. (B) Plymouth Christian, 4 p.m.

Semifinals: Southfield Franklin Road Christian vs. Westland Huron Valley Lutheran, 5:30 p.m.; Canton Agape vs. A-B winner, 7 p.m.

Championship final: 8:30 p.m. (Winner advances to the Taylor Light & Life Christian regional vs. Detroit Holy Redeemer district champion.)

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE

Friday, March 5

Ply. Whalers vs. Kingston at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 6

Ply. Whalers vs. S.S. Marie at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m.

PREP HOCKEY

Saturday, March 6

Class A regional championship at Trenton's Kennedy Arena, 7:30 p.m.

Region 12 tourney from page C1

their quickness and intensity.

"We haven't played that many teams with that kind of intensity."

Cincinnati, which eliminated NJCAA power Vincennes a night earlier for the first time since 1981 in Region 12, proved to be more than Ocelots could handle.

Schoolcraft trailed 34-28 at halftime, and after a 10-2 Surge run in the first three minutes of the second half, the Ocelots never got closer than nine.

Lonn Berry, name Region 12 MVP, led Cincinnati State with 25 points. Point-guard Maurice Williams scored 18 of his 20 in the second half.

Schoolcraft got 18 points from Lamar Bigby. Dave McGlown and Dwayne Holmes chipped in with 16 and 10, respectively.

Dashawn Williams, who had 33 points the night before in an 103-95 win over host Lansing, was saddled with early foul trouble. He was limited to eight points. SC's top three-point shooting threat, Derek McKelvey, finished with six.

"They (Cincinnati State) earned it," SC coach Carlos Briggs said. "We just couldn't get into our offense. They played a good, hard, pressure man-to-man (defense)."

"They got up on us and we could never get back in it."

Although Schoolcraft shot a respectable 18 of 23 from the foul line. Meanwhile, Cincy State was

even better — 29 of 32.

SCHOOLCRAFT 103, LANSING CC 95: Dashawn Williams turned in a monster performance in Tuesday's semifinals with a career-high 33 points and 16 rebounds.

Schoolcraft overcame a 12-point deficit in the first half to lead 52-51 at intermission.

The Ocelots used a full-court press to get back in the game.

"We were a little relaxed at the start, but then we stepped up our intensity and turned up our defense," Williams said. "It was our 'Black Press' where we trap underneath the basket."

Williams scored 19 second-half points, including a shot inside with 18 seconds left to seal the victory.

"Today they found me in the paint inside going to the basket," Williams said. "It was a dogfight throughout the game."

Lamar Bigby added 23 points, including four triples, while point-guard Dave McGlown played a superb floor game with 17 points. David Jarrett (Westland John Glenn) came off the bench to score 11.

Chris Colley snared three key rebounds down the stretch to help secure the win.

Lansing, which bowed out at 17-11 overall, got a team-high 28 points from 6-5 swingman Nile Watson.

Randy Burton contributed 20, while Eric Parsons had 13.

Donald Otis, a 6-10 center who was averaging six blocks per game, got into first-half foul trouble and finished with 12 points along with Ben Spitzley.

Cincinnati State (24-6) took a 39-37 halftime lead and held off a late charge by Vincennes, Ind. (23-8) to earn a 78-72 win in the opening game.

Quentin Smith led the winners with 22 points, while Scott Clark led the Trail Blazers with 18.

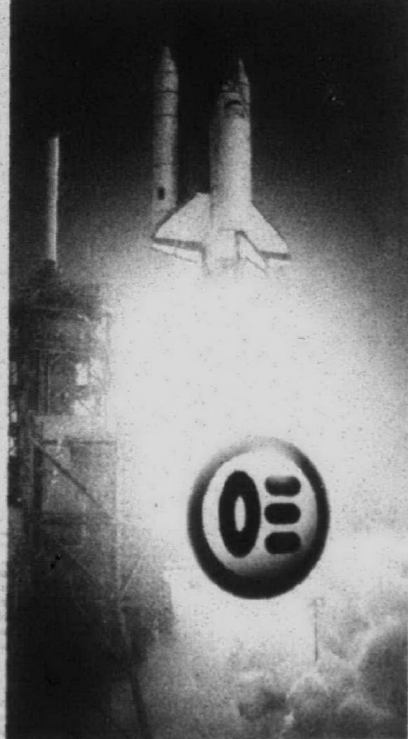
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The 10th annual Greater Detroit Sportfishing and Travel Expo will be held Thursday through Sunday, March 4-7, at the Palace of Auburn Hills. The show will feature 45 non-stop seminars including a special appearance by national walleye angling champion 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. to 9:30 p.m. Saturday; and 10 a.m. to 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 admis-

sion 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.

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

BACKPACKING 101
The first of a two-part course designed to introduce people to the joys of backpacking begins at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 10, at REI in Northville. Call (248) 347-2100 for more information.
BACKPACKING 102
Part two of a basic backpacking

class begins at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 17, at REI in Northville. Call (248) 347-2100 for more information.

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 WCSC 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 Rep. Raymond Basham (Taylor) will conduct the seminar. Call (313) 381-4735 for more information.

ACTIVITIES

SIERRA CLUB HIKE
Join members of the Southeast Michigan Group, Sierra Club on a six-mile hike through the Proud Lake Recreation Area. Participants are asked to meet at 10 a.m. behind the Marathon Station at the southeast corner of Telegraph and 12 Mile Road. Call (313) 562-1873 for more information.

SKI/HIKE
Join members of the Southeast Michigan Group, Sierra Club on a ski tour or hike, depending on the weather, through Independence Oaks. Participants are asked to meet at 10 a.m. behind the Marathon Station at the southeast corner of Telegraph and 12 Mile Road. Call (248) 932-5370 for more information.

SEASON/DATES

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.

RABBIT/HARE
Rabbit/hare season run through March 31 statewide.

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) 676-2862 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

3D SHOOT
The Linden Sportsman's Club will hold a 3-d archery shoot beginning at 9 a.m. Sunday, March 7, on its walk-through course in Linden. Call (810) 735-5822 for more information.

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 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 Rd., which is three miles north of the Palace of Auburn Hills off M-24. Call (248) 814-9193 for more information.

PONTIAC LAKE
Pontiac Lake Recreation Area in Waterford has rifle, pistol, shotgun, and archery ranges. Range hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesdays through Sundays. Pontiac Lake Recreation Area is located at 7800 Gale 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 nomi-

nal 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 sugarshack 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.

SPACE TRY-IT
All requirements for the space, brownies try-it badge will be completed during this program, which will be held throughout the day on Saturday, March 6, at Kensington.

BLUEBIRDS AND YOU
Learn about bluebirds and how you can help during a movie, discussion and a field trip, which begins at 1 p.m. Sunday at Kensington.

1999 PERMITS

METROPARKS
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 permits are \$18 (\$9 for senior citizens). Call (800) 47-PARKS for more information.

OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS

COUNTY PARK REQUIREMENTS
Advanced registration is required for all nature programs at Oakland County Parks. Call (810) 625-6473 to register or for more information.

MAPLE MAGIC
Learn how maple syrup is made during this hike/slide presentation, which begins at 10 a.m. and again at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, March 6, at Independence Oaks.

CLEAN WATER
Learn all the facts about drinking water during this program, which begins at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 13, at Independence Oaks.

STATE PARKS

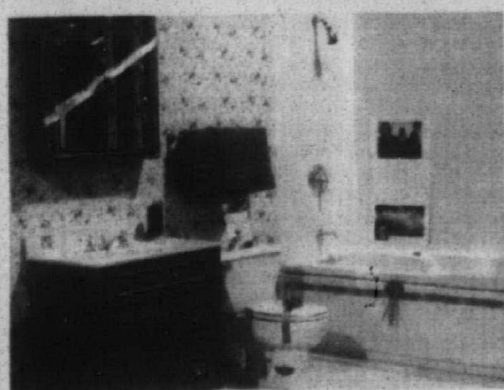
STATE PARK REQUIREMENTS
Maybury State Park, Proud Lake Recreation Area, Bald Mountain Recreation Area, Highland Recreation Area, and Island Lake Recreation Area offer nature interpretive programs throughout the year. A state park motor vehicle permit is required for entry into all state parks and state recreation areas. For registration and additional information on the programs at Maybury, call (810) 349-8390.



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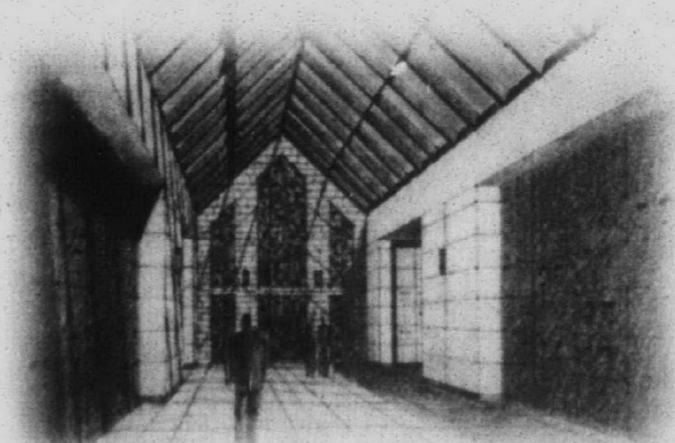
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day. It really was," Lindstrom said of match with Salem. "We kind of cruised in the early part of the day and kind of saved it, and I think we were as strong at the end of the day as we'd been all day long. And I think it kind of showed; Salem kind of fell down a little bit at the end there as far as being able to push a little bit."

Central (44-8-1) led 8-6 in the opening game when seniors Amanda Mendenhall and Douglas and junior Christina Tudor sparked a seven-point run. Douglas served an ace to make it 13-6. Tudor followed with a cross-court kill and Mendenhall ended the game with a well-placed tip kill that fell softly between two Salem defenders.

Salem (43-10-1) regrouped in the second game and managed an 11-10 lead thanks to the dominant net play of Angie Sillmon, who has committed to play volleyball at Western Michigan University.

But Central, the league's regular-season champion and tournament's top seed, used another decisive run to seal the title. Douglas served two aces as the Vikings forged ahead 14-11 and junior Colleen Saldana closed it out with a kill off a set from senior Sarah Schreiber.

"We gave it a good run, but we didn't find our hitting zones very well at times," Salem coach Tom Teeters said. "But that's how it goes in volleyball sometimes."

"I have seven seniors and three of them have been to the (state semifinals), so they know not to let up," Lindstrom said. "We have lots of good leaders out there and that's all I can tell you. They're all picking it up right now and communicating well with each other."

Central held off pesky Livonia Franklin 15-10, 15-11 in one semifinal, while Salem easily disposed of Stevenson 15-3, 15-7 in the other. Northville and Livonia Churchill were also among the six teams to emerge from pool play.

Central senior Becca Saldana was 237-of-242 setting in the tournament with 104 assists and 33-of-36 serving with three aces, Douglas was 50-of-60 attacking with 38 kills and 19 blocks and 35-of-41 serving with four aces. Mendenhall was 90-of-112 attacking with 55 kills and 40-of-43 serving with eight aces, and senior defensive specialist Amanda Yaklin was 45-of-51 serving with six aces and 27 digs.

Sillmon posted a team-high seven kills and two solo blocks in Salem's semifinal win over Stevenson and teammate Amanda Suder had three kills and was 15-of-15 serving with six aces.

Sillmon collected seven more kills against Central, Andrea Pruettt added five kills and three block assists, Laine Sterling racked up 18 assists and Suder had 15 digs.

Class A district play is up next for the WLAA's 12 teams.

Central hosts a five-team district this Saturday that includes Walled Lake Western, Farmington Harrison, Farmington and North Farmington.

Saturday's Novi district features opening-round matches pitting Salem vs. Canton and Churchill vs. Northville, while Stevenson and Franklin are slated to compete at tomorrow's Livonia Ladywood district. Westland John Glenn will be at Saturday's Ypsilanti Lincoln district.

Western downs Rockets in WLAA semis

BY BILL PARKER STAFF WRITER bparker@oe.homecomm.net

Walled Lake Western basketball coach Rex Stanczak was worried about Tuesday's showdown with Westland John Glenn in the semifinals of the Western Lakes Activities Association tournament.

He feared his team had lost its concentration. He was concerned the Warriors might be looking ahead to Monday's district tournament opener with rival Walled Lake Central.

