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Spinning in space: Adam Hogue of Plymouth gets spun around in the Multi Axis Space Training Inertia machine.

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## Isbister voyagers

### Student astronauts explore a new frontier at U.S. Space Camp

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BY TONY BRUSCATO  
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While 96 Isbister students and seven teachers and administrators are having a great time at Space Camp in Titusville, Fla., sights on the real meaning of the trip have not been lost on those in charge ... to learn about space and science.

And, after having been at Space Camp a few days, what seemed like just fun learning in the beginning is starting to come into focus.

"I think the kids are starting to put things together," said teacher Linda Guenzel. "They see the instruments the astronauts have to work with, the gravity exercises, and are starting to see how it all works together."

"This hands-on learning experi-

ence makes all the difference in the world," said teacher Jeff Quattro. "It completely immerses the children in learning."

"All of what they're doing leads up to the shuttle flight, and it all comes together there," added Guenzel.

Guenzel also noted that without even knowing it, there was some background teaching done at Isbister.

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## Legalities delay Mayflower signing

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI  
SPECIAL WRITER

Attorneys continued to hammer out details two days after developer John Vincenti and Mayflower owner Matt Karmo were to sign a deal selling the historic downtown landmark.

"The attorneys are working on finalizing an agreement and it should be in place at any moment," Vincenti said from his home Wednesday morning.

He and Karmo were scheduled to finalize the deal Monday morning. "It's up to the attorneys to agree on language," said Vincenti adding that there were "no major obstacles" delaying the final signing.

"We really don't want to do anything formal on my plans on what will happen to the site until after we close," he said.

Meanwhile, Karmo said Monday that he expected that the deal would be signed by Wednesday. Wednesday

morning his secretary said he was in meetings all day and he wouldn't be available for comment.

Earlier, Vincenti, of TriMount Companies in Novi, had said the downtown mainstay would include ground-level retail, second floor offices or condos and condos occupying as many as four additional stories. Peoples State Bank would be one possible tenant, he added.

Vinenti estimated the project cost would range from \$6 million to \$15

million. The hotel, built in 1927, would be demolished to make way for the new project and would take place within several months after Karmo and Vincenti signed their deal. Construction would take place soon after.

Karmo said earlier this week that the few employees still working at the hotel would be offered jobs at one of his other projects.

## Happy Birthday to me: Woman cooks up surprise for veterans



Birthday surprise: Gloria Aldridge, who works at the Ford Sheldon plant, cooks up a birthday surprise for 110 veterans. Instead of receiving gifts for her 51st birthday, she whipped up a chicken-and-ribs dinner and personally delivered it to the Detroit Veterans Center.

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Most people would prefer a nice dinner on their birthday or perhaps a couple of nice gifts from family or friends. Maybe even a night out on the town would do the trick.

But not for Gloria Aldridge. She'd rather give than receive on her birthday and she did just that last week.

Instead of being on the take, Aldridge decided to whip up a completely home-cooked meal for over 110 individuals at the Detroit Veterans Center and deliver it personally last Friday.

"I wanted to do it," she said. "Everybody always asks you what you want for your birthday. I don't need anything. I want to give something to someone else. I just need to feel like I'm doing something."

The meal, complete with chicken, ribs, sweet potato pies, greens and more, was cooked at Aldridge's home in Ypsilanti and warmed up at the Plymouth UAW hall at the corner of Canton Center Road and Joy before delivery.

A little something to warm their stomachs. "I'm 51 this year and I wanted to do it on my fiftieth birthday but my daughter was getting

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## Corporate name loses out with 'Discovery'

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Groundbreaking for Discovery Middle School is set for 2 p.m. Sunday, March 14, at the new school site at Hanford and Canton Center.

The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education agreed on the name Tuesday after debating the issue for some time. The short list included Hanford, Century, Discovery and Voyager.

Discovery was a name submitted by the Lowell Middle School staff, which will be moving into the new school when the lease with Livonia Public Schools expires in 2000. Voters approved a \$18.8 million bond issue in October to build the new middle school and buy buses.

An idea of seeking corporate sponsorship was abandoned - at least for the new middle school. Superintendent

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# Space camp from page A1

ter for this trip, like working with some experiments the students are doing at Space Camp.

"Space Camp really enhances what we do in the classroom," said teacher Tracy Racer. "The kids are seeing that all of the things they learn are actually used in the real world."

"That's something students don't always see in their daily studies."

"It helps culminate all those different ideas and concepts, many of which are separate ideas which need to be tied together," added Quatro. "The question by students always remains 'Why are we learning this? How does this actually relate to something I'm actually going to use?'"

"It's great the students see that what they are learning in

the classroom has some importance in their everyday lives," said teacher Vail Caicila.

## Classroom extension

Guenzel believes being at Space Camp is an extension of what she and her colleagues are already teaching at Isbister.

"Without us teaching space as a particular subject in fifth grade, we are teaching inertia, Newton's laws and other concepts that we are seeing today," she said. "The goal of any good science program is for the kids to see the connection of what you teach them in the classroom and what you see in the real world. And here it is, so beautifully illustrated."

The two Plymouth-Canton educators visiting Space Camp who will try to come up with new

ideas and ways of teaching science and space are Judy Krieman and Cheryl Klee, both science support teachers in the district.

"Through our questions we hope to be able to design our own experiments for the classroom," said Krieman. "I'm very impressed with the fact everything is concrete, children are experiencing things so they understand concepts."

The pair are getting lesson plans and developmentally appropriate activities to take back with them to enhance the teaching opportunities in the Plymouth-Canton school district.

"Everything that we are experiencing now we had only gotten third hand through videos or reading," added Klee. "Now since we have that experience we'll have many more questions and much more appreciation of what goes into our future space program."

While it's the fifth grade students who are attending Space Camp, principal Lee Harrison says the learning applies to everything the students have learned in their lives up to this point.

"This is a way for students to apply everything they've learned through elementary school, not just fifth grade," said Harrison. "A lot of this they've learned in other grades, but they're seeing how it applies in the real world. They're starting to appreciate what they've learned."

## Appreciate learning

While students are having fun



Splash down: Shailee Patel of Canton gets ready to land the space shuttle safely at Space Camp.

STAFF PHOTO BY TONY BRUSCATO

learning, they are taking the opportunity to make sure they understand why things happen.

"It's really cool to learn about space," said Charlie Nahra of Plymouth. "You actually get to do things, not like sitting in a classroom and being told. You're actually doing it, and experiencing the fun."

"This is much better than sitting in a classroom," said Justin Aoum of Plymouth. "You get to do things and it makes it easier

to learn."

"I've never really paid a lot of attention about space, but I've learned a lot and my interest is much more than it had been," said Kim Klech of Canton.

"This is a great idea. I think I've learned a lot," said Brittni Sturdivant of Canton.

Administrators at the U.S. Space Camp are hoping the learning experience will not only teach science and space, but help shape future careers.

"We use the excitement of the space program to encourage the kids to go back and study more math, science, computers and engineering," said Charlene Neuterman, Space Camp manager. "These children will be out

future leaders, and will some day determine the future of our space program."

"We need to excite them a about space and technology. Everything that happens in the space program benefits all of us in our day-to-day lives."

Neuterman says the excitement of Space Camp needs to be taken back to Isbister and the Plymouth-Canton school district.

"The students need to take what they've learned here and go back and read the books that have the technology in it so they will learn more," said Neuterman. "Teachers need to get an experience so they can come up with some new activities to teach science and math."

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# Excerpts from our Web site ...

## Isbister landing was a thrilling moment

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
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A rousing applause erupted when the Southwest Airlines jetliner, carrying 96 Isbister Elementary students, touched down in Orlando, FL, shortly after 8 a.m. Sunday morning.

It all started about 3:30 Sun-

day morning with cars jamming the parking lot at Pioneer Middle School, students boarding buses for the 4 a.m. trip to Detroit Metropolitan Airport. And, just like NASA, everything went off without a hitch as the buses left on time.

"I tried to go to sleep and couldn't," said Kelley Delcol of Canton. "I could hardly get any sleep all week waiting for this

trip."

"I hardly got any sleep. I was just too excited," added Velorie Placinta of Plymouth during the ride to the airport.

"I've never been away from home this long. But, I'm not worried. I can learn how to take care of myself and learn what I can do."

There were only a few anx-

eties among the 96 Space Campers as the flight took off. And, while in the air, the cabin resembled more a McDonald's Playscape than an airplane with students walking around talking to friends and long lines at both bathrooms. It was also kind of neat to check out the overhead lights and air vents.

## Day one: It was action packed

While Sunday was a chance to take a look around, see a movie and generally take it easy, Monday was the day they'd been waiting for with activities planned from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

One of the activities, the Space Station Mobility Trainer, allows astronauts to exercise while in space so their muscles don't get atrophy. It allows astronauts to literally run around in circles.

"When I was going upside down I felt like I was standing on the moon," said Kim Olech of Canton. "I started to get dizzy and seeing black-and-white. You wouldn't want to do that for a long period of time. Your face feels like it's going to fall off."

"It was a little scary hanging upside-down, but it was fun," admitted Brett Porter of Canton. "I have a hampster and I like watching him, but this would be like him watching me."

One of the major activities is training for the lift-off, flight and landing of a space shuttle. Every student will be part of a Mission Control crew, and then have a part as a member of the shuttle crew.

"I'm flight director for our mission," said Andrew Kokoszka of Plymouth. "That's what I wanted to be. That's the person that's in charge, what you say goes. That's kind of like the person I am, I really want to be in charge ... in control."

## Day two: Overwhelmed with fun

Day two at the U.S. Space Camp in Titusville, Fla. was nothing but fun and games, in shorts and t-shirts, under sunny skies and weather which is ... well, we won't rub it in.

"I think they're overwhelmed with the experience thus far," said Linda Guenzel, fifth grade teacher.

"While Sunday was a chance for them to get acclimated to camp, this morning the kids were really excited because they have their mission book, and they know what's going to happen. They look really happy."

Students have been broken down into teams, which not only make them more manageable, but provides for fun competition when it comes to rocket launching, as well as blasting off and landing the Endeavor or Discovery shuttles.

Trevor Rice of Plymouth tried the Space Station Mobility Trainer, which allows astronauts to workout while in space. "It was exciting running around, especially upside down," said Trevor. "My stomach felt like it wasn't even there. I got a little dizzy, too. So far I've learned a

lot about astronauts and how things work in space."

Teachers and students alike took an opportunity to try the Multi Axis Space Training Inertia Facility.

"The machine was designed to help astronauts regain control of an out-of-control space capsule at it returned to earth," explained counselor Sarah Kasica.

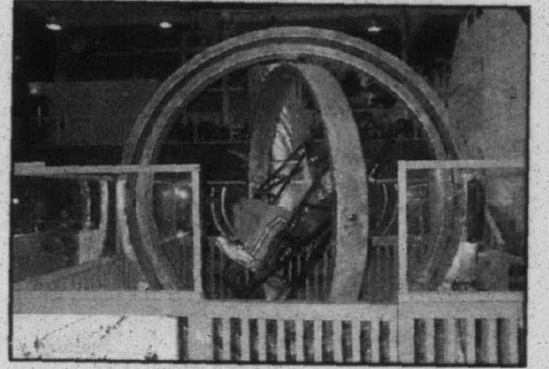
"Astronauts actually trained for an hour-and-a-half in the machine, which was then disregarded in future training because they could only get control for a few short seconds."



STAFF PHOTOS BY TONY BRUSCATO

**Mission accomplished:** Students in Mission Control get ready to guide the space shuttle to a safe landing. From left to right, Kathryn Morbitzer, Plymouth; Lia Tennant, Plymouth; Adam Hogue, Plymouth; Candace Kral, Plymouth; Kristin Campbell, Canton; Katherine Meyer, Plymouth.

**Going for a spin:** Justin Pierce of Canton takes a spin on the Multi Axis Space Training Inertia machine.



### Blast off to Space Camp with us

The Plymouth and Canton Observers are featuring daily reports of Isbister Elementary's landing at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center in Titusville, Fla. Staff writer Tony Bruscatto shuttled off to Space Camp Sunday with Isbister's 96 fifth-graders. Visit our Web site at [observer-eccentric.com](http://observer-eccentric.com) throughout the week for updated reports and photographs.



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U.S. Space and Rocket Center Titusville, Fla.

## Four city commission seats up for grabs in November election

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI  
SPECIAL WRITER

Petitions will be accepted from April 2 through May 11 for people interested in filling four positions on the Plymouth City Commission.

Terms will expire for Stella Greene, Ron Loiselle, Joe Koch and Dennis Shrewsbury. Koch is the only incumbent who is eligible to run again. The others have served two consecutive terms, and according to city charter, must take a break before seeking a seat on the commission.

Koch said earlier this week he wasn't sure whether he would run again.

"This takes a lot of time from my family and I have to decide whether it's something my family and I can endure," Koch said. "My son was one when I first ran and now he's five and here it is four years later and he needs more attention."

An Aug. 3 primary election will be held if Clerk Linda Langmesser receives eight or more legal petitions from interested candidates. Winners of that race will then go on to the general election, Tuesday, Nov. 2.

The three top candidates will capture four-year terms and the candidate with the fourth highest number of votes will earn a two-year seat. The winners will be sworn in the Monday after the

**Petitions are due by 4 p.m. May 11 in the city clerk's office in Plymouth City Hall at 201 S. Main.**

November election.

There is no fee to submit petitions, which must have 25, but no more than 50, registered voter signatures.

To qualify for the elected positions you must be at least 18 years old and a registered voter in the City of Plymouth. There is also a six month residency requirement to be eligible to hold elective office. Petitions are due by 4 p.m. May 11 in the city clerk's office in Plymouth City Hall at 201 S. Main Street.

City commissioners meet the first and third Monday of each month and are paid \$10 for each meeting. That fee was set almost half a century ago and is being reviewed by the local compensation committee, which is expected to have a recommendation to the city commission by the first meeting in April.

For more information call Langmesser at 453-1234.

### COP CALLS

#### Baby Dropped Off

On Feb. 22, a seven-month-old baby was brought in to Fire Station No. 1, at the intersection of Lilley and Ann Arbor roads, after the infant stopped breathing and went into convulsions.

According to Plymouth Community Fire Chief Larry Groth, firefighters briefly worked on the child before transporting her to University of Michigan/Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor for further tests.

The Livonia family, along with the now-healthy child, returned to the station on March 1 to thank firefighters for their efforts.

#### Robbed at Knife-point

A 47-year-old man was robbed of \$200 cash at knife-point on Feb. 17 at the Red Roof Inn, located at 39700 E. Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth Township.

Police reports indicated that the man was approached from behind by a man with a knife as he exited his room on the hotel.

The assailant said "I want your money" and the man handed him his wallet.

The robber then repeated his demands stating, "I don't want

your wallet. I want your money." The thief then fled on foot eastbound between buildings.

#### Unsportsman-like

Six wallets were stolen from a locker room at the Arctic Pond Hockey Rink at 40475 Plymouth Road in Plymouth Township on the evening of Feb. 28.

A total of \$1,070 in cash was taken from the wallet along with numerous credit cards and personal items.

According to police reports, a rink employee entered the room to return cleaning equipment to a storage area and forgot to relock the door upon leaving.

The wallets were found along a roadside in Novi.

#### Fatal Truck Crash

On Feb. 23, a man driving a 1970 Ford pick-up truck veered off of Haggerty Road just north of Schoolcraft in Plymouth Township and smashed into a maple tree.

Investigators said that the man had no pulse when police arrived on the scene but was rushed to St. Mary Hospital in Livonia and eventually air-lifted to University of Michigan Hospi-

tal in Ann Arbor.

He was put on life support but when medical personnel removed him from it on March 1, he died.

Plymouth Township police did not have an autopsy report and were unsure if the man died from the injuries he sustained in the wreck or suffered from a medical condition, such as a heart attack, which caused him to drive off the road.

No other vehicles were involved in the accident.

#### Trucks Stolen

Two 1999 GMC Yukon trucks were reported stolen March 2 from the Bob Jeannotte Pontiac/GMC dealership, located at 14949 Sheldon Road in Plymouth Township.

The trucks, one black and one metallic pewter, were valued at \$32,000 apiece.

The keys for both vehicles were also reported missing from the dealership's service area.

According to police reports, they were last checked on Feb. 29.

Police did not have any leads in the case.

-Staff Writer Duncan White

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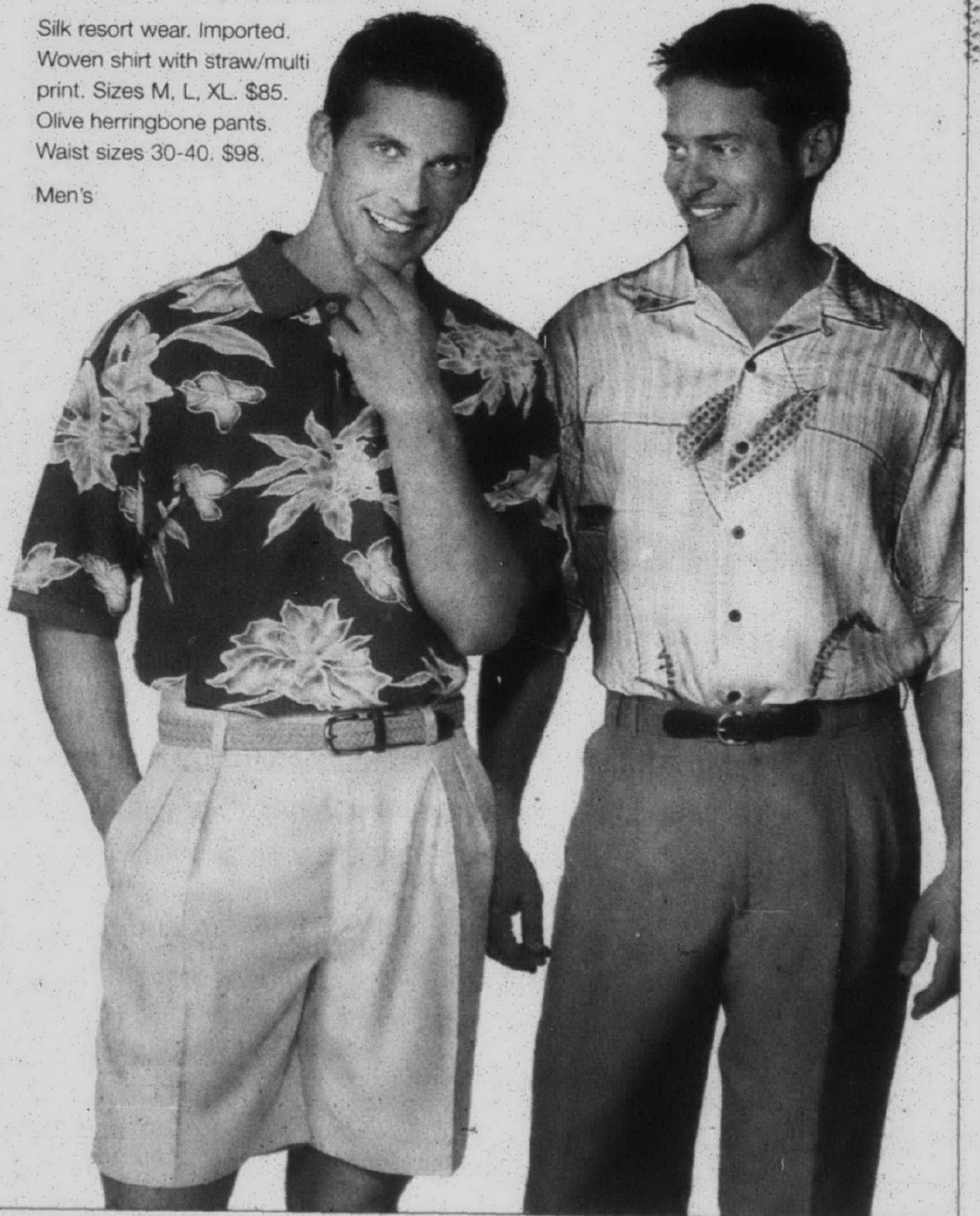
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Clockwise from upper left, are: Central Middle School students Jenny Bodrie, 13; Laura Tache, 11; Terra Gonzalez, 13; Kathy Mount, holding Bambi; Calvin Bruner, 14; Kyle Price, 11; Plymouth Community Fire-fighter Dan Phillips; student Brad Marsh, 12; firefighter Chuck Russo; and Plymouth Township Police Officer Jamie Senkbeil.

STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

### Community hops into action for children

Students at Central Middle School are banding together to help raise money for the Brandy Memorial Fundraiser through the Bambi Easter Bunny Drive for C.S. Mott Children's Hospital. Hospital volunteer Kathy Mount is leading the drive, which offers 11-inch bunny plush toys for Easter. For every \$6 collected, a

paper Easter Egg with the donors name will be presented to the children at Mott Hospital.

For more information, contact Kathy Mount (734) 459-9780. Representatives from the Plymouth Township Police and Community Fire Departments gathered recently with students from the middle school.

## Nursing home resident scammed out of \$2,500

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More than \$2,000 was reported stolen from the checking account of an 84-year-old woman living at Heartland Health Center, Plymouth Court, nursing home.

A man, who identified himself to Plymouth police as having power of attorney for the woman, said bank statements showed that \$2,500 was withdrawn from various metro Detroit area National Bank of Detroit Automatic Teller Machines between Jan. 1 and Feb. 24.

The man said the victim never had an ATM card. He told police that he believed someone became aware of her bank account and applied for the ATM card in her name.

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for Plymouth Court, said the nursing home resident had moved to a different assisted living facility before the ATM card was sent from the bank.

"Somewhere from the bank to the new location it wasn't received by the resident and that's what the police are looking into," Beckert said.

Plymouth Court is conducting an internal investigation and is working with the police, she added.

While bank and credit card scams against nursing home residents "aren't a rampant problem, they do happen periodically," according to Plymouth police Lt. Wayne Carroll.

Police recommend that nursing home residents avoid bringing valuables or bank information to the facilities.

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Julie Beckert, director of marketing communications for HCR Manor Care, the parent company

## Seniors from page A1

82-year-old Madelyn Potter, who lives in Independence Village, located on Northville Road. She plans on staying active and says that not much will change on her daily agenda.

"I have a car with a lift and I drive all over," she said. "I go up to Marquette and I go to Philadelphia.

"God hates a coward and I'm not going to be one. If I get targeted and something happens to me, I'm dying happy."

Despite being proud and unafraid, Potter admitted to taking extra precaution while she is out on the town.

"I have a cell phone which is provided for me by Ford Motor Company," she said. "If I get in trouble, all I do is call the number that's listed and they ask if I am in a serious situation and if I need protection. If I do, they send someone out immediately.

"I think it's great. But I'm not going to stay home until I have to. I grew up in Plymouth and I'm not afraid here. You're going to have problems like this anywhere."

In fact, Potter looked forward to getting back to the community after spending plenty of time in the south.



**Search: Police released this computer rendering of an ATM thief who targeted an elderly woman.**

"I lived in Florida for 25 years after my husband retired," she said. "We came back up here and I was in the Independence Village in Frankenmuth and I waited patiently for this place to open. I'm happy. There isn't a nicer place."

Helen Stevens, also a resident at the remodeled facility, agrees with Potter's attitude.

"I always try to be very positive," she said. "Otherwise, I'm going to find myself staying in more."

Yet, at 83 years old, Stevens

also knows that precautionary measures need to be taken.

"I always try to watch where I park and I've had one bad incident last year, having my car stolen," she added. "I was quite careless in where I parked. I have a handicapped parking spot so I can park up close to where I go to shop and that always helps a lot. I have felt more free since I've had the handicapped parking than I ever did before.

"I dread thinking what will happen when the day comes and I can't drive anymore."

Fellow resident Roberta Chisnell, 89, said that staying in more often than going out doesn't bother her much at all.

"Not any more," she said. "I've gotten used to it. The only thing I miss is not being able to go to the store by myself. But we go out with the van and I go into the store by myself and take care of my own money ... but I make sure that I am always in control of my purse. There's always the first time."

Stevens added that criminals who target the elderly probably won't get away with much after all. "We probably have a lot less in our purses than they want," she said.

## "Mom, I can't find my socks!"



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### Park Players place third

The Plymouth Park Players production of "Moon Over Buffalo," directed by Gloria Logan, took third place in state competition Feb. 20 at the Midland Performing Arts Center.

In addition, "Moon Over Buffalo" won awards for costumes in technical and ensemble categories.

The cast included: Sean Galvin, Annie Radcliffe, Liz Filios, Delanie Andrzejewski, Mike Kalis, Devin Burnstein, Pat Gray and Mike Morton.

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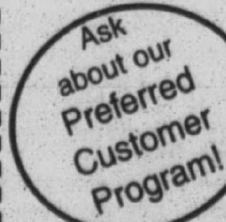
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# Township shows signs of improving gateway

BY DUNCAN E. WHITE  
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The Board of Trustees is hoping to make Plymouth Township look a little more like Grosse Pointe Park ... or Grosse Pointe ... or maybe even Harper Woods.

The design for entry signs in those communities are the top three choices by board members that are planned to be used in the township and could be constructed by the end of the year.

According to Plymouth Township Director of Public Works Jim Anulewicz, the total number of signs has not yet been decided on by township officials but will be deter-

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mined once the type of sign is finalized. He also said that preliminary plans are that signs will be erected at all major entryways into the community.

Costs of the signs have also not yet been investigated. "All we did was a prelimi-

nary test to see what the taste of the trustees would be," he said. "I would anticipate that they would want them up by the end of the year."

Each trustee was given a sheet with 48 city signs from around metro Detroit on it. They were instructed to rank their top five choices for the design of Plymouth's signs.

A wider sign from Harper Woods that sits lower to the ground received the most votes (8) but was not ranked first by any trustee or Anulewicz.

Grosse Pointe Park's sign, which is very similar to the kind used in Grosse Pointe, was selected as the number one design choice by four of the eight voters.

## Name from page A1

Chuck Little raised the controversial topic at the district's last meeting.

Most board members didn't like the idea of a Tostito Middle School or something similar, although the idea could be revived when the school district looks at reconstructing its tennis courts or other sport fields, said board member Judy Mardigian.

"I really don't know how I feel about it. I think it's something that should be investigated," she said. "The tennis courts, that

would be a perfect opportunity for a health system or corporation because it's something that is used by the whole community." She added, "The fact of the matter is other communities are doing it. We wouldn't be breaking ground."

Several of the board members liked the name of Hanford because of the historical significance, although they all agreed on the Discovery name because it aligned with the 'directional'

names of other middle schools, such as Central, East and West.

Pioneer Middle School was named because of the changed junior high to middle school concept. Similar to the name Discovery, it tells where the district is going, said Mardigian.

Lowell principal Roche LaVictor said the staff "was looking for something different, but not off the directional (concept)" when it came up with the name Discovery.

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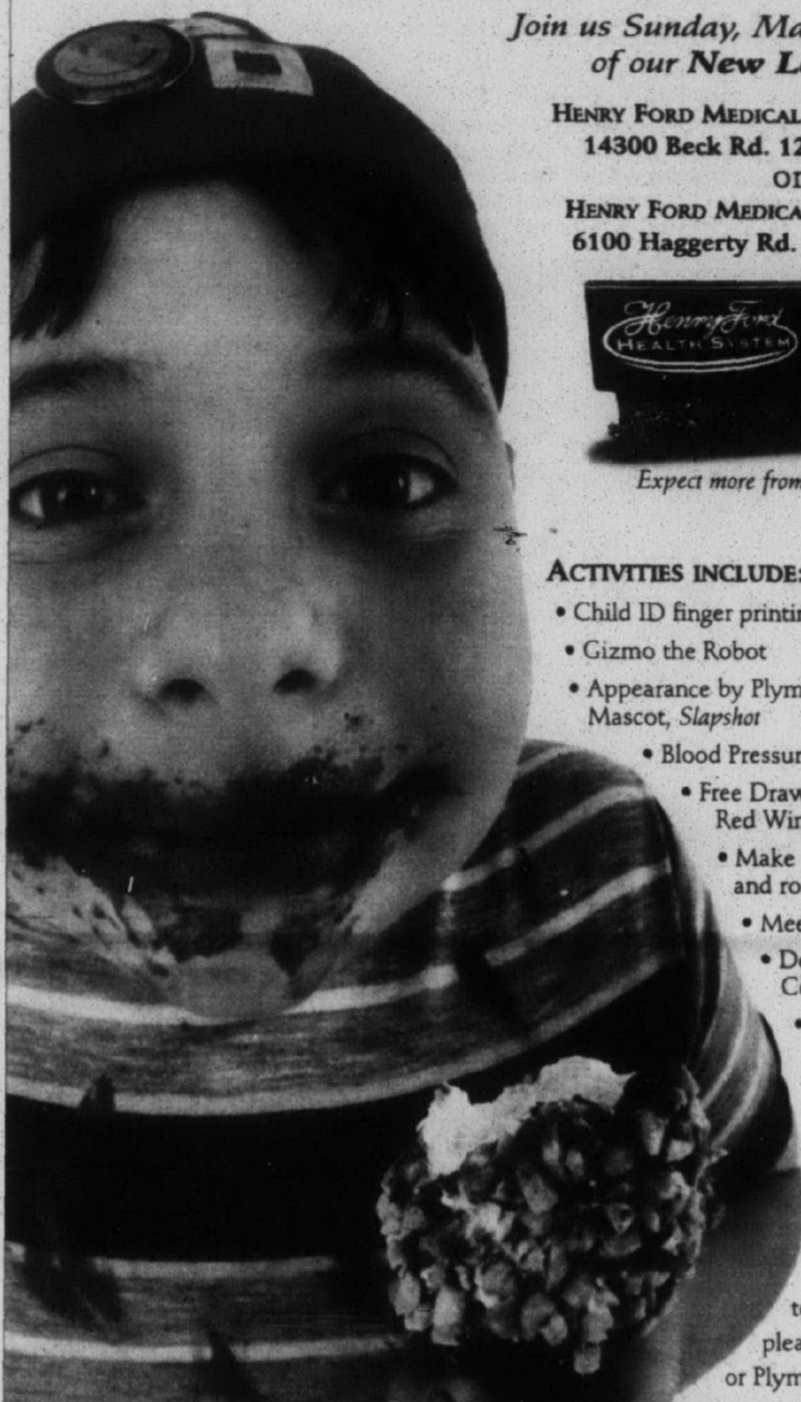
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married so I couldn't," said Aldridge. "I just wanted to do something for someone who I know will appreciate it."

The Ypsilanti mother of three knew that having any other kind of party just wouldn't cut it.

"A lot of times, you can have big parties but you hear little complaints. I just feel that we all need to take a minute and realize how fortunate we are in this country."

Roger Caldwell, union president of UAW Local 845, helped Aldridge organize the planning and delivery of the event but claims that she wanted to do it on her own.

"I asked her if she wanted me to ask our local UAW board to pitch in for some of the costs but she said 'no,'" said Caldwell. "She bought all of those plates, silverware, pop ... everything. The only cost to us is my gas down there and back."

"I don't know how much she spent. I didn't ask. I'm not going to ask and I don't want to know."

According to a pamphlet that describes the program, Detroit Veterans Center is a facility that "transforms homeless veterans into independent wage earners and taxpayers who will have a positive impact on their community, state and nation. These once homeless patriots are rejoining the community, which called upon them to preserve the freedoms that we all enjoy."

Aldridge, a union representative and employee trainer at Ford Motor Company's Sheldon Road Plant in Plymouth Township, agreed wholeheartedly.

"I'm from the Vietnam era," she said. "It impacted me so much to have people that I graduated with in June (of 1966) and I was going to their funerals in August. Three weeks of basic training and that was it. It was something that really made no

## ■ Along with the dinner, Aldridge gave each veteran a pair of socks.

sense to me. It made no sense to me here ... I can only imagine how much sense it made to them over there."

The pamphlet also states that 7.6 percent of this country's population are veterans. Yet, 24 to 35 percent of the homeless in Detroit are veterans.

"I feel very strongly about this and I think that these guys should have a good meal every damn day," added Caldwell. "They're not going to be there forever. It's a short-term place to stay."

According to Caldwell, the dinner was well received at the center.

"We had several people come back for seconds and even some for thirds," he said. "The veter-

ans) gave her a cake and a plant and standing ovation. To give a bunch of money and help out-a cause is great but to actually go down there and deliver it yourself ... it's a whole different feeling."

Along with the dinner, Aldridge gave each veteran a pair of socks.

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And there was one last thing that the veterans received. On each plate at the dinner was a small piece of paper with a simple message on it:

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### WOMEN'S HEALTH ISSUES TODAY

## OBSTETRICS & GYNECOLOGY

### WOMEN AND HEART DISEASE



Jesus Martinez, M.D.



Duane Kreil, M.D.

If the mention of heart disease conjures up the sole image of a stressed, overweight, middle-aged man, think again. One woman in nine between the ages of 45 and 64 has some form of cardiovascular disease, and women have a 1-in-3 chance of developing cardiovascular disease by the time they reach 65. Moreover, one-third of all deaths of American women each year are attributable to heart disease, which kills more women than cancer, accidents, and diabetes combined. Yet, while much attention is focused on the fact that men tend to be stricken with heart disease in their middle years, it tends to strike women 10 to 20 years later. As they enter menopause, women should take this fact to heart.

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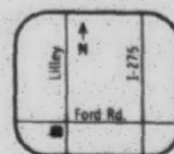
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## Study recommends ways to cut accidents among elderly drivers

BY TIM RICHARD  
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Larger, brighter traffic signs and wider lane markers would help reduce a growing source of traffic accidents — drivers 65 and older — according to a study by the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments.

Today's roads were designed "in the 1930s and using the performance characteristics of young, healthy males," says the study by J. Thomas Bruff and Jennifer Evans.

But the elderly proportion of the region's population has grown from 3.3 percent in 1930 to 11.6 percent in 1990, and will swell to 17.3 percent by 2020, the authors say.

And they are getting into traffic crashes more often than any group except the youngest. When miles driven are considered, "the elderly crash involvement rate increases dramatically," Bruff and Evans said in their summary.

What can be done? Most

states have looked at licensing requirements, but no pattern of change is being recommended. SEMCOG's study was funded by the U.S. Department of Transportation.

"Very few states require routine knowledge tests, road tests or medical exams for elderly drivers," the authors say. "No state uses age as a basis for restricting or prohibiting driving."

The elderly have some "unique crash patterns," say the authors, citing:

■ Daytime — "The elderly are more involved in crashes during the day, when the weather is clear and road conditions are good" — 88 percent during daylight.

■ Turns — "Elderly drivers are more involved in angle and left-turn crashes at intersections with traffic controls." Typically the elderly violator is cited for failure to yield the right of way.

■ Injury — "The elderly are more likely to be seriously

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## SC founder, first president dead at 92

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An author of a book on the history of Schoolcraft College once praised Eric Bradner's efforts for laying the groundwork for Schoolcraft and Michigan community colleges.

"All of Bradner's energy, tenacity and enthusiasm were needed at times when the obstacles appeared to be insurmountable," Sam Hudson wrote in his 1983 book "Reaching Out... The History of Schoolcraft College."

"Equally beneficial was Bradner's success in persuading a number of colleagues at Delta College in Bay City to join him in putting together the staff, the curriculum and all of the things necessary before Schoolcraft College was open."

The book documented and reflected on Bradner's efforts during the college's early years, as many college officials did this week upon the news of Bradner's death. Bradner died Feb. 28 in Traverse City of congestive heart failure. He was 92.

Bradner, Schoolcraft's first president, was described by the current president, Richard McDowell, as a "fine gentleman, who had a vision of what community college should be."

"He's the one who started the college and hired the first faculty," McDowell said. "He really

got it started."

Bradner worked with William Atkinson, the president of Jackson Junior College, forming a team to propose the concept of statewide community colleges to the state Legislature. Most of the writing of the Community College Act of 1957 was done on Bradner's dining room table at the house in Essexville, Mich., when he was dean of Bay City Junior College, setting the stage for the community college network that exists in Michigan today.

Working with community leaders in the cities of Garden City, Plymouth, Livonia and Northville, a new community college district was formed in Wayne County when the electorate voted to set up the school and voted millage to pay for it.

Mary Gans, assistant dean of Continuing Education Services-Physical Fitness and a member of the first group of faculty to be



**First president:** Eric Bradner hired the first faculty at Schoolcraft. This picture, supplied by the Schoolcraft College Archives, was taken in 1968. Bradner retired in 1971.

hired, described Bradner as "a real down-to-earth kind of guy."

"He worked very closely with the initial faculty and administrators. He was a hands-on person, really involved in the ongoing operation of the institution."

Sandra Florek, dean of marketing and development, described him as "perfect" for that era in Schoolcraft's history.

"He was concerned about each and every employee. Schoolcraft College was like one of his children, and he wanted it to grow and his employees to believe in it as he believed in it. He and his wife, Florence, were the most gracious couple I ever met."

### Building a library

Bradner was born in California, earned a bachelor's degree at Occidental College, and spent the early part of his career in

Chicago, earning a doctorate at Northwestern University. He returned to California for four years where he taught high school. He came to Michigan in 1949 to become the dean of Bay City Junior College. In 1961, he became director-coordinator of the proposed community college that became Schoolcraft and took the reins as the first president in 1962.

Hudson, in assessing Bradner's contribution to the college, wrote, "The picture that emerges is that of a man full of enthusiasm for the job he had taken on, bursting with energy that rubbed off on those who worked with him, and completely dedicated to the community college concept."

"Above all, he appears to have been the right man, at the right place, at the right time."

In 1962, Bradner hired Patrick Butler as the college's first librarian. In Hudson's book, Butler said Bradner was "unusual" in his attitude toward the library.

"He encouraged me to begin ordering books more than two years before the college was scheduled to open," Butler said. "Most college presidents wait until the college is about to admit students before they begin to order books."

Butler believed Bradner's interest in good books stemmed

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## CAPITOL CAPSULES

### Fight renewed

■ Rep. Valde Garcia, R-St. Johns, has taken up a battle fought for years by former Sen. David Honigman, R-West Bloomfield — a bill to block cities from imposing residency requirements on firefighters. Garcia's bill also would prevent residency from being a consideration in promotion.

Garcia complained that local regulations are so onerous that "some cities have even taken to spying on their employees. People reported seeing (private) investigators peering through their windows and following them around as they ran family errands."

Detroit and 75 other cities have residency rules.

■ Twin bills to allow Michigan to ban the importing of trash if Congress allows it have been introduced into both chambers of the Legislature — by Loren Bennett, R-Canton, in the Senate, and Bruce Patterson, R-Canton, in the House. The bills would apply to Michigan landfills. The problem: Out-of-state waste imports are governed by the federal Interstate Commerce Act, and the U.S. Congress would have to permit state law to supersede federal law.

### Voter file panel

Nine city and county clerks — including Kathryn Dornan of Farmington Hills — have been named to a special advisory committee on Michigan's "qualified voter file," a statewide electronic voter registration database and elections management system.

Prior to the QVF, 1,700 clerks kept voter registration rolls. The statewide file allowed elimination of 600,000 duplicate or "deadwood" voter registrations — about 1/10th of the total.

### Economy good

The Senate Fiscal Agency had a glowing report on the Michigan economy in February:

■ Wage and salary employment in December was up 1.5 percent from a year earlier. Gainers were services, construction and retail trade.

■ Motor vehicle production in December was 3.2 million units, a 12.9 percent above November's level and 4.8 percent above the year-earlier level.

■ The consumer price index in Detroit rose 0.1 percent in December from October and 2.6 percent from a year earlier. Biggest increases were in education, tobacco and medical care. Declining were housing and transportation.

■ Unemployment rates ranged from 1.8 percent in Ann Arbor to 7.6 percent in the northern counties of Alcona and Iosco. The Detroit metropolitan statistical area reported 2.9 percent. State average was 3.4 percent, down 0.1 percent from a year earlier. The national rate was 4.3 percent in January.

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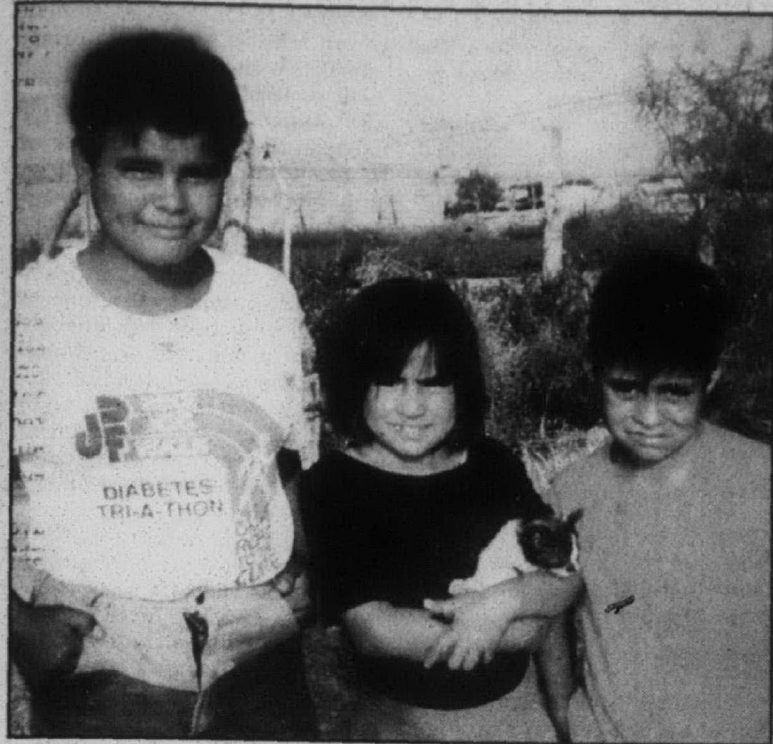


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# Area nurse touches lives in third world countries



**Operation Kindness:** Jan Glovak photographed this group of children at an orphanage in Mexico. She recently left on her sixth mission of mercy.

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI  
SPECIAL WRITER

Planning a missionary trip to Mexico is a daunting task for anyone, but imagine what the whirlwind trip to a remote Mexican village with 40 surgeries in four days must do to Jan Glovak, who suffers from lupus, a disease that saps her energy and causes extreme joint pain.

During her sixth trip to Camargo, Glovak will be accompanied by Troy resident Dr. Michael Busuito, a Clinton Township physician, chief of plastic surgery at St. John Hospital in Detroit and Michiganian of the Year in 1995.

Operation Kindness, a non-profit organization recruits medical experts, who pay their own airfare and volunteer their time. Operation Kindness pays for their hotel costs, medical supplies and a seven-hour bus ride that takes them from El Paso to Camargo. Costs are covered by donations.

Sitting in her Farmington Hills home a few days before her departure, Glovak said the idea of transforming one life, not to mention the hundreds of lives

she and physicians actually do touch, is enough to keep her going.

### Touching lives

She talks about people like Silvia, a 13-year-old girl, who received treatment during a previous visit. Glovak's speech quickens and her excitement is obvious as she explains that Silvia had a huge cleft palate, a hole in the roof of her mouth that forced air through her nose, making her speech garbled.

"When she woke up from surgery and spoke to her mother, her mother cried and said: 'This is the first time we are able to understand her.' And if that doesn't melt your heart I don't know what will," Glovak said. "One family had a son, Miguel, who had a cleft lip and a little girl, Ceclia, with a cleft palate and the family drove 14 hours to get to us," she said.

"There's a number of cases that really stick out," Glovak said. "One family had a son, Miguel, who had a cleft lip and a little girl, Ceclia, with a cleft palate and the family drove 14 hours to get to us," she said.

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**Getting ready:** Farmington Hills nurse Jan Glovak packs donated medical supplies for her sixth mission of mercy. Glovak will be accompanied by Dr. Michael Busuito, a Clinton Township physician, chief of plastic surgery at St. John Hospital in Detroit

## Irish-Americans Lawyers to host St. Pat's Day brunch

Former Michigan Attorney General Frank Kelley will be among the guests of honor at the St. Patrick's Day Parade Brunch sponsored by the Incorporated Society of Irish-American Lawyers on Sunday.

The annual event, now in its fourth year, will be broadcast live by WJR Radio and ComCast Cablevision.

The brunch starts at 11:30 a.m. at the Porter Street Station in historic Corktown and ends at 1 p.m. in time for the start of the parade. In addition to a buffet brunch, the event will include Irish music by the group Murphy & Cahill, as well as an appearance by singer Phil Marcus Easer.

Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara and Sixth Circuit Judge Jim Ryan will serve as co-emcees of the event.

Other featured guests include Craig McCarty, father of Red Wing Darren McCarty and author of *Rinkside*, the University of Detroit High School Chorus, U.S. Rep. Joe Knollenberg, and Eleanor Josaitis, executive director of Focus: HOPE.

"We have held it (parade brunch) in Corktown every year, not only to be close to the parade, but to invoke the history of Irish-Americans in the Detroit area," said Wayne County Chief Assistant Prosecutor and Plymouth Township resident George Ward, who chairs the brunch committee.

Ward got the idea for the brunch five years ago when he attended a St. Pat's Day Party organized annually by Massachusetts Sen. Bill Bulger.

A limited number of tickets are still available at \$20 per person or \$50 per family (includes parents and children 15 years and younger). For more information, call Sue Morris at (734) 466-2513.

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Different addresses

A person may register to vote at an address different from the one on his or her driver's license, Attorney General Jennifer Granholm has ruled.

Granholm said local clerks aren't prohibited from "accepting voter registration applications reciting addresses different from those listed on the applicant's driver's license."

The opinion on Michigan's Election Law was requested by state Reps. Liz Brater, D-Ann Arbor, and Laura Baird, D-Okeanos.

Source: AGO 7010 of March 1, 1999.

No protection

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from Bradner's major and doctorate in history. "He believed a good college library is of prime importance to the success of a college."

Butler said Bradner wanted him to aim for a goal of 20,000 volumes, since studies had indicated that a community college should have that many volumes. When Butler visited other community colleges, library officials there were "amazed" to hear Schoolcraft was collecting books at such an early stage in the college's development.

State Police troopers and sergeants aren't protected by the state Whistle-Blowers' Protection Act, Granholm said in an opinion requested by Sen. Mike Rogers, R-Brighton.

The 1981 protects employees "who report a violation or suspected violation of state, local, or federal law. Under specified circumstances, the act prohibits and employer from disciplining an employee who reports violations of the law," Granholm said.

But the definition of employee excludes "state classified civil service," Granholm said. The Michigan Constitution was amended in 1978 to give troopers and sergeants collective bargaining rights but didn't exempt them from civil service coverage.

"As members of the state clas-

sified civil service, state police troopers and sergeants are excepted from the act's definition of 'employee' and are thus not subject to the provisions of the act," she concluded.

Source: AGO 7007 of Feb. 22, 1999.

Vacation time

A state court judge should take 20 days of vacation per year with the approval of the chief judge, the Michigan Supreme Court said.

The high court also said it expects judges "to take educational leave of two weeks every three years to participate in state or national judicial training programs."

And it encourages judges to "participate in professional

meetings and conferences" to advance public understanding of the judicial system. The high court rule applies to all judges at all levels.

Commented Chief Justice Elizabeth Weaver: "The vast majority of judges in this state already operate within these standards. The few who do not - both those who do not allow themselves sufficient vacation time to 'recharge their batteries' from the difficult work of being a judge, and those who take too much time off - will benefit by the articulation of these standards."

Source: Supreme Court order of Feb. 23, 1999.

City must pay

The city of East Tawas will

have to pay Frederick and Linda Manning attorney's costs for the council's violation of the Open Meetings Act and the clerk's violation of the Freedom of Information Act, a state Court of Appeals panel has ruled. The case sets a precedent for the rest of the state.

The Mannings sued when the council rejected their site plan for a recreational vehicle park. The council went into closed session but failed to state a reason, as required by sec. 8 of the Open Meetings Act. The clerk refused to release the minutes of the closed meeting under the public records act.

The appeals panel said Iosco Circuit Judge J. Richard Ernst was correct in opening up just part of the minutes because the council's deliberations covered

both exempt and nonexempt topics.

The Mannings argued that the council 1) failed to state a purpose for closing the meeting and 2) failed to take a vote. But the appeals court said, "However, the city council duly re-enacted and recorded the decision," and said the council thereby validated its action.

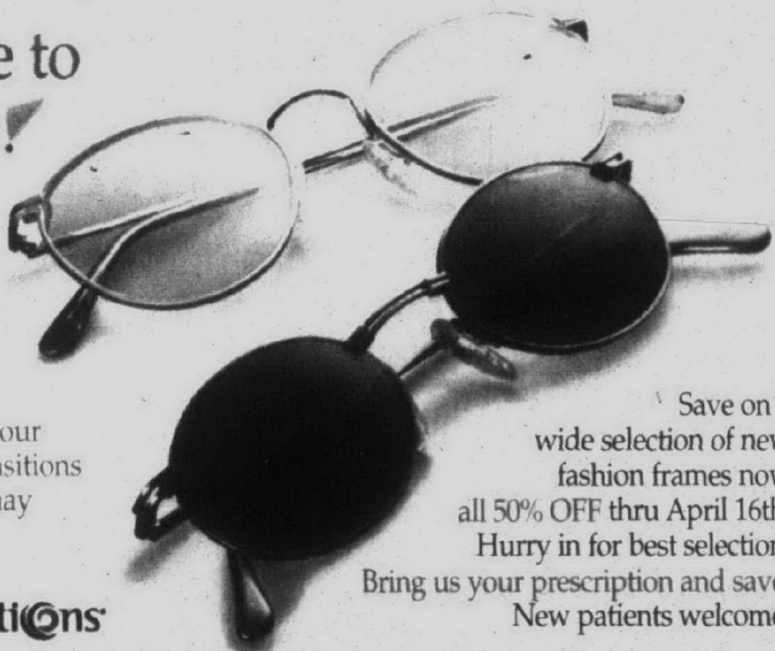
"Further, deficiencies in the keeping of minutes of meetings are not in any event grounds for invalidating the actions taken."

Judges Peter O'Connell, Joel Hoekstra and Martin Doctoroff sent the case back to the trial judge to calculate attorneys' fees and costs for the Mannings.

Source: Manning vs. East Tawas, CA No. 202142, Feb. 26, 1999.

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# Touches lives from page A7

The cost of surgery to correct a cleft lip is between \$2,000 to \$3,000 in Mexico and many of the people who seek help don't earn that much in one year.

## Developing bonds

The volunteers often see some of the same people who need numerous surgeries year after year.

"It's like seeing family again and you really develop a bond with these people," said Glovak, adding that the group tries to make arrangements for treatment in the United States for the extremely severe cases that can't be handled during the weeklong trip.

The team of medical experts has become more than just a group of people with kind hearts. They've learned to meet each other's needs, too. Even though Glovak's illness makes her weak and tired, the others insist that she continue to make the trip with promises that they will pick up the slack when she can't finish her job.

Busuito launched his charitable work years ago when he

accompanied other physicians who donated their time to help children in the United States.

Twelve years ago, he started taking his talents overseas.

"It's just the type of work that gets in your blood and keeps you wanting to go back," Busuito said. "I think that one feels a great sense of satisfaction after doing something like this. Essentially, we all donate our time and most of us donate a lot of money in order to do this."

## Heartfelt stories

He also tells stories about children who have a special place in his heart and memory: an 8-year-old girl in the Philippines whom he helped 18 months ago. Her home had no electricity and she was burned by the kerosene lamp that provided her family with light. The scars were so severe that her thighs healed together and her mother was preparing her to enter a convent because she assumed her daughter would never be able to have children.

"We were able to reconstruct her and get her legs apart and

when I came out and told her mother that she would be able to walk normally and bear children in the future, her mother broke down and started crying," Busuito said. "It's stories like that and experiences like that really drive you to go back and do it again and that's just one example."

He tells another story about a 6-year-old Mexican girl who had a very large cleft palate. She whimpered constantly after the surgery and while she was recovering, a nurse asked her mother to bring one of her baby dolls to hold. The mother cried and said the girl never had a doll. That night, the nurse sent her husband out to buy a doll for the little girl.

Almost all children in the United States, regardless of socioeconomic status, who are born with a cleft lip or cleft palate have their lips fixed before they are 3 months old and they have their palate fixed by the time they're 1 year old.

"When I was in the Philippines in one day I operated on three

people all in their 60s who walked around their entire lives with these severe deformities and never had been fixed," Busuito said. "It really gives you a sense of how lucky we have it here in this country."

Other medical volunteers going to Camargo include Dr. John Lange, a dentist from Grand Rapids; Peter Lapine and Dr. Kate Runyan from Michigan State University audiology and speech pathology department; and Sterling Heights resident Joanna Hegedus, a nurse manager at Hutzel Health Center, Warren; and Martie McGrail, of Grand Rapids, who works as manager of the pediatric clinic at Devos Children's Hospital in Grand Rapids.

## All jobs

Tasks and jobs vary. If the garbage needs emptying, it gets emptied by whomever is available.

The volunteers take one week, dipping into their work vacation time, to travel to Mexico and watch their efforts work miracles for people who don't have

much. Most of the people seeking help live in cinderblock homes without windows, drapes for doors and no running water. Luxuries, like telephones are rare. In fact, Operation Kindness announces surgical schedules through radio announcements because that's the easiest way to get the word out.

"When you come back, you look at the equipment we have with a totally different viewpoint," Glovak said. "You don't believe what we have and the abundance."

Operation Kindness brings everything they will need.

"We get donations of supplies, like Band-Aids and even anesthesia," Glovak said. "The host hospital can't afford what they have, let alone supply 40 additional surgeries."

Busuito, a board certified plastic, general and hand surgeon, mostly works on cleft lips and pallets, deforming burns, reconstruction work for people born without external ears, hernias and devastatingly gruesome physical marks.

"Children there are just as cruel as kids here in the States," Glovak said.

"They can be teased unmercifully. We know that by going there we can restore their function and their social acceptability. We've removed their stigma."

"With a lot of the kids if they have a major birth defect, they think of it as a curse from God

and they really do hide them away," said Glovak, who describes surgery as fun. "It's not work. It's solving a problem. It's like a jigsaw puzzle and you're helping to put them back together."

## Missionary work

Glovak and the other volunteers had gone on missionary work with various organizations until they started their own nonprofit organization, Operation Kindness, last April in an effort to ensure that all the money would go to the children.

"There are no administrative costs," Busuito said.

"The definition of compassion is seeing a need and doing something about it," Glovak said.

The medical volunteers also try to teach the medical professionals at the host hospital and they distribute literature, in Spanish, regarding various treatments.

Regarding their own safety, Glovak said, they drink only bottled water and rely on the local medical people to tell them where to eat.

"We're very, very careful and we've been very fortunate, too," she added.


Anyone interested in helping may make checks payable to Operation Kindness. Donations should be sent to Macomb Community Bank, 16000 Hall, Clinton Township, MI 48038.

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Upon earning her medical degree at Wayne State University, Dr. DiMaggio went on to complete her internship and residency at Providence Hospital. She is a member of the American Medical Association and the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

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# Expansion jets airport into 21st century



DRAWING COURTESY OF NORTHWEST AIRLINES

**New digs:** Here is an artist's rendering of the approximately 2-million square foot midfield terminal at Detroit Metro Wayne County Airport. Expected to be completed in late 2001 the terminal will be located adjacent to a parking structure (far left) with 11,000 parking spaces. The two concourses (the West Concourse is on the far right) will house 74 jet gates and 25 commuter gates with an underground tunnel with moving walkways connecting the concourses.

## More parking, moving walkways highlight new terminal

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK  
STAFF WRITER  
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One day travelers can expect to drive into Detroit Metro Wayne County Airport on a south access road, entering the facility from either I-275 or I-94.

They will drive into a parking garage with 11,000 parking spaces. Soon they will be directed to a main ticketing hall with 104 ticketing positions and counters, a domestic luggage claim with 11 carousels and a federal inspections facility ready to handle 3,200 passengers per hour.

They may enter the 4,900-foot-long East Concourse to get to one of 66 jet gates, using an automated "People Mover" traveling 3,600 feet — nearly the length of the concourse. Then again, they may be directed to the West Concourse, its eight jet gates, 25

commuter gates, shops and concessions. They will enter via an underground pedestrian tunnel with moving walkways.

That's the vision — and now soon to be reality — Northwest Airlines and airport officials have of the completed midfield terminal, expected to be finished in about 2 1/2 years. The entire airport expansion project is expected to cost about \$1.2 billion.

On March 3, Northwest Airlines and Wayne County officials announced that Northwest awarded a \$366 million contract to Hubert, Hunt & Nichols of Indianapolis for the construction of the midfield terminal, scheduled to be completed in late 2001. Northwest officials said the Indianapolis firm's bid had a significant difference in price than other national construction firms.

The firm has been contracted to build the new baseball stadium for the Detroit Tigers, and has constructed airport terminals in Atlanta and Indianapolis.

### 'World-class facility'

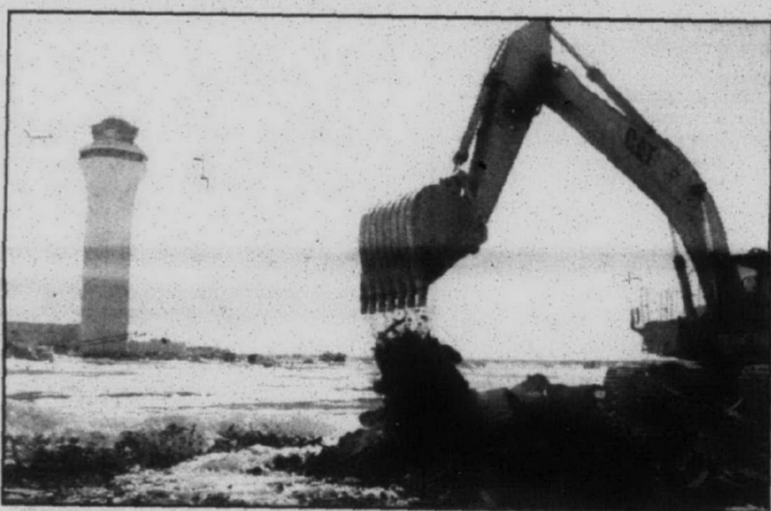
Ray Vecchi, Northwest Airlines president of Michigan operations, said Northwest was excited about building "what will be the finest airport facility in the United States."

"We are committed to providing our customers in Detroit and around the world with a world-class facility and a world-class hometown airline," Vecchi said.

Approximately 2 million square feet in size, the terminal will include a main ticketing hall that has 104 domestic and international ticketing positions, a domestic luggage claim with 11 carousels, a state-of-the-art luggage

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Airport Director David Katz says leadership is key to airport's success, A16



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

**Under construction:** Tons of dirt and asphalt will be excavated over the next few months as the midfield terminal site is prepared for concrete, and steel girders.



### Expansion facts

The Midfield Terminal Building at Detroit Metro Wayne County Airport will be located south-southwest of the Smith and Davey terminals. Approximately 2 million square feet in size, the terminal will include:

- Main ticketing hall with 104 domestic and international ticketing positions, a domestic luggage claim with 11 carousels, a state-of-the-art luggage handling system and a federal inspection services facility to handle 3,200 passengers per hour, and 24 luggage curbside check-in positions at departure level.
- Connecting link includes a 19,000-square-foot World-Club with 15 shops and restaurants.
- The East Concourse will be 4,900 feet long with 66 jet gates, including 10 international gates, 31 shops and restaurants, 2,200 feet of dual moving walkways, two 6,800-square-foot World-Clubs and an automated people mover traveling a length of 3,600 feet to transport passengers through the concourse.
- A 900-foot long underground tunnel with moving walkways connecting the two concourses.
- Satellite West Concourse with eight jet gates and 25 commuter gates and over 11 shops and food concessions, and a 3,200-square foot WorldClub.
- Parking garage — with more than 11,000 spaces — adjacent to the midfield terminal.

The entire terminal will house concession areas of approximately 125,000 square feet of retail space, an increase from 55,000 square feet currently at the airport.

Construction is under way for an energy plant near the control tower to provide electricity, heating and cooling to the midfield terminal complex. That area of the airport also will house 180 acres of aprons and taxiways, aircraft hydrant fueling system, drainage, pump stations and a glycol collection system.

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Pipe relining: Workers from the Lining Company of Toronto and LiquiForce of Romulus move a generator Monday during the process of relining the sewer pipe along Arthur Street near Farmer.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BOARD PROCEEDINGS

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, March 2, 1999 at the Administration Building. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Members Present: Bennett, Burdziak, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin (arrived 7:10 p.m.), Shefferly, Yack. Members Absent: None. Staff Present: Durack, Machnik, Casari, Folsom, Gorham, Dingledey, Wrublewski.

Recreation Advisory Committee Members: Borg, Gulkewicz, Lodwick. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA: Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to adopt the agenda presented. All ayes.

CONSENT CALENDAR: Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to adopt the resolution to vacate a portion of Sorel Drive. All Ayes.

STUDY SESSION TOPICS: Trustee McLaughlin arrived at 7:10 p.m. Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to move to a study session at 7:10 p.m. All Ayes.

PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN (RMP): Director Durack said that after the December 1, 1998 study session a committee was established to select a vendor to coordinate a comprehensive assessment of the community's recreational needs and prepare a new Master Plan. Beckett and Raeder Inc. was unanimously recommended.

DISCUSSION: Discussion centered around finding opportunities to reduce the cost of the plan by taking on some of the proposed sections internally. Director Durack responded that in all instances where information was available in-house, it would be used for the community profile. Supervisor Yack suggested that the price could be whittled down.

IN RESPONSE TO TRUSTEE LAJOY: Director Durack said that a study session was tentatively scheduled for November 30, 1999 to review the RMP. Consensus of the Board was that the proposal from Beckett and Raeder merited consideration at the next regular meeting of the Board on March 9, 1999.

SIDEWALK PROGRAM: Director Machnik reviewed the discussion questions generated from the February 16, 1999 study session on a proposed sidewalk program and ordinance and presented estimated figures for the costs associated with the sidewalk program, the telecommunications ordinance and the potential sump pump program.

SUMP PUMP PROGRAM: Tom Casari, Township Engineer, explained the difference between a combined sewer/storm water system and separate systems. Canton Township has a separate storm water and waste water system.

KARL GORHAM: Karl Gorham, said that the 1991 pilot sump pump program began as an effort to reduce the discharge of rainwater into the sanitary sewer system. Mr. Gorham explained that since we send more water to be treated than we purchased, Canton was charged for excess flow.

Alternative #1, would be to charge a different sewer and water rate for those households with sump pumps and a higher rate to those without sumps. Alternative #2, would rebate a fixed amount of the cost of the sump. Alternative #3, recommended by the MSD Director and Township Engineer, would require pump installation through a resale inspection program.

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

OBITUARIES

VINCENCIA COLE: Services for Vincencia Cole, 70, of Canton were Feb. 24 in Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth Township, with the Rev. Jack Quinlan officiating.

She was born July 7, 1928, in Detroit. She died Feb. 22 in Canton. She was a homemaker. She was a member at St. John Neumann Catholic Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Salvatore and Antonina Ferrara. Survivors include her six sons, Joseph R. Cole of Woodhaven, William (Cynthia) T. Cole of Plymouth, Frank H. Cole of Canton, Vincent E. Cole of Detroit, David A. Cole of Detroit, Kevin (Elizabeth) Cole of Hazel Park; three daughters, Patricia D. Tyler of Canton, Jami L. Zarzecki of Wayne and Sharon (Thomas) R. Vaughn of Detroit; two brothers, Andy Ferrara of Las Vegas, Nev., James Ferrara of Chicago, Ill.; 10 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Memorials may be made to Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh, Livonia, MI 48154-5010.

FRED ALLEN: Services for Fred Allen, 83, of Plymouth were March 10 in the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth, with the Rev. Drex Morton officiating. Burial was in Knollwood Cemetery, Canton.