"On Sunday I told my assistant coach (Josh Tropae) I was worried the team had lost its focus," Stanczak said. "He faxed me a letter today and basically said we don't have time to not be ready to play. We don't have time not to be focused. We have to play these two games so we might as well go out and win them."

"I read the letter to the guys about 10 minutes before the game it really woke them up."

WLAA BASKETBALL

Did it ever!

The Warriors exploded for 23 first-quarter points en route to its first berth ever in the WLAA championship game with a 64-46 victory over the Rockets. Western, 18-1 on the season, meets North Farmington, 16-3, in the conference championship game, 7:30 p.m. Friday at Livonia Franklin. Glenn, 11-7, meets Plymouth Salem, 15-4, in the consolation game at 5:30 p.m. at Franklin.

"At the beginning of the season our number-one goal as to be the best ever at Western," Stanczak said. "This is the best record we've ever had. We've never won the regular season championship before this year, and we've never played for the league championship before. I think we've accomplished that goal, but we won't be satisfied unless we make it out of districts."

Defensive execution keyed Western's transition game early in Tuesday's contest. Ben Dewar nailed a pair of triples and scored eight of his game-high 18 points in the first quarter as Western opened a 23-9 lead. Genero Dawood also had a hot touch and scored seven of his 10 in sparking the run.

"I thought we had a tremendous defensive performance tonight. In my opinion John Glenn is the best team in the league from an offensive stand-point," Stanczak said. "To hold them in the 40s is testament to a good defensive game."

Glenn closed the gap in the second quarter as Ty Haygood and Reggie Spearman heated up for the Rockets and dumped in six points each. But Dawood nailed a huge triple at the buzzer to end the first half to put the Warriors on top by 13, 35-22.

"Western just came out and played great basketball," Glenn coach Mike Schuette said. "We missed a couple put-backs and if they would have fallen

maybe it would have been closer."

The Rockets made one more dent in Western's lead with a 10-0 run in the third. When Haygood returned a rebound to the net with :40 left in the third he pulled Glenn to within eight, 35-43. Eagle came up with the buzzer-beater for Western at the end of the third as the Warriors maintained a double-digit lead, 47-36.

Dewar finished strong and meshed in seven more in the fourth as Western wrapped up the win with a 17-10 advantage in the final eight minutes.

"In the fourth quarter the kids did a tremendous job of pulling the ball out and spreading the floor and taking nothing but lay-ups," Stanczak said. "It's not always easy for a fast-breaking team to slow it down but I thought we did a nice job of that in the fourth."

Eric Jones scored 16 points and Haygood finished with 14 for the Rockets; who managed just 14 of 27 shots from the free throw line.

INDIVIDUAL REGIONAL WRESTLING RESULTS

Table with 4 columns: Division I, Individual Regional Wrestling Results, Feb. 27 at Troy High School. Lists various weight classes and match results between schools like Redford, Livonia, and Farmington.

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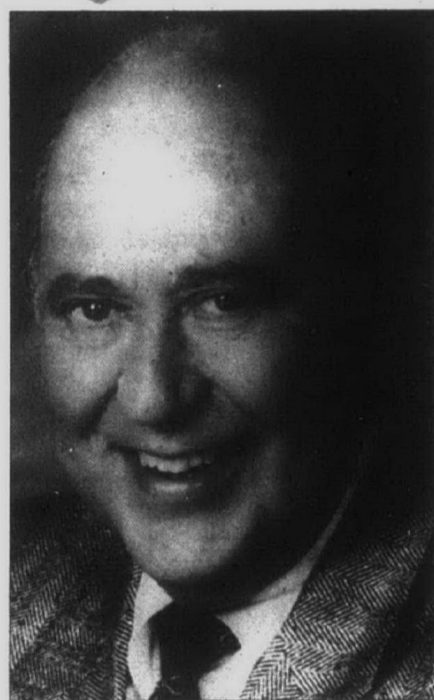
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Pianist Howard Shelley performs with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, led by guest conductor Yan Pascal Tortelier, 8 p.m. at Orchestra Hall in Detroit. Tickets \$13-\$48, call (313) 576-5111.

SATURDAY



Spend an evening with Carl Reiner 8 p.m. at the West Bloomfield High School Auditorium. Tickets \$25 for members of the Jewish Community Center, and \$35 for non-members, call (248) 661-7649.

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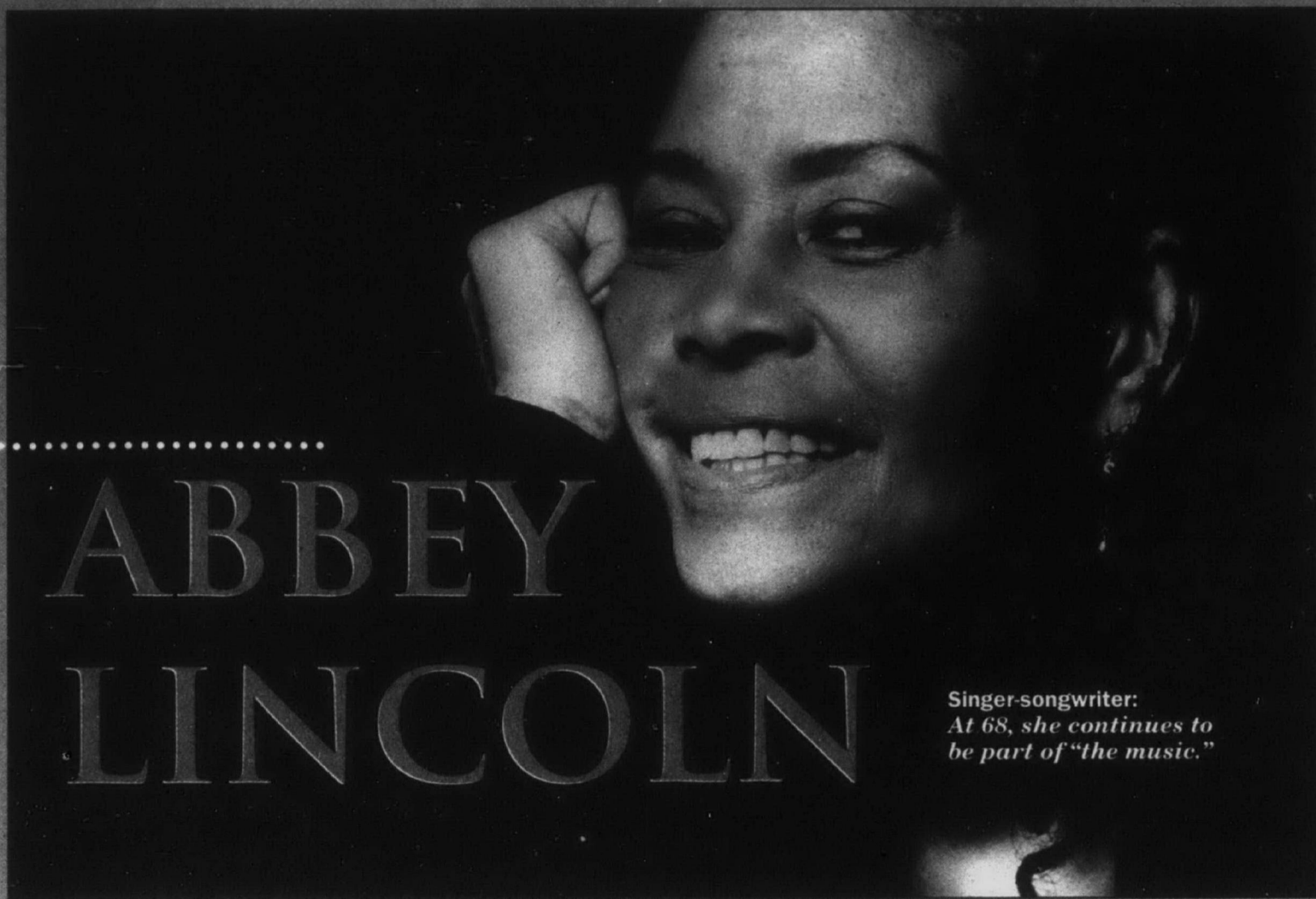


Local Celtic favorites Blackthorn appear 3 p.m. at the Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road, Southfield. Tickets \$8 and include an opportunity to meet the artists following the performance. Call (248) 424-9041.

HOT TICKET



Disney on Ice presents "The Little Mermaid," featuring Ursula the Sea Witch and Ariel the mermaid, through Sunday, March 7 at Joe Louis Arena, Detroit. Tickets \$12.50-\$30, call, (248) 645-6666, or (313) 983-6606 for more information.



Singer-songwriter: At 68, she continues to be part of "the music."

A FORCE THAT'S 'WHOLLY EARTH'

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
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What's a 12-letter name for "50s-'90s jazz singer?" According to the Feb. 14 New York Times Magazine, the answer is Abbey Lincoln.

The 68-year-old diva laughed when asked if she had seen the puzzle.

"Yes, I was thrilled," she said in a voice slightly lighter than her famous, smoky-rich singing voice.

Lincoln, who will be performing March 12 at Ann Arbor's Michigan Theatre, has just released a new, provocative CD on Verve, "Wholly Earth," that continues a string of albums dating from the late 1980s that display Lincoln's talents as a singer and songwriter. But, as the puzzle notes, Lincoln has been a force in music since the 1950s.

"I met Louis Armstrong when I was 22, around 1952 and I saw Billie Holiday in Honolulu," Lincoln said. "I think people weren't so business oriented then. They weren't looking to be rich with more money. It was like a calling and you just did it, especially the men, they bring the music no matter what."

Lincoln sees herself in a long tradition of "the music."

"Now it's such a business. This is no time for art, no time for a Duke Ellington, Frank Sinatra, Billie Holiday. They didn't call it jazz. It was music. Rosemary Clooney, I sang her songs. Ella..." she said.

WHAT: Abbey Lincoln performs with her trio for the UMS concert series.

WHEN: 8 p.m. Friday, March 12

WHERE: Michigan Theatre, 603, E. Liberty, Ann Arbor.

TICKETS: \$20-\$32. Call (734) 764-2538.

In 1957, the Kalamazoo native met the great be-bop drummer Max Roach, who was her husband from 1962 to 1970, and started singing with small jazz groups and recording some of her own material. In 1961 she was featured on Roach's famous "Freedom Now Suite," which she said taught her how to use her voice freely as an instrument. She was also introduced to John Coltrane and Thelonious Monk.

It was Monk who encouraged Lincoln to become a composer after she put lyrics to his "Blue Monk."

"I never thought I was going to be a composer," she said. "It was Thelonious Monk who was quoted on the back of an album saying that Abbey Lincoln is not just a great singer but a great composer. I had written lyrics to 'Blue Monk' and he didn't object. ... He came over to the studio and did a little dance and whispered in my ear, 'Don't be so perfect.' I asked Max what he meant, and he said it means you can make a mistake."

That freed Lincoln to experi-

ment and write music that transcends easy categories. The new album displays a strong mystical, spiritual element both in her evocative lyrics and in the multi-textured music. The title tune gives a sense of her concerns: "Places where the folks inhabit/have a geometric grace/Circled, squared, sometimes triangled/ruled with lines and space."

"I'm an older woman and I'm more spiritual," she says with a chuckle. "I don't sing about bad relationships or sex anymore. I'm too old for that, and I don't care about it."

Though usually a lyric comes first, sometimes it's the music.

"It depends, sometimes the music comes first. Look to the Stars," the music came first, I was thinking of Jimmy Scott and the way he holds a note. But 'Conversation with a Baby' came altogether as a piece, music and lyrics," she said.

"Conversation" is an unusual, thought-provoking lullaby dedicated to a child named Gandhi.

"Gandhi is someone's little boy here in the apartment house where I live," she said. "It's for a happy baby."

Lincoln is also a powerful interpreter of songs by others. Her recording of Bob Dylan's "Mr. Tambourine Man" on her last album, "Who Used to Dance," received a lot of air play and rave reviews.

"I saw 'Mr. Tambourine Man' on a piano when I was with these

young people in San Francisco, I was sort of the Big Mama there," she said. "I saw the lyrics and I said, 'Yeah, this is what I want to say.' It took me 20 years to record it, but I finally did."

On the new album she performs the Mercer-Hampton-Burke standard "Midnight Sun," Benny Carter's "Another Time, Another Place" and, most notably, the Yip Harburg-Harold Arlen "If I Only Had a Brain" from "The Wizard of Oz." Her version plays with the songs timing and melody while retaining its irony and humor, typical of Lincoln's thoughtful approach.