He was born May 9, 1915, in Akina, Okla. He died March 5 in Livonia. He worked at Evans Products, starting in 1940 until his retirement in 1975. He came to the Plymouth community in 1948. He played softball and managed softball teams. He loved sports, bowling and golf as well as softball. He was on the All State basketball team in Oklahoma as a high school student. He served in the U.S. Army, Engineers 6th Division of the Army, serving in World War II in the Pacific.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Bertha; and two brothers, Frank and Perry Allen. Survivors include his son, Ronald Allen of Brighton; two daughters, Cheryl Endicott of Wayne, Carolyn (Robert) Theisen of Wayne; 10 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the charity of your choice.

GUY PATRICK VILLET: Services for Guy Patrick Villet, 51, of Canton were March 5 in Santeiu Chapel with Deacon John Marku of St. Christopher Catholic Church officiating. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

He was born April 24, 1947, in Detroit. He died March 3 in Canton. He was a computer programmer.

Survivors include his mother, Loraine Villet; one son, Guy Villet; one daughter, Amy Villet; one sister, Faye (Richard) Setlock; and one brother, Jay (Patricia) Villet.

Memorials may be made to Angela Hospice.

JENNIE LORENZ: Services for Jennie B. Lorenz of Westland, formerly of Plymouth, will be 11 a.m. Saturday, March 13 from Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth.

Mrs. Lorenz, 86, died March 8 in Westland. Born on July 6, 1912 in Pellston, Mich., Mrs. Lorenz moved to the Plymouth community in 1925 from Grand Rapids. She was a homemaker.

She was a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church and was active in the church women's society. She loved to read, do crossword puzzles and travel.

She is survived by two daughters, Barbara J. Sullivan of Livonia and Elizabeth A. (Arthur) Racz of Appolo Beach, Fla; two brothers, Edward (Carol) Smith of Plymouth and Thaddeus (Grace) Smith of Montana; two sisters, Sophia Preston of Plymouth and Dorothy (Joe) Archer of Maryland, a former Plymouth resident; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Services for Eugenia Lenski of Novi will be 11 a.m. Saturday, March 13 from St. John Lutheran Church in Farmington and Vermeulen Funeral Home in Plymouth with the Rev. Daniel Cave officiating. Burial will be at White Chapel Cemetery in Troy.

Mrs. Lenski, 79, died March 7 in Southfield. She was born Jan. 11, 1920 in Detroit and employed as a sales associate at J.L. Hudson Co. She is survived by two sons, Lawrence A. (Nancy) Lenski of Plymouth and Gregory (Cheryl) Lenski of Milford; a granddaughter, Amanda (Scott) Wawrzyniak; and a grandson, Eric (Sarah) Lenski of Loveland, Ohio.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Alexander and Elizabeth Nadolny. Memorials may be made to St. John Lutheran Church, 23225 Gill Road, Farmington or Providence Hospital Cancer Care, 22255 Greenfield, Suite 228, Southfield, Mi. 48075.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE TO BIDDERS. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 10:00 a.m., March 25, 1999 for the following: 1999 LAWN AND CEMETERY MAINTENANCE.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON INVITATION TO BID. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be accepted at the Office of the clerk until 10:00 a.m., March 25, 1999 for the following: PURCHASE OF ONE (1) DYNAWELD SSL 10 OR EQUIVALENT; WITH SPECIFICATIONS ON SKID-STEER TRAILER.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON. The Charter Township of Canton will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd., Canton, MI 48188 until 10:00 a.m. on March 25, 1999, for the following: RENTAL OF PORTABLE TOILETS FOR PARKS AND GOLF COURSES.

CANTON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING. PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

Consider request from Ryan Florenzi, 47912 Stoncrest Ct., Plymouth, Michigan 48170 to amend: Article 15, C-1, Village Shopping District, Section 15.02A, Permitted Uses and Structures - Principal Uses and Structures, by amending subparagraph 9 to read as follows: Personal Fitness Centers, Martial Arts Studios, Dance Schools, Music and Voice Schools, and Art Studios, and renumbering existing subparagraphs 9 and 10 to 10 and 11, respectively.

Wolcott to be honored at MSU. Brian Wolcott, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district athletic director, was recently notified that he will be honored by the Michigan State University College of Education.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS. The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING. The Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, March 23, 1999 at 7:00 P.M. in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, as a part of its regular meeting.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON SUMMIT PARKWAY STREET IMPROVEMENTS. Sealed bids will be received by the Charter Township of Canton Clerk's Office, 1st Floor, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton MI 48188 until 2 pm, Thursday, April 8th, 1999, at which time the bids will be opened and publicly read aloud.

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"It will be the gateway to Detroit and to Southeast Michigan," said Jim Greenwald, vice president of Northwest Airlines' facilities and principal in charge of construction for the midfield project.

"It won't be just another airport terminal. It will be impressive with high-tech services."

The East Concourse also will include 14 gates to accommodate widebody aircraft. Ten of the 14 gates are configured for international arrivals and departures.

An international traveler flying on Northwest from Amsterdam to Indianapolis can expect to notice the difference, Greenwald said.

"They will be able to make that connection in the terminal, and not get on the bus or a ter-

minal," Greenwald said.

Greenwald expects the midfield will assist Metro in competing with airports in Chicago, Cleveland and Pittsburgh. "We want to have a facility that makes it easy to get in and out. It will take away the operational constraints. If you can operate freely and effectively, it can take some of the hassles away from the passengers."

Northwest wants to make a facility to make passengers comfortable and ease travel for them, Greenwald said. "It gives us the ability to process without congestion and without bottlenecks," Greenwald said.

The expansion couldn't come quick enough for Metro. The airport has dealt with poor showings in customer surveys, Northwest received criticism for its handling of air travelers in the Jan. 2 snowstorm, while security breaches have caused further delays on at least four different occasions in the last year.

### Increasing travel

Even though the airlines and airport have had their share of problems, air travel continues to grow at Metro. That meant interim improvements calling for rest room renovations and expanded U.S. Customs inspection area, expanded to clear 1,200 passengers an hour for international travel.

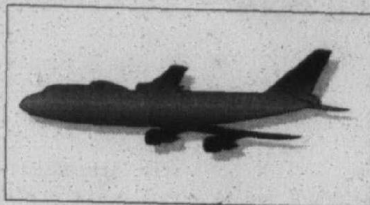
Since 1991, passengers have increased an average of 7.9 percent annually. In 1997, 15.2 million passengers boarded planes at Metro.

Lufthansa has started a daily non-stop service to Germany from Metro, while Northwest has flown nonstop to China. British Air and KLM fly out of Metro as



STAFF PHOTO BY BRIAN MITCHELL

**Bigger and better:** In a view from the control tower, the snow-covered site appears desolate, but the midfield terminal site already has started taking shape, along with a parking structure site (upper left).



well. Katz will know later this year whether another gate or two can be added to the International Terminal.

"We'd also like to do something about the international terminal," said David Katz, director of Wayne County airports. "The demand is tremendous."

With the new midfield terminal and continued improvements, international arrival gates are expected to accommodate 3,200 passengers an hour in 2005 and 3,600 passengers an hour by 2020.

### Doing business

In the Smith Terminal, a new business center is expected to be constructed this year, Katz said. Currently out for bid, the 1,200- to 1,500-square-foot facility would assist business travelers who want to use cubicles

equipped with amenities for laptop computers.

The center will be designed similar to a facility at Cincinnati Airport.

Katz expects the bids will arrive within 30 days. Once the county commission approves that bid, the construction will begin and last about three or four months.

In another phase of the project, Katz expects Goddard and Wayne roads will be re-routed at the airport for the construction of an additional parallel runway, Runway 422. Construction will continue this year on the South Access Road.

Currently the public cannot access the construction site, but when completed in late 2001, the terminal will be accessible from the south via Eureka Road or from the north via I-94 once the

south access road is completed.

That means travelers will be able to exit from I-275 to get to airport and the new terminal. Today travelers must exit from I-94 to get to the Smith and Davey terminals.

At any one time, the airport can have between 50 and 100 construction projects going, Katz

said.

Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara said the airport is a visitor's first impression of Detroit, so airport and airline officials wanted to "showcase the very best of our community."

"We want that impression to be welcoming and pleasant," McNamara said.

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## OPINION

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### Town merger Motives may muddle talks

Former Plymouth Township Police Chief Carl Berry may be stirring a pot too big to boil.

Merging of city and township services is a subject that has been discussed off and on for years. Berry plans to rekindle the talks in a meeting set for 7 p.m. Monday, March 29, at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main in downtown Plymouth.

We'll be there with an unbiased pen reporting the facts. However, we question Berry's motives.

For months rumors have circulated that he is considering a run for township supervisor in November 2000. He claims he won't run if a merger is in the works, he'd rather head up the grassroots consolidation committee.

There already is a government committee assigned to look into mutual services. The Joint Services Commission is comprised of representatives from the city and township, including Supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy.

While we welcome grassroots efforts to investigate these matters, we question the initiative coming from a former police chief, who never supported a combined police department until now. But aside from the politics that may or may not motivate these merger discussions, one issue sticks out like a sore thumb: taxation.

It's no wonder why some city leaders have supported Berry's merger plans, such as Mayor Pro Tem Joe Koch, who quickly hopped on the bandwagon. He's willing to give up his elected post to help Berry crusade for the merger. It doesn't take a certified financial planner at the nationally known Roney & Co to know what it all means for his city property taxes.

The city pays \$14.89 per \$1,000 of a home's assessed value for general operating expenses,

the township pays only \$3.56 per \$1,000.

Of course, the city has more services, such as street improvements, recreation and trash pickup. But let's remember, last summer's property tax proposals when township residents nixed three ballot proposals for recreation, police and WTUA. Only the Grand Canyon could echo the word "no" more times than a Plymouth Township taxpayer. Berry has a huge obstacle on his hands.

Township homes dwarf those in the city by size and by cost. The price tag is too hefty for township taxpayers, especially considering the city's financial problems. Look at the latest water rate costs: City residents will pay 42 percent higher water fees in April. Township residents are getting a refund check.

We must acknowledge that most residents - city and township - don't think twice about the "community" fire department, although that debate was long-winded and heated for many years. Today, we can say a combined fire department makes more sense - logistically and financially.

In our view a police dispatch merger seems to make financial sense, as well. However, we'd hate to see the downtown Plymouth police station shut its doors in the evenings and we would strongly lobby against that. We recognize this is a first step toward merging the entire department and we suggest officials take baby steps to finalize a "community" police department.

Merging Municipal Services is a stickier issue. There are obvious differences between a city and township government when it comes to street repair, especially when it comes to the high costs of providing services.

We are willing to listen to what Berry has to say. We only hope his heart is in the right place.

### New Net measure is off line

The "crime of the week" is becoming a sad joke in the Michigan Legislature.

Latest entry is a pair of bills to add two years onto the prison sentence of a pedophile who uses the Internet to prey on kids. "Get tough," say the news releases of publicity-hungry lawmakers. One suspects there are more "tough new laws" news releases than there are Bill/Monica jokes floating around the State Capitol lobby.

Let's talk sense. Crime is crime. Assaulting a child sexually is one of the more heinous crimes a human can commit. It deserves and usually gets a prison sentence along with lengthy exposure on the address list of sexual criminals.

But what makes using Internet an extra crime, worth an additional two years in prison? Why is that worth two years more than a male intruding into the bedroom of his ladyfriend's daughter?

What makes using the Internet worth two years more than going into a park and dragging a kid into the bushes? What makes using the Internet worth two years more than picking up and abusing a young hitchhiker?

What makes using the Internet worse than using a standard telephone or writing a letter?

The Michigan Senate rushed to the job for publicity purposes. The phenomenon of attacking children sexually has been around for thousands of years. The Internet is just a few years old. It's a hotter topic at suburban cocktail parties than the U.S. Postal Service, the telegraph or two tin cans and a string.

"If you are a sexual predator using the Internet, we are going to find you, we are going to get you, and we are going to put you in jail," said Sen. Mike Rogers, R-Brighton, sponsor of SB 7 defining the crime. Why not just nail all predators regardless of how they approach a kid?

Michigan does have a law tacking two years onto a criminal's sentence if he uses a gun in committing a crime. That makes sense. Guns are more effective tools of death than fists, brass knuckles and even knives.

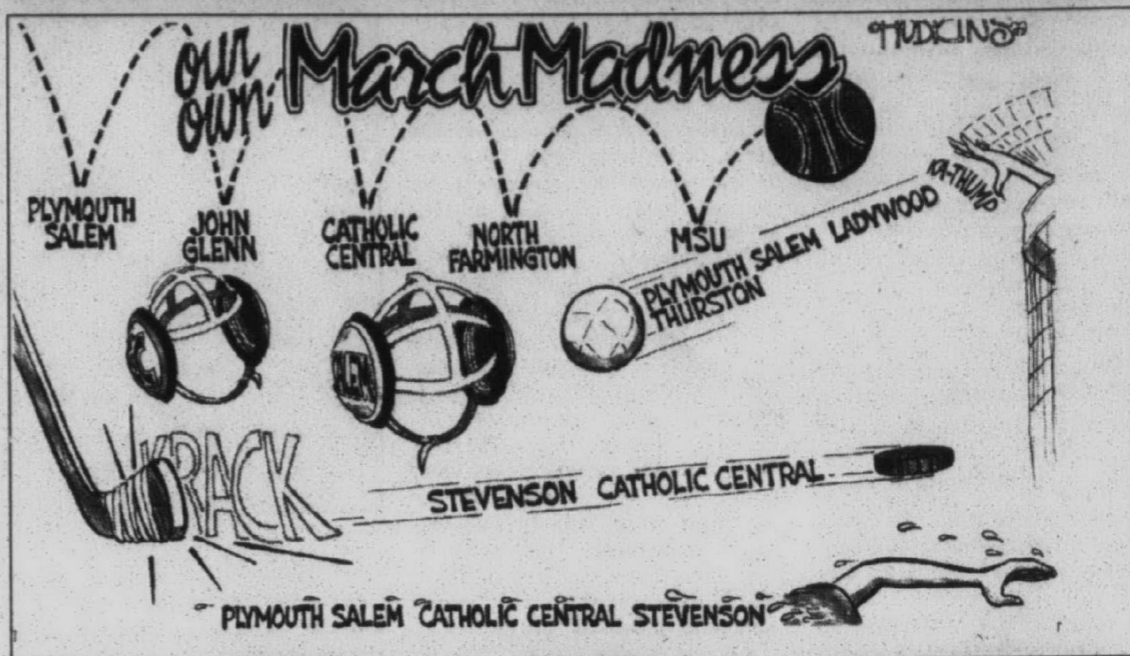
But the Internet? If Senate Bills 7 and 217 become law, they will just take up space in the statute books.

It was ironic that the Senate acted within a week after some of its members bawled out Budget Director Mary Lannoye for giving the Department of Corrections (prisons) an 8.6 percent increase while higher education was getting half that percentage. Senators wanted to know why. The answer is that every new crime is greeted with the bleating legislative response of "tough new laws" and "tougher penalties."

Here's a question for Sens. Rogers and his pal, George Z. Hart, D-Deerborn, sponsor of SB 217: What are you doing to make sure we catch those predators? Are more law enforcement people being hired to police the Internet? Are more prosecutors being added to assemble the burden of proof in an Internet case?

Or are you just hiring more publicists to prepare more news releases about redundant punishments?

ARKIE HUDKINS



### LETTERS

#### Many qualified workers

I just read Philip Power's column, "GOP leads way in job training," in the Observer dated Feb. 11 and feel compelled to reply to some of his remarks.

First of all, I was impressed by his opinions. However, I must challenge the statement: "The current shortage of qualified workers is already viewed by business folks as Michigan's biggest economic problem. Employers can't find qualified, skilled workers."

I am a qualified, skilled legal secretary who retired too early after almost 13 years at my last place of employment. I find it very difficult to believe that the job market for qualified workers is in such poor condition because I have responded to newspaper ads, been interviewed, by one and/or three people at the same time after having been tested for several hours and leaving feeling very confident that all went well, only to be advised that I was not chosen for the position.

Upon inquiry as to why, I was given very vague answers leading me to believe that my unspoken age was the deterrent. The law prohibits discrimination because of age and thus, the employer evades the issue rather than risk a lawsuit charging age discrimination.

Is this not strange considering that the mature worker usually is more efficient, dependable, trustworthy and most willing to go the extra mile? During these past months that I have been looking for part-time employment, I have encountered far too many inefficient people holding down jobs who cannot and/or will not answer a simple question, i.e., bank tellers who do not know the employer's policies. I know that I am fully qualified, but obviously I cannot work in the minimum wage neighborhood.

Florence Ziarnik  
Livonia

#### Northwest Middle School?

At the past few Plymouth-Canton Community Schools' board meetings, potential names for the new middle school have been discussed. Among them are Century, South, Canton Center, Heritage and Haggerty. In addition, Superintendent Chuck Little has added his own suggestion: Northwest Airlines Middle School.

Well, maybe not Northwest Airlines. Maybe Comerica, or Kroger, or International House of Pancakes Middle School. See where we're headed here? Yes, corporate sponsorship of our new school. Don't get too excited ... or attached ... it's only for five years, then we'll sell it to someone else.

"I think we should consider it; there's a lot of money to be made," Dr. Little said when he proposed the idea at a meeting last month. And then we waited. Waited for a board member to say something. But nobody did. I think

they were waiting to see if their superintendent was going to start laughing, but he didn't. In the end, someone suggested that everyone "let the idea sink in" before discussing it at a later date. That "later date" was this past week. Fortunately, board member Roland Thomas seems to have quashed the idea, but Dr. Little is pretty persistent when it comes to funding, so maybe we should consider the implications.

I don't know if the corporate spirit would really fit. For example, our schools adopt mascots to represent images they seek in themselves' physical or mental. Sure, we might get lucky and be the NASA Rockets, the Chevy Blazers, or even the MENSA Geniuses, but are we ready for the Outback Steakhouse Middle School Bloomin' Onions? I think not.

How far into the halls would the sponsorship reach, and what does the sponsor get? Students likely wouldn't mind the school uniforms at Tommy Hilfiger Middle School, but they might not immediately warm to the attire at Depends Junior High. If IBM sponsors the new building, do we have to get rid of all of the Macintosh computers? And what would the MEA think if "just for laughs" the Michigan Republican Party introduced the John Engler Academy to Plymouth-Canton Schools? I think you get the point.

I know money is tight these days, and finances seem to be a part of almost every decision we make. In certain cases, however, I think we need to put the almighty budget and balance sheet aside. We need to remember that education is not only about facts and figures, but also values and morals. It's about respect and integrity, and being proud of achievements. We need to be proud of our schools for what they achieve, not how well they perform financially.

As Dr. Little has said repeatedly in months past, the future is full of opportunities. He's right. Let's look at naming our new middle school as an opportunity to send a message about what we stand for and hope to achieve, not to whom we're beholden for a little extra cash.

Members of the Board of Education, as you prepare to make your decision about our new middle school's name, please choose one that demonstrates an investment in the future of our students, not one that sells-out to the highest bidder.

Bill Case  
Plymouth

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# Dreams are what U.S. space history is made of

When most people think of history of the U.S. space program, they think of Neil Armstrong's first steps on the moon or John Glenn's voyage into space, first as an astronaut and 30 years later as an astronaut turned congressman.

Jerrie Cobb's name is not among them. And being that March is Women's History Month, her story needs to be told.

Cobb was the first woman to undergo the testing developed for the selection of the Mercury astronauts in 1959. She went through weeks of grueling testing that included physical, psychological and fitness regimens.

Cobb passed the Mercury Astronaut Selection Tests, but never became an astronaut. She was appointed a consultant to the nation's space program in 1961, but NASA's

requirement that astronauts have military jet test pilot experience eliminated all women since they were not allowed to fly in the military.

Jerrie Cobb was not the first woman in space. In 1964, a Russian woman earned that designation, Valentina Tereshkova.

Surprisingly, the American space program did not open the ranks of its astronaut corps to women until 1978. The race into space was more of a saunter when it came to women.

It wasn't until June 18, 1983, that an American woman was launched into space. Sally Ride was aboard the space shuttle Challenger when it took off from Kennedy Space Center commanded by Capt. Robert Crippen. Ride was among a five-member crew on Mission STS-7. She was in orbit for six days.



VALERIE OLANDER

**■ This spring, history may be made again when Lt. Col. Eileen M. Collins blasts off into space aboard the Columbia with her crew.**

Ride again went into space once more aboard the Challenger; it was the 13th space shuttle flight. She had been in training for a third flight in 1986 when another crew aboard the Challenger met their fateful end. The world was stunned by the explosion that took the life of two brave women in space, teacher Christa McAuliffe and astronaut Judith Resnik.

This spring, history may be made again when Lt. Col. Eileen M. Collins blasts off into space aboard the Columbia with her crew.

Collins, 42, is the first woman selected to be a space shuttle pilot and the first woman to command a space shuttle.

On March 5, 1998, when the official announcement was made in the White House. Collins told reporters, "When I was a child, I dreamed about

space - I admired pilots, astronauts and I've admired explorers of all kinds. It was only a dream that I would someday be one of them. It is my hope that all children, boys and girls, will see this mission and be inspired to reach for their dreams, because dreams do come true."

For Plymouth-Canton fifth-graders who have been given a once-in-a-lifetime trip to the U.S. Space & Rocket Center in Titusville, Fla., who knows what the future may hold? This is what dreams are made of.

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# Peters' vote on takeover reveals his ability to speak GOP

Gary Peters was in top form, and I was sure he would have "the other side of the aisle" squirming before the day was over.

Peters, D-Bloomfield Township, is a second-term state senator. Early in his tenure, his party recognized him as easily the best Democratic debater, almost in a class with the GOP's Dr. Joe Schwarz, better than the late Basil Brown.

It was March 2. The topic was the change of governance for Detroit public schools - "takeover," if you prefer. Republicans want to eliminate the elected school board and empower Mayor Dennis Archer to appoint a "reform" board. Peters thinks it will backfire.

Now what makes lawyer Peters, 40, so much fun is that he speaks Republican. He went to a private college (Alma); he was a vice president for investments and former branch manager of PaineWebber, the brokerage firm; he taught strategic management and business policy at Oakland

University; he taught finance and business economics at Wayne State - superb Republican credentials.

No sociology claptrap for Peters. Republicans like to say that "ours is a government of laws, not of men," and Peters used the argument beautifully:

"We need to have some sort of objective standards by which we assess school performances, and if schools are not meeting that objective performance, then a takeover would be implemented. But it would be an objective standard that would apply to every single school district... We are singling out a district (Detroit) without any objective criteria."

Republicans should have listened. After all, everyone admitted Detroit doesn't have the worst test scores and graduation rate in the state.

Republicans are big on local control and participative management - the kind they do at Saturn, Ford and Deloitte-Touche. None of this "System 1 Punitive Dictator" stuff for modern



TIM RICHARD

corporations, no sirree. Peters adapted the GOP principle well:

"Absent criteria, I believe that we need to place the issue on the (Detroit) ballot (in 60-90 days)... It gives political legitimacy to any reform, and more importantly it does not trample on sacred voting rights."

Letting folks vote on a mayoral takeover, Peters went on, "would involve everybody. Parents would be involved, all residents, business people, all segments of the city of Detroit."

Having inserted the GOP's own oratorical knife into its ribs, Peters then proceeded to twist it:

"I've heard rhetoric from the other side of the aisle saying we need to have more parental involvement... You're eliminating the ability for that parent to be involved in the school system... You're taking away a fundamental right of people to be actively involved in the administration, the direction and the objectives of their school district."

He should have reminded the Senate that only last fall candidate Engler was talking about empowering parents to take over schools in Detroit.

Richard Nixon used to say that government shouldn't over-promise because the supposed beneficiaries of a program will feel cheated.

Peters said kids in classes won't be helped by a governance change at the board level. "Their schools should have access to state-of-the-art technology. They should be educated in

small classrooms, particularly in the early grades. Teachers should have proper training and professional development because... Ultimately, it's the teacher in the classroom... that can have some of the greatest impact on the development of that child."

"Without a vote of the people, I must vote 'no' on this bill," Peters said, and he did. The vote was 30-7 in favor of a very unRepublican bill.

Peters later told me his father taught 30 years in Detroit public schools and never saw a board member. "Just be sure you write that I have passionate Democratic principles," he said.

Some Democrats are thinking of running Gary Peters for much higher office. From their point of view, they are nuts if they don't.

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# Term limits no real solution

Remember the old line about how risky it is to want something too much? You might actually get it.

Lots of politicians jumped on the term limit bandwagon in the early 1990s. Some got elected to office promising to abide by strict limits on their time in office. "If we break this contract, throw us out," declared U.S. Rep. George Nethercutt of Washington state, a leading term limit proponent.

Now that time is up, and it's fascinating if slightly disillusioning to watch once high-minded candidates come wriggling against the reality of wanting to stay in office. Words such as "disingenuous" and "hypocritical" come quickly to mind.

According to a Detroit Free Press survey, all six Republicans in the Michigan congressional delegation pledged support for term limits when they signed the Contract with America and voted for one or more term-limit bills in 1995 and 1997. However, only three of the six are actually limiting their terms.

To their credit, Reps. Joe Knollenberg, R-Bloomfield Hills, Peter Hoekstra, R-Holland, and Nick Smith, R-Addison, intend to leave Congress after serving for the prescribed six terms (12 years).

Reps. Dave Camp, R-Midland, Vernon Ehlers, R-Grand Rapids, and Fred Upton, R-St. Joseph, are among the wrigglers. Of course, they support term limits, but not self-imposed ones. Camp, for example, told the Free Press that until term limits become the law of the land he will not impose on his political ambition term limits that do not also bind his 434 colleagues such as John Dingell, D-Trenton, and Sandy Levin, D-Southfield.

How convenient. I understand. Or, maybe, I don't. But I do recognize ambition wriggling on a phrase book when I see it.

In Michigan, it's much the same story, although in an earlier phase. The state House, which got 64 new members this year because of term limits, is still holding training sessions for inexperienced lawmakers on crafting and passing bills and understanding state budgets. The term limit tidal wave will hit the Senate in four years time, when we can confidently expect the departure of the few remaining experienced and knowledgeable legislators.

Not surprisingly, some people are beginning to have second thoughts about term limits. They include Sen. Glen Steil, R-Grand Rapids, a second-term member who in 1992 was co-chair of the petition drive to put term limits in the Michigan Constitution.

Steil is preparing another constitutional amendment to modify legislative term limits to



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"12 years for everybody," i.e., six two-year terms for representatives and three four-year terms for senators. "The compelling reason is that six years (in the House) do not give a person enough experience... to make an impact."

Steil may be right. But years of watching politicians wriggle has made me skeptical.

Look at it this way. Everybody knows the Republicans won control of the state House last year by winning seats previously held by Democrats who were term limited out of office. And now that they've got control, what's to prevent the GOP from the convenient idea that now term limits should be increased?

I put this hypothesis to Bill Ballenger, publisher of "Inside Michigan Politics," and one of the most knowledgeable guys around. "Your premise might be accurate in theory, but I doubt anybody has thought it through as clearly - or as cynically - as you have," said Ballenger.

"Most of the Republican leadership is for term limits; Betsy De Vos (State GOP chair) puts out endless press releases on the subject. And those that are against it are being browbeaten into silence. Senator Steil's out in front, and we'll just have to see what happens."

I asked Ballenger about the odds for success of legislating the wriggle away. "Not good," he responded. "High interest in extending term limits extends no farther than two blocks in any direction from the State Capitol."

I used to think term limits might be a good idea. I now fervently believe they are a bad idea whose time has come and should now go.

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# Leadership is key to airport success - Katz

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To say that David Katz had a busy year would be an understatement.



Katz

His first year at the helm as director of Detroit Wayne County Metropolitan Airport was filled with land-

A survey found Detroit Metro was the worst in the United States. Security breaches on four occasions caused delays for thousands of travelers. An audit by the county's auditor general found underreported parking revenue and questioned competitive bidding procedures by the airport operator and the airport oversight.

Then there was the Jan. 2 snowstorm, hindering air travel and stranding thousands of travelers on taxiways and runways. Some travelers were left sitting in planes for eight hours that day.

Ask him about the airport's problems and Katz doesn't mention the airport's expansion as a

"cure-all." Instead he points to a list propped on display in his office for everyone to see.

No. 1 on the list: Leadership.

"I have a team of people who are a very good group of folks, who are dedicated to improving morale, production and performance," Katz said. He expects department leaders will receive more training, while employees will receive awards and recognition.

Katz also has submitted an airport reorganization plan that has received approval from County Executive Edward McNamara that calls for more oversight on parking and food concessions. It has not been approved yet by the county com-

mission.

Some of the airport's physical improvements will focus on customer service, particularly in security. Security checkpoints will be revamped this year in the Smith Terminal to eliminate the "tremendous bottlenecks," Katz said.

"We're looking at the expansion of (concourses) A and B to combine that into one checkpoint," Katz said.

Security will have four sets of screening equipment instead of two.

"It would clear up that whole area and make it more user-friendly," Katz said. While the improvements help prevent security breaches, Katz acknowl-

edges that the human element and margin for error is still there. A problem in one of the breaches in January occurred when a guard failed to stop a man for a search.

"We haven't been able to figure out a system where human beings aren't involved," Katz said.

With the additional surveillance equipment, police officers and concourse revisions will be able to shut the complex down in segments instead of the whole concourse. That means passengers in the middle of a security breach may be held over for one hour instead of five, with 1,000 passengers cleared from a concourse instead of 5,000.

Northwest — which is responsible for hiring security employees — is taking the security issue very seriously, Katz said.

"It's a tough job, it's tedious, it's boring. You have to keep people fresh and on their toes. It's a challenging job."

Katz said the airport is finishing rest room renovations. Twenty-four have been remodeled and another 24 are slated for improvement this year.

Katz hopes to add nine customer service agents to the staff of 21.

With the snow removal problems of the Jan. 2 snowstorm in which thousands of travelers were left waiting on taxiways

and then waited days for their baggage, Katz found out just how dedicated airport employees were. Some went to the store for food and medicine for stranded travelers.

"For me it was a new experience. People here put the customers first. People on the snowplows were tremendously dedicated, getting this place cleared out in half a day."

"You can look at how we compared to other airports in that storm."

Chicago's O'Hare Airport also had several flight cancellations due to the storm.

Since the storm, Northwest has reassessed what they should do during the storm. No changes were recommended or made in the airport's snow removal plan after county officials met with the airlines. Katz said Northwest leaving the people on the plane was a "critical mistake."

As for Northwest, "I don't think they'll allow people to sit out there again."

But Katz knows both Northwest and Detroit Metro officials need to work on public relations, especially in the midst of Northwest acting as the construction manager for the midfield terminal.

"We have a tremendous challenge ahead to earn back whatever trust we lost. The proof will be in the pudding."

## Elderly drivers from page A6

injured or killed in traffic crashes.

Eyefight dims and reflex time slows down with age, but not for everybody and not at the same rate, the study concludes.

Can roads be improved and redesigned? Yes, say Bruff and Evans. Some suggestions:

- Traffic signs have letters one-inch high for every 50 feet of distance, and engineers have assumed a "visual acuity" of 20/25. But one study has shown 40 percent of drivers aged 65-74 have vision less than 20/40. Let-

ters should be larger and at a standard of one inch for 40 feet of distance.

- Pavement markings should be wider — six to eight inches on two-lane rural highways instead of four inches. "Wider edge lines make it easier for drivers to control the vehicle under the glare of oncoming headlights."

- Separate left-turn lanes and protected left-turn phases at traffic lights would reduce the number of left-turn crashes.

- More research is needed to set standards, but it's apparent

the elderly need more "perception-reaction time" to stop at signs.

SEMCOG's study noted that the American Automobile Association, The American Association of Retired Persons and the National Safety Council have undertaken educational programs aimed at the elderly.

"This approach is quite beneficial to the large number of elderly who are unaware of recent changes in traffic rules or have only a vague recollection of certain aspects of the principles of

driving learned when they were much younger," the authors say.

The SEMCOG study urges greater use of car pooling and use of school buses to transport the elderly when kids are in school.