The album's music is multi-textured. Though on stage she'll be accompanied by just her fine trio, on the album she is supported on vibes and marimba by Bobby Hutcherson, on trumpet by Nicholas Payton and on two songs on vocals by Maggie Brown, whose younger, lighter voice adds a nice contrast.

Lincoln said she'll be performing songs from the Grammy-winning "A Turtle's Dream," "Who Used to Dance" and her new album in Ann Arbor.

She said her long association with Jean-Phillipe Allard has been important in her re-emergence as a singer after quitting music briefly in the early '70s and then recording and performing sporadically.

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POPULAR MUSIC

A reluctant Brian Wilson talks about his music

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
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Arranging an interview with Brian Wilson is unlike any other. His publicist warns that Wilson is "not chatty." In order for the interview to work, Wilson needs to talk about his music, his album "Imagination" and maybe his favorite song on it. There can be no "yes or no" questions and if the conversation lulls, "it's over."

Sean Lennon, who interviewed Wilson for "Raygun" magazine, even wrote that Wilson's publicist told him, "Now don't be surprised if he gets up after five minutes." Wilson's conversation with Lennon was long and thoughtful.

But when Wilson called two weeks ago, it was short and to the point. He answers the question, "How are

WHO: Brian Wilson

WHEN: Performs at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 9. The show is expected to run two hours.

WHERE: Michigan Theatre, 603 E. Liberty St., Ann Arbor.

HOW: Tickets are \$35 and \$45. For more information, call (734) 668-8397, (248) 645-6666 or visit <http://www.99music.com>.

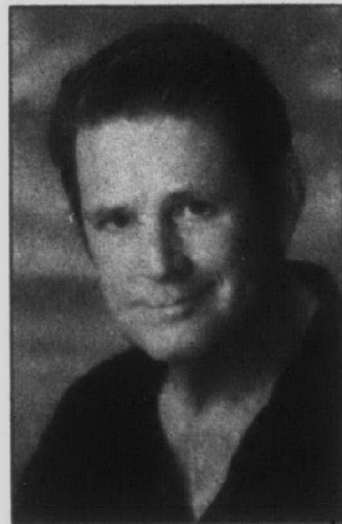
you?" with, "I'm good. Let's get the interview going, OK?"

One thing that excites Wilson is his tour to promote the album "Imagination," a very Beach Boys-sounding album which earned rave reviews from critics.

"It'll be the first major tour I've taken in my career. It's pretty exciting. To be able to perform my music in front of people is kind of a thrill for me."

In the song "South American" off "Imagination," Wilson sings "I've been around too long to care what anyone says." But that insecurity is what kept him out of the musical spotlight for 10 years.

"I was so hurt just by the fact that my first record didn't sell in 1988," Wilson said about the album



Rare appearance: Brian Wilson performs Tuesday at the Michigan Theatre in Ann Arbor. Last month he was up for the "Best Historical Album" Grammy for The Beach Boys' album "The Pet Sounds Sessions."

Please see **WILSON, E2**



'Music Madness': Trinket along with Babe the Blue Ox and The Interpreters perform Thursday, March 11, at the Magic Bag in Ferndale as part of the "RCA Music Madness Tour." Tickets for the show are \$6, and a portion of the proceeds will go to Rock the Vote and to Tori Amos' RAINN (Rape Abuse Incest National Network). Pictured is Athens, Ga.,-based Trinket - Jeffrey Fisher (left), J. Christopher Arrison, Brian Youmans, Tommy Salmon and Derry De Lamar. The band's self-titled debut was produced by hometown friend Michael Stipe, otherwise known as the lead singer of R.E.M. The show is open to those 18 and older. For more information, call (248) 544-3030 or visit <http://www.themagicbag.com> or the RCA Records Web site: <http://www.bugjuice.com>

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"Brian Wilson." "I took some time off, 10 years off. Finally I was convinced that if I did it I would have a hit record. It wasn't a hit. It was a moderate hit."

Wilson wasn't completely away from music. Two albums of his music were released in 1995 - the soundtrack to the Don Was-produced documentary about Wilson's life, "I Just Wasn't Made for These Times," and "Orange Crate Art" with Beach Boys collaborator Van Dyke Parks.

He owes "Imagination" to his producer, Joe Thomas, who gave him the support he needed to create the album.

"At first it was (hard to get motivated) because I really wasn't up for all that work. But I got interested and I got into it. We nailed it pretty fast," he said.

Besides Thomas, Wilson collaborated with a slew of stars to make "Imagination." Songwriter Carole Bayer Sager and "Margaretville" man Jimmy Buffett are included in that list.

"It was a thrill, a pretty big thrill for me," Wilson said of working with Buffett. "I met him through Joe Thomas. He did a lot for my album. He did lots for it."

"Cry" is a 4:56 weeper about a rare argument he had with his wife, Melinda. All Wilson will say about the song is, "That's a pretty good tune. I think it's a pretty good tune. I like it a lot."

According to published reports, Wilson met the former Melinda Ledbetter in 1986 while shopping for a car with his then-psychologist, the controversial Eugene Landy.

Landy was treating Wilson, who had a nervous breakdown in 1964 at age 22, for drug addiction and depression. Wilson's family accused Landy of keeping Wilson doped up on prescription drugs and controlling his life. They sued Landy but, in 1991, before it reached the courtroom, a settlement required Landy to sever ties with the musician.

In the liner notes to "Imagina-

tion," Wilson thanks his new psychiatrist, Dr. Stephen Marmer, for giving him "support in my life."

Despite being called "eccentric," Wilson is regarded as one of the most influential bass players in rock history. Upon hearing that, Wilson is thrilled yet guarded.

"I'm honored that people think I can play bass that good. I used to pick. I've been practicing for my four-concert tour," said Wilson who lives in St. Charles, Ill., with his wife and two adopted daughters.

After seven minutes on the phone, Wilson is antsy. His answers become shorter indicating it's time to end the conversation.

"See me next month?" Wilson answers gruffly to the same question. When he is reminded that he is playing Ann Arbor on March 9, he responds, "Oh yeah. Bye babe."

WSU's Bonstelle presents 'Our Country's Good'

Wayne State University offers comedy or drama depending on your mood for its' next two productions.

Timberlake Wertebaker's "Our Country's Good" opens March 5 at WSU's Bonstelle Theatre, 3424 Woodward in Detroit. Show times are 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays through March 14.

Tickets prices are \$8-\$10, and available by calling (313) 577-2960.

This hilarious and harrowing play illustrates how theater has the potential to change people's lives when a colony of convicts attempt to do comedy. It does contain adult situations and language.

Australia 1798, a young lieutenant (played by Greg James) is directing rehearsals of the first play ever to be staged in that country. With only two copies of the text, a cast of illiterate convicts, and one leading lady who may be hanged (played by Teresa Ann LaFranca), conditions are hardly ideal for what will be this penal colony's premiere of George Farquhar's Restoration comedy, "The Recruiting Officer."

"Our Country's Good" is directed by Blair Vaughn Anderson, professor of theater at Wayne State University. Scenic design is by Charles Moser and costume design is by Kathleen Crosby of Rochester, both members of the Hilberry Theatre company. Lighting design is by theater faculty member Thomas H. Schraeder.

Ireland's finest literary drama, "The Playboy of the Western World," opens March 12 and continues in rotating repertory through May 8 at WSU's Hilberry Theatre, Cass and Hancock, in Detroit.

For tickets, call (313) 577-2972.

John Millington Synge's play is the poetic story of a young hooligan who wanders into a small village in a remote and



A colony of convicts: A young lieutenant (Greg James, left) begins rehearsals for Australia's first theatrical production with leading lady Teresa Ann LaFranca, who is about to be hanged.

primitive area of Ireland - the "western world" as it was called. Having claimed to have killed his father, the young lad quickly becomes the romantic hero of the local peasant people. When the supposedly dead father also shows up at the village, the townspeople find their hero not to be all he claimed. Filled with rich language which was tradi-

tionally spoken by the native people, "The Playboy of the Western World" is a true literary masterpiece.

Directed by faculty member Joseph A. Calarco, the play's characters include Matt Troyer as the playboy and Emily N. Miller as Pegeen Mike, his swooning peasant girlfriend.

IMAX Theatre pre-show features DSO

PRNewswire - Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village and The Detroit Symphony Orchestra have teamed up to work on the museum's IMAX Theatre Pre-Show.

During the Orchestra's Pops Series, Broadway Today, Feb. 18-21, a new arrangement of "Don't Rain on My Parade," from the musical Funny Girl, was record-

ed for the film's "soundtrack."

The IMAX Theatre at Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village, scheduled to open late November, 1999, will show a two to three-minute, multi-media presentation before every IMAX(R) film to introduce to the film-goers the large format experience.

The film short, produced by

museum staff with assistance from Academy Award-winning filmmaker Sue Marx, will provide a fast-paced, immersive journey through the first 100 years of sound and film recording/presentation innovation, connecting the spirit of Edison's early work with the cutting edge technology of the IMAX experience.

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cally. It was Allard who called her to sign with Polygram (parent company of Verve) and who has produced her string of fine albums.

"He never tells me what to do. I tell him who I want and he goes and gets them. ... I'm really fortunate and I know it. I'm part of the music, but I miss the elders," she said.

She mentioned the death last

year of Betty Carter.

"I miss her a lot, if someone told me they played with Betty Carter, I knew they could play," she said.

As the interview was concluding, Lincoln said with a touch of pride, "Hey, you know I'm from Michigan?"

Her first "professional" singing was a \$5 a week job in the base-

ment of the A.M.E. Church in Jackson. She said the minister liked her voice, but she never sang in the choir.

"I was no choir singer," she said.

Abbey Lincoln has always gone her own way and the music has benefitted from her independence. But Monk was right, she didn't have to be this perfect!

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Ridgedale Players

The Ridgedale Players are presenting "Beau Jest," by James Sherman, a warm comedy involving a young Jewish woman who hires an actor to pretend to be her Jewish doctor boyfriend in order to please her parents.

Show times are March 6-7, March 12-14, and March 19-21, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 3 p.m. Sunday at the playhouse, 205 W. Long Lake Road (between Crooks and Livernois) Troy. Tickets \$11, seniors and students \$10 on Sunday, includes a coffee-and-sandwich afterglow. Call (248) 988-7049 for tickets.

Because the Passover seder is featured in one scene, the cast and directors have decided to raise money at performances to make a donation to Yad Ezra, a kosher food bank, for the purchase of Passover food for needy Jews.

Trinity House Theatre

Trinity House Theatre presents "Grace & Gloria" by Tom Ziegler, 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. Sundays at the theater, 8840 W. Six Mile, (west of I-275), Livonia. Tickets \$10, \$8 for groups of 10 or more. Call (734) 464-6302.

"Grace & Gloria" tells the story of Gloria, a high-powered New York executive who, in an attempt to come to terms with a painful loss, leaves the big city to serve as a hospice worker. Grace is a feisty, independent woman who must face not only the end of her life, but the loss of her



A toast: Enjoying a toast at the Passover seder are Jack Abella of Southfield (left to right), Thom Griffin, Lyn Koch (Troy), Carl Jones (Rochester Hills), and Selma Cohen.

beloved family farm in the Virginia mountains of Appalachia to the creeping encroachment of development. Gloria cares for Grace in her last days, helping Grace die comfortably and with dignity.

Avon Players

Avon Players presents Lillian Hellman's adult drama, "The Children's House," opening 8 p.m. Friday, March 5 at the playhouse, 1185 Tienken Road, (1 1/4 miles east of Rochester Road), Rochester Hills. Tickets \$13, call (248) 608-9077.

Performances 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, March 6-7; March 12-14, and March 18-20.

Birmingham Village Players

The Birmingham Village Players are whistling "Tradition" as they get ready for the March 12 opening of "Fiddler on the Roof," which plays March 12-14, March 19-21, and March 26-27 at their playhouse, 752 Chestnut, Birmingham. Performances 8 p.m.

First Theatre Guild

"First Theatre Guild" is presenting "Anne of Green Gables," March 12-14 and March 19-21 in Knox Auditorium at First Presbyterian Church, 1669 Maple (between Southfield and Cranbrook Roads) in Birmingham. Performances 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, Saturday, March 13 is senior day, all senior citizens will be able to see the show for free. The cost for all other performances is \$7 adults, \$5 seniors and students. Call (248) 644-2087, Ext. 151.