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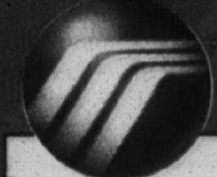
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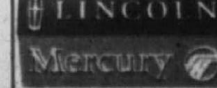
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## COMMON SENSORS



JACQUE MARTIN-DOWNS

### Finding place in life for why

Friedrich Nietzsche, a 19th century philosopher, said, "He who has a 'why' can bear almost any 'how.'"

Research has shown that only 6 percent of the population has a purpose in life ... translating to 94 percent of the people without any "why" to their life.

Do each of us know why we have been put on this earth?

Back when life was more difficult and people were less into self-actualization (Maslow's hierarchy of needs), there was little conscious thought about "why I am here" and more burden on just surviving (food, shelter, clothing).

And yet, significant accomplishments and discoveries came about when people like Copernicus, Benjamin Franklin or Mozart found their purpose and persevered. Sometimes, they serendipitously discovered something great on their way to something else.

Why have a purpose? Does it serve any "purpose"?

People who have a purpose in life say that there are many feelings that come with having a purpose. They report feeling peaceful, on top of the world, content, passionate, alive, complete, balanced, centered, blessed, fulfilled, more grateful, joyful and as if they are making a difference.

Your mission is filled with doing words. It could be to experience, build, love, accept, encourage, commit, live with integrity, live healthily, create, serve, inspire, strengthen or ... you fill in the verb.

### Simple statement

Walt Disney created a simple statement that has served as his company's mission to this day: *To provide excellent entertainment for all ages, everywhere.* The mission of the Disney Corp. is in alignment with what they do. From movies to theme parks, they want you to be entertained in a first-class fashion.

When we write a statement of purpose for ourselves we can think of that purpose as the hub of a wheel for everything we do. If the wheel is the hub of our "being," then the spokes are the doings.

Sam ambled through his life aimlessly without any sense of purpose. If something came up, and it felt good, he usually did it (the spokes of the wheel). Sometimes, he did things impulsively and ended up in minor scrapes with the law and having problems in his marriage.

Finally, one day, he stopped and thought about his life. He asked himself what he valued. He thought about who he treasured. He challenged himself to think about what was really important to him. He wondered what in his life he was doing that was worthwhile.

In his self-reflection, he wrote down that he wanted his purpose in life to be two things. He wanted to have a feeling of peace and a feeling of usefulness in everything he did.

### The hard part

Then he tackled the hard part. He wrote down all the things he had done that had been neither useful nor brought him peacefulness. The list made him a little sick. *I haven't been there for my children; I haven't sacrificed or given of myself.*

It was then that he was able to come up with a mission for himself. And it was this: *My life's mission is to love and encourage which will bring me a sense of peace and a feeling of usefulness.*

Today, he does only things that are in alignment with his mission and his purpose.

Who benefits from your having a purpose? Your spouse, your relatives, your children, colleagues, supervisors, acquaintances, outsiders and, of course, you. Having a purpose in life is one of the best legacies you can pass down to your children. It will not only spill over into their lives, but it will model for them how meaningful their lives can be, too.

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## 300<sup>th</sup> year



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The Sikh way: Kuldip Singh (from left) and Dharam Singh play harmoniums and Ravinder Jit Singh the tabla while Pashaura Singh (photo at right) reads from the Scriptures at the Gurdwara Guru Nanak Sikh Temple.

## Sikhs mark anniversary of Khalsa

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO  
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Children tend to be cruel. They poke fun of kids without perfect bodies, complexions or grades, and others of different faiths and nationalities.

Because of their unshorn hair and turbans, many younger Sikhs are often teased. To clear up common misconceptions about their religion, area Sikhs are inviting the public to a banquet celebrating the 300th anniversary of the Panth Khalsa (the Order of the Pure Ones) 6:30 p.m. Saturday, March 13, at the Novi Hilton Hotel. The Khalsa is the baptized sect of the Sikh religion.

The banquet is sponsored by the three area temples - Gurdwara Guru Nanak Sikh Temple in Plymouth, Sikh Gurdwara in Rochester Hills and The Sikh Society of Michigan in Madison Heights.

"One of our things is we wanted to introduce ourselves. I think people have a lot of either no concept, no understanding of Sikhs or a misconception," said Raman Singh, a West Bloomfield resident and member of Gurdwara Guru Nanak Sikh Temple in Plymouth. "We get confused with Middle Eastern terrorists because a lot of them wear the turbans as well, or they have no idea, especially for our children in the schools. If they go to school, no one understands."

"It's like anybody else. Children tend to be cruel. They're mean to you if you're fat, pimply faced, black in a white school, white in a black school, or Jewish. It's not just us. We just want to show that we're Americans just like anybody else. We just practice our faith

a little differently."

The celebration begins with dinner and videos on Sikhism, and continues throughout the evening with speeches on Sikh history and the importance of the Khalsa. Tickets for the banquet are \$50 per person. For more information, call Tejinder Singh at (734) 416-9012 or Harpal Singh at (248) 373-4658.

"We have invited a real cross section of people," Raman Singh explained.

"We've invited several interfaith leaders. We'll have them do some kind of prayer and small speeches. We've invited a lot of representatives from the different communities - a few mayors, school superintendents and people like that - and some of them will speak as well."

Among those slated to appear are Congressman David Bonior, D-Mount Clemens, Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack, and Mayor Kathleen McLallen of Novi.

### Religious evolution

The Sikh religion was founded in 1499 by Guru Nanak, who received the call of God while bathing in the Bein River. According to the book, "World Religions," he emerged from the river three days later, gave away his possessions, and said, "There is neither

Hindu nor Muslim."

There were nine subsequent gurus or teachers.

"By about 1699, the 10th prophet or guru or teacher decided it was time to formalize and establish the brotherhood, and also to stop the human guru," Raman Singh said of Guru Gobind Singh. "Now we regard the Scriptures as the guru or the teacher, because the problem is with human beings, you tend to get corruption within the faith. But the Scriptures are unchangeable."

"The faith was also solidified and rules and regulations were formalized."

As part of the evolution of the religion, Guru Gobind Singh founded the Panth Khalsa (the Order of the Pure Ones) on April 13, 1699.

"You can be a Sikh but you may not be baptized," said Pashaura Singh, a member of the Plymouth temple and a professor at the University of Michigan.

When he founded the Khalsa, Guru Gobind Singh asked all Sikhs to wear the five "Ks" - Kesh or uncut head of hair; Kangha, a comb that symbolizes personal care and cleanliness; a Kachh, white underwear that symbolizes chastity; the Kirpan, a dagger, and Kara, an iron bracelet.

"Every symbol has a number of dif-

ferent interpretations. 'Kirpan' means a symbol of self-respect and honor. You are given sword of honor," Pashaura Singh said as he pulled a small sword from his side. "We never use it as a weapon."

The Kara keeps Sikhs from the mis-using their hands.

"It's a gift of the guru and it gives us the message that we belong to the guru," Pashaura Singh explained. "It also reminds us not to misuse the hands. We can not steal anything. It's a kind of handcuff. It's a constant reminder not to misuse the hand, not to misuse the sword."

Many Sikhs, Raman Singh added, do not wear the full uniform because of personal reasons or because they are not baptized.

"Baptism doesn't happen at a certain age. It happens when you feel that you're ready to take on the external as well as the internal responsibilities," she said.

Sikhs are not allowed to smoke, consume intoxicants or eat meat that has been cut slowly.

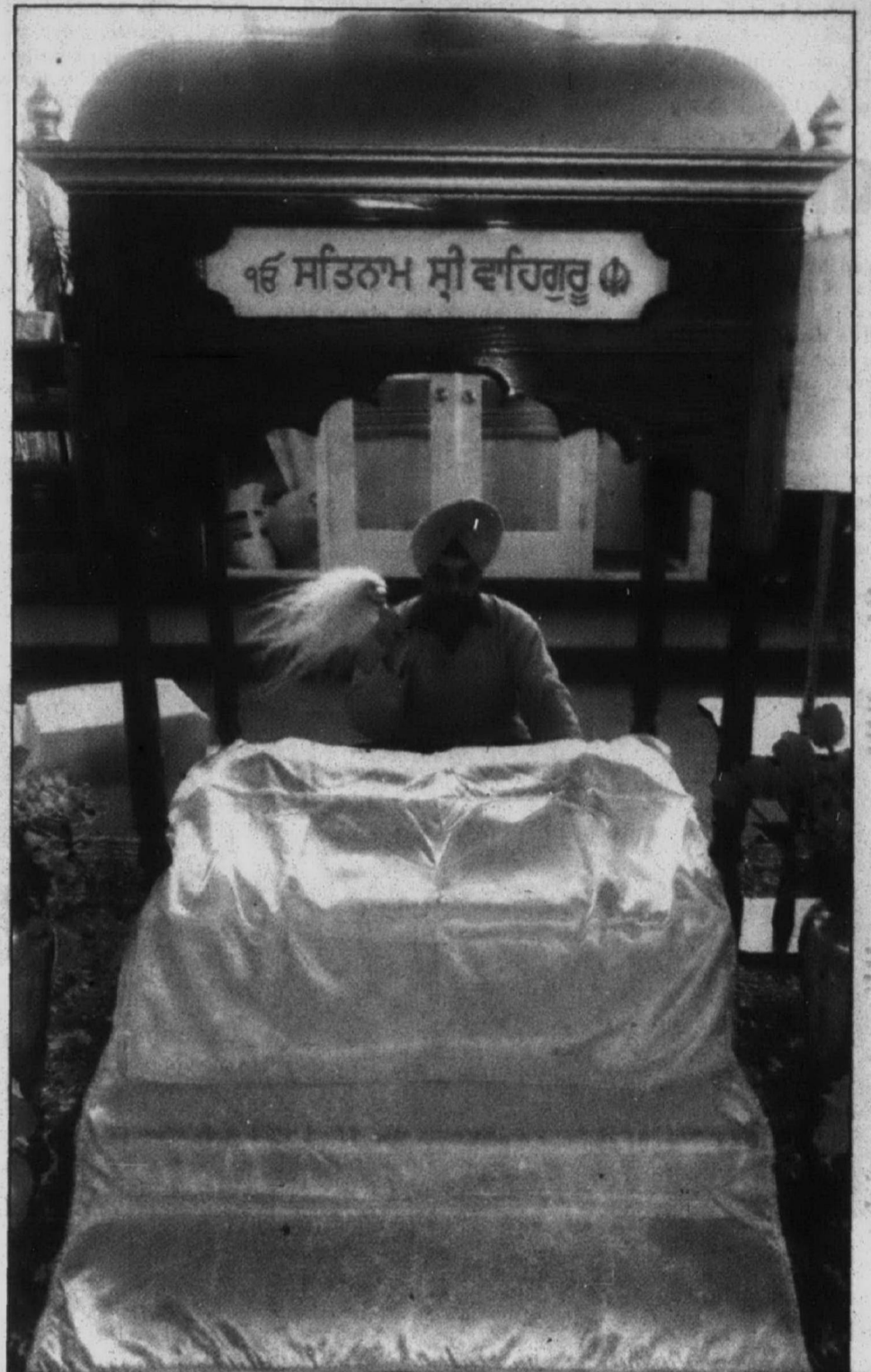
"If the animal is cut slowly it bleeds to death. The animal should be cut in one stroke," Pashaura Singh explained.

### Equality for all

The central shrine for all Sikhs is The Golden Temple, built by the fifth Guru Arjan, in Amritsar in Punjab, India. The Golden Temple has four entranceways, one in each direction, emphasizing the Sikhs' belief that anyone is welcome. The only requirement is that visitors cover their heads and remove their shoes.

Services at all Sikh temples are fol-

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Outside view: The Gurdwara Guru Nanak Sikh Temple, formed in 1997, is located on Five Mile, west of Haggerty Road.

## You can raise kind and courteous children

### PARENTING AWARENESS MONTH



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nized you earlier. You have that same kind and courteous attitude."

Could that clerk be your child?

The challenge of raising kind and courteous kids is a demanding task, but with consistency and love you can "make it happen."

You're in a department store frantically looking for a last-minute gift. The store clerk greets you with a smile. "Good afternoon, how may I help you?"

You give the clerk your particulars and proceed to browse around. The clerk returns with three different gift ideas. You smile as you notice the name badge.

"Hey, I know your parents. I should have recognized you earlier. You have that same kind and courteous attitude."

First, be a role model. What you do and how you act is noticed by children. Your child is watching your interactions with others. Even when you think they're not paying attention, they are. Children in other rooms of the house notice the tone and pitch of your voice.

The old cliché, "Do as I say and not as I do," will not work here, so take advantage of teachable moments. Easy starters are "Hello" and "Goodbye." Even very young children can learn to say hello and goodbye, when entering and exiting a room.

Children learn at an early age the impressionable lesson of kindness by how you treat them. Your child is watching. Remember to do the right thing!

Next, be consistent with your actions and words. Demonstrate integrity, mean what you say, and model trust. Compliment your friends, family and spouse in front of your child. Make sure that it is genuine.

Tell your child that kind and courteous behavior helps you feel good about yourself. Every moment of every day is the living laboratory of how your child

will form his or her character.

### Consistent example

Kindness is taught by consistent example. Every human interaction has the potential to shape a child's behavior. Use opportunities at the mall, the restaurant and the car wash to point out kind and courteous behavior.

Take time to discuss why certain actions were important. Kind and courteous behavior can be found in simple gestures and casual remarks, like taking time to visit a sick relative or friend, holding the door open for another person and complimenting a person for job well-done.

Give positive reinforcement when your child does something right. For example, "Thank you for your helping me carry the bags. With your help, it didn't take long." Be consistent with your reinforcement, but don't necessarily respond the same way every time. Remember to reinforce kind and helpful behavior.

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ior. Share dignity and respect with your children. Develop a positive, open environment for discussions. Eye contact with your children will help them develop eye contact with others. This can even be done with toddlers. Have your child look at you when you are talking and vice versa.

Try not to interrupt your child until you believe he or she has completed their thoughts. Share

with your child how it makes you feel when they interrupt your conversation. If your child should need to interrupt a conversation, teach them appropriate language like, "Excuse me please, but I need to use the bathroom."

Use phrases that are comfortable for both you and your child. Have a contest to see who comes up with the most ways to say, "excuse me."

Watching television together provides opportunities for teachable moments. Ask questions like:

■ How would you feel if you were that child?

■ What just happened?

■ How could you help?

Be sure in your conversation to share how you would react in certain situations. Point out how they feel when someone treats them kindly.

Here are a couple of at-home activities to do with your children:

■ Buy an assortment of colored adhesive dots. Give each family member a different color. Using the calendar have each member place a dot on the date whenever they see a family member show kind and courteous behavior.

Acts of kindness can be shared at dinnertime, once a week, or

once a month.

■ After a birthday party or gift exchange sit down with your child and MAKE thank you cards. Have your child write (depending on age) something special for each gift.

■ Have your family draw the names of family members from a hat. At least once a day, you must do a kind and/or courteous act for that person without revealing who you selected.

■ Post kindness materials in your home or at your child's school. "Kindness is contagious... CATCH IT!" is a project of Starfish Family Services, funded by Hudson's Circle of Giving. Materials include a Kindness

Pledge Card, a kindness calendar, a flier on 10 ways to help spread kindness, a teacher's curriculum and a colorful poster.

During the month of March, parents are encouraged to talk with their children about kindness and, most importantly, practice kindness at home.

For more information on "Kindness is contagious... CATCH IT!" call (734) 727-3139.

Virginia Burns is director of the Head Start program at Starfish Family Services in Inkster.

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lowed by a meal, during which men and women sit together in rows.

"It's usually one lentil and one vegetable dish, bread, and yogurt, and dessert of rice pudding. That changes," said Raman Singh, a 1983 Troy Athens High School graduate. "There are some temples in particularly the southwest in California and New Mexico where there (are more) Caucasian converts to Sikhism, and they have temples. A lot of times they have very Western meals, but they're always vegetarian."

Vegetarian meals also will be served at the 300th anniversary celebration, an event that Raman Singh is anticipating.

"I'm looking forward to several

things - the celebration itself, the reaffirmation of the history and also to show my children how excited we are," she said. "It's something exciting for them.

It's a big deal. Just like we feel excited to be around as the millennium changes, this happens only once every 100 years. It's a real privilege to be around."

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Or you can think of it the way Richard Bach thought of it in "The Little Book of Wisdom" (1996, Heath Communications): "Here is the test to find whether

your mission on earth is finished; if you're alive, it isn't."

Jacque Martin-Downs is the coordinator of the Family Resource Center in Westland and

has a private counseling practice. If you have a question or comment, write her at the Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.

## CRAFTS CALENDAR

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

**LIVONIA CHURCHILL**  
The Livonia Churchill High School PTSA's 11th annual

spring arts and craft show will be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 13 at the school, 8900 Newburgh Road, Livonia. There will be door prizes, food and beverages. Admission will be \$1. For more information, call Diane at (734) 422-4507 or (734) 464-7425.

**MADONNA UNIVERSITY**  
Madonna University will hold its 14th annual spring arts and crafts showcase 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. March 20 in the Activities Center on campus, Schoolcraft and Levan, Livonia. The show will feature a variety of handmade arts and crafts, including pottery, jewelry, paintings, textiles, woodworking, plastic and cross-stitch. A raffle with a grand prize of \$1,000 and five additional \$100 prizes will be held at 4:30 p.m. Tickets will be available at \$1 each at the door. Admission will be \$2. For more information, call (734) 432-5603.

**LIVONIA STEVENSON**  
The Livonia Stevenson High School Booster Club is accepting applications for its annual spring craft show 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. March 27 at the high school, 33500 Six Mile, Livonia. More than 100 crafters are expected to display their work. A single booth space costs \$50. A limited number of spaces with electricity are available at no extra charge. For an application form, call (248) 478-2395 or (734) 464-1041.

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

## Sinn Fein member to speak

Mitchel McLaughlin will speak on "Where's Peace? Ireland's peace process at the Crossroads" at 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 15, at the Gaelic League, 2062 Michigan Ave., near Tiger Stadium, Detroit.

McLaughlin is the Sinn Fein national chairman and a member of the Sinn Fein negotiating team. He also has been elected to the new Northern Ireland Assembly.

McLaughlin will talk about what happened on March 10 when the British government was scheduled to turn many of its powers over to the new Northern Ireland Government that was elected to last June.

The transfer of power, however, is being opposed by Unionists who have refused to follow the peace agreement in an attempt to prevent representatives of Sinn Fein from taking their positions in the new government.

McLaughlin's speech is sponsored by the Ancient Order of Hibernians (Michigan), Gaelic League, Irish American Lawyers, Irish American Unity Conference (Michigan), Irish Northern Aid Committee and United Irish Societies.

For more information, call (313) 885-5618.

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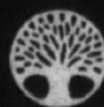
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# Nouveau Design stresses teamwork in its creations

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Teamwork is the key to any successful business. Working together for an area design and display company, Raelon Routzahn and Michael Onyskin couldn't deny their camaraderie.

After frequently being told that they should start their own business, the duo did just that. Routzahn, Onyskin and senior design assistant Wendy Atkinson opened Nouveau Design Studio LLC in Canton Township on Dec. 15.

"Everybody was telling us we were crazy not to do it ourselves," said Routzahn, a Livonia resident. "We just felt that we were a really good team and we complemented each other. We felt that we could be very successful in the field together."

Nouveau Design Studio creates custom design exhibits, visual merchandising, store fronts, special event theme decorating, corporate holiday decor and custom-made props.

"We had a lot of people backing us up prior to us coming out," Onyskin added.

That includes Taubman Properties, with which Nouveau Design Studio is getting ready to ink a deal to be its Midwest Regional Visual Merchandisers. For Taubman, Nouveau Design will do all the RMU (retail merchandising units) and all their in-line stores.

"That's a really big thing," she said. "We will design what goes into the kiosks in the malls. What we would do in the in-line store is to do a theme for their store window and the signage."

## Staying current

The company's mission is to stay on the cutting edge of the design industry.

"We want to bring our customers the newest, most innovative stuff that's out there. We're going to go to a lot of design shows and things like that," Routzahn said.

Before starting Nouveau Design, Routzahn, an Eastern Michigan University graduate, owned Raelon's Radiant Parties for five years, doing special event decorating for nights like the Montreux Jazz Festival parties and the Grand Prix black tie ball.

Onyskin, a Dearborn resident, graduated more than 10 years ago from Center for Creative Studies with a degree in editorial illustration.

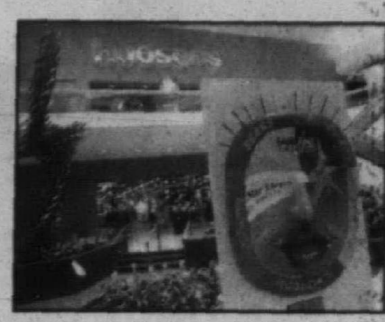
The two met four years ago when Routzahn was hired as an independent contractor for another area design studio and Onyskin served as her art director.

Routzahn and Onyskin's credits with their former company include the installing the Christmas displays at Lakeside, Westland and Macomb malls and Fairlane Town Center. All the pieces came in boxes and "then we take it out and do the layout, and light all the trees," Routzahn explained.

"We have to have a visual in order to figure out how things go. It's almost like interior design work," Onyskin added. "You get a big element and you have to figure out where this element is going to fit on the stage. They don't really give you a floor plan or layout where anything goes. You have to figure on-site how it's going to be put together. It's an incredible job."



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**Nouveau look:** Wendy Atkinson, senior design assistant (from left), Raelon Routzahn, president, and Michael Onyskin, CEO/creative director of Nouveau Design Studio, are proud of the exhibit they put together for "MASK-orAIDE," a traveling show of masks that will be auctioned off Saturday to benefit the Coalition for Temporary Shelter.

The two are using experiences like those as learning experiences for Nouveau Design where Routzahn serves as president and Onyskin is the chief executive officer.

"I have a really good eye for quality or for uniqueness and Michael has the eye for putting it all together," she said.

Everything, including custom props and faux finishes, is created and built on-site at the studio.

"If someone was giving a '50s party and someone wanted a giant jukebox built with lights through it, we could do that," Onyskin said. "Everything that we do is always something different."

## Masked marvels

The most recent project was an exhibit of celebrity-designed masks that traveled to Fairlane Town Center, Lakeside Mall and Twelve Oaks Mall. It was promoting the "MASKorAIDE" fund-raiser for the Coalition on Temporary Shelter (COTS). The masks will be auctioned at 7 p.m. Saturday, March 13, at the International Banquet Center at the Athenaeum Hotel in Detroit's Greektown as part of the benefit.

Soupy Sales, Rosie O'Donnell, Pam Dawber, Vinnie Johnson,

Gov. John Engler, Ted Nugent, Sinbad, Jeff Bridges and several local artists and stars with ties to Detroit created masks for the exhibit. Onyskin made specialty masks for each of the stores.

"We made replicas of the little masks to make the 5 foot tall specialty masks for each mall. They're 5 feet by 4 feet," Routzahn said.

They also designed the cases and the layout for the exhibit, and transported it to each mall.

"We worked with Diana Leone, the marketing director at Lakeside Mall, in designing the cases for the layout of the exhibit. We designed the overhead graphics,

the whole exhibit," Routzahn said.

Next up, Nouveau Design Studio will revamp the Easter exhibit at Fairlane Town Center in Dearborn into an English country garden design. It will be on display Saturday, March 20, to Sunday, April 4.

"We want to strive to give really, really good customer service," Routzahn said. "That's going to be our main goal - to be available at all times to provide outstanding customized customer service."

For more information about Nouveau Design Studio LLC, call (734) 354-6400.

## RELIGIOUS NEWS

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### 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" 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 new support group for mothers at 7 p.m. Friday, March 12. Afterward, the group will meet 7 p.m. every other Friday in the church's parlor, 10000 Beech Daly, Redford. Some child care will be provided. For more information, call Lisa Bruce at (313) 561-5145.

### FISH FRY

St. Edith Parish will have Lenten fish fries 4:30-7 p.m. Friday, March 12, at the church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. The menu will include baked and fried

## 'Masterpiece' Jeff Steinberg to perform



Jeff Steinberg

He's called a "masterpiece in Progress," but he doesn't look like a masterpiece. Jeff Steinberg has no arms and deformed legs, but he has a dynamic singing voice that has been likened to that of pop singer Neil Diamond.

A singer and author and in the 20th year of his ministry, he will appear in concert 11 a.m. Sunday, March 14, at Plymouth Church of the Nazarene, 45810 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth.

Steinberg was born in Philadelphia with multiple birth defects - no arms and two bent, scissored legs - a condition known as Phocomelia, thought to be the result of Thalidomide or simi-

lar drug prescribed for his mother during pregnancy.

He spent his early years in a welfare shelter in Philadelphia and then later at Shriners' Hospital for Crippled Children. He underwent numerous operations, learned to walk with braces, feed himself with a hook attached to a prosthetic arm.

In all, he only lived at home for nine months and eventually was placed by the court in the Good Shepherd Home for Crippled Children in Allentown, Pa., a home for severely crippled children where he lived for more than 10 years.

Now age 46, he travels around the country, singing and speaking about the mas-

terpiece in each person and encouraging people to see what God can do through them, no matter what their limitations appear to be.

At 4 feet 6 inches tall, Steinberg holds a microphone in the hook at the end of his artificial arm and uses his singing talent, humorous anecdotes and personal story to inspire his audiences. Steinberg logs more than 80,000 miles a year, performing in concert halls, music festivals and other special events around the United States. He also has record 10 music albums, including his latest, "Tiny Giant."

For more information, about his performance, call the church at (734) 453-1525.

kids know that even difficult situations can turn into hope. The cost is \$15 per child or \$30 per family.

For information, call the church at (248) 374-5920.

### CONQUERING FEAR

What do you do when rainwater is pouring in your basement at 3 a.m. and the water extraction company says you're number 200 on its list?

Thomas Mitchinson of Naperville, Ill., he, his wife and daughter prayed to understand that God is the only power and this power is good. As they did that, the water stopped coming in their home even though it still poured outside.

That experience is on of three Mitchinson will detail when he speaks at 4 p.m. Saturday, March 14, in the auditorium of First Church of Christ, Scientist, Plymouth, 1100 W. Ann Arbor Trail. He has been invited to present his lecture, "Don't Live with Fear - Conquer It," by the church.



Mitchinson

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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.

### SINGLE POINT MINISTRIES

Single Point Ministries of Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Northville will host "Bring Your Own Sneakers" to the Livonia YMCA, 14255 Stark, Livonia, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 13. The price is \$6 for adults, and \$2 for

school-age children. SPM is will have a Stepping Stones Seminar 7-9 p.m. Friday, March 19, and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 20, at the church. Gary Sprague, executive director of KIDS HOPE ministries,

will speak to children in grades one-12 whose birth parents are divorced, separated or never married. This workshop will aid in the emotional, relational and spiritual healing of children who live in single parent families and help the

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# CALENDAR

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN AND AROUND PLYMOUTH

## WEEKEND

### PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY LEAGUE

The Plymouth Symphony League has started to collect items for its auction at the Plymouth Symphony Pops Concert, which will be Friday, March 12, in Laurel Manor. If you have items or know of a business that is willing to donate items, call Patty at (734) 416-5293. For more information about the concert, call (734) 451-2112.

### KUMON CENTER

The Plymouth Kumon Math Center will hold a free parent information meeting noon to 1 p.m. Saturday, March 13, at 774 N. Sheldon. All parents in attendance will be provided with a detailed explanation of the Kumon Method, along with an opportunity to sign up the children for a free diagnostic test. For more information or reservations, call (248) 348-3859.

### BEANIE BABY SHOW

The Plymouth Beanie Baby Show returns 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, March 14, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$2 for children 4-12 years old. Vendors and collectors will be selling current and retired Beanie Babies and their accessories. There will be Beanie Baby door prizes given hourly. For more information, call R.R. Promotions Inc. at (734) 455-2110.

### PARKINSON GROUP

The Parkinson Education and Support Group of Washtenaw County will hold its monthly meeting 1:30-4 p.m. Sunday, March 14, in the Education Center. Guest speaker will be Beth Spencer, faculty at the University of Detroit Mercy in the geriatric program. She will lead the discussion regarding "Care for the Care Partner." She is the co-founder of Care Giver Connection in Ann Arbor. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call (734) 930-6335 or (734) 741-9209.

## AROUND TOWN

### IRISH WRITER'S NIGHT

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

### AMERICAN LEGION

The American Legion Plymouth Passage Gayde Post 391 will hold a monthly meeting 8 p.m. Thursday, March 11, at the Legion Post, 173 N. Main, Plymouth. All veterans are welcome. For more information, call (734) 459-7890.

### CANTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Canton Historical Society will meet 7 p.m. Thursday, March 11, in the Canton Historical Museum,

on Canton Center at Heritage Drive. Guest speaker will be David Washburn on the Spanish-American War. Guests welcome. Refreshments will be served.

### LITTLE LAMBS

Little Lambs Christian Preschool will hold a preschool registration 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 13, at 45000 N. Territorial, west of Sheldon, Plymouth Township. Enrollment fee is \$35. Monthly field trips and classroom visitors are included. There is also an evaluation and parent/teacher conference twice yearly. For more information, call 414-7792.

### PRESCHOOL OPENING

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

### SOFTBALL LEAGUES

The city of Plymouth Recreation Division will run the following adult softball leagues this spring/summer: Men's Slow Pitch, Women's Slow Pitch, Coed Slow Pitch and Men's Modified. New teams will be able to register starting March 15. Season starts April 26. For more information, call the city of Plymouth Recreation Division at (734) 455-6620.

The Canton Softball Center is now registering teams for adult leagues and its Early Bird Classic Softball Tournament April 10-11. The center is owned and operated by Canton Township. Spring, summer and fall leagues are planned for men, women, coed and masters. There are resident and nonresident leagues. League entry requires a \$100 per team deposit, with the balance to be paid at the managers' meeting. Cost to register for the tournament is \$125 per team, plus additional \$25 for non-USA registered teams. For more information on leagues and tournaments at the Canton Softball Center, call Jeff Bradley, (734) 483-5600, Ext. 2 or 3.

### NACW MEETING

The National Association of Career Women will hold the next monthly meeting 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 16, at Ernesto's Restaurant, 41661 Plymouth Road, Plymouth. The featured speaker will be Carol Weaver of Domino's Pizza. Weaver will challenge businesswomen to explore customer service from a fresh perspective. Cost is \$18 for members and \$22 for nonmembers. Reservations, (248) 347-3355.

### LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

The League of Women Voters serving Canton, Northville, Plymouth, Redford, Wayne, Westland, and Livonia is working to make this year's April book sale another successful fund-raising event. New batches of used books always are needed. Donate

## Wishful thinking



Thinking of others: From left to right, Alex McGee, Maureen Wood, Sophie Stephenson and her younger brother and sister collect \$1 for sundaes to help Make-A-Wish Foundation

## Farrand students help wishes come true for ill

Students at Farrand Elementary School collected spare change totaling \$1,372.50 for Make-A-Wish Foundation, a group which gives children with life threatening illnesses opportunities to make special wishes come true. Farrand's student council spearheaded the effort for a two-week period. Student council members sold ice cream sundaes at the Girl Scout Fifties Sock Hop and proceeds were added to the

spare change collection. Alex Lumley, student council president, along with Andrea Burdette, vice president; Alex McGee, secretary; Maureen Wood, treasurer; and student council adviser Jane Patete presented a check for \$1,372.50 to a Make-A-Wish volunteer at the Terrific Kids school-wide assembly. Farrand students more than doubled last year's contribution.

used books by calling Esther Friedrichs at (734) 427-0222 or Marge Gade at (734) 261-3191. Hardcover and paperback books in different categories of nonfiction and fiction for all ages are received.

### ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY

The 16th Annual St. Patrick's Day Party for seniors will be held noon to 4 p.m. Wednesday, March 17, in the banquet area of the Summit on the Park, Canton. There will be a special buffet lunch served at 12:30 p.m. A cash bar will also be available. Entertainment will include Johnny Chase, host of many previous parties, who will provide live music for dancing and singing. Bridget and Maura Mulcahy will provide traditional Irish dancing. The cost for residents is \$8 and \$12 for nonresidents. Tickets can be purchased until Friday,

March 12. There will be no reserved seating.