SRO Productions

SRO Productions presents the first play of its 10th season, "Eating Your Heart Out," 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays, March 12 through March 28 at the City of Southfield's historic park, "The Burgh," corner of Civic Center Dr. & Berg Road. Tickets \$8 general, \$7 seniors and children, call (248) 827-0701.



Romance: Duet, Ariel, (Inna Volianskaia) and Prince Eric (Alexei Killakov) in a scene from "Disney on Ice — The Little Mermaid."

Disney on Ice producers alert to pleasing little 'story police'

Disney on Ice presents "The Little Mermaid," through Sunday, March 7 at Joe Louis Arena in Detroit. Call (248) 645-6666 or (313) 983-6606 for ticket information.

BY KEELY WYGONIK
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Ever conscious of the story police in their audience, Feld Entertainment brings the story of "The Little Mermaid" to life on ice through March 7 at Joe Louis Arena in Detroit.

"Young children know when we're not telling the story accurately," said Cindy Stuart, choreographer for "Disney on Ice presents 'The Little Mermaid,'" and director of skating for Feld Entertainment.

Bringing Disney's blockbuster film, "The Little Mermaid," which first debuted in 1989, to life on ice was not easy. Loosely based on the Hans Christian Anderson fairy-tale, "The Little Mermaid," is the story of Ariel, a fun-loving mermaid princess who longs for a life on land. Her father, King Triton, disapproves.

When Ariel falls in love with Prince Eric, Ariel makes a bad deal with Ursula, the diabolical diva of the deep, and loses her lovely voice. With help from friends, Ariel must win Eric's heart.

"We had to create the illusion of being undersea," said Stuart who choreographs the show with

Gia Guddat. "In the first act Ariel still has fins. Obviously Ariel couldn't move around the ice balanced on her tail. She had to be free to experience the adventure that awaited her."

Costume designer Scott Lane designed a costume that is divided into two fins that allow Ariel, played by Russian figure skating champion Inna Volianskaia, more mobility. Prince Eric is played by Alexei Killakov, who is also Russian.

When Ariel loses her mermaid fin and is transformed into a woman, she is wobbly on the ice, like someone learning to walk for the first time. "She has no skates in her on ice duet 'Kiss the Girl' with Eric," said Stuart. "He carries and whirls her."

Imaginative costumes take the audience to Ariel's world under the sea where there are dancing star fish, and sea horses.

"We really create the feeling of a lagoon," said Stuart. "It's three dimensional. Some of the skaters have puppets. I would call the show multi-media, we're creating an atmosphere. We tried to create the feeling of being underwater."

The 24-foot "puppet" fish are carried on pole units by skaters. "We wanted to have fish at all levels under the sea," said Lane. "You never know what is going to float by."

The fluidity of figure skating lends itself to the show. Ursula, the sea witch, who lost her beauty because she's evil, is portrayed

as the glamor-octopus of the deep.

"Little Mermaid has everything," said Stuart. "The music from the movie is fun, and inspiring. A bi-level stage set separates land from sea."

"We wanted to clearly define for the audience the separation between land and sea, between Prince Eric's world and Ariel's world," said director John Dietrich.

On Wednesday, students from the Center for Creative Studies and Wayne State Universities met with show technicians and skaters who shared their theatrical secrets including an elevator in a clam shell, flying skaters, and giant Carmen Miranda fish with an exploding turban.

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THEATER

CAPITOL THEATRE

"Macbeth," performed by Montreal's Repercussion Theatre, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 6, in the theater's Pentastar Playhouse, 121 University Ave., W. Windsor. \$25 and \$22 (Canadian). (519) 253-7729 or <http://www.mnsi.net/~capitol>

DETROIT OPERA HOUSE

"Sunset Boulevard," Andrew Lloyd Webber's musical starring Petula Clark as Norma Desmond, continues through March 21, at the opera house, 1526 Broadway, Detroit. 8 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays, 7:30 p.m. Sundays, and 2 p.m. Saturdays-Sundays. \$32.50-\$65. (248) 645-6666

DETROIT REPERTORY THEATRE

"Camp Logan," Celeste Bedford Walker's play about the Houston riot and court martials of 1917, through Sunday, March 21, at the theater, 13103 Woodrow Wilson, Detroit. 8:30 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, 3 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sundays. \$15. (313) 868-1347

FOX THEATRE

"Cats," 8 p.m. Thursday, March 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, at the Aaron DeRoy Theatre, lower level of the Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple Road at Drake, West Bloomfield. 7:30 p.m. Wednesday Thursday and Sunday, 8 p.m. Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday. Community forums follow Thursday evening and Sunday matinee performances. Featured speakers include Mort Crim, George Canton, and Clementine Barfield of So Sad. \$23-\$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: "A Gift of Glory: Edsel Ford and the Diego Rivera Murals at the Detroit Institute of Arts," Karim Alrawi's play about the relationship between Edsel Ford and the politically controversial artist Diego Rivera as the Detroit industry mural were being created at the Detroit Institute of Arts, runs March 10 to April 4, at the theater, Wilson Hall, Oakland University, Walton Boulevard and Adams Road, Rochester. \$24-\$35. (248) 377-3300

OPERA

DAVID DANIELS

Countertenor performs with pianist Martin Katz, 4 p.m. Sunday, March 7, Lydia Mendelssohn Theatre, 911 N. University, Ann Arbor. \$20, \$35. (734) 764-2538/(800) 221-1229 or <http://www.ums.org>

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 go comedy, March 5-14, at the theater, 3424 Woodward Ave., Detroit. 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday. \$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 comedy "Light Up the Sky" continues in rotating repertory to April 1, and "The Playboy of the Western World," a literary classic from Ireland about a playboy who cons his way into becoming the romantic hero of a small peasant village, opens March 12, runs to May 8 in rotating repertory, 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, through March 7, at the theater downstairs from the Hilberry, 4743 Cass Ave., at Hahcock, Detroit. 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays. \$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, at the theater, 1185 Tienken Road, east of Rochester Road, Rochester Hills. 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, and 2 p.m. Sundays. \$13. (248) 608-9077

B.W. PRODUCTIONS

"When God Comes Down from Heaven," a semi-musical/comedy gospel, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 12-13, at Oak Park High School auditorium, 13701 Oak Park Blvd. \$12.50 advance, \$15 at door, \$10 seniors in advance only. (313) 865-2375

EMPATHETHEATRE

Troupe is a combination of psychodrama, improvisational theater and drama therapy, audience members during are invited to write down descriptions of situations they face, which the actors then use as a basis for improv, 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 12, at the Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. \$12, \$10, \$8



Little Mermaid: Intelligent, adventurous and independent, Ariel dreams of living on land with humans in the Feld Entertainment figure ice skating spectacular, "Disney on Ice presents The Little Mermaid," through Sunday, March 7 at Joe Louis Arena in Detroit. Tickets \$30, \$17.50, \$15.50 and \$12.50, available at the Joe Louis Arena and Fox Theatre box offices and all Ticketmaster outlets. To charge tickets, call (248) 645-6666. For more information, call (313) 983-6606.

students. (734) 913-9733 or kch@ic.net

HARTLAND PLAYERS

"Faithful," the adult comic/thriller by Chaz Palminteri, March 6-7, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 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, at the Novi Civic Center Stage, 45175 W. 10 Mile.

PARK PLAYERS

"Quilters," a musical celebrating life in pioneer America in the late 1800s, March 5, 12-14, 19-21, and 26-27, at the North Rosedale Park Community House, 18445 Scarsdale, Detroit. \$10-20. (313) 531-0431

PLYMOUTH THEATRE GUILD

"The Sound of Music," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 5-6, Water Tower Theatre on the campus of Northville Psychiatric Hospital, 41001 W. Seven Mile Road, 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

RIDGE DALE 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, at the playhouse, 205 W. Long Lake, between Crooks and Livernois, Troy. 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, March 5-6, 12-13 and 19-20, and 3 p.m. Sundays, March 14 and 21. \$11. \$10 students/seniors on Sundays. (248) 988-7049

STAGECRAFTERS

"Light Up the Sky," a theatrical comedy about an idealistic young author runs Friday-Sunday, March 12-28, at the Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak. \$10-12. (248) 541-6430; Special dinner/theater package available from Illustrious Bar and Grill in Royal Oak. (248) 586-1313

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. \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. (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-275), Livonia. \$10, \$8 for groups of 10 or more. (734) 464-6302

WEST END PRODUCTIONS

"Saucy Bossy and Burlesque," a hysterical comedy capturing the robust spirit of the jokes of the vanished era, 9 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, March 12 to April 3, March 13 and 27, sold-out benefit performance, at the Underground Theatre, 110 S. Main St., south of 11 Mile above Ace Hardware and Memphis Smoke, Royal Oak. \$12. (248) 541-1763

YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

"THE FROG PRINCE"

1 p.m. and 3 p.m. at Henry Ford Museum/Greenfield Village, 20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn. Free with museum admission of \$12.50, \$11.50 seniors, \$7.50 kids 5-12, free for members and children ages 4 and younger. (313) 271-1620

MARQUIS THEATRE

"Velveteen Rabbit," 2:30 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, March 6 to April 25, and 2:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, April 5-9, at the theater, 135 E. Main St., Northville. \$7. (248) 349-8110

PAPER BAG PRODUCTIONS

"Jack and the Beanstalk," runs Saturdays-Sundays to 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 E. Jefferson, between Mount Elliott and McDougall across from Harbortown, Detroit. \$7.50, includes lunch and show. (810) 662-8118

SPECIAL EVENTS

ART TILE FAIR

Pewabic Pottery holds its' winter exhibit and sale of antique and contemporary handcrafted art tile, free antique tile appraisal and tile installation demonstrations scheduled, Dennis DeSandro shows how to set tiles in tables, back splashes and floors throughout the day, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, March 7, at St. George Cultural Center, 1515 Woodward, north of Square Lake, Bloomfield Hills. \$5. (313) 822-0954

GREATER 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>

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

The Detroit Women's Coffeehouse celebrates the day with a variety of programming including speakers on music and poetry, a drumming explosion featuring Muse, an African drumming and dance trio, a women's self defense demonstration, and art, books and businesses bazaar, poet Maryann Cameron and Repercussions, a five-piece drumming ensemble, noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 13, at the First Unitarian Universal Church, 4605 Cass at Forest, near Wayne State University, Detroit. Sliding scale \$7-\$12 (more if you can, less if you can't). (313) 832-5888

RAILROADIANA

Buy and swap toys and trains noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, March 7 (tables still available for \$12 each, \$20 at door if available), at SS. Simon & Jude Church Hall (Fr. Andrew M Niekarz Social and Academic Hall), 32500 Palmer Road, one mile west of Merriman Road, Westland. \$2, \$4 family, \$5 after 10 a.m. (313) 595-8327

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

CARL REINER

8 p.m. Saturday, March 6, at West Bloomfield High School Auditorium. \$25 members of Jewish Community Center, \$35 non-members. (248) 661-7649

REINVENTING ROSIE FOR 21ST CENTURY

Women Mastering Non-traditional Work Expo (presented by Henry Ford Community College) features women working in a wide range of non-traditional occupations and professions, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 17, in the Pagoda Room of the Student Center Building on campus, 5101 Evergreen, Dearborn. Free. (313) 845-9757/(313) 845-9629

THREE MEN AND A TENOR

High energy comedy a capella group, 8 p.m. Friday, March 12, at Church Hill School auditorium, 8900 Newburgh, north of Joy Road, Livonia. \$15, \$8 children age 12 and younger. (248) 645-6666/(734) 464-2741/(734) 421-1111

MUSICA VIVA AND CRANBROOK

Leipzig String Quartet, 4 p.m. Sunday, March 7, at Kingswood Auditorium, Cranbrook, 1221 N. Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. (248) 851-6987

JAPON 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

FAMILY EVENTS

SHRINE CIRCUS

Family night 7 p.m. Friday, March 12, at the State Fair Coliseum, Detroit. \$4, at Farmer Jack Supermarkets.

MAPLE SUGARING PROGRAM

At Indian Springs Metro Park, 5200 White Lake Road, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays, noon to 3 p.m. Sundays in March. Meet at the Nature Center, (248) 625-7280.