### ART CLASSES

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

### AUCTION

The Plymouth Christian Academy is hosting a dinner/auction 5:30 p.m. Friday, March 19, in Burton Manor, Livonia. The theme is "Wild About Education."

The dinner/auction will have both live and silent auctions. Proceeds will go to building of a new multipurpose room. For more information, call (734) 459-3505, Ext. 148.

### HEALTH FACILITIES

The Schoolcraft College Sunday Health Club charges \$4 a visit. Individual membership fee is \$32. Family membership is \$70 for 13 weeks of unstructured activity in a fully equipped physical education facility. Club members can use three gyms, six racquetball courts, weight machines, the pool and the sauna. An adult must accompany children under 16, and nonswimmers must be 45 inches tall at the shoulder to use the pool. The Health Club continues until March 28. For more information, call Continuing Education Services Physical Fitness at (734)

462-4413.

### GIFTS IN A JAR

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools will hold an additional session for "Gifts in a Jar." The class will be 7-9 p.m. Monday, March 29, in Plymouth Canton High School, Room 105. Course number 362A. Students will get 50 layer mix recipes, such as chocolate chip cookies, cranberry spicer mix, etc. All are designed to fit layer on layer into a standard 1-quart canning jar. Bring a clean 1-quart jar. Materials are \$5. Fee is payable to teacher for ingredients. Tuition is \$19. For more information or to register, call (734) 416-2937.

### LENTEN PROGRAMS

The Plymouth Ministerial Association's 1999 Ecumenical Lenten Program, "The Cross: The Gift of Life," will take place in the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, 701 W. Church, corner of Main. The program will take place on each Wednesday of Lent, through March 24. All the services will take place at First Presbyterian Church, but various member churches of the association will be leading the noon service, followed by a bread-and-soup lunch provided by another church. Donations to the lunch will be sent to Habitat for Humanity. Residents of the Plymouth area and persons employed in Plymouth are invited to attend. For more information, call 453-0326.

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

### TAX COUNSELING

Free tax counseling for seniors will continue until April 13 in the Parkview Room at the Summit on the Park, Canton. Appointments are necessary. Morning and afternoon appointments are available with tax counselor volunteers. Arrangements can be made for home visits to the homebound. This program is sponsored by the American Association of Retired Persons. For more information, call (734) 397-5444.

### FOSTER CARE

A foster parent orientation will be held 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, April 13. Judson Center Foster Care Adoption Division of Wayne County is seeking candidates interested in obtaining their foster care license. Interested candidates will provide temporary, yet daily, care to children who have been abused, neglected, or abandoned. Judson Center Foster Care provides foster

care placements for children between the ages of newborn and 18 years old. Donations of clothing, bikes and beds are always welcome. Foster parents can be married or single and receive financial assistance from the State of Michigan. For more information, call (248) 443-5000, Ext. 141, to reserve a space.

### PLYMOUTH YMCA

The Plymouth Community Family YMCA is offering classes for preschool-age children through adult. Classes include: Active Older Adults (ages 55 and up) Water Exercise, Youth and Girls' Basketball Instructional League, Youth Instructional Floor Hockey League, Youth Instructional Indoor Soccer League for ages 5-12, Bumper Bowling for ages 4-6, Flute Classes for beginning through advanced, Youth Golf Lessons for ages 5-11, Introductory Dance for ages 5-8, Ballet & Jazz Combination, ages 8-10, Karate for Male and Female, ages 8 through adult, Driver's Education, Bumble Bee Indoor Soccer for ages 4-5, Y Pucks and Y Hoops for ages 4-5, Yoga classes for teen to adult novice or advanced practitioner, Step & Sculpt Fitness Class, and Aquatics classes for ages 6 months through 12 years. The YMCA is also offering a Basketball Travel League for ages 8-9, 10-12, and 13-15 years of age plus a Hockey Travel League for ages 9-12. Call Plymouth Community YMCA at (734) 453-2904 for further information or to register with Visa or MasterCard.

The Plymouth Community Family YMCA is accepting registrations for classes. The classes are youth travel basketball league for grades three-eight, girls' instructional basketball league for grades three-six; introductory dance, ages 5-8; creative movement for preschoolers, ages 3-5; active older adult water exercise, youth travel floor hockey for ages 9-12, and more. For more information, call the Plymouth YMCA at (734) 453-2904.

### NURSING CENTER

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

### CANTON MUSEUM

The Canton Historical Museum will be open for the 1999 season. Hours for the museum are 1-3 p.m. Tuesdays and 1-4 p.m. Saturdays. Guided tours are available. The museum is on Canton Center at Heritage Drive. Parking is at the rear of the building. Displays include items from Canton's agricultural past, household items and clothing from earlier eras, and pictures of Canton's 10 country schools.

## MILITARY NOTES

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

### DEPLOYMENT

Marine Sgt. Romeo G. Cairo, son of Anthony J. and Paul M. Cairo of Canton, recently departed on a six-month deployment to Okinawa with 1st Battalion, 8th Marines. Cairo's unit departed its home base of Camp Lejeune, N.C., in January as part of the Unit Deployment Program. Annually, UDP units based in the United States go to Okinawa for six months of training. From Okinawa

they can deploy to Japan, Korea and many other Pacific countries. The 1995 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School joined the Marine Corps in August 1995.

Navy Chief Warrant Officer William H. Troutman, son of Jimmie H. Troutman of Canton, is currently halfway through a six-month deployment to the western Pacific and Indian oceans and Arabian Gulf while assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Carl Vinson, homeported in Bremerton, Wash. During the deployment, Troutman and fellow crew members have participated in Operation Desert Fox in which U.S. forces launched

missile attacks on military installations in Iraq. Carriers, like USS Carl Vinson, are forward deployed around the world to maintain a U.S. presence and provide rapid response in times of crisis. The 1981 graduate of Valley Lutheran of Saginaw joined the Navy in May 1982.

### SUPERINTENDENT'S LIST

Cadet Brian Muson, a 12th grader at Howe Military School and the son of Michael Muson of Canton, made the Superintendent's List. He received the award by attaining at least a 3.5 grade point or B-plus average in his studies in a college prep curriculum. Muson has been attend-

ing Howe Military School since August 1995.

### HEADMASTER'S LIST

Cadet Michael Clark, a 12th grader at Howe Military School and the son of Walter and Susan Clark of Plymouth, made the Headmaster's List. He received the award by attaining at least a 3.0 grade point or B average in his studies in a college prep curriculum. Clark has been attending Howe Military School since August 1997. This is the third time this year he has been named to the Headmaster's List.

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**Baran-Smith**

Erin D. Smith and Steven M. Baran were married Jan. 23 in Sarasota, Fla. The bride's stepfather, Dr. Richard Arno, performed the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Roger D. Smith of Worthington, Pa., and Richard and Phyllis Arno of Sarasota. The groom is the son of Chet and Juanita Baran of Belleville and Ron and Sue Cook of Westland.

The bride is employed as a medical assistant at Great Lakes Orthopedics in Garden City. The groom is employed by Meijer Inc. in Westland.

The couple took a honeymoon in Sarasota. They are making



their home in Livonia.

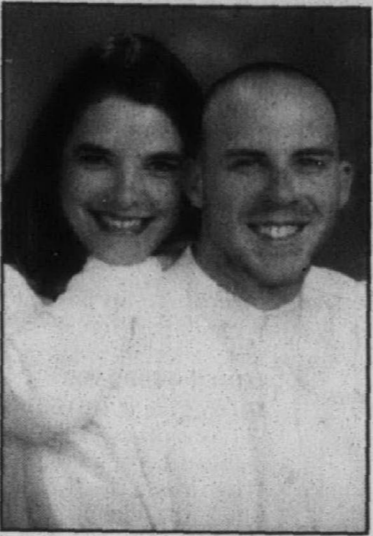
**Martin-Worpell**

Jim and Jann Martin of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, April Lynn, to Jason Edwin Worpell, the son of Mark and Mary Worpell, also of Canton.

The bride-to-be is a 1994 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School and a 1998 graduate of Eastern Michigan University with a bachelor of business administration degree and a major in marketing. She is employed as a merchandiser at the Kmart Resource Center in Troy.

Her fiancé also is a 1994 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School. He is the owner of Paint Rite Inc.

A September wedding is



planned at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church of Livonia.

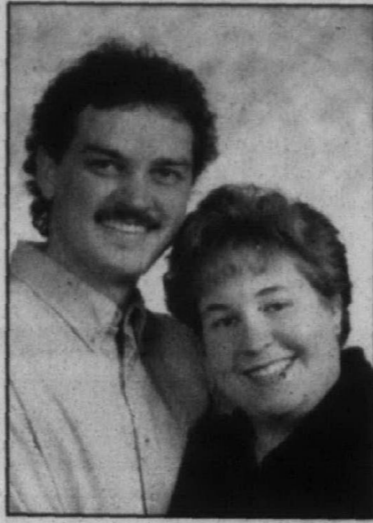
**Shaw-Cameron**

Fred and Sandra Shaw of Dearborn announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, April, to James Cameron, the son of Maryann Cameron of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a 1992 graduate of Edsel Ford High School. She will enter the nursing program at Schoolcraft College this fall. She is employed as a home health aide by Angela Hospice.

Her fiancé is a 1984 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School. He received an associate's degree in tool design from Schoolcraft College and is employed as a CAD operator at Broaching Machine Specialty in Novi.

A March wedding is planned



at St. Aidan Catholic Church in Livonia.

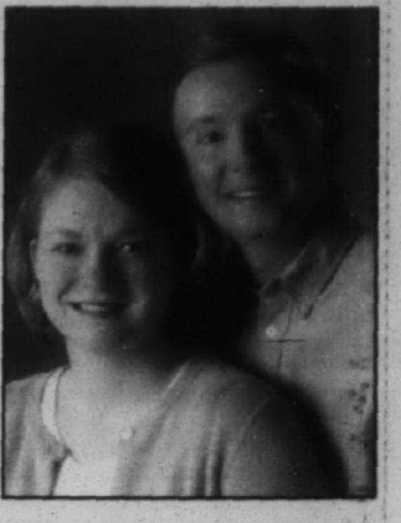
**Novak-Magreta**

Thomas and Lorraine Novak of Rapid River announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Tricia Elizabeth, to Mark Raymond Magreta, the son of Carol Magreta of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a 1992 graduate of Rapid River High School. She expects to graduate in May from Michigan State University with a bachelor's degree in dietetics.

Her fiancé is a 1991 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and a 1996 graduate of Michigan State University. He is employed at EDS Company, GM Test Track at Epcot in Lake Buena Vista, Fla.

A March wedding is planned



at the Michigan State University Alumni Chapel in East Lansing.

**McKolay-Snider**

Hedy McKolay of Traverse City announces the engagement of her daughter, Sally J., to Michael J. Snider, the son of Robert and Diane Snider of Belleville and Sharon and Robert Rose of Delray Beach, Fla.

The bride-to-be, the daughter of the late Stephen McKolay, is a 1983 graduate of Westland John Glenn High School.

Her fiancé is a 1983 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School. He is employed by North Bros. Ford.

An August wedding is planned at St. Thomas A'Becket Catholic



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**WRC joins in 'Clean Your Closet'**

It's the time of year to clean our closets, right? Well, there's no better motivation to do so than to help women who are entering, or reentering the workforce - and need a hand up the business ladder. WJBK FOX 2's "Working Women" program has teamed up with Art Van Furniture, Women's Resource Center of Schoolcraft College and local Dress for Success agencies for Clean Your Closet Week March 14-21.

FOX 2 and Art Van Furniture are working together to collect gently used women's business attire while the WRC and Dress For Success are handling clothing distribution.

Clothing can be dropped off at all Art Van Furniture stores in

the Detroit area 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Saturday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday.

People are asked to drop off women's business attire in all sizes, including plus sizes, including dresses, suits (including pant suits), professional skirts, dress/tailored slacks, coats, new cosmetics, blouses, jackets/blazers, shoes (that are not badly worn), scarves and unused, unopened packages of pantyhose and knee-high stockings.

Appropriate receipts for tax deductions will be available. Individuals who donate clothing will receive a coupon for special savings on accessories at Art Van Furniture.

Women who are entering the

workforce for the first time or reentering the workforce and who need assistance in obtaining the proper attire to do so, can call (248) 552-5188 to make an appointment with an agency.

Art Van Furniture locations where viewers can drop off their donations include stores at 29905 Seven Mile Road, Livonia, and 8300 Wayne Road, Westland.

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**March 14th**

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Scripture/John 8:1-11  
Dramatic Monologue:  
The Women Caught in Adultery

# Religion from page B3

Mitchinson is an experienced Christian Scientist healer and writer. He serves as a Christian Scientist chaplain at Cook County Correctional Facility in Chicago and is a member of the Christian Science Board of Lectureship.

There is no admission charge and no offering will be taken. Child care will be provided. For more information, call the church at (734) 453-1676.

### SEMINAR FOR GROUPS

National speaker and author Dale Galloway will address starting, building and multiplying small groups and small group leaders in churches during the "Successful Small Groups Seminar" 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, March 13, at Tri-City Christian Center, 2020 Hannan, east of I-275, Canton. The registration fee is \$99 per person, with discounts for groups. To register, call (734) 326-0330 or (800) 420-2048.

### SING-ALONG

The Rosary Altar Society of St. Hilary Catholic Church will host an Irish sing-along, beginning 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 13, in the church social hall, 23902 Elmira, Redford. Cost is \$10 per person. Corned beef sandwiches, soda bread, nibbles, beer and setups will be provided. For information, call Dorothy at (313) 533-5698 or Betty at (313) 533-8239. Seating is limited.

### FRIENDSHIP SERVICE

Christ Our Savior Lutheran

Church is inviting the public to attend a Celebration of Friendship Service 8:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday, March 14, at the church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia. The service will feature a message of hope and friendship by the Rev. Luther Werth and a music ministry by adults and children. Complimentary breakfast will be served 9:30 a.m. and a coffee hour will be held after the 11 a.m. service. For more information, call (734) 522-6830.

### IN CONCERT

The multifaceted singing group, Proclaim, will provide special music at the 9:30 and 11 a.m. worship services and perform in concert at 1:15 p.m. Sunday, March 14, at Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 10000 Beech Daly Road, Redford. The concert will include original compositions from the group's nationally released projects, "Thankful Hearts" and "Acapella Praise." For more information, call at (313) 937-3170.

### 'THE RIDE'

Calvary Baptist Church will host the area showing of World Wide Pictures' new dramatic film, "The Ride," 6 p.m. Sunday, March 14, in the Activity Center of the church, 43065 Joy, Canton. The film deals with a former world champion bull rider who learns that God is someone who can really be trusted while teaching a 14-year-old boy how to ride a bull. For more information, call the church at (734) 455-

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### 'PEOPLE' TRAINING

The Rev. Rob Cook presents materials examining spiritual maturity and immaturity, combined with developmental theories as a basis for lay and pastoral counseling, during the program, "People Helping People Training: Biblical and Developmental Concepts for Helping the Hurting," for 11 weeks 1:30-3:30 p.m. Sundays, beginning March 14, at Family Impact Ministries, 3761 Commerce Court, in the Wayne/1-275 Commerce Complex. The cost is \$25 and scholarships are available. To register, call (734) 326-7780.

### SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Herbert Byer will present a program on Philip Melancthon, a colleague of Martin Luther who wrote the Augsburg Confession, one of the important documents of the Lutheran Church, 11:30 a.m. Saturday, March 14, at Timothy Lutheran Church, 8820 Wayne Road, Livonia. A light salad luncheon will be served before the talk. For more information, call (734) 427-2290.

### BABY SHOWER

Several area churches will be participating in Right to Life-Lifespan's 10th annual baby shower Sunday, March 14, to benefit pregnancy help centers.

New or gently used baby and maternity items can be dropped off at Resurrection Church, 48755 Warren Road, St. John

Neumann Church, 4480 Warren Road, both in Canton; the Resurrection Room of St. Raphael Church, 5775 Merriman Road, Garden City; St. Genevieve Church, 29105 Jamison, Livonia; Full Gospel Church, 291 E. Spring, the school gymnasium at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, 1062 Church, St. Kenneth Church, 14951 Haggerty, all of Plymouth, and the rectory meeting room of St. Valentine Church, 25881 Dow, Redford. For more information, call (248) 777-9090.

### FAMILY SHOW

Dan Bergen along with his son, Nicholas, and daughter, Alicia, will be ministering in a program of praise and worship featuring vocal, piano, saxophone and violin 6 p.m. Sunday, March 14, at Calvary Missionary Church, 29850 W. Six Mile, Livonia. A free will offering will be taken. For more information, call (734) 261-5050.

### LENTEN PROGRAM

St. Matthew's United Methodist Church will have a potluck dinner and performance Sunday, March 14, at the church, 30900 W. Six Mile, Livonia. Dinner will be 6 p.m. and participants should bring their place settings and a dish to pass. Frieda Spafford, president of the Detroit Conference Foundation, will present a program on Indonesia at 7 p.m. There also will be a children's mission study for those in kindergarten-fifth

grade, entitled "Islands of the Rainbow - An Indonesian Adventure." Registration is required. For more information, call the church office at (734) 422-6038.

### HYMN OF ST. PATRICK

The Hymn of St. Patrick - which expresses much of the early Celtic Christian faith - will be presented 7 p.m. Monday, March 15, at St. Maurice Parish, 32765 Lyndon, Livonia. The program will look at the life of St. Patrick and studied the hymn. For more information, call (734) 421-5340.

### WEIGH DOWN WORKSHOP

Geneva Presbyterian Church is hosting a free orientation session for the Weigh Down Workshop weight loss group 7 p.m. Monday, March 15, at the church, 5835 Sheldon, Canton

Township. Regular classes are held from 7-9 p.m. Mondays beginning March 22. Men and women are welcome. First-time participants will receive 12 audio cassettes for home study and a study manual. Classes will include videotapes, group discussion, prayer and fellowship. The fee for first-time participants is \$103. For more information or to register, call Mary Kay Siebel at (734) 459-9077.

### SHAMROCK SHUFFLE


St. Raphael Parish will have a Shamrock Shuffle card party 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 17, in the church Activities Building, Merriman Road north of Ford Road, Garden City. Tickets are \$6 each and include dessert, coffee, blarney bags, table and door prizes. For more information, call (734) 522-8595.

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The actor known for his recent poignant portrayal of Christ in "The Gospel According to Matthew," Bruce Marchiano will bring his speaking ministry to Clarenceville United Methodist Church in Livonia Saturday and Sunday, March 20-21.

Marchiano will speak to young adults in a relaxed coffeehouse atmosphere at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at the church, 20300 Middlebelt, north of Seven Mile. Reservations are necessary and can be made by calling (248) 474-3444.

After appearing at Arise United Methodist Church in Pinckney, 10:30 a.m. Sunday, he will return to Clarenceville UM to give his personal testimony at 6 p.m. Sunday for Gathering. A love offering will be accepted.



Bruce Marchiano as Jesus

For more information, call the church at (248) 474-5581.

"The Gospel According to Matthew" is the first multimillion-dollar release produced by

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An actor for 13 years, Marchiano has appeared in seven motion pictures and numerous television shows like "Murder She Wrote," "L.A. Law" and "Columbo." He was the last actor to audition in the worldwide search and was for the role of Jesus in the production.

In his new book, "In the Footsteps of Jesus," he takes readers on an intimate adventure into the life of Christ as he describes the Jesus of joy he discovered while filming "Matthew." The emotionally charged account shares his story of walking in

the footsteps of Christ from the passionate Sermon on the Mount to the suffering on the cross.

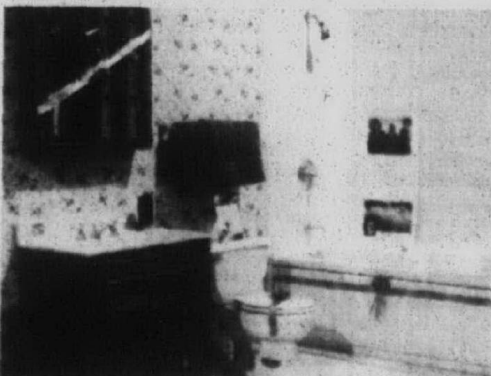
As a popular Christian speaker, Marchiano has addressed thousands of people all over the world to reveal how his faith went from a simple belief in Christ to a profound awareness of God's powerful reality in his life. He is frequently asked to share his portrayal of the compassionate, loving Savior, and through his speaking ministry, has witnessed thousands of people come to Christ.



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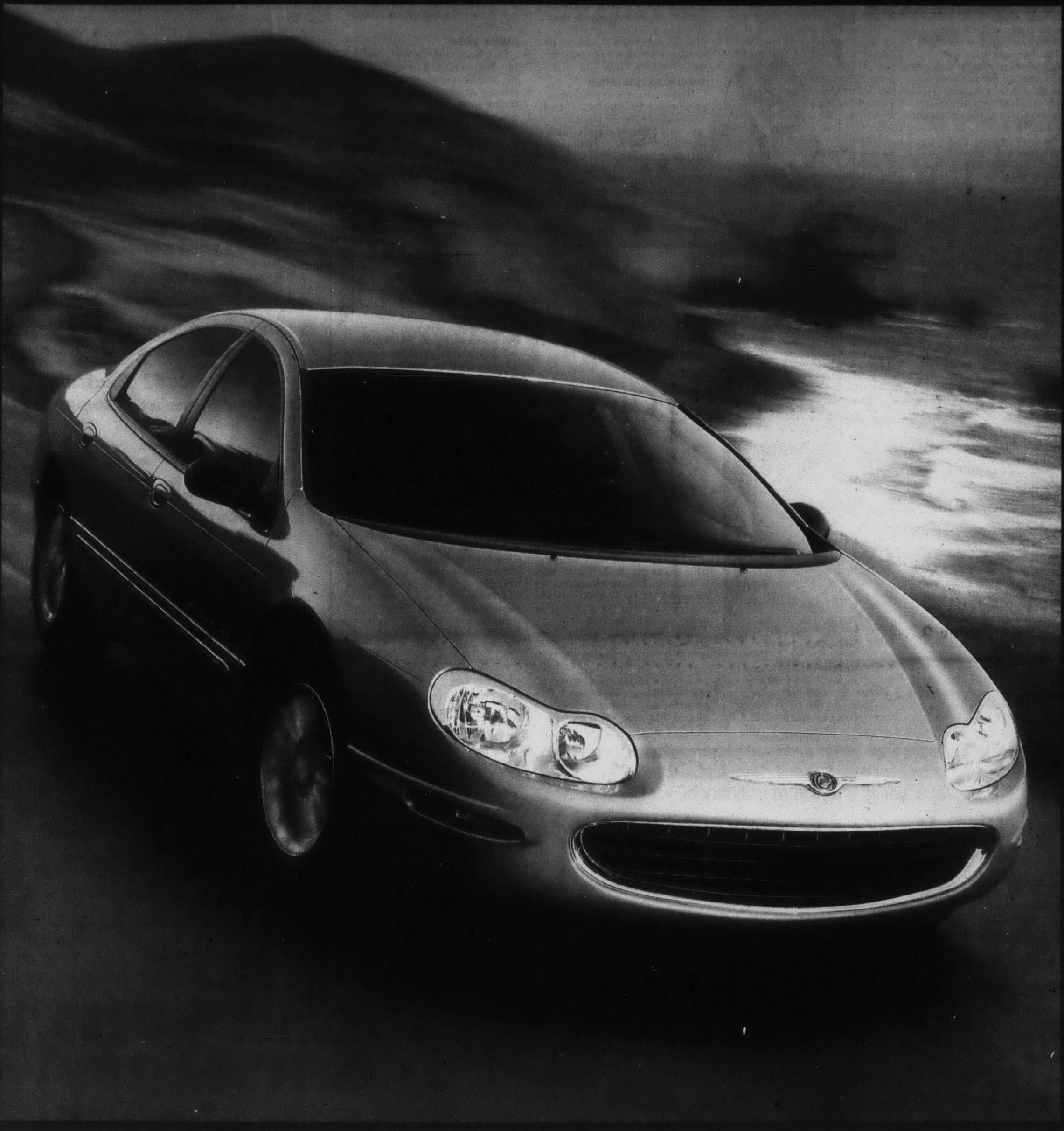
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## OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

### Seidelman all-MAC

Eric Seidelman, a 1995 Plymouth Salem graduate now a junior at Eastern Michigan University, was instrumental in the Eagles' second-place finish at the Mid-American Conference Swim Championships, held last week at EMU.

Seidelman, a team co-captain, placed in the top five in three individual events and was on three winning relay teams. His performances earned him all-MAC honors.

He was second in the 200-yard freestyle (1:39.61), third in the 50 free (20.48) and fifth in the 100 free (45.37). The 200 free and 800 free relay teams he swam on both set pool records (1:20.79 in the 200, 6:42.15 in the 800); the 400 free relay won in 3:00.50.

EMU, which won the MAC title in 1998, scored 742 points in placing second to Miami of Ohio.

### Hammerheads win title

The Hammerhead Sharks of the Plymouth-Canton Hockey Association are the 1998-1999 league champions in the Little Caesars Mite BB Division III. The team posted an 11-1-2 season under head coach Tim Davison.

Team members are Bryan Davison, Kyle Reno, Joey Fava, Joel Majszak, Roman Kahler, Adam Powers, David Onorato, Shawn Simancas, Ryan McKigney, Nick Bargowski, Harrison Hall, Ian Barnaby, Jeremy Caiarelli, Austin Kronig, Sam Ott and David Sweirszcak.

Assistant coaches are Frank Majszak, Rich Bargowski and Steve Reno.

### Madonna signs 2

Madonna University volleyball coach Jerry Abraham has received letters of intent from a pair of recruits: Hayley Ann Myers of Milford HS and Jen Wing from Rochester Adams.

Myers, a 6-foot middle hitter/outside hitter, was a three-year player and a team captain as a senior. She was also a varsity basketball player.

Wing, a 5-8 setter, is expected to compete for a starting position in the fall. She has been named all-league, all-region, all-Eccentric, all-Metro and all-conference in each of the last two seasons, and she was third team all-state last season.

They join a Madonna team that won the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference championship while posting a 44-7 record, losing in the NAIA Great Lakes Region semifinals.

### Soccer Zone 99 champs

The Canton Storm, an under-10 soccer team, swept to the Soccer Zone 99 Tournament title last month at Novi Soccer Zone by winning four-straight games, outscoring their opponents 30-6 en route.

The Storm beat the Livonia Bad Boys 7-1, the Canton Shooters 7-2, the Holly/Davisburg Wolfpack 11-2 and the Okemos Hard Attack 5-1.

Team members are Brooks Belhart, Adam Brown, Matt Collins, Chris Dolinski, John Farmer, Mike Goff, John Hoven, Austin Poirier, Daniel Robinson, Carl Roll, Scott Schirmscher and Ausable Schwiebert. The team is coached by Steve Schirmscher and Ray Poirier.

### Baseball clinic

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

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

For more information, call Bill Styles at (734) 453-1679.

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## Rocks turn to roll



**Taking a dive:** The defensive efforts extended by both Salem and Canton — as shown by Salem's Mike Korduba (right) and Canton's Jason Waidmann — often ended in wrestling matches for possession of loose balls. Waidmann, who scored 16 points in Canton's win over Churchill two nights earlier, was limited to six by a swarming Salem defense that ultimately forced 27 turnovers.

## It's a new era for Whalers: They're No. 1



If they weren't prepared to be used for target practice before, the Plymouth Whalers better be now.

For the first time in franchise history, the Whalers are ranked No. 1 in the Canadian Hockey League in the weekly Bank of Montreal/MasterCard Canadian Hockey League's Top Ten. The ranking is done by a panel of NHL scouts.

The Whalers own the best record in the entire CHL — 49-11-4. Their 8-1-1 mark in their last 10 games boosted their winning percentage to .797, also best in the CHL. They have already clinched first place in the Ontario Hockey League's West Division, and their 102 points is one better than the Barrie Colts, who dropped from third in the poll to fourth.

The Calgary Hitmen (48-10-7), members of the Western Hockey League, dropped from No. 1 in the rankings to No. 2. The Quebec Remparts (48-12-5), who compete in the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League, are No. 3, followed by a pair of OHL teams: Barrie (48-11-5) and the Ottawa 67s (47-12-4).

### Whalers get win, tie

If there is a single team that must register as more of a concern to the Plymouth Whalers than their record would warrant — like that unreachable itch in the middle of your back, a minor problem that becomes a major annoyance — the Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds are it.

In a league that consists of a Big Three (Plymouth, Barrie and Ottawa, each with 98 points or more) and the rest (next best: Guelph, with 84), the Greyhounds are members of the latter. They have a 31-25-7 record, and their 69 points ranks 10th in the 20-team league.

But they have certainly made things rough on the Whalers, the OHL's best team with a 49-11-4 record. Sault Ste. Marie has beaten them once, handing them their first loss of the season (5-4 in overtime Sept. 27), and three times the Greyhounds have forced Plymouth to overtime — winning once, losing once, tying once. The Whalers narrowly averted another OT when they thwarted a three-goals-in-the-third-period Sault Ste. Marie comeback.

The tie came Saturday, and again the Whalers were pushed to the limit. They led 2-1 going into the second period, but the Greyhounds scored three times to take a 4-2 lead. It took a pair of power-play goals by Plymouth, the second with 1:59 left in the game, to

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## Salem scrambles past Canton

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Limits. That's what coaches do — test their players' limits, destroying old barriers and replacing them with another challenge. It's the path an athlete follows to realize his/her potential.

Wednesday night in the Plymouth Canton-vs.-Plymouth Salem district semifinal, played at Canton, limits were reached. As Canton coach Dan Young said after his Chiefs lost 53-48, "It just wasn't meant to be. We prepared as hard as we could prepare, we played as hard as we could play. We left it all out there."

"It just wasn't meant to be. We lost to a better team."

There was no lack of effort in this game, not by either side. The difference between the two teams was easily discernible: Salem had better depth.

The Rocks, now 17-4, used that element to great advantage. They went the final 90 seconds of the third quarter and the first 2:18 of the fourth with all five starters on the bench. In that span, they outscored the Chiefs 7-2.

When the starters returned to the floor with 5:42 left in the game — rested

and ready — Canton deflated.

Not all at once. The Chiefs continued to work, creating turnovers (Salem had 11 in the second half, after committing just five in the first) and lunging for loose balls.

But they couldn't take advantage of their best chance to overtake the Rocks. After Andy Brandt's basket with 6:51 left in the game, Salem did not score again for nearly 3 1/2 minutes, missing four-straight free throws (two of them one-and-ones). In that span, however, the Chiefs managed just one basket while turning the ball over five times.

A lot of that had to do with the Rocks' defense, which completely disrupted Canton. An inside game that had accounted for 42 points in the Chiefs' opening round win over Livonia Churchill was absent against Salem: Jason Waidmann, Nathan Rau and Scott Samulski combined for just 10 points.

That left the offense up to Joe Cortellini. The senior guard responded, hammering away for 22 points — including four three-pointers. But he could not do it all himself, and no other Chief had more than seven.

Adam Wilson topped Salem with 14

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**Worthy effort:** Canton coach Dan Young consoles seniors Joe Cortellini (left) and Scott Samulski.



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**Big smash:** Salem's Angie Sillmon had a major impact at the net in the district tournament, collecting 39 kills in three matches.

## Salem survives a Charger challenge

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A war of nerves — that's what playing Livonia Churchill in volleyball is. The Chargers often take the best opponents to the three-game limit, wearing them down and frustrating them.

Plymouth Salem was well aware of Churchill's methods going into Saturday's Class A district final at Novi HS. It didn't make it any easier to play the Chargers, but by the third game it was the Rocks who did the wearing down to win the deciding set 15-5. Salem won the opening game, 16-14; Churchill won the second, 15-13.

Salem, now 46-10-1, advances to Friday's regional at Ann Arbor Huron. The Rocks will play Saline after the Livonia Franklin-vs.-Wayne Memorial match, which starts at 4:30 p.m. The championship will be at approximately 7 p.m.