BENEFITS

"A BEARY MERRY DAY" 6-9 p.m. Wednesday, March 24, silent and live auctions to raise funds for the Mercy Education Project, at Park Place, on Park Street off Outer Drive, south of Michigan Avenue, Dearborn. \$7, includes dessert and door prizes. (313) 963-5881

"CELEBRATING LIFE"

A Broadway-style musical presentation featuring Petula Clark and other cast members of "Sunset Boulevard," 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 15, at Temple Israel, 5725 Walnut Lake Road, West Bloomfield. \$72, \$36, proceeds to benefit the Michigan Jewish AIDS Coalition, Broadway Cares: Equity Fights AIDS, and Steppin' Out. (248) 594-6522

GILDA'S CLUB BENEFIT

Featuring performances by Mudpuppy and Jill Jack, 8 p.m. Thursday, March 4, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Cover charge. 21 and older. (248) 543-4300 (variety)

MICHIGAN WOODWORKERS GUILD

Hosts a silent toy auction to benefit Children's Hospital of Detroit, an exhibit will showcase guild members hand-made curio cabinets, hutches, grandfather clocks and other items, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, March 14, at the Livonia Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, between Schoolcraft (I-96) and Five Mile. Free. (313) 345-3671

"IT'S THE TOPSI"

A recreation 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>

E. T. PATRICK'S DAY

BLACKTHORN

In fund-raising concert for the Fair Lane Music Guild and the Dearborn Community Arts Council, 7-10 p.m. Wednesday, March 17, in the School of Management lecture theater on the University of Michigan-Dearborn campus. \$35. (313) 943-3095

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 and Home Care Services. (734) 522-4244

CLASSICAL

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

With Conductor Yan Pascal Tortelier and pianist Howard Shelley. 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, March 4-5, and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, March 6; With Conductor Hans Vonk and flutist Jean-Pierre Rampal, 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, March 11-12, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, March 13, and 3 p.m. Sunday, March 14, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$13-\$48, and a limited number of box seats for \$40-\$60. (313) 576-5111 or <http://www.detroit-symphony.com>

JAMES GALWAY

Flutist performs with pianist Phillip Moll, 8 p.m. Thursday, March 11, Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University Ave., Ann Arbor. \$20, \$35, \$45, \$55. (734) 764-2538 or <http://www.ums.org>

ABBEY LINCOLN

With pianist Marc Cory, bassist Michael Bowie and drummer Alvester Garnett, 8 p.m. Friday, March 12, Michigan Theater, 603 E. Liberty St., Ann Arbor. \$20, \$24, \$30 and \$32. (734) 764-2538 or <http://www.ums.org>

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 Church Hill School auditorium, 8900 Newburgh, north of Joy Road, Livonia. \$15, \$8 children age 12 and younger. (248) 645-6666/(734) 464-2741/(734) 421-1111

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ORGAN

MOTOR CITY THEATRE ORGAN SOCIETY

Winter Movie Series continues with "Hello, Dolly" featuring Barbra 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 Luze, matinee Gus Borman), at the Historic Redford Theatre, 17360 Lahser Road at Grand River, Detroit. \$2.50. (313) 531-4407

POPSWING

TOM JONES

7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 4, and 8 p.m. Friday, March 5, at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, 44575 Garfield Road, at Hall (M-59) Roads, Clinton Township. \$38, \$34 students/seniors, \$42 gold circle. (800) 585-3737

MIGHTY BLUE KINGS

8 p.m. Thursday, March 11, Majestic, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$12 in advance. 18 and older. (313) 833-9700 or <http://www.99music.com> (swing)

STARLIGHT DRIFTERS

9:30 p.m. Thursday, March 11, Karl's, 9779 Old N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. Free. 21 and older. (734) 455-8450 (western swing)

IL-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, two male youths and an ensemble of storytellers of all ages for "Children of Eden," a new musical based on the Biblical stories of Adam and Eve, Cain and 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

HENRY FORD

Auditions for 16 women, including six African-American women, and 21 men, including four 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 Blvd., inside Henry Ford Museum, Dearborn. (313) 982-6044

MICHIGAN RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL

Auditions for professional resident cast and student academy, by appointment only Saturday, March 13, Oakland University's Varner Hall, Rochester. Those wishing to audition for the academy must be high school seniors or older. Renaissance Festival is Aug. 14-Sept. 26. (800) 601-4848

PLYMOUTH THEATRE GUILD

Auditions for Frederic Knott's "Wait Until Dark" 7 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, March 8-9, Water Tower Theatre, 41001 W. Seven Mile, between

Haggerty and Northville roads. Readings will be done from the script. For performances May 7-9, 13-16. (248) 669-0436/(734) 525-1206/(248) 349-7110 or visit <http://www.causeway.com/pg/>

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

JAZZ

"CELEBRATE THE CENTURY-1930S"

Jazz night with bread line by the Breadsmith Bakery, 7:30 p.m. March 11, at the Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main St., Plymouth. (734) 455-8940

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

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Duet, 3663 Woodward Ave., at Mack/Martin Luther King Boulevard, Detroit. Reservations recommended. (313) 831-3838

SHAHIDA NURULLAH TRIO
8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, March 4, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (piano/bass/trio)

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

GWEN AND CHARLES SCALES
8 p.m. Tuesdays in March, Duet, 3663 Woodward Ave., at Mack/Martin Luther King Boulevard, Detroit. Reservations recommended. (313) 831-3838

GARY SCHUNK TRIO
8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, March 11, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (piano/bass/drums trio)

URSULA WALKER AND BUDDY BUDSON
With Dan Kolton, 9 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Thursdays at Forte, 201 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 594-7300

SUNNY WILKINSON
9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 12-13, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 21 and older. (734) 662-8310

WORLD MUSIC

THE ARTICLES
10 p.m. Wednesday, March 10, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 543-4300 (Jamaican jazz)

BLACKTHORN
3 p.m. Sunday, March 7, at the Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road. \$8. (248) 424-9041 (Irish)

BOOM SHAKA
8 p.m. Sunday, March 7, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 (roots reggae)

THE CLANCY BROTHERS
8 p.m. Saturday, March 6, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$20. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com> (Irish folk)

ENSEMBLE GALILEI
7:30 p.m. Sunday, March 7, Henry Ford Estate - Fair Lane, University of Michigan - Dearborn, 4901 Evergreen Road, Dearborn. (313) 593-5330 (Celtic)

IMMUNITY
10 p.m. Thursday, March 11, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 543-4300; 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Friday, March 12, Bachelor's, 1967 Cass Lake Road, Keego Harbor. Free. 21 and older. (248) 682-2295 (reggae)

MOYA
Featuring Clannad vocalist Maire Brennan, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 10, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$20 in advance. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com> (traditional Irish and contemporary music)

OLD WORLD FOLK BAND
Entertain at a tribute to Congregation Beth Shalom's Cantor Samuel Greenbaum, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 13, at the synagogue, 14601 W. Lincoln Road, Oak Park. Food includes dessert buffet by Sperl's and fancy kosher coffees by Viva Cappuccino. \$38, \$19 those younger than 21, includes 3 percent for Yad Ezra, the Jewish community's kosher food bank. (248) 547-7970 (klezmer music, Yiddish theater songs and Eastern European folk music)

FOLK/BLUEGRASS

BLUE TANGO
8:10 p.m. Saturday, March 6, Espresso Royale Cafe, 214 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Free. All ages. (734) 668-1838

LUCY KAPLANSKY AND SUSAN MCKEOWN
8 p.m. Thursday, March 11, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$11, \$10 members, students, seniors. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>

JAN KRIST
9 p.m. Saturday, March 6, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Free. All ages. (313) 886-8101

MERGIN AND MATT LOME
8:30 p.m. Friday, March 5, at the Angel Caravan Coffeehouse, 1420 Hill St., Ann Arbor. \$5 suggested donation. (734) 327-2041

JIM PERKINS
9 p.m. Wednesdays in March, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5060

KELLY JOE PHELPS
7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 6, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$12.50. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>

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 or <http://www.a2ark.org> (bluegrass)

RFD BOYS
8 p.m. Friday, March 12, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$10, \$9 members, students, seniors. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>

(bluegrass)
DARDEN SMITH AND GREG TROOPER
8 p.m. Wednesday, March 10, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$11, \$10 members, students, seniors. All ages. (734) 761-1451 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 or <http://www.a2ark.org>

TERESA TRULL AND BARBARA HIGBIE
8 p.m. Tuesday, March 9, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$13.50. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>

POETRY/ SPOKEN WORD

TERRY BLACKHAWK
The author of "Body and Field" and "Trio Voices" reads her poetry, 7 p.m. Friday, March 12, in the main gallery of Paint Creek Center for the Arts, 407 Pine St., Rochester. Free. (248) 651-4110

"THE CITY SESSIONS"
Featuring performance poet/songwriter Ken Cormier, spoken word artist Bob Holman, poet Al Hellus and performance artist Mike Webster, 7-10 p.m. Sunday, March 7, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5. 18 and older. (313) 832-2355

"POETRY IN MOTION"
Featuring Lenore Langs, 6-10 p.m. Sunday, March 14, at the Grand Cafe, 33316 Grand River, Farmington. Free. (248) 615-9181

THE WRITER'S VOICE
Featuring Women's Day Reading with Stellasue Lee, Maria Mazziotti Gillan, Grace Cavallieri, and Carolyn Lee Wright, 12:30-1:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 10, room 3234 of the Wayne State University English Department Building, 51 W. Warren Ave., Detroit. Free. (313) 577-7713/(313) 267-5300, ext. 338; Poetry workshop with Maria Mazziotti Gillan, at YMCA Arts and Humanities Center, 51 W. Hancock, west of Woodward on Wayne State University's campus, Detroit. Free. (313) 267-5300, ext. 338

DANCE

CONTRA DANCE
Woody Lane calls to music by Rex Blazer and Anita Anderson, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 6, at the Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor Saline Road, south of I-94, Ann Arbor. \$7. (734) 665-7704. Open jam for string band musicians of all levels 4-6 p.m., free.

ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCING
7:15-9:45 p.m. Tuesday, March 9, at the Chapel Hill Condominium Clubhouse, 3350 Green Road, north of Plymouth Road, Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 662-5158

JAZZ DANCE THEATRE
Concert featuring various jazz styles that range from mournful recollections to fast-paced 80s flashbacks, also performances by Jazz Dance Theatre's Youth Project, 8 p.m. Friday, March 12, at the Power Center for the Performing Arts, Ann Arbor. \$12, \$8 students/seniors. Proceeds to benefit needy patients and their families at the University of Michigan's Mott Children's Hospital. (734) 995-4242

"STOMP"
Friday-Sunday, March 12-21, at the Fisher Theatre, Detroit. 8 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays, 7:30 p.m. Sundays, and 2 p.m. Saturdays-Sundays. (248) 645-6666

WOLVERINE SILVERSPUR DANCERS
11th annual Sweetheart Round-Up Workshop, 7:30 p.m. to midnight, Saturday, March 13, at the Italian American Cultural Center, Warren. \$7, \$6 WSD members. (313) 526-9432

COMEDY

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB
Kip Addotta and Joey Bielaska, Thursday-Saturday, March 4-6 (\$15); Angel Salazar from the movie "Scarface," Thursday-Saturday, March 11-13 (\$12), at the club above Kicker's All American Grill, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia. 8 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Third level improv and new talent nights, 8 p.m. Sundays (\$5). (734) 261-0555

MAINSTREET COMEDY SHOWCASE
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); Margaret Smith, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, March 11 (\$10), 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday, March 12 (\$12), and 5:45 p.m., 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Saturday, March 13 (\$12), at the club, 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 996-9080

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE
Paul Kozak and Spike Rizzo, Thursday-Sunday, March 4-7, and a special kids matinee at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 6; Jim David and Manny Shields, Wednesday-Sunday, March 10-15, 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>

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, at the museum, 1221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. Artist lectures March 11. 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
Women's History Month film and presentation, 1-3 p.m. Saturday, March 13. \$3. (313) 833-9720 for reservations; "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, 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>

DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER
"Breaking Through: The Creative Engineer," an exhibit exploring creativity in engineering everything from roller-coasters to Colorado's Hanging Lake Viaduct, continues to April 30 in the Exhibit Hall; IMAX movies include "Tropical Rainforest" at 10 a.m. Mondays-Fridays, and multiple showings of "Everest" and "Thrill Ride: The Science of Fun" seven days a week at the center, 5020 John R. (at Warren), Detroit. Admission to Exhibit Hall is \$3 for adults, \$2 for children ages 3-15 and adults ages 60 and older, free for children ages 2 and younger. IMAX films are additional \$4. (313) 577-8400

HENRY FORD MUSEUM/GREENFIELD VILLAGE
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; March Family Fun Month "Swings into Spring" with musical performances, swing dancing, yo yo demonstrations, puppet shows and more, March 6-7, 13-14, 20-21 and 27-28, at the museum, 20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, \$12.50, \$11.50 seniors, \$7.50 kids 5-12, members and children under 5 free. (313) 271-1620

ROCHESTER HILLS MUSEUM
"Two Centuries of Hammered Strings: An Exhibit Featuring Antique Pianos and Keyboard Curiosities," through Saturday, March 13, at the museum at Van Hoosen Farm, 1005 Van Hoosen Road, one mile east of Rochester Road and off Tienken Road, Rochester Hills. \$3, \$2 seniors and students. Hours: 1-4 p.m. Wednesdays-Saturdays. (248) 656-4663 or rhmuseum@ameritech.net

POPULAR MUSIC

AGENT ORANGE
With Los Infernos and OS 101, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 10, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$10 in advance. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com> (rock)

AHADA
9 p.m. Wednesday, March 10, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

BIZER BROTHERS
8 p.m. to midnight Fridays-Saturdays, March 5-6 and 12-13, Rattlesnake Club, 300 River Place, Detroit. Free. All ages. (313) 567-4400 (pop)

BLUE CAT
Featuring Ken Murphy, 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 5-6, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800; 9 p.m. Friday, March 12, CK Diggins, 2010 Auburn Road, Rochester Hills. Free. 21 and older. (248) 853-6600 (blues)

THE BLUES SHAKERS
9 p.m. Friday, March 5, Ford Road Bar and Grill, 35505 Ford Road, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (734) 721-8609 (blues)

BONNE TEMPS ROULLE
10:30 p.m. Saturday, March 6, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5060 (R&B)

THE BURROS
9 p.m. Friday, March 12, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Free. 21 and older. (313) 886-8101 (roots rock)

CODE BLOOM
With Son of Adam and Master of None, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 6, JD's Macomb Theatre, 31 N. Walnut St., Mount Clemens. \$8.75 in advance. All ages, minors must have parental accompaniment. (313) 303-8630 (rock)

CRASH TEST DUMMIES
With Big Rude Jake, as part of a concert kicking off "Dine Out Detroit," an

AIDS benefit, 8 p.m. Thursday, March 11, Second City, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$30 for gold circle seating and \$25 for general admission. (248) 545-1435/(248) 645-6666 (alternative rock/swing)

TIM DIAZ BAND
Featuring Diaz of Robert Bradley's Blackwater Surprise, 9 p.m. Thursday, March 11, Gameworks inside Great Lakes Crossing, 4316 Baldwin Road, Auburn Hills. Free. 21 and older. (248) 745-9675 (rock)

DOMESTIC PROBLEMS
With Daddy Longlegs and Nathan Whitt, 8 p.m. Friday, March 5, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$6. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com> (rock/reggae)

ELECTRIC BOOGALOO
With Baked Potato and John Norman, 9:30 p.m. Friday, March 5, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (funk)

ELIZA
8:30 p.m. Saturday, March 6, Smitty's, 222 S. Main St., Rochester. Free. All ages. (248) 652-1600 (pop)

ELVIS ASH
With Associates, 9 p.m. Saturday, March 6, Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (248) 334-9292 (rockabilly)

PETE "BIG DOG" FETTERS
9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 12-13, The Alibi, 30555 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. Free. 21 and older. (248) 478-2010 (blues)

FOOLISH MORTALS
10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 12-13, Woody's, 208 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (480) 543-6911 (rock)

FOOLS UNITE
With Away and The Buzz, 9 p.m. Friday, March 12, Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (248) 334-9292 (rock)

FULLY LOADED
9 p.m. Friday, March 12, Ford Road Bar and Grill, 35505 Ford Road, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (734) 721-8609 (blues)

GHETTOTOBILLIES
With the Original Brothers and Sisters of Love, and Ah La Rocca, 9:30 p.m. Friday, March 12, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$4. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (rock)

GORDON BENNETT
10 p.m. Tuesday, March 9, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 543-4300 (rock)

GRAYLING
With Mine, 9 p.m. Friday, March 12, 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; With Tim Diaz and Jeff Fowlkes of Robert Bradley's Blackwater Surprise, 10 p.m. Sunday, March 7, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 543-4300; 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 10, Oxford Inn, 43317 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. All ages. (248) 305-5856 (rock)

HANK DOGS
8 p.m. Tuesday, March 9, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac. \$8 in advance. 18 and older. (248) 335-8100 ("death acoustic music")

AL HILL AND THE LOVE BUTLERS
9 p.m. Thursday, March 4, Arbor Brewing Company, 116 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor. Free. 21 and older. (734) 213-1393; 10 p.m. Friday, March 5, Cavern Club, 210 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 332-9900; 9 p.m. Saturday, March 6, Ford Road Bar and Grill, 35505 Ford Road, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (734) 721-8609; 9 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, March 9-13, The Habitat inside Weber's, 3050 Jackson Road, Ann Arbor. Free. 21 and older. (734) 665-3636 (blues)

INTRIGUE
Friday-Saturday, March 5-6, at D.L. Harrington's Roadhouse, 2086 Crooks Road at M-59, Rochester Hills. (810) 852-0550

IMPOTENT SEA SNAKES
With Broadzilla, 9 p.m. Saturday, March 6, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door. 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 (rock)

JAY-Z
With DMX, Method Man and Redman, 8 p.m. Friday, March 12, Cobo Arena, Detroit. \$25 and \$37.50. All ages. (313) 983-6616 (hip-hop)

JUMPCATS
9 p.m. Friday, March 5, CK Diggins, 2010 Auburn Road, Rochester Hills. Free. 21 and older. (248) 853-6600 (blues)

MIKE KING BAND
9:30 p.m. Thursday, March 4, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5060 (rock)

KNEE DEEP SHAG
With Three Speed, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, March 11, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$4. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555; With Rooster and Big Sam, 8 p.m. Friday, March 12, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$6. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com> (funk/rock)

GLADYS KNIGHT
With The Temptations, 8 p.m. Friday, March 12 (sold out), 8 p.m. Thursday, March 25, and 7 p.m. Sunday, March 28, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave.,

Detroit. \$47.50 and \$40. (248) 433-1515 (R&B/Motown)

KUNG FU DIESEL
9:30 p.m. Thursday, March 4, Karl's Cabin, 9779 Old N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. Free. 21 and older. (734) 455-8450; 10:30 p.m. Friday, March 12, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5060 (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; 9 p.m. Saturday, March 6, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty St., Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 451-1213 (blues)

JOHN D. LAMB
With Sal D'Agillo, 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 day of show. All ages. (313) 961-5451 (rock/blues)

ALANIS MORISSETTE
With Garbage, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 10, The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr., Auburn Hills. \$29.50. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacenet.com> (rock)

"MUSIC MADNESS TOUR"
Featuring Babe The Blue Ox, The Interpreters and Trinket, 8 p.m. Thursday, March 11, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$6. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com> (variety)

MU330
5:30 p.m. Saturday, March 6, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$8 in advance. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com> (ska)

MYSTERY TRAIN WITH JIM MCCARTY
9 p.m. Friday, March 5, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty St., Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 451-1213 (blues)

STEVE NARDELLA
9 p.m. Friday, March 12, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (rockabilly)

ROBERT NOLL AND THE BLUES MISSION
9 p.m. Friday, March 12, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty St., Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 451-1213 (blues)

PEDRO THE LION
With Velour 100 and Morella's Forest, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, March 4, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$4. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (rock)

ROBERT PENN
9 p.m. Friday, March 12, Bad Frog, 555 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 642-9400 (blues)

QUEEN BEE
With Forge and Fudgegun, 9 p.m. Friday, March 5, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5. 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 (rock)

ROXANNE
9 p.m. Friday, March 5, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Free. 21 and older. (313) 886-8101; 9 p.m. Saturday, March 6, CK Diggins, 2010 Auburn Road, Rochester Hills. Free. 21 and older. (248) 853-6600 (acoustic rock)

KRISTIN SAYER
7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 6, in the Starry Night Lounge inside Van Gogh's, 27909 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 324-0400 (acoustic R&B)

SAX APPEAL
8 p.m. Thursdays, March 4 and 11, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

SEBADOH
8 p.m. Saturday, March 6, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$12.50 in advance, \$14 day of show. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com> (ethereal pop)

STEVE SOMERS WITH VALERIE BARRYMORE
9 p.m. Tuesday, March 9, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

SUN 209
10 p.m. Saturday, March 6, Atwater Block Brewery, 237 Jos. Campau, Detroit. Free. 21 and older. (313) 393-2337 (roots rock)

SYSTEM OF A DOWN
With Hed (pe), and Static-X, 7 p.m. Monday, March 8, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$8 in advance, \$10 day of show. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com> (rock)

2XL
9:30 p.m. Thursday, March 11, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5060 (rock)

RANDY VOLIN AND THE SONIC BLUES
9 p.m. Saturday, March 6, Woody's, 208 Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 543-6911 (blues)

VUDU HIPPIES
With Radium, 9 p.m. Friday, March 5, Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (248) 334-9292 (alternative rock)

BRIAN WILSON
7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 9, Michigan Theater, 603 E. Liberty St., Ann Arbor.

\$35 and \$45. (734) 668-8397 or <http://www.99music.com> (pop)

THE WOGGLES
With The Hentchmen, 9 p.m. Sunday, March 7, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$7. 18 and older. (313) 833-9700 (rock)

CLUB NIGHTS

ALVIN'S
The Hush Party with resident DJs Melvin Hill and Cent, 10 p.m. Mondays; and Club Color, featuring funk and disco, 8 p.m. Wednesdays (free before 10 p.m.), at the club, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5. 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 or <http://www.alvins.txcom.com>

BLIND PIG
"Swing-a-billy" night with dance lessons from 8-9 p.m. Sundays with DJ Del Villarreal, at the club, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5, \$3 after 9 p.m.; "Solar" night featuring A Guy Called Gerald, BEN and Aaron, 10 p.m. Wednesday, March 10. \$8 and \$10. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555

CLUTCH CARGO'S/MILL STREET
"Flashback" night with "The Planet" WPLT on level two (Clutch Cargo's), old school funk on level three, and techno and house on level four, 8:30 p.m. Saturdays, at the club, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. Free before 9 p.m. 21 and older; Alternative dance night, 8 p.m. Wednesdays in Clutch Cargo's. 18 and older. (248) 333-2362 or <http://www.961melt.com>

THE GROOVE ROOM
Funk, hip-hop and top 40 with DJ Mac D. Thursdays. Women admitted free; "Love Factory" alternative dance night, Fridays; Alternative dance with DJ Matt Saturdays; Alternative dance Tuesdays; gothic, industrial and retro with DJ Paul Wednesdays. Free, at the club, 1815 N. Main St. (at 12 Mile Road), Royal Oak. Free before 10 p.m. nightly. 21 and older. (248) 589-3344 or <http://www.thegrooveroom.com>

HAYLOFT LIQUOR STAND
Dance night with live music, dancing and contests sponsored by WXDG-FM (105.1), 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. Thursdays, at the club, Mount Clemens. Cover charge. 18 and older. (810) 468-1010

LA BOOM TEEN NIGHTCLUB
Dance night for teens ages 15-19, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays at the club, 1172 N. Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake. \$10. Ages 15-19. (248) 926-9960

MAJESTIC THEATRE CENTER
"Good Sounds," with music by The Tonehead Collective and images by Thomas Video, 9 p.m. Fridays at Magic Stick. 18 and older. Free; "Work Release," Rock 'n' Bowl happy hour with bowling, music and complimentary food from the Majestic Cafe, 5-8 p.m. Fridays at Garden Bowl. \$6. 18 and older; "Rock 'n' Bowl" with DJ Del Villarreal, 9 p.m. Fridays and DJ Gutterball, 9 p.m. Saturdays at Garden Bowl. Free. 18 and older; "The Bird's Nest," punk rock night with live performances, 9 p.m. Mondays at Magic Stick. Free. 18 and older; "Soul Shakedown" with DJ Big Andy, 9 p.m. Tuesdays at Magic Stick. Free. 21 and older. (313) 833-9700