Churchill bows out at 29-12-3. "We were very competitive in the first two games," said Churchill coach

Mike Hughes. "I thought in the last game, the difference was Salem got good swings at the ball and we didn't. You've got to give (Salem) credit — they've got good athletes and they played well."

"I was pretty pleased with the way we played. I thought we got the maximum out of our players."

Indeed the Chargers did. The two teams had met twice earlier this season, Salem winning in three games in their Western Lakes Activities Association regular-season encounter followed by a split of their two-game set at the WLAA Tournament.

"I thought it would be tough," said Rocks' coach Tom Teeters. "That first game was crucial, and it could have gone either way."

"If we didn't win that, there wouldn't have been a third game."

The first set was indeed a gut-wrenching test. Neither team scored more than two points on a serve; Salem's biggest lead in the game was

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# Individuals only at state for Salem, Canton

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For the first time since the '80s, the Plymouth-Canton school district will not be represented by a team at the Class A state gymnastics meet.

Although both teams performed capably at last Saturday's regional, hosted by Canton, their scores left them short of qualifying in what proved to be a very tight race — after the top two teams, anyway.

Northville/Novi, the defending state champion, was a relatively easy winner of the region title, scoring 140.25 points. Next best was Saline with 137.60.

## GYMNASTICS

That left 15 teams to compete for the third, and last, berth at the state meet in what proved to be a comparably low-scoring region (at Hartland, the top four teams all exceeded 140).

The battle for that final spot was indeed tight, with Hillsdale capturing it with a 134.00 total. The difference between third and ninth, where Canton finished, was 2.55 points.

"We had an excellent meet," said Chiefs' coach John Robinson. "It was probably one of our best meets of the year. I have absolutely no complaints."

Canton scored 131.45 in placing ninth. Plymouth Salem was even closer to qualifying, finishing fifth with 132.50. Westland John Glenn was the only other Observerland school competing; the Rockets took seventh with 132.00.

"It was a pretty good score for us, considering the last two events were bars and beam," said Salem coach Melissa Hopson, who helped the Rocks win the Class A state championship in 1993. "We had a couple of falls on beam, which cost us. I think the pressure got to them, and not in a positive way."

"Still," Hopson added, "we had a good day. They had a lot of fun in the first

two events. I wish we would have qualified for state, but it was still a good day."

Both Canton and Salem will be represented at state in the individual competition, scheduled for Saturday at Hartland. Canton's Liz Fitzgerald qualified for state in three Division II events (you must finish in the top six at region), placing third in the uneven parallel bars (8.95) and fifth in both the vault (8.7) and floor exercise (9.0). Her all-around total of 34.6 was seventh.

The only other Chief to qualify was Maggie Bett with a fourth in the Division II vault (8.8).

Salem had two qualifiers for state in

all-around competition: Melissa Drake in Division I and April Aquinto in Division II.

Drake was first in floor (9.35), third in bars (9.2), fourth in vault (8.65) and ninth in beam (7.75); her 34.95 all-around was fourth.

Aquinto took a second in vault (9.05), a fourth in beam (8.9), a sixth in bars (8.7) and a ninth in floor (8.85). Her 35.5 all-around was fourth.

"We just didn't have enough guns to get there, that's all," said Cunningham, who was without one of his top gymnasts, Amy Driscoll, who suffered a broken hand at the Canton Invitational Feb. 6. "There were no 'if only's'."

## REGIONAL GYMNASTICS RESULTS

### CLASS A REGIONAL GYMNASTICS

Saturday at Plymouth Canton HS

#### Team results

(Top 3 advance to state)

1. Northville/Novi, 140.025; 2. Saline, 137.60; 3. Hillsdale, 134.00; 4. Jackson County Western, 132.80; 5. Plymouth Salem, 132.50; 6. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 132.10; 7. Westland John Glenn, 132.00; 8. Adrian, 131.60; 9. Plymouth Canton, 131.45; 10. Ann Arbor Huron, 124.90; 11. Coldwater, 119.15; 12. Jackson Northwest, 116.80; 13. Ypsilanti, 116.40; 14. Jackson, 109.50; 15. Jackson Lumen Christi, 106.75; 16. Napoleon, 67.00; 17. Trenton, 40.00.

### Event Results

#### Division I

(Top 10 — top 6 advance to state)

#### All-Around

1. Lindsey Carlson (N-N), 35.975; 2. Courtney Clark (S), 35.35; 3. Meline Miller (S), 35.1; 4. Melissa Drake (PS), 34.95; 5. Andrea Ledbetter (N-N), 34.3; 6. Monica Fink (N-N), 34.2; 7. Erin Keeler (AAH), 34.0; 8. Megan Fett (S), 33.8; 9. Andriell Calligan (H), 33.25; 10. Laura McCann (S), 16.2.

#### Vault

1. Lindsey Carlson (N-N), 9.15; 2. Monica Fink (N-N), 9.0; 3. Andrea Ledbetter (N-N), 8.75; 4. Melissa Drake (PS), 8.65; 5. Courtney Clark (S), 8.55; 6. Erin Keeler (AAH), 8.5; 7.

- (tie) Meline Miller (S), Megan Fett (S), 8.4; 9. Laura McCann (S), 8.2; 10. Andriell Hillsdale (H), 7.95.

#### Balance Beam

1. Courtney Clark (S), 8.9; 2. Meline Miller (S), 8.65; 3. Andrea Ledbetter (N-N), 8.65; 4. (tie) Lindsey Carlson (N-N), Jennifer Saprio (A), 8.55; 6. Megan Fett (S), 8.4; 7. Erin Keeler (AAH), 8.2; 8. Andriell Calligan (H), 8.05; 9. Melissa Drake (PS), 7.75; 10. Monica Fink (N-N), 7.7.

#### Uneven Parallel Bars

1. Lindsey Carlson (N-N), 9.275; 2. Meline Miller (S), 9.25; 3. Melissa Drake (PS), 9.2; 4. Courtney Clark (S), 8.95; 5. Erin Keeler (AAH), 8.75; 6. Andriell Calligan (H), 8.65; 7. Monica Fink (N-N), 8.55; 8. (tie) Andrea Ledbetter (N-N), Megan

- Fett (S), 8.4; 10. Laura McCann (S), 8.0.

#### Floor Exercise

1. Melissa Drake (PS), 9.35; 2. Lindsey Carlson (N-N), 9.0; 3. (tie) Courtney Clark (S), Monica Fink (N-N), 8.95; 5. Meline Miller (S), 8.8; 6. (tie) Megan Fett (S), Andriell Calligan (H), 8.6; 8. Erin Keeler (AAH), 8.55; 9. Andrea Ledbetter (N-N), 8.5.

#### Division II

(Top 10 — top 6 advance to state)

#### All-Around

1. Alaina Stuart (JCW), 36.2; 2. Jessica Beach (JG), 36.1; 3. Kara Cretsingier (H), 35.85; 4. April Aquinto (PS), 35.5; 5. Jennifer Rohlfis (N-N), 35.00; 6. Nicole Simonian (JG), 34.85; 7. Liz Fitzgerald (PC), 34.6; 8. Jessica High (AAP), 33.95; 9. (tie)

- Gabriela Aparicio (AAP), Sarah Holliday (H), 33.35.

#### Vault

1. Jessica Beach (JG), 9.1; 2. April Aquinto (PS), 9.05; 3. Nicole Simonian (JG), 9.0; 4. Maggie Bett (PC), 8.8; 5. (tie) Liz Fitzgerald (PC), Ashley Turek (A), 8.7; 7. Kara Cretsingier (H), 8.65; 8. Alaina Stuart (JCW), 8.6; 9. (tie) Jessica High (AAP), Julia Brown (A), 8.5.

#### Balance Beam

1. Alaina Stuart (JCW), 9.5; 2. Kara Cretsingier (H), 9.35; 3. Jessica Beach (JG), 8.95; 4. April Aquinto (PS), 8.9; 5. Erica Gregory (AAP), 8.75; 6. Kai Mathey (AAP), 8.7; 7. Maureen Clevenger (JCW), 8.65; 8. Monica Hirth (S), 8.55; 9. (tie) Jennifer Rohlfis (N-N), Jessica High (AAP),

- Gabriela Aparicio (AAP), 8.45.

#### Uneven Parallel Bars

1. Jennifer Rohlfis (N-N), 9.15; 2. Alaina Stuart (JCW), 9.05; 3. Liz Fitzgerald (PC), 8.95; 4. Megan Mason (T), 8.9; 5. Nicole Simonian (JG), 8.85; 6. (tie) April Aquinto (PS), Grace Metz (A), 8.7; 8. (tie) Jessica Beach (JG), Kara Cretsingier (H), 8.6; 10. Maji Tinerva (C), 8.55.

#### Floor Exercise

1. Jessica Beach (JG), 9.45; 2. Kara Cretsingier (H), 9.25; 3. Julia Brown (A), 9.1; 4. Alaina Stuart (JCW), 9.05; 5. Liz Fitzgerald (PC), 9.0; 6. (tie) Jennifer Rohlfis (N-N), Ari Aycock (AAH), Kristen Costantino (JG), 8.95; 9. (tie) April Aquinto (PS), Nicole Simonian (JG), Sara Chaplin (C), 8.85.

## Volleyball

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9-6, after an ace served by Aleshka Marquez. But Churchill scored five of the next six points and led 11-10 after Luba Steca's ace.

The Rocks got to within game point at 14-12 on an Erica Stein kill, but the Chargers answered with two kills by Lauren Ruprecht to tie it at 14. A kill by Angie Sillmon and Amanda Suder's ace finally gave Salem the victory.

The second game was similar, only Churchill — after falling behind 3-0 at the start — got in front and stayed there. The Chargers led 9-6 after a tip by Steca dropped between Salem defenders. The Rocks twice pulled to within a point, but could not overtake Churchill. Shannon Munn had four kills for points in the game for the Chargers.

However, any momentum they gained with the win didn't last. The third game bore no resemblance to the first two, the Rocks got in front early and stayed there. Laine Sterling started it, serving four points to put Salem up 6-1.

After that, Andrea Pruet took

control. The 6-foot-1 senior had two kills for points on Stein's serve to make it 8-2 before serving out the game, collecting seven points — two on aces, four others on kills by Suder.

"Pruett's serving," was Teeters' reply when asked what the difference was in the third game. "Just because she was on."

Sillmon and Suder propelled Salem offensively; Sillmon totaled 19 kills (a .333 kill average) and Suder had 18 (.293). Jill Dombrowski contributed eight (.278).

Suder also had four aces and 14 digs in the match, while Sillmon got five digs. Pruet had three kills, seven digs and three aces, and Stein chipped in with three aces and four digs.

Sterling collected 40 assists to kills and a team-high 20 digs.

Churchill was led by Steca with nine kills; Ruprecht with six kills, 10 digs and seven blocks; Fernanda Leite, with six kills; Amy Cadovich, with five kills; and Shannon Munn, with four kills and six blocks. The Chargers had just three service errors in the match.

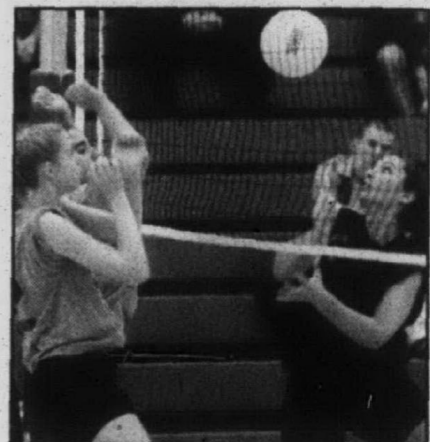
In the district semifinal, the

Chargers disposed of Northville 15-6, 15-9, and Salem defeated Novi 15-2, 15-1. Churchill, which had an opening-round bye, was paced by Cadovich's seven kills; Ruprecht's five kills and eight digs; Munn's two kills and five blocks; and Steca's four kills.

Salem got seven kills from Suder (.375), six kills from Sillmon (.667) to go with six digs, and four kills apiece from Pruet (.250) and Dombrowski (1.000). Sterling finished with 18 assists to kills, and Marquez served five aces.

In Saturday's district opener, the Rocks knocked off Plymouth Canton 15-2, 15-8. Sillmon again was unstoppable, collecting 14 kills (.476) and eight digs. Suder had six kills (.222) and six digs, and Pruet got four kills and two aces. Marquez and Stein had three aces each in the match, and Sterling finished with 21 assists and five digs.

The Huron regional won't be easy for the Rocks, but at least one former adversary won't be present: Livonia Ladywood,



Unstoppable: Canton's Angie Germain (right) awaits a Salem tip.


which knocked Salem from the state tournament the last two years, lost in the district semifinals to Livonia Stevenson.

Should the Rocks get past Saline, they will most likely face Livonia Franklin in the regional final — a team they lost to 9-15, 17-15, 15-9 in WLLA play.

"The key for us is to play half-way consistently," said Teeters. "And for us as a coaching staff, the key is if we don't play consistently, we have to find ways to get it done."

The Salem coach added, in describing his team's season, "It's been a zig zag. On some days, we've played very, very well."

So the question is: Will this be the Rocks' day?



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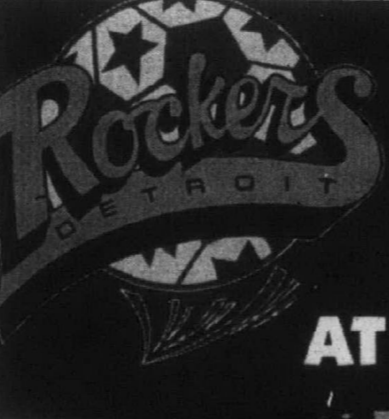
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# CC advances to state semis



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Letting loose: CC's Keith Rowe fires a shot that Pioneer's Paddy O'Reilly attempts to deflect. Rowe collected a goal and an assist in the game.

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Flint isn't a candidate for tourist capital of Michigan but the Detroit Catholic Central hockey team sure makes a habit of visiting there.

CC earned its fourth trip in the last seven years to the site of the Final Four with an 8-2 win over Ann Arbor Pioneer in Wednesday's Class A quarterfinal before a near sellout crowd at Ann Arbor's Ice Cube.

No. 1 ranked CC will play Marquette in a Class A semifinal at 7:30 p.m. Friday at the Flint IMA. Marquette beat Midland Dow in double overtime, 3-2, in another quarterfinal Wednesday night.

This is the third trip for CC to the Final Four in coach Gordie St. John's six seasons. The Shamrocks won state titles in 1994 and '97. CC lost in the 1993 Class A final

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under former coach Jack Gumbleton.

CC senior forward Keith Rowe, who had a goal and an assist, is one of only three current Shamrocks who played on the last state champion team. The others are Matt VanHeest and Pat O'Dea.

Grosse Pointe South ended CC's season in last year's regional final.

"Whoever it is (in the semifinal) is going to be tough," said Rowe. "I think we're ready though. After last year, I've been on both ends of the situation."

Jim Spiewak had two goals and an assist and VanHeest scored one goal with three assists for CC, which led 3-0 before the game was five minutes old. Pioneer trailed 4-0 after one period but outscored

the Shamrocks 2-1 in the second period before CC scored three unanswered goals in a span of 2:23 of the third to turn it into a rout.

The line centered by Todd Bentley with wingers David Moss and Spiewak scored CC's first three goals.

Bentley opened the scoring 52 seconds into the game, assisted by Moss and VanHeest.

Spiewak followed with goals 23 seconds apart, the first assisted by Rowe and Bentley and the second by Moss and VanHeest.

"Those three, the two juniors (Moss and Bentley) and the sophomore (Spiewak) are awfully tough," St. John said. "They move the puck beautifully."

The Shamrocks made the lead 4-0 with a power-play goal by Brandon Kaleniecki, assisted by VanHeest, with 4:30 left in the first period.

Goals by Pioneer's Kyle Mast and Chris Cherven sandwiched around VanHeest's power-play tally, assisted by Rowe and Ryan Yost, left CC with a 5-2 lead after two periods.

CC goaltender Ben Dunne, who stopped 15 shots through two periods, made a nice save on a backhand by Cherven early in the third period.

The Shamrocks responded at the other end with Rowe's goal on a slap shot in the circle that beat goalie Jon Bowling on the short side for a 6-2 lead.

Nathan Lewarne added a goal, assisted by Joe Moreau and O'Dea, 47 seconds later to put the Shamrocks up 7-2. Erik Hawkins finished the scoring with an unassisted goal with 8:14 remaining.

CC, 26-1-1 overall, beat Pioneer in two regular season games, 7-0 and 12-4.

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forge a 4-4 tie.

Paul Mara got the game-tying goal, with assists from Nikos Tselios and David Legwand. Mara also had an assist in the game; Tselios finished with a goal and two assists.

Adam Colagiaco, who scored four goals in a 7-1 win over Kingston Friday, added two more against Sault Ste. Marie to bring his season-total to 40. Shaun Fisher collected two assists for Plymouth.

Rob Zepp made 22 saves for the Whalers, while the Greyhounds' Jake McCracken had 40 stops. Cory Pecker scored two goals and had an assist for Sault Ste. Marie.

In the 7-1 win over Kingston Friday, Colagiaco was the show. His three-goal second period stretched a 2-1 lead after one to 5-1. Mara, Harold Druken and Jamie Lalonde also scored for the Whalers; Druken had two assists as well. Mark McMahon collected three assists, and Legwand and Randy Fitzgerald added two apiece.

Plymouth outshot Kingston (19-42-3 through the weekend) 46-16. Robert Holsinger made 15 saves, while the Frontenacs'

Patrick DesRochers had 39.

## Ambassador honored

Craig Kowalski of the Compuware Ambassadors was selected as Goalie of the Month after posting a 5-1-2 record with a .933 save percentage and a 1.63 goals-against average during February. For the season, Kowalski's record is 29-6-6; he ranks first in the North American Hockey League in wins and goals-against average (2.14 per game), is second in minutes played (2,413) and save percentage (.921), and is third in shutouts (two).

The Ambassadors didn't do too well last weekend, losing 8-3 to Cleveland Friday in Jackson. The loss dropped first-

place Compuware's record to 32-11-6. Jack Redwood led the Ambassadors with a goal and an assist.

### ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE STANDINGS

East Division	W	L	T	Pts.
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Bellefonte Bulls	37	21	6	80
Oshawa Generals	35	24	5	75
Peterborough Petes	36	24	2	74
Kingston Frontenacs	19	42	3	41
Central Division	W	L	T	Pts.
Barrie Colts	48	11	5	101
Sudbury Wolves	23	33	8	54
North Bay Centennials	21	37	6	48
Toronto St. M. Majors	18	38	6	42
Miss. Ice Dogs	3	56	3	9
West Division	W	L	T	Pts.
Plymouth Whalers	49	11	4	102
Sarnia Sting	35	23	5	75
SSM Greyhounds	31	25	7	69
London Knights	32	29	3	67
Windsor Spitfires	21	37	6	48
Midwest Division	W	L	T	Pts.
Guelph Storm	41	20	2	84
Owen Sound Platers	37	23	5	79
Erie Otters	27	32	4	58
Kitchener Rangers	21	37	5	47
Brampton Battalion	8	54	3	19

## Shamrocks shell Dearborn

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Dearborn Unified hockey coach Rob Creamer found something positive in a 9-1 loss to Detroit Catholic Central in a Class A regional championship Saturday at Trenton's Kennedy Ice Arena.

Just to reach the regionals, Dearborn had to beat defending state champion Trenton in the district final. The Pioneers upset the Trojans, 5-3, which probably upset the Shamrocks because they were hoping for another crack at the Trojans.

CC lost once to Trenton and the other regular-season meeting between the two schools ended in a tie when a Trenton player was seriously cut by a skate blade with about five minutes remaining.

"I can't see anyone beating

(the Shamrocks), but one thing I know is we did something CC never did this year: beat Trenton," Creamer said. "Last year we sat and watched Trenton get the trophy on the blue line. This year they watched us."

The way No. 1-ranked CC came out flying against Dearborn (18-6-3), Trenton wouldn't have had a chance in a third game. CC led 3-0 after one period and 5-1 through two.

CC coach Gordie St. John said Dearborn's victory over Trenton was enough incentive.

Trenton is the only team not to lose this year to the Shamrocks, who improved to 25-1-1 overall entering a Wednesday quarterfinal.

"The kids were really fired up," St. John said. "We got a jump on them and had a lot of zip in our legs."

Junior goaltender Ben Dunne

played 2 1/2 periods before giving way to sophomore Andrew McCoy.

Senior forward Erik Hawkins scored two goals, including one short-handed, to lead the Shamrocks.

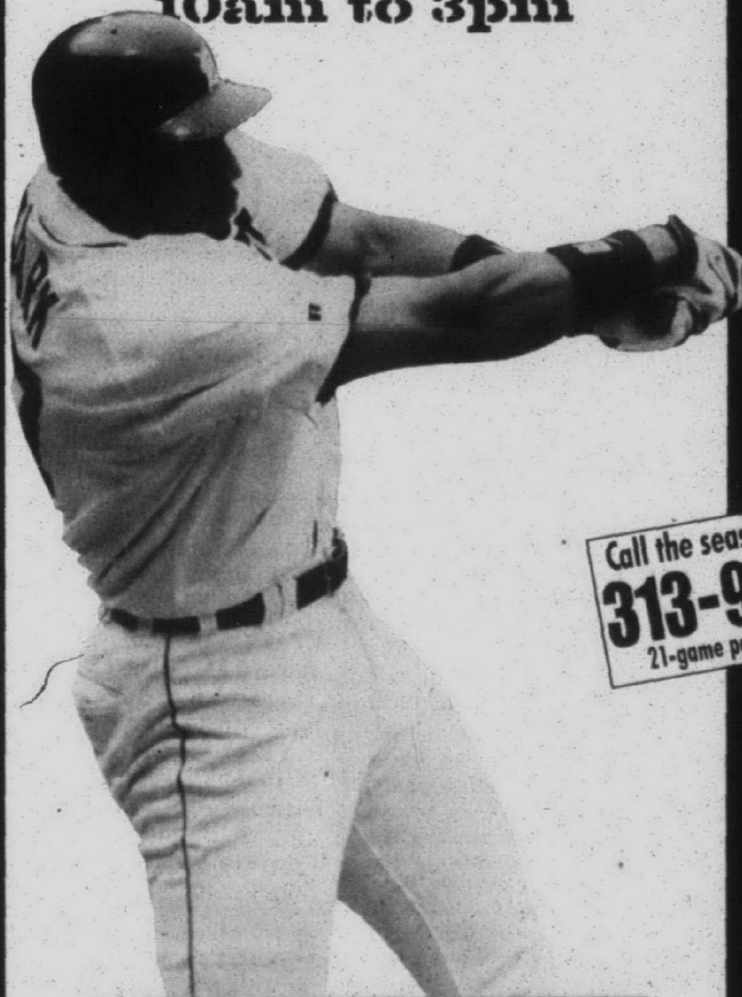
Brandon Kaleniecki, David Moss, Jim Spiewak, Ryan Yost, Derek Genrich, Brad Holland and Todd Bentley scored one goal each.

Senior forward Keith Rowe collected three assists for the Shamrocks.

Holland and Kaleniecki had two assists apiece. Yost, Shawn McGowan, Matt VanHeest, Rick Buttery and Nathan LeWarne assisted on one goal each.

Dearborn's only goal came on the power play at 3:27 of the second period when senior Thom McNamara scored, assisted by Brent Hojnicky, to cut the deficit to 4-1.

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# Southfield stops CC in district semifinals

Southfield and Redford Catholic Central combined for only 11 points in the third quarter of Wednesday's Class A boys basketball district semifinal and the Shamrocks could have lived with that if they had a majority of the points.

Trouble is, Southfield scored seven and CC four to leave the Bluejays with a 38-35 lead after three quarters. With defensive-minded Ben Kelso as the Southfield coach, that's like a 10-point lead for most teams.

Southfield went on to win the fourth quarter, too, 22-17, and left with a 60-52 victory over the host Shamrocks.

Senior guard Desmond Martin led Southfield with 21 baskets, making six of seven free throws

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to help seal the outcome. Senior forward Malcomb Ross added 16 points, including four of five free throws.

The Shamrocks let a 16-9 lead after one quarter go to waste in the second quarter when Southfield enjoyed a 22-17 scoring advantage to tie the score at the half, 31-31.

CC senior guard Nick Moore had a game-high 23 points, including four baskets from three-point range. He also made all five of his free throws.

Southfield, 13-8 overall, advanced to the district final to play Detroit Redford at 7 p.m.

Friday. CC finished its season with a 15-7 record.

**Redford CC 60, Henry Ford 55:** Senior guard Nick Moore scored 20 points and dished out 12 assists Monday to lift host Redford Catholic Central (15-6) past Detroit Henry Ford (7-14) in the district opener.

Juniors Rob Sparks and Matt Loidas chipped in with 12 points apiece for CC.

Henry Ford's Morris Hall led all scorers with 22.

**Lutheran Westland 58, St. Alphonsus 52:** The Warriors responded a late Arrows' rally Tuesday to win their Class C district opener.

Lutheran High School Westland played host Redford Bishop Borgess in a Wednesday district semifinal game. The Spartans demolished Detroit School of the Industrial Arts, 87-28, to advance.

Junior Charles Hoeft scored 21 of his 27 points in the first half to help Lutheran Westland build up a 40-25 lead. He had 12 of the Warriors' 20 second quarter points.

Senior forward Ryan Ollinger added 18 points to help the Warriors improve to 14-7 this season.

Guard Thomas David led Dearborn St. Alphonsus with 17 points and junior forward Lamondre Benney hit 16.

A 16-6 third quarter let the Arrows make a run in the second

half but the Warriors staved off defeat with some good defense in the fourth quarter.

**Belleville 73, Franklin 45:** The guard-oriented Tigers showed the Patriots why they made the state Class A finals last year.

Junior guard Kevin Harrison led Belleville with 21 points, senior John Edwards added 20 and point guard C.J. Grantham ran a fine floor game while scoring nine points.

Edwards swished six triples from the corner to help Belleville, host team for the district, raise its record to 14-7.

The Patriots tried to stop the outside shooting with a zone defense. The few times they went to a man-to-man, the more

experienced Tiger guards beat them off the dribble.

Franklin, which won one of 20 games this season, got 15 points from sophomore Joe Ruggerio, who made three three-point shots himself. Dustin Kuras had 11 and junior Derek Schema scored nine.

"They're a tough team," Franklin coach Dan Robinson said of his opponent. "They're good."

"Our kids played hard and never gave up. We had good attitudes all year long."

Franklin trailed, 22-11, after one period and 46-22 at the halfway point. The Patriots made half their 16 free throws while the Tigers missed five of the eight free throws they tried.

## Salem-Canton from page C1

points. Rob Jones added 13 and Aaron Rypkowski netted 10.

The game's turning point came in the second quarter. Canton expanded an 11-10 lead after one period to 16-10 early in the second, on a three-point play by Mike Major and a Waidmann basket. Then something gave way.

The Chiefs had made four turnovers to that point. But Salem kept switching defenses, and its various full-court presses began to pay dividends. In a three-minute stretch of the second quarter, Canton suffered a turnover on seven consecutive possessions.

That fueled a 12-point run for the Rocks, seven scored by Jones, and gave them a lead (22-16) they would never relinquish.

"We changed defenses quite a bit, and I thought that kept them on their heels," said Salem coach Bob Brodie. "Our traps were effective. We have good team quickness, it's just tough to do that the whole game."

Which elevates further what Salem's bench accomplished midway through the second half, when the outcome was very much in doubt. The Rocks had expanded their five-point halftime advantage to 32-21 with 5:29 left in the third quarter, but the Chiefs battled back to within 33-31 on a Major basket with 1:33 to go in the quarter, and the floor now filled with Salem's back-ups. Canton never tied it, however.

One starter that deserves a great deal

of credit for Salem advancing to Friday's district final (7 p.m. against Novi, a 59-49 winner over Northville) is Wilson. Usually a deadly long-range shooter who is often relied upon to jump-start the Rocks' offense in the first quarter, Wilson struggled from the field in this game. He missed his first four shots in the opening period and had just one basket in the game.

But while the other Rocks were struggling mightily from the free-throw line (they combined to make 8-of-17), Wilson came through. He canned 12-of-14 from the stripe, including eight-in-a-row in the last quarter — four of those coming after Salem had managed to make just one of its previous eight.

Wilson also made a pivotal defensive play in a game filled with such gems. A Jimmy Reddy drive and score with 2:08 left in the last quarter had brought Canton to within four points, and the Chiefs had possession after a Salem miss. But Wilson read their outlet pass, stepping in to intercept it — and seal Canton's fate.

The Chiefs, who finish with a 12-10 record, committed 27 turnovers (nine coming in the second quarter); they were also 7-of-10 from the line, compared to Salem's 20-of-31. The Rocks had 16 turnovers.

Although Salem hasn't played Novi, its opponent in Friday's final, this season, Brodie is well aware of the situa-

tion facing his Rocks. "I told our kids, there is no celebration here," said the Salem coach. "The last two times we played Canton, in last year's district (semifinal) and during the season this year, we lost our next game, both times against Northville."

"We have to overcome that." They'll get their shot at redemption tomorrow night in Canton's gym.

**Canton 64, Churchill 45:** The Livonia Churchill strategy looked like a winner — at least for a half.

The Chargers used an extended zone defense against Plymouth Canton in the district opener hosted by the Chiefs Monday. Their object: "We wanted to take away their perimeter game," explained Churchill coach Rick Austin.

Those who have witnessed the sharp-shooting abilities of Joe Cortellini and Mike Major know the damage Canton can do, especially from three-point range. So Austin's game plan seemed reasonable.

And his Chargers carried it out well, pressuring well and keeping Cortellini, in particular, off the scoreboard. He had just five points in the game — all in the first quarter.

At halftime, Canton had a 21-18 lead.

But things changed in the second half. "Churchill came out at us with a little pressure, and it caught us off guard," said Canton coach Dan Young.

"We tried to regroup at halftime. We really focused on the inside game in the second half."

Indeed the Chiefs did. Jason Waidmann, Nathan Rau and Scott Samulski combined for 42 points to lead their team in a dominating second-half performance. Waidmann finished with 16 points, while Rau and Samulski added 13 apiece.

"We made them beat us from the inside," said Austin. "And Canton capitalized on that. (Ryan) Vickers, (Brandon) Garlacz, (Ryan) Cousino and (Brad) Bescoe — those four guys played very well on defense. They took away Cortellini."

Unfortunately, it left too many holes for the bigger Chiefs to take advantage of inside. Canton converted 10-of-15 second-half floor shots and drew a lot of fouls (20 in the second half). They were 20-of-25 from the line in the second half (80 percent) and 22-of-29 in the game (76 percent). Churchill was 9-of-19 from the line for the game (47 percent).

"Canton's a smart team. They adjusted," admitted Austin.

Rau's presence inside, with Waidmann, was particularly effective. The 6-foot-2 senior scored eight third-quarter points, making all six of his free throws, as the Chiefs outscored Churchill 16-7.

Samulski took over in the final quarter, converting five-straight from the line while scoring nine points in Canton's

27-20 fourth-period surge.

John Bennett paced the Chargers with 17 points, 11 coming in the fourth quarter on three three-pointers and two free throws. Devin White was next highest with eight.

Churchill finishes with a 7-14 record — its best since the 1990-91 season.

**PCA 71, Huron Valley Lutheran 30:** There were no thoughts of extending the season by any of the Westland Huron Valley Lutheran players after the first quarter of their Class D district opener at Jackson Baptist Monday.

That's because Plymouth Christian Academy wasted no time taking command, outscoring the Hawks 23-5 in the opening quarter. By halftime it was 44-16.

"We jumped on them early," said Eagles' coach Doug Taylor. "We played real good defense. It was a great team win and a good way to open district play."

Nine Eagles scored in the game, with Michael Huntsman leading with 24 points and 10 rebounds. Jordan Roose contributed 15 points, six steals and five assists, and Dave Carty totaled eight points, six steals, four rebounds, four assists and three blocked shots.

Rene Arnal topped Huron Valley with 11 points.

The Hawks finish their season with a 2-16 record.

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# Crusaders making most of Florida trip

Madonna University's softball fortunes could be in good hands with Janell Leschinger and Janelle Schmidt.