MOTOR LOUNGE
"Back Room Mondays," service industries employee appreciation night, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Mondays. Free. 21 and older; "Community Presents" with resident DJs, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Tuesdays. \$3. 18 and older; "Maximum Overload," 9 p.m. Fridays. \$6. 18 and older; "Divine" with DJs Mike Clark, Mark Flash and Brian Gillespie, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Saturdays. \$6. 21 and older. All at the club, 3515 Caniff, Hamtramck. (313) 396-0080 or <http://www.motordetroit.com>

ONE X
"Men 4 Men" New York-style dance party with DJ St. Andy spinning high-energy, progressive house, 10 p.m. Fridays; "Family Funktion Internal Groove" DJ Alton Miller, 10 p.m. Saturdays, at the club, 2575 Michigan Ave., in Detroit's Corktown area. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 964-7040

ST. ANDREW'S/THE SHELTER
"Three Floors of Fun," 9 p.m. Fridays. \$3 before 11 p.m., \$5 afterward. 18 and older; X2K dance night, 10 p.m. Saturdays; "Incinerator," 9 p.m. Wednesdays in The Shelter. \$6. 21 and older; St. Andrew's and The Shelter are at 431 E. Congress, Detroit. (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com>

STATE THEATRE
"Ignition" dance night, 9 p.m. Saturdays at the club, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 18 and older. (313) 961-5451

24 KARAT CLUB
"Latin Dance Night" with DJ Ronny Lucas, 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. Thursdays. \$3; Live music Fridays and Saturdays (see popular music calendar); Swing lessons for advanced dancers, 8 p.m. Tuesdays (\$3 for 21 and older, \$

MOVIES

'The Other Sister' is as cute as a cookie cutter

BY VICTORIA DIAZ
SPECIAL WRITER

You might assume that any movie with Juliette Lewis, Diane Keaton, and Tom Skerritt in the cast would be a fairly good movie. And that's what "The Other Sister" (which stars these three) is — a fairly good movie. It's a touchy-feely film that may leave you feeling warm and fuzzy into next August. It's the kind of picture that prompts some film-goers to murmur approvingly as they leave the theater "That was sweet."

Sweet it is. Cute as a cookie most of the time, still, it has its problems.

director Garry Marshall had in mind when he made this movie. My guess is that he wanted to deliver a message or two: the mentally challenged are real people, and they have the right to take risks, just like everybody whose IQ falls within a "normal" range.

Nothing wrong with good intentions, and there's certainly something to be said for such goals. But this can be slippery territory, and Marshall occasionally stumbles. Sometimes, his rather superficial screenplay, written with Bob Brunner, makes us feel as if we are laughing at these disabled characters a little too much, instead of

laughing with them.

As the story opens, we meet Carla Tate, a slightly retarded young woman who is about to return home from the special education institution where she has spent much of her life. Her father, who calls her "Pumpkin" and obviously adores her, has come to accompany her home to the affluent suburban neighborhood where the family lives near San Francisco. She has two, wouldn't you know it, beautiful sisters, one of whom is about to get married, and one of whom is, wouldn't you know it, gay. She also has a mother. Watch out for this mother. As the story progresses, we will see that she has

her own disabilities. Played by Diane Keaton, she's like Annie Hall grown older and turned anal-retentive.

Carla has plans, which involve simply making a life for herself. She wants to get a job, maybe as a veterinarian's assistant, try out some college classes, live in her own apartment and maybe even find the right guy.

Her mother, who always had trouble accepting her daughter's imperfections, reasons desperately that maybe some tennis lessons at the club would be the thing, or maybe some quiet visits to some quiet museums, while Carla lives quietly at home in her freshly decorated room upstairs in the seclusion of the family home. But absolutely there will be no apartment, no

enrolling in college classes and — horror of horrors — no young man.

Juliette Lewis makes a super-convincing Carla, seeming stubborn and strong-willed, soft and innocent at once. She gets a chance to display a kind of eccentric comedic talent here and is an absolute riot in a memorable, birds-and-bees scene with Keaton.

As Danny, Carla's Mr. Right, a young actor named Giovanni Ribisi holds his own, and then some. Danny's favorite movie is "The Graduate," and we aren't surprised that he identifies so closely with Dustin Hoffman, or a role played by Hoffman. His physical appearance, stutty speech patterns, and nervous mannerisms seem all highly

reminiscent of Hoffman in his younger days, especially when he played Benjamin Braddock. Several similarities exist between this movie and that one, including a big-finish wedding scene.

Tom Skerritt as Carla's father acts as if he'd wandered over from some 1950s family sitcom. He just pretty much keeps grinning, no matter what happens, like he'd received a mega-dose of something to render him endlessly patient and above the fray, a kind of hyper-clone of Ozzie Nelson himself.

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GUIDE TO THE MOVIES

National Amusements Showcase Cinemas

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Ann Arbor Hills 1-14
2150 N. Opdyke Rd.
Between University & Walton Blvd
248-373-2660
Bargain Matinees Daily
All Shows until 6 pm
Continuous Shows Daily
Late Shows Wed. Thurs. Fri. & Sat.

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NP 200 CIGARETTES (R)
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NP AFFLICTION (R)
NP JAWBREAKER (R)
NP OCTOBER SKY (PG)
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Action-packed drama about an idealistic rookie cop who learns first-hand how power and influence have compromised his superiors. Stars Chow Yun-Fat, Mark Wahlberg, Elizabeth Lindsey.

"THE RAGE: CARRIE 2"
Thriller sequel that picks up 22 after the original about 18-year-old Rachel whose strange powers enable her to take revenge on her school-mate tormentors. Stars Emily Bergl, Jason London, Amy Irving.

Scheduled to open Friday, March 19

"KING AND I"

Animated musical telling of the story of the patient school teacher and the overbearing King of Siam. Stars the voices of Miranda Richardson, Ian Richardson, and Daryl Hammond.

"RAVENOUS"
Isolated with eight others in a snow-bound fort in the Sierra Nevadas, circa 1847, an army captain must fight hunger within himself, as well as killer who dines on men. Stars Guy Pearce.

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A newspaper reporter discovers proof that an innocent man is about to be executed and has only one day to save him. Stars Clint Eastwood, Frances Fisher, Sydney Poitier, James Woods, Lisa Gay Hamilton, and Denis Leary.

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STREET SCENE & MOVIES

Friendship key to Sebadoh



CHRISTINA FUOCO

Sebadoh's Jason Loewenstein is relieved to hear that his band's new album "The Sebadoh" possesses a stripped-down, '60s feel.

"Oh, thank God. I appreciate you saying that. Nobody's really said that yet," said Loewenstein, bassist, guitarist and vocalist for the pop band Sebadoh.

"We really admire the recording of really good '60s songs that always made you feel like you were intimate. It wasn't all cuddly necessarily, but you felt you were right there with the situation. Recordings by Neil Young make you feel like you might be sitting in a chair in a practice space."

In the past, Loewenstein explained, Sebadoh has been guilty of producing songs "that have been masked by a bunch of sonic horse crap. I think that has its place as well."

Not on "The Sebadoh," a sonic swirl of stripped-down, guitar-driven, hook-laden pop songs created by Loewenstein, guitarist/bassist/vocalist Lou Barlow and new drummer Russ Pollard. The rocked-out "Colorblind" and the rollicking "Thrive" have huge hit potential.

All three members shared writing duties for "The Sebadoh," an album named after the penchant of rock bands to dub themselves "The" whatever. Loewenstein was inspired by a new situation in his life, his recent marriage.

"The trials and tribulations of my life's longest romantic relationship leads to plenty of fodder for deep, confusing thoughts," Loewenstein said with a laugh.

Ironically, one of his favorite

'We're concentrating really on things that people wouldn't necessarily think is cool, like our friendships.'

Jason Loewenstein
Sebadoh

songs on "The Sebadoh" isn't one of his own. Excuse the clichés, but Loewenstein is most impressed with "Break Free," a song penned by Pollard and the first song he ever recorded in the studio.

"Pardon for my calling it this, but for spiritual reasons I'm really into the song that Russ put on there. I'm just so proud, it's really symbolic to me because it's such an amazing song. He wasn't scared to put it on there, considering the situation. That could be really intimidating. But him putting his best foot forward like that, it's like a flag in the moon to me. I really appreciate that one," Loewenstein said.

"The Sebadoh" is the follow-up album to "Harmacy," Sebadoh's top-selling album thus far. "Harmacy" was Sebadoh's reaction to Barlow's success with his side project, Folk Implosion and its hit "Natural One" from the "Kids" soundtrack.

Barlow's 15 minutes put undue pressure on the band, Loewenstein said.

"Around the recording of the last one, Lou was having a hit with Folk Implosion. One of the engineers who was helping with 'Harmacy' was actually the engineer on that stuff. The day we started recording, Lou learned about the hit. It sort of screwed everybody up," he said.

"The engineer was proud. He should have been proud. The other engineer who worked on it was older and as experienced but very jealous I think. He started

treating the guy like a whipping boy. It was very bizarre."

To erase those memories, Sebadoh eschewed pressure and let the music take the backseat to their friendship while recording "The Sebadoh."

"I think the process in general was different for us this time. We're all just making sure we all communicate really well. If we're not excited about something we just talk about it, instead of just being like, 'I'm bummed out. I'm not going to bother anyone with it.'"

"We're concentrating really on things that people wouldn't necessarily think is cool, like our friendships. It's more romantic to be a (ticked) off rock guy but that doesn't really make for any longevity."

Sebadoh performs Saturday, March 6, at St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. Doors open at 8 p.m. for the all-ages show. Tickets are \$12.50 in advance, \$14 day of show. For more information, call (313) 961-MELT, or visit <http://www.961melt.com> or <http://www.sebadoh.com>

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Comedy: Ron Livingston (right) endures another lecture from his boss, Gary Cole in "Office Space."

'Office Space' fun and funny

BY VICTORIA DIAZ
SPECIAL WRITER

In 1990, a fellow named Mike Judge created what would go on to become that infamous TV duo, Beavis and Butthead. After achieving runaway success via the small screen with his witless wonders, Judge gained another measure of notoriety with his full-length, animated movie, "Beavis and Butthead Do America."

Now comes Judge's first feature-length, live-action picture, "Office Space." Going by the Texas filmmaker's past, highly successful efforts, you might anticipate finding new lows here in rude-crude-lewd moviemaking. But life really is full of surprises, and "Office Space" happens to be one of them. While it has no ambition toward being squeaky-clean, neither is it marked by Judge's usual, fetid taste. Parts of it even feel downright wholesome.

It's about a guy named Peter Gibbons, a rather lowly cog in today's high-tech world who absolutely hates his job as a computer programmer. As he sits at his cramped desk, feeling trapped in his tiny cubicle, he grows increasingly frustrated not just with the daily, mind-numbing chores he must perform, but with everything connected to the world of his employer, INITECH Corp. From the receptionist who answers the phone sounding like some kind of demented bird, to his boss who closely resembles a meddlesome robot, to the jammed expressways on the drive to work each morning, he's fed up with it all. Each day is more painful than the day before, prompting Peter to realize "Every day is the worst day of my life."

One night, as part of a group therapy session, Peter seeks the

counsel of an "occupational hypnotherapist," who, in one of the film's most nonsensical scenes, "cures" Peter of all his problems and turns him into something of a new man.

As this new man, Peter's first move is simply to do nothing. It's not like he's going to quit his job, he's just going to quit going to his job until he gets himself axed. Imagine his surprise, though, when the powers-that-be, somehow impressed by his super-casual attitude, refuse to let him go. This little turn of events, of course, thickens the plot considerably.

Somewhere in all of this, Peter finds a soulmate in a waitress named Joanna (played with off-hand charm by Jennifer Aniston). The two are on the same wave-length for several reasons, but mainly because she abhors her own job, and shares Peter's enthusiasm for kung fu movies. They're a cute couple and plenty of screen chemistry exists between them, but this movie is something closer to a cartoon than a romance. It soon takes yet another screwy turn when Peter hits upon a scheme to snatch something from the haves and pass it on to the have-nots. His plan will involve the computers at INITECH, and since he's a programmer there, he reasons that everything will be a no-brainer for a guy like him.