Especially their pitching hands. Leschinger took a no-hitter into the seventh inning, settling for a two-hitter Tuesday, as Madonna defeated Malone College, 2-1, on Vicki Malkowski's game-winning solo home run in the bottom of the seventh.

In the Crusaders' second game of the afternoon, Schmidt hurled a one-hitter while her Madonna teammates were pounding out 17 hits in an 8-0 beating of Robert Morris College.

Madonna is getting its spring games in at Fort Myers, Fla.

The Crusaders made three errors

## COLLEGE SOFTBALL

against Malone, which scored an unearned run in the second. Madonna tied the score in the fourth before Malkowski won it with her two-out blast in the bottom of the seventh.

Leschinger (3-1) walked just one and struck out seven. She allowed two hits with two outs in the top of the seventh but retired the side with no damage.

Madonna scored five runs in the first and three in the second to cruise past Robert Morris in the second game. Schmidt (1-0) struck out seven and didn't walk a batter.

Kelly Zurawski and Jamie Cook had three hits each. Courtney Senger, Jenny Kruzel and Missy Bako had two RBI apiece as the Crusaders raised their spring record to 5-4.

Madonna started its three-game winning streak Monday with a 17-7 pulverizing of Mercyhurst. Tanya Liske allowed four hits and four runs in the first three innings and Schmidt gave up three runs and three hits. The Crusaders pounded out 20 hits in the game, scoring 12 times in the third.

The Crusaders opened their season Saturday, splitting two games. They lost a 5-2 decision to Slippery Rock before coming back to blank St. Joseph, 9-0.

Senger had two hits against Slippery Rock and Bako was the losing pitcher. Leschinger allowed one hit in five innings of work against St. Joseph in the second game. Kruzel had just one hit, but it was a home run, and she drove in four runs.

On Sunday, Madonna played three games. It dropped a 10-1 contest to St. Anselm, pounded Waynesburg College, 9-1, and lost to Holy Family College, 7-2, getting just one hit.

Leschinger collected the win over Waynesburg with one-hit, six-strikeout work in five innings. Cook and Senger each drove in a pair of runs while Kristy McDonald had three hits.

Madonna dropped a 5-2 game to Avila

College on Monday. Leschinger gave up eight hits in seven innings but the Crusaders could only muster five.

Senger led the team with a .444 batting average after Madonna's first nine games. Jen Walker and McDonald were each at .391 while six other Crusaders were at .300 or better. The team was hitting .335.

Malkowski and Kruzel had the team's only home runs. Senger had the team RBI lead with nine but Kruzel was right behind at eight.

Schmidt had a 1.02 ERA for 13 2/3 innings of work and Leschinger was at 1.46 for 24 innings. Leschinger had walked 11 but had struck out 20. Opponents were hitting just .138 against her.

## DIVING

### INDIVIDUAL CLASS A BOYS DIVING

#### REGIONAL MEET RESULTS

March 9 at Grosse Pointe North

Top 12 qualify for state meet: 1.

Andrew Situlka (Ann Arbor Pioneer), 499.75 points; 2. Paul McCarty (Ypsilanti), 486.30; 3. Chris Gawronski (Walled Lake), 442.55; 4. Comerdow (Adrian), 413.45; 5. Folk (Ann Arbor Huron), 382.95; 6. Chris McFarland (Westland John Glenn), 377.60; 7. Joe Labovic (North Farmington), 366.95; 8. Walter (Woodhaven), 356.60; 9. Elliott Meyers (Walled Lake), 352.90; 10. Greg Brazunas (Redford Catholic Central), 342.25; 11. Hackbarth (Brighton), 334.50; 12. Zillich (Pioneer), 322.35.

Other participants: 13. Mike Mattis (CC), 312.35; 25. Scott Clark (John Glenn); Justin Goodwin (N. Farmington); Mike Baskin (Livonia Stevenson); Greg Kubitski (Salem); Ken Douglass (Livonia Franklin); Blake Brunner (Canton); Chris Moretto (Redford Union).

Following is a list of boys Observerland best swim times and diving scores. Coaches can report updates to Dan O'Meara by faxing information to (734) 591-7279 or calling (734) 953-2141.

### 200-YARD MEDLEY RELAY

(state cut: 1:42.99)

North Farmington 1:40.37  
Plymouth Salem 1:41.14  
Livonia Stevenson 1:41.35  
Plymouth Canton 1:43.11  
Redford Catholic Central 1:45.31

### 200 FREESTYLE

(state cut: 1:49.39)

Keith Falk (Stevenson) 1:44.71  
Ryan Meekins (Redford CC) 1:47.71  
Brandon Digia (N. Farmington) 1:48.79  
Matt Casillas (Salem) 1:49.10  
James McPartlin (John Glenn) 1:50.34  
Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 1:50.61  
Don LeClair (Canton) 1:51.18  
Jim Gabriel (N. Farmington) 1:51.80  
Kurtis Hornick (Canton) 1:52.49  
Brian Mertens (Salem) 1:53.25

### 200 INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY

(state cut: 2:03.99)

Keith Falk (Stevenson) 1:57.33  
Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 1:57.82  
Paul Perez (Salem) 2:04.26  
Mike Malik (Stevenson) 2:05.40  
Aaron Reeder (Canton) 2:05.83  
Sonny Webber (Wayne) 2:07.00  
James McPartlin (John Glenn) 2:07.36  
Eric Lynn (Salem) 2:07.56  
Mike Nemer (Stevenson) 2:08.04  
Aaron Shelton (Salem) 2:08.06

### 50 FREESTYLE

(state cut: 22.59)

Matt Zald (N. Farmington) 21.68  
Andrew Locke (Salem) 21.92  
Kurtis Hornick (Canton) 22.59  
James McPartlin (John Glenn) 22.65  
Mike Johnson (Salem) 22.74  
Brad Buckler (Stevenson) 22.78  
Keith Falk (Stevenson) 22.80  
Ryan Meekins (Redford CC) 22.81  
Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 22.88  
Mark Wachsborg (N. Farmington) 22.99

### DIVING

Joe Lebovic (N. Farmington) 261.75  
Chris McFarland (John Glenn) 257.20  
Greg Brazunas (Redford CC) 256.30  
Mike Mattis (Redford CC) 230.50

## BEST BOYS SWIM TIMES

Justin Goodwin (N. Farmington) 197.65  
Greg Kubitski (Salem) 180.95  
Blake Brunner (Canton) 177.00  
Mike Baskin (Stevenson) 173.90  
Kory Stevens (Redford CC) 172.10  
John Chase (Salem) 168.95

### 100 BUTTERFLY

(state cut: 55.59)

Keith Falk (Stevenson) 54.00  
James McPartlin (John Glenn) 54.55  
Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 55.45  
Paul Perez (Salem) 55.64  
Brett Meconis (Redford CC) 55.68  
Kurtis Hornick (Canton) 56.00  
Adam Farber (N. Farmington) 56.59  
Mark Wachsborg (N. Farmington) 57.29  
Brandon Truscott (Stevenson) 58.66  
Bryant Steele (Redford CC) 58.97

### 100 FREESTYLE

(state cut: 49.49)

Matt Zald (N. Farmington) 48.17  
Ryan Meekins (Redford CC) 48.32  
Brandon Digia (N. Farmington) 48.85  
Keith Falk (Stevenson) 48.92  
Andrew Locke (Salem) 49.34  
Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 49.66  
Jim McPartlin (John Glenn) 49.81

Don LeClair (Canton) 50.59  
Bill Randall (Churchill) 50.61  
Brad Buckler (Stevenson) 50.63

### 500 FREESTYLE

(state cut: 4:57.39)

Keith Falk (Stevenson) 4:45.03  
Brian Mertens (Salem) 4:56.94  
Matt Casillas (Salem) 5:00.06  
Justin Ketterer (Stevenson) 5:04.58  
Paul Perez (Salem) 5:07.47  
Ryan Meekins (Redford CC) 5:07.81  
Mike Malik (Stevenson) 5:08.46  
Ed Lesnou (Redford CC) 5:08.73  
Danny Price (Harrison) 5:09.86  
Kurtis Hornick (Canton) 5:10.60

### 200 FREESTYLE RELAY

(state cut: 1:31.99)

North Farmington 1:29.69  
Plymouth Salem 1:30.61  
Plymouth Canton 1:31.58  
Livonia Stevenson 1:33.78  
Redford Catholic Central 1:34.53

### 100 BACKSTROKE

(state cut: 56.39)

Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 54.78  
Devin Hopper (Farmington) 56.07  
Aaron Reeder (Canton) 56.35

Jim Gabriel (N. Farmington) 56.62  
Aaron Shelton (Salem) 57.33  
Eric Lynn (Salem) 58.00  
Justin Allen (Canton) 58.25  
James McPartlin (John Glenn) 58.42  
Matt Casillas (Salem) 59.26  
John Kern (N. Farmington) 59.46

### 100 BREASTSTROKE

(state cut: 1:03.19)

Adam Farber (N. Farmington) 1:02.68  
Keith Falk (Stevenson) 1:03.76  
Mike Nemer (Stevenson) 1:04.97  
Kevin VanTiem (Stevenson) 1:05.13  
David Hartmann (Farmington) 1:05.58  
Jon Zald (N. Farmington) 1:05.66  
Sonny Webber (Wayne) 1:05.72  
Josh Markou (Redford CC) 1:06.01  
Mike McCowan (Stevenson) 1:06.15  
Jason Rebarchik (Salem) 1:06.76

### 400 FREESTYLE RELAY

(state cut: 3:23.09)

Livonia Stevenson 3:18.60  
North Farmington 3:19.85  
Plymouth Canton 3:20.57  
Plymouth Salem 3:20.73  
Redford Catholic Central 3:24.16

## ALL-CONFERENCE BASKETBALL

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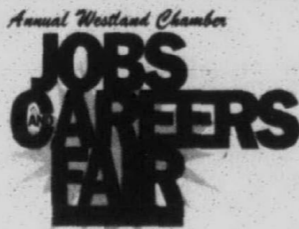
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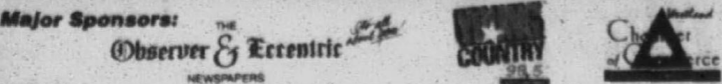
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BY BRAD EMONS SPORTS WRITER bemonsoe@homecomm.net

VOLLEYBALL

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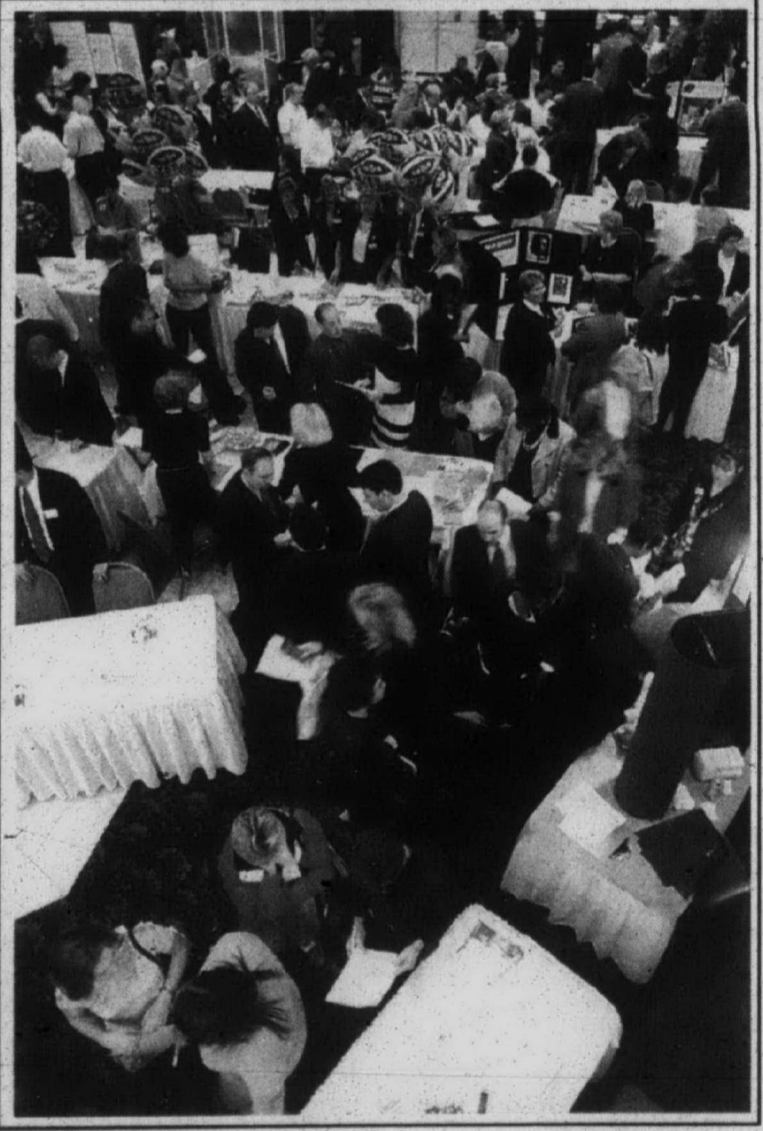
The lefty helped offset the hitting of Stevenson's outstanding 5-10 senior, Stephanie Dulz, who finished with nine kills, three blocks and two aces. Morrill also came up with some key defensive digs off Dulz in the second game.

pared to play us. They mixed up their hits. They tipped some balls and just didn't hit away. They were very effective. The Spartans definitely had the tougher draw in getting to the final. They opened with eight-time Catholic League champion Ladywood in the first round.

lem," Wyatt said. "But Jenny still played well." Meanwhile, it was one of Ladywood's earliest district exits in more than a decade. "I'm excited about next year, we've got seven juniors coming back," Wyatt said.

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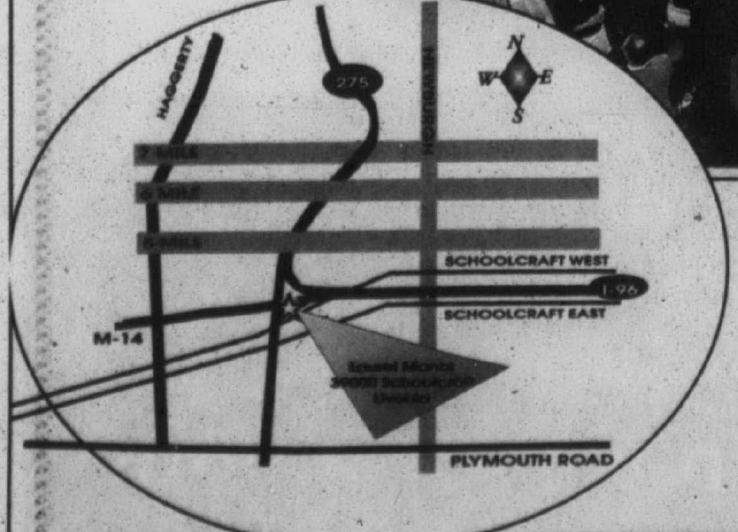
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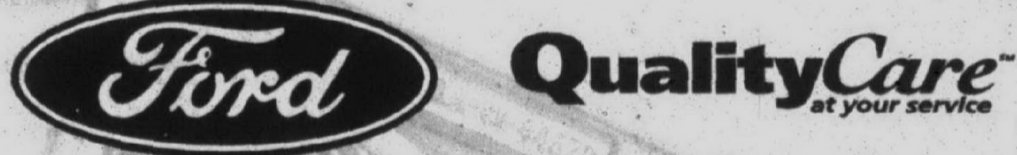
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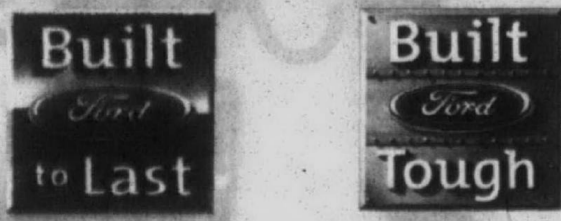
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## THE WEEKEND

### FRIDAY



Jay-Z (above), DMX, Method Man and Redman perform 9 p.m. at Cobo Arena in Detroit. Tickets are \$25 and \$37.50 for the all-ages show. For more information, call (313) 983-6616 or (248) 645-6666.

### SATURDAY



"1964 ... The Tribute," a Beatles tribute band, returns to the Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$15 in advance. For more information, call (248) 544-3030 or visit <http://www.themagicbag.com>

### SUNDAY



Guest conductor, Hans Vonk (pictured) leads the Detroit Symphony Orchestra with guest Jean-Pierre Rampal 3 p.m. at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets \$13-\$48, call (313) 576-5111.

### HOT TICKET



Kids can roll up their sleeves, create a hand puppet, and enjoy a variety of family-oriented activities at Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn during Family Fun Month, weekends through Sunday, March 28. The museum is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., call (313) 271-1620 for more information.

**Love affair:** Playwright Karim Alrawi's story examines the relationship between Edsel and Eleanor Ford.



## A mural transcends walls



**Tribute to Industry:** Diego Rivera in early 1932 as he worked on the "Detroit Industry" frescoes at the Detroit Institute of Arts. The mural is considered the finest example of the Rivera's work.

### Meadow Brook's 'Gift of Glory' raises expectation for regional-specific theater

BY FRANK PROVENZANO  
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When he arrived at Meadow Brook Theatre two years ago, Karim Alrawi never suspected that the educational outreach program placed in his charge would extend so broadly.

Ostensibly, as the theater's playwright-in-residence, he has lectured about drama at local schools, and encouraged area writers in their literary pursuits.

But Alrawi's most lasting impression might be the parable for the stage he's created about one of the most recognizable symbols of labor, technology and gritty Motown — Diego Rivera's "Detroit Industry Frescoes" at the Detroit Institute of Arts.

Because of the widespread anticipation for his new play, "Gift of Glory," based on the relationship between muralist Rivera and Edsel Ford — who funded the wall painting — Alrawi is proving that indigenous stories have a place on center stage. Especially if that stage is at Meadow Brook Theatre, with its slipping subscriber-base, sluggish ticket sales, and reputation for predictably safe, albeit high-quality productions.

The subtext of "Gift of Glory," which opens this week for a three-week run, may be the play's foreboding sense of how art transcends ruthless aggrandizers and short-sighted politics.

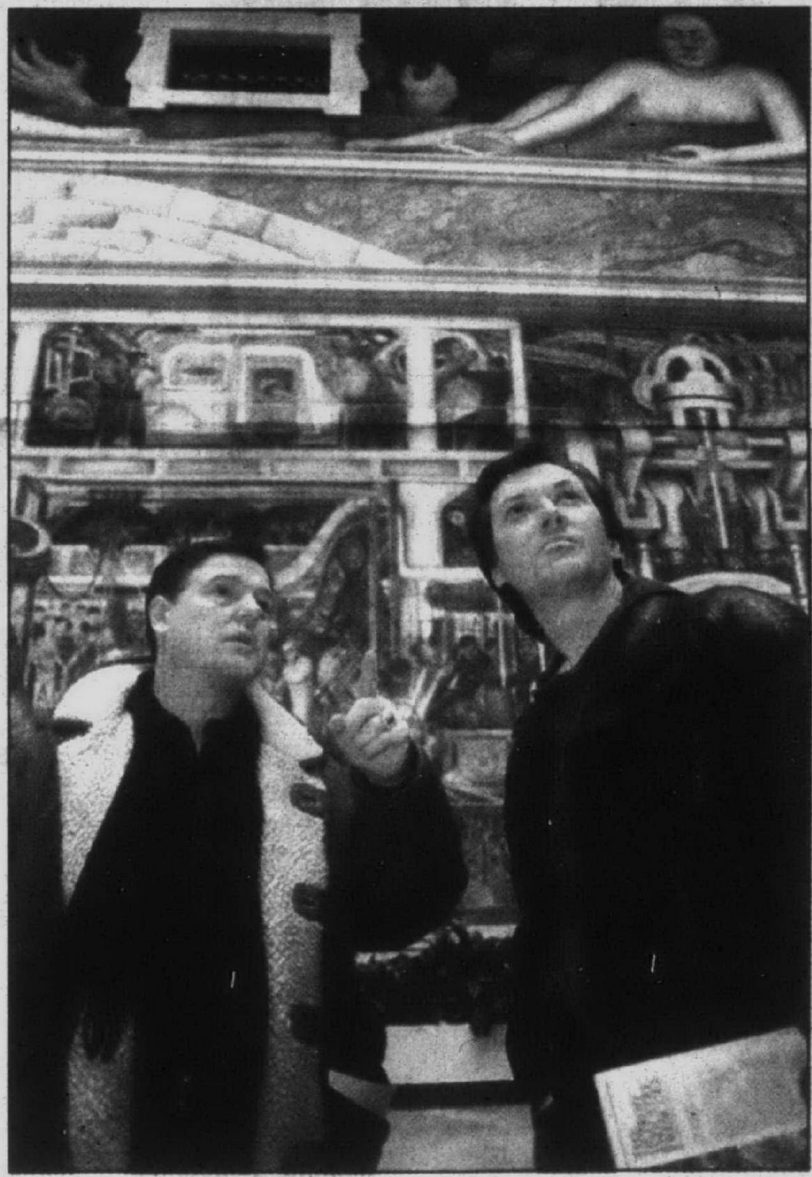
Throw in a couple subplots about the love story between Edsel and Eleanor Ford, the "common man" in search of a rallying cause, and the layers of Alrawi's drama come to life.

On a more practical level, however, "Gift of Glory" may also hold a clue to Meadow Brook's future.

#### History revisited

"This play demonstrates one of the most important reasons for a regional theater — doing 'geographically specific theater,'" said Geoffrey Sherman, artistic director at Meadow Brook.

"Not only will 'Gift of Glory' get an audience, but many people will



**Inspired:** Playwright Karim Alrawi, left, discusses Rivera's mural with actor Geoffrey Beauchamp. The cast spent a day at the Detroit Institute of Arts to study the mural.

realize that they can't get this kind of intimate, communal experience anywhere else."

Ironically, those central to the play's development aren't even from the area. Alrawi, Sherman, director Deborah Wicks and five of the seven-member cast are transplants to the region.

The Egyptian-born Alrawi, who

speaks with impeccable diction and an accent inherited from his British mother, recognized that sometimes you just don't see what's right in front of you.

"Growing up in Alexandria, I thought the pyramids were a pile of rocks," he said.

That, of course, understates the type of biographical mining Alrawi has done to recreate the milieu of Detroit in the early 1930s; a time of economic depression, class warfare and ideological

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**Surrounded by history:** Chris de Oni, left, portrays artist Diego Rivera in "Gift of Glory," directed by Debra Wicks, (right).

**WHAT:** "Gift of Glory: Edsel Ford and the Diego Rivera Murals at the Detroit Institute of Arts," written by Karim Alrawi and directed by Debra L. Wicks

**WHEN:** Through Sunday, April 4. Performances 8 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, except 6 p.m. Saturday, March 13 and March 27; 2 p.m. Wednesday, Saturday & Sunday; and 6:30 p.m. Sunday.

**WHERE:** Meadow Brook Theatre, Wilson Hall, on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester Hills

**TICKETS:** \$19.50-\$35, (248) 377-3300.

## HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS

### St. Patrick's Day events showcase local talent

BY KEELY WYGONIK  
STAFF WRITER

Denise Marie Costello of West Bloomfield, recently crowned the Maid of Erin, is looking forward to celebrating St. Patrick's Day.

"It's an honor," said Costello, 22 about being crowned Maid of Erin, and the responsibility that goes along with it. "My father grew up in Ireland. I've always been interested in my family's history."

She and her court — Maureen Lewis of Livonia and Bridget Mulcahy of Canton, will be participating in the St. Patrick's Day Parade Sunday, March 14. The parade begins at 2 p.m. on the corner of Michigan Ave. and Third St. in Detroit and ends near Tiger Stadium at the Gaelic League.

Costello was judged on poise, personality and Irish history. For the talent part, she sang an Irish song. "I was actually less nervous this year than last year," she said about the competition. Last year she was first runner-up.

Costello earned a bachelor of fine arts degree in musical theater performance from Western Michigan University. She recently finished "A Wonderful Life," the musical, in Warsaw Indiana's Wagon Wheel Theatre, and is currently involved in an on-camera class taught by Jane Brody one of Chicago's top casting directors.

"I want to be able to perform in musicals or live theater," she said. As Maid of Erin, Costello will be a role model for young Irish girls, and participate in various Irish activities throughout the year.

She's also planning a trip to Ireland. Her Maid of Erin prize package includ-



Michael Belvich

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#### ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

■ **Sunday, March 14** — Liz Carroll, Larry Nugent and Jim Dewan in concert with three champion step-dancers at the Hellenic Cultural Center, 36375 Joy Road (east of Newburgh), Westland. Doors open 6 p.m., concert begins 7 p.m. Dinners and cash bar will be available 6-7 p.m. A warm-up group will entertain during the dinner hour. Tickets \$12 at the door. Call Mick Gavin, (313) 537-3489, for more information.

■ **Sunday, March 14** — St. Patrick's Day Parade, 2 p.m. on Michigan Ave., followed by entertainment at the Irish American Club, Gaelic League, 2062 Michigan Ave., Detroit, call (313) 963-8895 for information. Entertainment will also be offered at the Gaelic League throughout the day on Wednesday, March 17.

■ **Wednesday, March 17** — 14th Annual St. Patrick's Day Irish Fest featuring over 60 local Irish entertainers at the Hellenic Cultural Center in Westland. Doors open 4 p.m. Corned beef and cabbage dinners, snacks and cash bar will be available all evening beginning at 5 p.m. Tickets \$8 at the door. No charge for children accompanied by an adult. Continuous entertainment all evening until approximately 11 p.m. Call Mick Gavin, (313) 537-3489, for information.

■ **Wednesday, March 17** — Blackthorn performs 7-10 p.m. in the School of Management lecture theater on the University of Michigan-Dearborn campus, 4901 Evergreen Road (between Ford Road and Michigan Ave.) in Dearborn. Also performing will be the Celtic duo of Mike Mullen and Andy Kilburn and dancers from the Kitty Heinzman Ceili Dance Troupe. A sampler of Irish treats will be served during intermission. Tickets \$35 per person, call (313) 943-3095. Proceeds benefit the Fair Lane Music Guild and Dearborn Community Arts Council.

■ **Friday-Saturday, March 19-20** — "Irish Eyes are Smiling" starring June Haver, Dick Haymes and Monty Wooley, guest organist Dave Calendine at the Historic Redford Theatre, 17360 Lahser Road (at Grand River) Detroit 7:30 p.m. (organ overture), 8 p.m. film Friday and Saturday, and 1:30 p.m. (organ overture), 2 p.m. film Saturday. Tickets \$2.50, available at the door.

■ **Sunday, March 28** — Concert by Ireland's Golden Tenor, Frank Patterson, accompanied by Eily O'Grady & the Birmingham Celtic Pipe and Drum Band, 3 p.m. at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave. (at Parsons) Detroit. Advance tickets \$25 balcony, \$30 main floor, \$50 dress circle. Call (313) 576-6111. Event benefits St. Patrick's Senior Center in Detroit.

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battles between capitalism in need of profound reform and communism holding out the promise of working-class utopia.

So impressed was the Ford family with Alrawi's research that their initial caution turned quickly into a resounding endorsement after reading an early draft of the play.

Perhaps the Fords recalled the hackneyed characterization of Henry Ford in Meadow Brook's 1995 production, "Camping with Henry and Tom," a story about a fictitious camping trip gone awry, involving Ford, Thomas Edison and Warren Harding.

Ever vigilant to preserve the Ford family's reputation, "Gift of Glory" is considered to reveal the deep humanitarianism of Edsel Ford, said John Miller, president of the Edsel and Eleanor Ford Estate in Grosse Pointe Shores.

"We're hoping that this is the beginning of Edsel Ford being considered as a courageous and heroic figure," he said.

Indeed, Alrawi compares the Ford family to Italy's Medici family, who supported works by Donatello, da Vinci, Michelangelo and Botticelli.

### Dramatic question

A stack of books on Detroit's first family rests on a file cabinet in Alrawi's first-floor office beneath Meadow Brook Theatre. By now, the broad details of the lives of Henry, Edsel and Eleanor Ford are no longer drawn in pastels, but deep hues.

Alrawi is quick to cite Edsel's generosity in subsidizing Ford Hospital in the 1920s and 1930s,

paying the bills of the poor, and funding medical research. All the while, he noted, the Ford Family's support for the DIA was integral to the development of one of the country's finest museums.

In addition, Alrawi points out that it was Edsel Ford who established the Ford Foundation, one of the world's largest philanthropic nonprofit organizations.

For the playwright, there's a certain pride in talking about Ford, as if perhaps Alrawi is a distant relative since his father worked as an engineer and his mother was employed as a secretary for Ford Motor Company.

Regardless of Alrawi's admiration for both Ford and Rivera, the dramatic question at the heart of "Gift of Glory" is why would one of the world's wealthiest, most powerful men pay a \$20,000 commission to a renowned communist, albeit the world's preeminent muralist?

### Compassionate portrait

Through "circumstantial speculation," Alrawi offers the motivating reason that Ford funded the mural, then maintained his unequivocal support for Rivera despite criticism about the artist's communist background.

In March of 1931, a few weeks before Rivera arrived to look over the mural site at the DIA, a hunger march at the Ford Rouge Plant turned violent. As laid-off workers marched outside the factory demanding to be employed, Ford Motor Co.'s security officers — under the direction of Ford's Chief of Security Harry Bennett — opened fired on the crowd, killing five and wounding 30.

At the time, Edsel was president of Ford, and resoundingly blamed for the incident. "By many accounts he was sickened by what occurred," said Alrawi.

As a consequence, the playwright contends, the significance of Rivera's interpretative mural of the "working man" became a means of redemption for Edsel Ford.

The collaboration, in Alrawi's view, grew into a symbol that transcended the painting. Typically, Rivera would complete a sketch for the mural, then show it to Ford.

When Rivera expanded the idea for the mural to include the upper part of the walls, Ford responded by doubling the commission.

Alrawi among others contend that Rivera's compassionate portrait of Ford in the mural reflects the artist's affection for the billionaire turned collaborator.

### From an assembly line

Many of the characters in "Gift of Glory" are familiar personages. In addition to Rivera, Henry, Edsel and Eleanor Ford, the story includes Bennett (Ford's ruthless head of security), Father Coughlin (the Royal Oak preacher whose nationally aired radio programs railed against what he saw as anti-American), and William Valentiner, the far-sighted DIA director.

Much like the grandeur of Rivera's mural, Alrawi has constructed mythic-like characters playing out a drama of honesty versus deception, and compassion versus profiteering.

tion versus profiteering.

The play opens as Ford's chief of security Bennett, who Henry Ford called "his second son," looks back at one of the defining moments in the history of Ford Motor Co. — the 1930s, and particularly, the controversy surrounding Rivera's mural.

While Bennett was hardly a supporter of Rivera, he does prove to be an appropriate foil to gauge the lasting power of the mural.

In the light of history, Alrawi's "Gift of Glory" suggests that Rivera's mural serves as a metaphor whereby the mechanical assembly line was transformed into a union of sweat-and-blood laborers.

That Alrawi manages to distill such a grand theme into a play essentially about the painting of a mural demonstrates the scale of the playwright's own storytelling gifts.



STAFF PHOTO BY JOHN STORMZLAND

**On location:** Dan Kremer (left) as Edsel Ford and Paul Hopper as William Valentiner. Above them on the mural at the Detroit Institute of Arts are the same people they play.

## Events from page E1

ed two tickets to Ireland compliments of Key Tours.

"My parents went back to Ireland for their 25th wedding anniversary and saw where my dad grew up," said Costello. "Now I'll have the opportunity to research and explore my family history. I'm looking forward to going there to meet my relatives."

On Friday she and her court will paint a shamrock in the middle of Michigan Avenue. In front of the Gaelic League to establish the start of St. Patrick's Day festivities in metro Detroit.

If you can't make it downtown to the parade, tune in the Irish Hour on the radio, WNZK-AM 6.90 — 1:30-3 p.m. Sunday. Costello and her court will be on the show.