Sure it will. Mike Judge has assembled a cast with the abilities to not only make his goofy screenplay animated and lively but make it come to life. Ron Livingston is a highly likable actor who is utterly convincing as the beleaguered Peter Gibbons. If you found him

living next door or occupying the next bar stool, or working in the next cubicle, you wouldn't be at all surprised.

A strong supporting cast includes David Herman and Ajay Naidu as Peter's tightly-wired, sympathetic cohorts. In one of the film's funniest scenes the three friends, desperate to free themselves of a jam, decide they'll launder some money. But because they're so clueless about criminal matters they have to frantically search for a dictionary to find out what laundered money is.

Gary Cole is creepy-crawly perfect as Peter's nemesis, an ersatz human being named Lumbergh. Stephen Root, looking and acting quite different from his "I own the place" role in TV's "Radio News," is a cinematic delight as the mealy-mouthed social misfit, Milton. In an abbreviated role, Diedrich Bader makes an impression as Peter's next door neighbor and alter-ego, the long-haired, laid-back Lawrence.

Overall, "Office Space" is an entertaining, well-acted movie that gives us an opportunity to look in on a collection of contemporary characters who could be us, or those around us. Propelled forward by a kind of nervy energy, it moves along smartly and contains a couple of scenes so effectively done that they seem practically inspired.

You could even say that "Office Space" is a movie with warmth and a generous heart, although this is not to imply that it ever spills over and turns sappy, sticky or overly sentimental. Best of all, it's fun and funny. Go for it.

'8mm' is a misguided mess

BY JON KATZ
SPECIAL WRITER

At one point during "Eight Millimeter," Nicholas Cage's new mystery, a can of film is opened and its contents burned. Unfortunately, the torched film isn't "Eight Millimeter" itself.

Did we say mystery? The biggest mystery is how Cage and respected director Joel Schumacher got into this misguided misogynuous mess in the first place.

Mind you, Schumacher ("Batman & Robin") knows how to ply his craft and Cage is an actor of impeccable style. And many of you will be tempted to see it for those reasons alone. On balance, however, you'd probably prefer a two-hour screening of autopsies than be dragged into the nether world of underground pornography, the subject of "Eight Millimeter."

Cage is Tom Welles, a surveillance specialist and family man based in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. When the widow of a Philadelphia industrialist finds a reel of 8mm film in her late husband's safe, she hires Welles to investigate. It appears to be a "snuff film," in which a teenage girl is bound and brutally murdered by a large man in full

bondage garb while a figure in the shadows looks on. "There's no such thing," Welles assures her; the blood-letting is merely ketchup. "Just tell me the poor girl wasn't killed," she commissions him, offering a blank check to fund the search.

It's a search that's been taken before in films such as George C. Scott's "Hardcore." Off comes the suit and on goes the leather as Welles journeys into this contemporary heart of darkness, aided by adult bookstore clerk Max (Joaquin Phoenix). "You're gonna see things that you can't unsee," Max cautions him. That said, "you name the vice, I'll name the price."

From runaways lining the streets of Sunset Boulevard to the dreags of Brooklyn, the trail leads them to porn filmmakers Dino Velvet (Peter Storemare) and Eddie (James Gandolfini) of HBO's "The Sopranos"), two real sweethearts of humanity.

As he gets closer to the truth (more outrageous than horrifying), Welles is warned to forget the whole thing and go back to raking leaves in Harrisburg. Even his wife (Catherine Keener) sobs on the phone that she and the baby might not be there when he returns, which prompts

a line right out of "The Godfather" ("Sometimes it's better if you don't know what I'm doing").

The producers intended "Eight Millimeter" to be about the porn industry but not a porn film, and in that they succeeded. Voyeurs will be disappointed. As in both his "Batman" films, Schumacher shoots almost the entire story in low light to convey, as he puts it, "the even more deadly underbelly of this industry, which is the exploitation of minors."

Noble intentions, but most people won't buy why Welles keeps going once the fate of the girl has been learned. And most people certainly won't buy the big finish.

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DINING

Bailey's Pub & Grille offers 'serious fun' and more

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Open since early November, Bailey's Pub & Grille in Canton offers customers "Serious Fun" and good food too. Bailey's, explained general manager Shawn Kelly, is a restaurant, sports bar, pool hall, upscale bar, and gathering place.

Bailey's has nine pool tables, a room with darts and video games, 35 TVs, including two video walls, and two big screens, and nine satellites. It also has a dynamite sound system.

"We like to take care of as many people as possible," said Kelly. "In the burgundy room we play blues and jazz. In the green room we play alternative music, and in the main dining room, oldies to current hits, mainstream music."

Decorated in light woods, open and airy, with forest green and burgundy accents, Bailey's is a sports bar that doesn't feel like one.

"It's a place you can come with your family or a date and have a nice dinner, or with your buddies to watch the game. We like to think we offer something for everyone," said Kelly.

For starters, Kelly recommends the signature Spicy Chicken Billiard Sticks - thin potato wraps filled with tender roasted chicken in a spicy ranchero sauce with Monterey Jack cheese served with ranch dressing. They're also available Italian style with pepperoni and hot marinara sauce for dipping.

The Spinach Artichoke Dip is made with fresh spinach and three cheeses (Parmesan, Romano and Mozzarella) and artichoke hearts blended in a creamy Alfredo sauce with a hint of roasted garlic and nutmeg.

Chicken wings are another popular appetizer. "They're huge," said Kelly. And you can have them anyway you like -

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mild, medium, or hot with barbecue, hot honey or Teriyaki sauce. All orders are served with celery sticks, ranch or bleu cheese dressing.

"We offer original sandwiches you won't find anywhere else," said Kelly. The Smoke Stack, smoked turkey, smoked bacon, smoked honey, ham, Monterey Jack and Cheddar cheeses, lettuce and tomato, stacked on a Portuguese roll with special hunt sauce is an example.

Black Forest - shaved smoked turkey, pepper bacon, Monterey Jack Cheese, lettuce and tomato on a giant Bavarian pretzel roll with special honey mustard is another specialty sandwich. Teriyaki Steak Wrap - tomato basil flour tortilla stuffed with teriyaki-mustard marinated thinly sliced beef, rice, mixed cheeses and scallions, served with a side salad and your choice of dressing is an often requested item.

Bailey's offers a great burger too - a half pound of ground sirloin topped with your choice of cheese. You can add mushrooms, jalapenos or bacon for a little bit extra. Check out the gourmet burger menu for more choices.

Bailey's tender baby back ribs, available in half or full rack, have won awards across the country. "We slow hickory bake them for four hours and then chargrill to order," said Kelly.

Consider your "Pastabilities"

including stuffed shells, the new popular vodka shrimp - ten large shrimp sautéed in garlic and red peppers tossed with mushrooms and onions in a spicy sauce, served over fettuccine, or the Creamy Pasta Carbonara - a mix of garlic, ham, bacon, onions and Parmesan cheese, blended in light cream sauce. Served over ziti pasta. Add chicken for a dollar more.

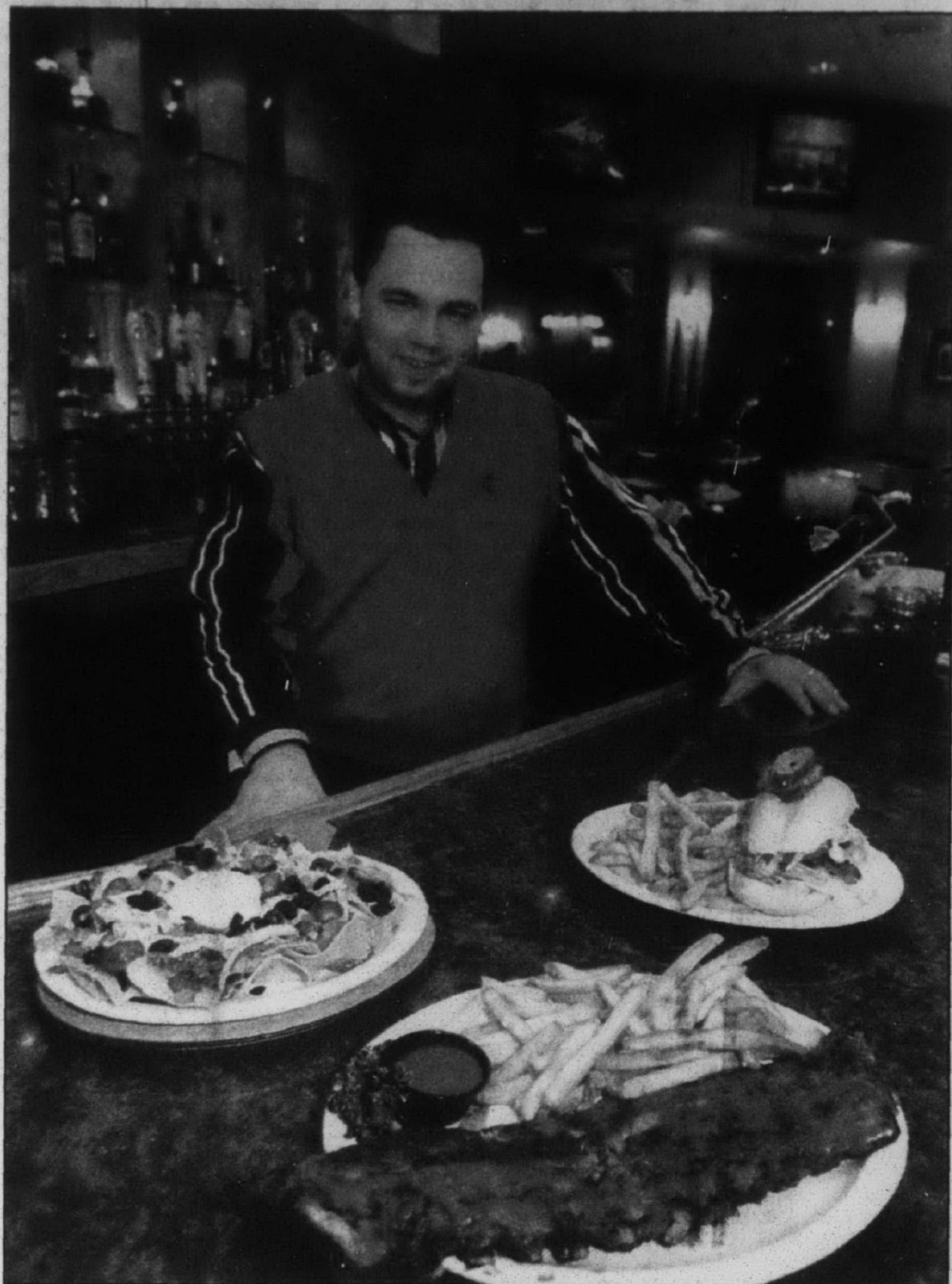
There's a decent seafood selection - fish & chips shrimp on a skewer and broiled or Cajun salmon. Ask about the daily specials.

"We offer options for the health conscious," said Kelly. "We serve a lot of broiled salmon and shrimp you can even get the fish and chips broiled."

What would a sports bar be without beer? Bailey's has 36 different beers on tap and 80 different bottled beers. They also offer an extensive variety of top shelf liquors including single barrels malts and Scotches, and specialty drinks.

Cigar smokers can enjoy a smoke in a climate controlled room. Bailey's has a humidor and offers a variety of cigars for sale.

Bailey's is operated by the Total Entertainment Restaurant Corp., which operates 35 restaurants in 13 states including Michigan. Kelly said they are looking for restaurant sites in Rochester Hills and Novi.



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More than a sports bar: General manager Shawn Kelly presents the Smoke Stack, Ultimate Nachos, and Barbecue Baby Back Ribs, some of the many items you'll find on the menu at Bailey's Pub & Grille.

WHAT'S COOKING

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Dine Out Detroit
Over 100 metro Detroit restaurants from nearly 35 cities will participate in the fourth annual "Dine Out Detroit" benefit Friday, March 12. Local restaurants will donate 10 percent of that day's lunch and dinner sales to the Midwest AIDS prevention project, Michigan's largest non-profit AIDS education organization. Event highlights include a benefit kick-off concert at Detroit's Second City featuring the Crash Test Dummies on Thursday, March 11. Tickets are \$30 for Gold Circle seating and \$25 for general admission, available at the Second City box office or any Ticketmaster outlet. For more information, or a complete list of participating restaurants, call (248) 545-1435. Participating restaurants in your neighborhood include Astoria Restaurant, Bread Basket Deli, and Fonte D'Amore in Livonia, and

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