### Irish concert

On Sunday evening, Liz Carroll, two-time All Ireland fiddle champion and Green Linnet recording artist will present a concert at the Hellenic Cultural Center in Westland with Larry

Nugent and Jim Dewan.

Nugent, six time champion of the All-Ireland flute championship has appeared with the Chieftans and Green Fields of America and recorded two solo albums with Shanachie Entertainment Corp. Dewan will provide guitar and vocals. Doors open 6 p.m. and the concert will begin at 7 p.m. with dinner available 6-7 p.m.

"I thought it would be nice to have a traditional Irish concert in metro Detroit," said presenter Mick Gavin of Redford. "These performers are very well known on the Irish music scene, they're well known on the Irish music scene — they're top of the line."

Local step-dancers will also perform including 1998 World Champion Paul Cusick of Plymouth, 1999 All-Ireland Champion Mike Belvitch also of Plymouth, and Pat Quinn, also an All-Ireland Champion. Cusick and Belvitch have both been accepted to join "Riverdance."

A warm-up group of young musicians will perform during

the dinner hour.

### Irish Fest

On Wednesday, Gavin is hosting the 14th Annual Irish Fest which features over 60 local Irish entertainers including Cusick and Belvitch at the Hellenic Cultural Center from 4 p.m. to about 11 p.m.

"There will corned beef and cabbage dinners, snacks, food for the kids, pop, beer, it's not your regular pub outing," said Gavin. "We get people of all ages. We're beginning to get calls already. People know about it."

Gavin began the event to offer families a way to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. Jeremy Kittel, a 14-year-old fiddle prodigy from Saline, will perform with Tyler Duncan on uilleann pipes and Sean Gavin, Mick's son, on flute and whistle.

"There are a lot of young people interested in the Irish arts," said Gavin. "We're a little bit behind Chicago and Boston, but we're slowly catching up. These kids are excellent."

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**THEATER**

# 'Our Country's Good' strong ensemble piece

"Our Country's Good," continues through March 14, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, and 2 p.m., at the Bonstelle Theatre, 3424 Woodward Avenue, Detroit. Tickets \$8-10, call (313) 577-2960. BY SUE SUCHYTA SPECIAL WRITER

A play within a play may be a familiar convention, but in "Our Country's Good" it is also a vehicle to illustrate the change that occurs in people when they are given a goal and a chance to rebuild their shattered self-esteem.

Brought to Australia via an eight-month sea voyage with conditions similar to African slave ships, England populated and built its new colony of Australia with convict labor. Many of the transported prisoners, some convicted of seemingly minor crimes such as stealing food, lived under brutal, oppressive conditions and lived on the ragged edge of humanity.

A young lieutenant, with the encouragement of his liberal commanding officer, decides to stage a comedy with convicts in the cast, not only for the entertainment value, but for the morale of the convicts as well. The humanizing effect on the convicts' lives, and the changes in the attitudes of their captors creates a revealing, insightful piece of theater.

Director Blair Anderson has created a strong ensemble piece, creating a core of officers rife with divisions and a cadre of prisoners with bitter personal

rivalries, but an unshakable code of silence and loyalty.

The harshness of the conditions are immediately illustrated by the graphic depiction of the inhumane conditions between decks where the prisoners were housed for the horrendous sea voyage. The audience immediately witnesses a beating for "insolence," a very strong reinforcement of the degradation to which the prisoners were constantly subjected.

What becomes amazing as the play unfolds is that the prisoners are able to endure the taunts and abuses from military personnel while maintaining their tenuous hold on self-respect nurtured by the play being rehearsed. As the convicts rehearse and try to understand characters so different to their own experience, they glimpse a future brighter than their own, while the audience is given a picture of the abject degradation, such as hunger and poverty, they have experienced.

Greg James is the naive and winning young Lt. Clark who takes on the challenge of molding the diverse group of convicts into a theatrical troupe. The convicts, in the process, overcome their ingrained hatred and suspicions to rise above their situation and bring the play to life.

Teresa Ann LaFranca winningly portrays Mary, a beautiful and gentle young convict with whom lieutenant Clark falls in love despite his strong devotion to his bride in far-off England. Mary is

also pursued by an earnest convict, John Wischhammer, a Jew accused and convicted in a climate of racial bigotry, skillfully played by Dusan Dean Cechvala.

The officers' roles were mostly one dimensional, while the prisoners offered the richest character roles in the production.

Jennifer Hild was memorable as the angry, outspoken Dabby Bryant. Brandon Randles was poignant as he struggled with his guilt as the convict assigned to be the hangman, earnestly assuring his fellow prisoners that he would do it "so they felt not pain."

One anomaly to the richly detailed and well-costumed production was the double casting of some female convicts as male officers. In one back-to-back scene, several female convicts used the brief blackout to don a soldier's coat or wig, and played the military scene with their full skirt and feminine appearance. And since the gesture seemed in no way symbolic, it seems unusual that the director did not utilize other actors from the large Bonstelle company to play the other roles, which were speaking parts even if they were limited to one scene.

Kathleen Crosby of Rochester successfully captured the period and poverty in the convict and military uniforms. The sound effects — a ship under sail, the Australian outback at night, or a prisoner being savagely beaten offstage — were realistic and greatly enhanced the production.



Rehearsing: Kevin Edwards (standing, left to right), Sarah James, Heather Blackwell, Lesa Bydalek (seated, left) and Katherine Hardy in a scene from the Avon Players production of "The Children's Hour."

## Avon offers taut 'Children's Hour'

Avon Players presents "The Children's Hour," Lillian Hellman's adult drama, Friday-Sunday, March 12-14 and Thursday-Saturday, 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. Call (248) 608-9077. BY MARY JANE DOERR SPECIAL WRITER

There are no apples for the teachers in the Avon Players latest production "The Children's Hour." But, there is one rotten apple that spoils the whole bushel in this powerful interpretation of Lillian Hellman's 1934 masterpiece of sexless lies and whispering secrets.

As the scene opens with the theatrical Sheila Lyle, as former actress Lily Mortar, instructing nine young pupils at the Wright-Dobie School, reading the script of a play, everything seems congenial. The girls are dressed in the usual boarding school uniforms - white blouses and red plaid skirts, and other than Lily's odd theatricality, life in the countryside private school seems normal enough.

Then Heather Blackwell enters as Mary Tilford. Mary doesn't follow the rules of the house and while the others are reading their parts in the play she is out walking. She doesn't need Mortar's lessons in acting either.

She has already learned to act and adlib in each situation when her lies get her into trouble. When the teacher, head mistress Karen Wright played by a stately and lovely Lesa Bydalek questions her, Mary fakes an illness and adds lie upon lie.

Wright's fiancé arrives, the Dr. Joseph Cardin who is Mary's Uncle, and examines her to find nothing wrong. Well aware of

the young girl's deviations, he recognizes her phoniness. Then, Wright makes the mistake of punishing Mary by grounding her — an act that sets the entire tragedy in motion. Mary has figured out how to manipulate and play her adoring grandmother against the disciplining teachers, and frighten her classmates into submissively supporting her. Twelve-year-old Blackwell plays the cunning little brat with an annoying smugness that grinds. Katherine Hardy is good as the frightened Rosalie.

Kimberly Britt's tight direction of this drama is best in the pivotal scene between the two headmistresses Karen Wright (Lesla Bydalek) and Martha Dodie (Sarah James). In the smooth dialogue, it becomes apparent that the nervous Martha has three problems — student Mary, Aunt Lily, and the upcoming marriage of her business partner and friend Karen to Joe played by Kevin Edwards.

Britt and her cast give a 90s interpretation of what the play calls "unnatural affection" but what the story is mostly about is the destructiveness of false

accusations. When Mary leaves the school and goes home to avoid her punishment, she expounds upon her lies to keep her grandmother from sending her back to school and certain disciplinary actions.

Judy Privasky is the proud and stalwart grandmother Amelia Tilford who prejudicially acts on Mary's misinformation.

Privasky's dignity and Sheila Lyle's capriciousness as Amelia and Lily make this drama believable. Sarah James has the subtlety tuned acting skills as the unstable Martha to bring the drama to its climatic conclusion.

Tom Russel and Diane Tihanasky and the other students (Julia Rudolf, Kristin Halladay, Tara Subbarao, Trisha Poling, Jennifer Burstein, Katherine Hardy).

Kristen Freels, Katherine Timpf enhance the production. If it were not for the fact this drama has been repeated too often on the nightly news, this classic might be passed off as only a play. It is a play though with more than an ounce of truth.

## Great music, cast in 'Beau Jest'

Ridgedale Players presents "Beau Jest," at the playhouse, 205 W. Long Lake, between Crooks and Livernois, Troy, 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, March 12-13 and 19-20, and 3 p.m. Sundays, March 14 and 21. Tickets \$11. \$10 students/seniors on Sundays. Call (248) 988-7049.

BY HELEN ZUCKER SPECIAL WRITER

The Ridgedale Players production of James Sherman's comedy "Beau Jest" has great music, a lively cast, and lots of Jewish jokes that almost everyone in America understands by now.

Able directed by veterans James R. West and Lynn R.E. Cummings, the characters' motivations are crystal clear, and the tight little world of the Goldman family is as claustrophobic as only a Jewish mother (and Mrs. Bennet in "Pride and Prejudice") can make it.

Jack Abella is wonderfully deft as Abe Goldman, the father with too many birthday ties, an unmarried daughter, and a wife who cannot agree on how long it took them to park, what night they saw Jay Leno, where they saw "Fiddler on the Roof," and how long the seder should go on.

Abella's accent is accurate; he

lends authenticity as a man who started as a tailor and now that he owns two dry cleaning stores wants to open another. Of course, he has a heart condition; there are no Jewish fathers with healthy arteries.

Selma Cohen is in fine fettle as Mom Miriam; she brings the same bowl of luchschen kugel (noodle & raisin pudding) whenever she shows up; it must be warmed in the oven, not the microwave. The kugel is a symbol of Mrs. Goldman's desire to keep things the same. Selma Cohen exudes warmth — as long as she thinks her daughter is about to marry a Jewish doctor. Cohen was made for this role; she understands this woman who wants nothing but to be about the business of calling caterers and marrying off her daughter.

Lynn Koch plays an understandably nervous Sarah Goldman. Koch gives us an intelligent, slightly ditzy kindergarten teacher who's attracted to guys who aren't Jewish. Sarah wants to please her parents and is so afraid of hurting them that she hires an actor to impersonate a "Doctor David," and winds up with two boyfriends who aren't Jewish. Like Elizabeth Bennet in

"Pride and Prejudice," there is no way Sarah is going to repeat her parent's marriage.

Carl Jones nearly steals the show as Bob/Dave, the hired actor from an escort service who stays to escort Sarah through her travails, and presumably through the rest of her life.

Bob is funny, friendly, apt, in need of a family, and does very well at the family seder, having played Perchick in "Fiddler on the Roof."

Thom Griffen is wonderfully sad and angry as Sarah's brother, a divorced psychologist who understands his sister and hands out therapy right and left. As Joel Goldman, Griffen gives us a dutiful son and brother who manages to look like a lost swan.

Eric Henrickson was standing in for Scott A. Joseph as Chris, the lovesick boyfriend who works in an add agency at the performance I saw. Henrickson was especially good in the last act; his proposal and offer to convert were both manly and funny.

Kudos to the tech staff, especially Sonia Milton and crew; nice touches like kedem wine, the Farmer Jack Haggadah, helped. So did Mike Plum's set. Great slippers by Terri Garrett and Dolores Grier.

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"Sunset Boulevard," Andrew Lloyd Webber's musical starring Petula Clark as Norma Desmond, continues to March 21, 8 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays, 7:30 p.m. Sundays, and 2 p.m. Saturdays-Sundays, at the opera house, 1526 Broadway, Detroit. \$32.50-\$65. (248) 645-6666

#### DETROIT REPERTORY THEATRE

"Camp Logan," Celeste Bedford Walker's play about the 1917 Houston riot and court martials, through Sunday, March 21, 8:30 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, 3 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sundays, at the theater, 13103 Woodrow Wilson, Detroit. \$15. (313) 868-1347

#### JET

"Dear Esther," Esther Terner Raab escaped with 300 others from Sobibor, a Nazi death camp, as a result of the book and film "Escape from Sobibor" Esther received hundreds of letters and poems and letters from children everywhere, the play shows the impact of the correspondence, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 11, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 13, and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 14, in the Aaron DeRoy Theatre on the lower level of the Jewish Community Center, 6600 West Maple at Drake, West Bloomfield. \$13-\$23, discounts for seniors/students; "Anne Frank & Me" continues to March 26 at 10:30 a.m. for students \$(5), general public 2 p.m. Sunday, March 21 (\$10, \$5 students), at the Millenium Theatre Center, Southfield. (248) 788-2900 or visit the web site at <http://comnet.org/jet>

#### MASONIC TEMPLE THEATRE

"Annie" featuring Sally Struthers, Britny Kissinger as Annie, and Conrad John Schuck as Daddy Warbucks, Wednesday, March 17 to Sunday, March 21, at the theater, Detroit. \$19.50-\$49.50. (248) 645-6666/(313) 832-2232

### COLLEGE

#### EMU THEATRE

"35 Miles from Detroit," a one-man drama about one black man's life in the latter half of the 20th century, starring Ricardo Pitts-Wiley, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 19-20 and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, March 21, in the Sponberg Theatre on the campus of Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti. (734) 487-1221

#### SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE

Neil Simon's hysterical farce "Rumors" 6:30 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, March 19-20 and 26-27 (\$19 includes dinner and 8 p.m. show), and 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 2-3 (\$8), at the college, 18600 Haggerty between Six and Seven Mile, Livonia. (734) 462-4596

### COMMUNITY THEATER

#### AVON PLAYERS

"The Children's Hour," Lillian Hellman's adult drama, March 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

#### BIRMINGHAM VILLAGE PLAYERS

The musical "Fiddler on the Roof," March 12-14, 19-21 and 26-27, 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays, at the playhouse, 752 Chestnut, Birmingham. \$14. (248) 644-2075

#### BLOOMFIELD PLAYERS

"Wizard of Oz," 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, March 19-20 and 26-27, and 2 p.m. Sundays, March 21 and 28, at Andover High School theater, Andover and Long Lake roads, west of Telegraph. \$10, \$8 under age 12. (248) 433-0885

#### FIRST THEATRE GUILD

"Anne of Green Gables," 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, March 12, 19-20 and 2 p.m. Saturday March 13 and Sundays, March 14 and 21, in Knox Auditorium at First Presbyterian Church, 1669 Maple, between Southfield and Cranbrook Roads. \$7, \$5 seniors/students, seniors free March 13. (248) 644-2087, ext. 151

#### NOVI THEATRES

"The Wizard of Oz," the Broadway musical, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 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 12-14, 19-21, and 26-27, at the North Rosedale Park Community House, 18445 Scarsdale, Detroit. \$10-20. (313) 531-0431

#### PLAYERS GUILD OF DEARBORN

"I Remember Mama," 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, March 12-13, 19-20, and 26-27, and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, March 28, at the theater, 21730 Madison, southeast of Monroe and Outer Drive, Dearborn. \$11. (313) 561-TKTS/(313) 277-5164

#### RIDGEDALE PLAYERS

"Beau Jest," at the playhouse, 205 W. Long Lake, between Crooks and Livorno, Troy. 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, March 12-13 and 19-20, and 3 p.m. Sundays, March 14 and 21. \$11, \$10 students/seniors on Sundays. (248) 988-7049

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"Light Up the Sky," a theatrical comedy about an idealistic young author runs Fridays-Sundays, March 12-28, at the Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak. \$10-12. (248) 541-6490; Special dinner/theater package available from Illusions Bar and Grill in Royal Oak. (248) 586-1313

#### THEATRE GUILD OF LIVONIA-RED-FORD

Lillian Hellman's "Little Foxes," March 12-14, 18-21, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, at the theater, 15138 Beech Daly, Redford. (313) 531-0554

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#### MARQUIS THEATRE

"Velveten Rabbit," 2:30 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays through 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

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1 p.m. Sunday, March 14, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$6. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.s2ark.org>

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Hosts their annual theater event, "Tony n' Tina's Wedding," off-Broadway's longest running comedy, 6:45 p.m. Wednesday, March 17, at the Baci Abbracci Italian Chophouse, 40 W. Pike St., Pontiac. \$25, includes dinner, performance, wedding cake, and champagne toast. Proceeds benefit the VNA's community health program which provides free health care for the homeless. Reserve tickets by March 12. (248) 967-9600

#### "IT'S THE TOPSI!"

A re-creation of Top of the Park to benefit the Ann Arbor Summer Festival, with performances by Trademark, Cigar Store Indians, and rockabilly DJ Del Villarreal, 6:30 p.m. Saturday, March 13, Ann Arbor Civic Theatre, 2275 Platt Road, between Washtenaw and Packard roads, Ann Arbor. \$125 includes 20 coupons to select food and beverages and games of chance, and \$75 tax-deductible donation; \$7 cover charge to dance, watch movies, buy tickets for games, ice cream and popcorn. (734) 647-2278 or <http://www.mlive.com/aasf>

#### ST. PATRICK'S DAY

AFTER WORK PARTY 6 p.m. to midnight Wednesday, March 17, D.J., corn beef and cabbage appetizers, at Burton Manor, Schoolcraft service drive, west of Inkster Road, Livonia. 21 and over. Dressy attire. (734) 981-0909

#### COMPANY OF STRANGERS

7 p.m. Wednesday, March 17, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5060 (Celtic rock)

#### MARY ANN MURPHY

5 p.m. Wednesday, March 17, Royal Oak Brewery, 215 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 544-1141 (Celtic folk)

#### MICHAEL O'BRIEN

Performs during the St. Patrick's Day Parade afterparty from 3:30-8:30 p.m. Sunday, March 14, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$5 donation. (248) 879-5779

### CLASSICAL

#### DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

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; With Conductor Neeme Jarvi and violinist Julian Rachlin, 10:45 a.m. and 8 p.m. Friday, March 19, and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, March 20, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$13-\$48, and a limited number of box seats for \$40-\$60. (313) 576-5111 or <http://www.detroitssymphony.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>

#### TAKACS QUARTET

Performs music of Haydn, Bartok and Dvorak, 8 p.m. Thursday, March 18, Rackham Auditorium, 915 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor. \$12, \$18, \$22 and \$24. (734) 764-2538 or <http://www.ums.org>

### ORGAN

#### DETROIT THEATER ORGAN SOCIETY

Concert by Chris Elliott, 3 p.m. Saturday, March 20, at the Senate Theater, 6424 Michigan Ave., at Livorno, Detroit. \$12. (313) 894-0850

### POPS/SWING

#### COUNT BASIE TRIBUTE

Johnny Trudell's Big Band featuring Teddy Harris Jr. is joined by trombonist Al Grey, 3-5 p.m. Sunday, March 28, at Clarenceville High School auditorium, Middlebelt south of Eight Mile, Livonia. \$15, proceeds to benefit the Michigan Jazz Festival and the Clarenceville Foundation. (248) 474-2720/(734) 459-2454

#### "FRESHETTA MIRROR BALL TOUR"

With New Morty Show, Alien Fashion Show and Blue Plate Special, 8 p.m. Thursday, March 18, Majestic, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$13 in advance. 18 and older. (313) 833-9700 or <http://www.99music.com>

#### THE JOHNNY FAVOURITE SWING ORCHESTRA

With DJ Del, 8 p.m. Sunday, March 14, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$6 in advance. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (swing)

#### MARILYN MCCOO AND BILLY DAVIS, JR.

Star with a cast of Broadway performers and jazz band in "Hit Me with a Hot Note-The Duke Ellington Songbook" 8 p.m. Saturday, March 13, at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, M-59 and Garfield, Clinton Twp. \$24, \$22 seniors/students. (810) 286-2222/(800) 585-3737

#### MIGHTY BLUE KINGS

8 p.m. Thursday, March 11, Majestic, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$5, 18 and older. (313) 833-9700 or <http://www.99music.com> (swing)

#### RAISIN PICKERS BAND

1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, March 13-14, 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 (swing, bluegrass and folk)

#### SHAKEN NOT STIRRED

9:30 p.m. Thursday, March 18, Karl's, 9779 Old N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. Free. 21 and older. (734) 455-8450 (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; 10:30 p.m. Saturday, March 13, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5060; 1 p.m. Sunday, March 21, during the Detroit Rockers' game, Joe Louis Arena, 600 Civic Center Dr., Detroit. Tickets at Ticketmaster. All ages. (248) 645-6666; 10 p.m. Wednesday, March 17, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 543-4300 (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

**BIRMINGHAM CONCERT BAND** Now in its 26th year, the band is looking for adult musicians (woodwind, brass) and especially percussion players of all ages, rehearsals 7:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesdays, at Groves High School, Birmingham. (248) 474-4997

#### 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

### NOVI THEATRES

Auditions for ages 13-college for "Picnic at Hanging Rock" 7 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, March 16 and 18, once cast all actors pay fee of \$125, at the Novi Civic Center Stage, 45175 W. 10 Mile. For performances May 14-16. (248) 347-0400

#### PLAYERS GUILD OF DEARBORN

Auditions for "Blood Brothers" 7:30 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, March 15-16, at the theater, 21730 Madison, near Monroe and Outer Drive. For performances May 7-8, 14-16, 21-23. (313) 561-TKTS

#### RADIO CITY ENTERTAINMENT'S "WIZARD OF OZ"

Holds open auditions for Munchkins for Fox Theatre performances of "The Wizard of Oz," 4:30 p.m. Monday, March 22, at the theater, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Candidates must be girls and boys between the ages of 8-14, or little people no taller than 4'10". Height will be measured upon arrival. Six selected Munchkins will have walk-on roles in one of three designated performances of "The Wizard of Oz." (313) 596-3288

#### SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE HONORS RECITALS

The college auditions pianists Friday-Saturday, March 19-20, and those who play other instruments and sing, Saturday, March 20, Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia. Students in elementary through high school grades are eligible for the piano competition; students in grades 5-12 may enter the instrumental division; and students in grades 9-12 may compete in the vocal category. Judges will select winners from the various categories, and winners will receive cash awards ranging from \$50 for elementary piano to \$250 for winners in the senior voice competition. (734) 462-4400, ext. 5218

#### SHOCK WAVE DANCE TEAM

The Detroit Shock's dance team hosts open auditions for youths ages 13-17 (male and female) to perform at WNBA Shock games, 4 p.m. Monday, March 22, at the Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr., Auburn Hills. (248) 377-8696/(248) 377-0132/(248) 377-0199

#### SHOWBIZ EXPO

Accepting applications from boys and girls ages 3-18 for Michigan's 12th annual Showbiz Entertainment and Photographic Expo, March 20-21. Portions of all proceeds to benefit Make-A-Wish Foundation. (248) 650-1741/(810) 977-2741

# 8 days a week

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**KUZ**  
9 p.m. Tuesday, March 16, as part of Mood Indigo night at Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. \$5, 21 and older. (734) 662-8310 ("out-jazz")

**SHEILA LANDIS AND RICK MATLE**  
7-10 p.m. Wednesdays in March, Woodruff's, 212 W. Sixth St., Royal Oak. Free. All ages. (248) 586-1519

**MATT MICHAELS**  
With vocalist Julie Cochill, 8-11:30 p.m. Thursday, March 11, with saxophonist Paul Vornhagen Thursday, March 18, with trumpeter Marcus Belgrave Thursday, March 25, at the Botsford Inn, Farmington. \$5 cover waived with dinner order. (248) 474-4800

**M.A.S. (MUTUAL ADMIRATION SOCIETY)**  
8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, March 11-13, and Wednesday-Saturday, March 17-20, Duet, 3663 Woodward Ave., at Mack/Martin Luther King Boulevard, Detroit. Reservations recommended. (313) 831-3838

**POIGNANT PLEOSTOMUS**  
With Gravity Well and Prime Numbers, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, March 13, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5, 19 and older. (avant jazz)

**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

**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-Saturday, March 12-13, Bachelor's, 1967 Cass Lake Road, Keego Harbor. Free. 21 and older. (248) 682-2295 (reggae)

**NOMOS**  
8 p.m. Tuesday, March 16, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$13.50. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or http://www.a2ark.org (Irish)

**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 Sperber'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)

**JIM PERKINS**  
9 p.m. Wednesdays in March, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5060; 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 19, the Starry Night Lounge, 27909 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 324-0400 (Celtic folk)

**GENNADY ZUT**  
Balalaika virtuoso and his wife pianist Tatyana Zut perform Russian folk songs, and classical and modern compositions, 3 p.m. Sunday, March 14, Jimmy Prentiss Morris Building of the Jewish Community Center, 15110 W. 10 Mile Road, Oak Park. \$2. (248) 967-4030

## FOLK/BLUEGRASS

**DAN BERN**  
8 p.m. Saturday, March 13, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$11. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or http://www.a2ark.org

**THE CANTRELLS**  
8-10:30 p.m. Saturday, March 13, at the Off-the-Wall Acoustic Coffee House in St. William Parish Hall in Walled Lake. \$10 adult, \$20 family, \$7.50 student. (248) 624-1421 or http://www.off-the-wall.org

**LAUREL FEDERBUSH AND NIGHTFIRE**  
Poet and composer Federbush performs original material, Nightfire performing arts group weaves poetry, music and dancers Kaleea and Irena, 8-9:30 p.m. Saturday, March 13, at the Angel Caravan Coffeehouse, located in the Friends Meeting House, 1420 Hill St., Ann Arbor. \$5 suggested donation. (734) 327-2041

**DAVID GRISMAN QUINTET**  
8 p.m. Thursday, March 18, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$25. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or http://www.a2ark.org (bluegrass)

**LUCY KAPLANSKY AND SUSAN MCKEOWN**  
8 p.m. Thursday, March 11, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$11, \$10 members, students and seniors. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or http://www.a2ark.org

**RAISIN PICKERS**  
7:30 p.m. Sunday, March 14, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$11. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or http://www.a2ark.org

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**RFD BOYS**  
8 p.m. Friday, March 12, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$10, \$9 members, students and seniors. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or http://www.a2ark.org

**PETER ROWAN AND TONY RICE**  
8 p.m. Friday, March 19, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$17.50. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or http://www.a2ark.org (bluegrass)

## 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

**"POETRY IN MOTION"**  
Featuring Lenore Langs, 6-10 p.m. Sunday, March 14, at the Grand Cafe, 33316 Grand River, Farmington. No cover. (248) 615-9181

**THE SPOKEN WORD**  
Poems - Chapter and Verse featuring Detroit's own Terry Blackhawk and student poets from the nationally acclaimed writing project "Inside/Out," 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 17, open mic opportunity, at the Scarab Club, 217 Farnsworth, behind the Detroit Institute of Arts. \$2 at the door. (313) 831-1250

## DANCE

**ALVIN AILEY AMERICAN DANCE THEATER**  
8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 19-20, and 4 p.m. Sunday, March 21, Power Center for the Performing Arts, 121 Fletcher St., Ann Arbor. \$18, \$28, \$34, \$38. (734) 764-2538 or http://www.ums.org

**RADOMIANE POLISH FOLK DANCE ENSEMBLE**  
The dance ensemble hosts their annual performance and Polish Easter Brunch (Swieconka), 2 p.m. Sunday, March 28, at Sts. Peter and Paul Orthodox Church, 750 N. Beech Daly Road, between Ford and Cherry Hill roads, Dearborn Heights. \$16, includes brunch and 2:30 p.m. performance. No tickets available at the door. Deadline for reservation is March 12. (734) 427-8640 / (734) 522-6560.

**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, with proceeds to benefit needy patients and their families at the University of Michigan's Mott Children's Hospital, 8 p.m. Friday, March 12, at the Power Center for the Performing Arts, Ann Arbor. \$12, \$8 students/seniors. (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

**UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN MUSEUM OF ART**  
"The Mindless Crowd: New Studies in Theater and Dance Based on the Work of Magdalena Abakanowicz" brings together community performers inspired by the Polish artist's sculptures, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 18 in the museum's Apse 525 S. State St., Ann Arbor. \$7, available in advance at the museum gift shop. Seating limited. (734) 647-0521. The installation of Abakanowicz's headless sculptures continues to May 2. (734) 764-0395 or http://www.umich.edu/~umma/

**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**  
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

**JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAISANO'S**  
Lowell Sanders, 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 12-13 (\$12, \$24.95 dinner show package), and 7 p.m. Sunday, March 14 (\$10, \$22.95 dinner show package); Jason Stuart, 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 19-20 (\$20, \$24.95 dinner show package), and 7 p.m. Sunday, March 21 (\$10, \$22.95 dinner show package); at the club, 5070 Schafer Road, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

**MAINSTREET COMEDY SHOWCASE**  
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); Rich Hall, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, March 18 (\$10), 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday, March 19 (\$12), and 5:45 p.m., 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Saturday, March 20 (\$12), at the club, 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 996-9080

**MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE**  
Jim David and Manny Shields, Thursday-Sunday, March 11-15; Tim Lilly and Keith Ruff, Wednesday-Thursday, March 17-18; Carol Leifer, Friday-Saturday, March 19-20 (\$17.50), and Sunday, March 21 (\$15), at the club, 269 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. 8:30 p.m. Thursdays (\$5), 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays (\$6), 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays (\$12), and 7:30 p.m. Sundays (\$6). Prices subject to change. (248) 542-9900 or http://www.comedycastle.com

## SECOND CITY

"Impeachment and Cream," Wednesday, March 17, through May, at the club, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. 8 p.m. Wednesdays-Sundays, and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays. \$10 Wednesdays, Thursdays, Sundays, \$17.50 on-Fridays, and \$19.50 on Saturdays. (313) 965-2222

## MUSEUMS AND TOURS

**CRANBROOK ART MUSEUM**  
"Weird Science: A Conflation of Art and Science," featuring four artists' projects representing an ongoing exploration of a specific area of science, some incorporate specimens from Cranbrook Institute of Science, an Eastern Box turtle, satellite broadcasting prototypes, and a chicken coop, through April 3, at the museum, 1221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. Museum hours: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays-Sundays, until 9 p.m. Thursdays. \$5, \$3 students/children/seniors. (248) 645-3232 or http://www.cranbrook.edu/museum

**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

## POPULAR MUSIC

**AHADA**  
8 p.m. Tuesday, March 16, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

**THE ALLIGATORS**  
9:30 p.m. Friday, March 19, Ford Road Bar and Grill, 35505 Ford Road, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (734) 721-8609 (blues)

**BAMBU**  
With Bumpus and Sugar Buzz, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, March 18, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$4, 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (rock)

**ROB BASE AND DJ E-Z ROCK**  
8 p.m. doors with 11 p.m. showtime Friday, March 19, La Boom, 1172 N. Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake. \$10 in advance. Ages 15-19. (248) 926-9960 / (248) 645-6666 (rock)

**BIZER BROTHERS**  
8 p.m. to midnight Friday-Saturday, March 12-13, Rattlesnake Club, 300 River Place, Detroit. Free. All ages. (313) 567-4400 (pop)

**"BLIND PIG SHOWCASE NIGHT"**  
With Caravan, The Shades and Shifty Gears, 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 16, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Free. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (variety)

**BLUECART**  
9 p.m. Friday, March 12, CK Diggs, 2010 Auburn Road, Rochester Hills. Free. 21 and older. (248) 853-6600 (blues)

**BLUE SHAKERS**  
9 p.m. Saturday, March 13, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty St., Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 451-1213 (blues)

**BLUE SUIT WITH ALBERTA ADAMS**  
9 p.m. Saturday, March 13, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800; 9 p.m. Friday, March 19, Bad Frog, 555 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) (blues)

**BONNE TEMPS ROULLE**  
9 p.m. Saturday, March 13, Ford Road Bar and Grill, 35505 Ford Road, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (734) 721-8609; 10:30 p.m. Friday, March 19, 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. All ages. (313) 886-8101; 10 p.m. Saturday, March 13, Atwater Block Brewery, 237 Jos. Campau, Detroit. Free. 21 and older. (313) 393-2337 (rocks/rock)

**DAWN CAMPBELL AND BLUE FUSION**  
9 p.m. Thursday, March 18; Gameworks inside Great Lakes Crossing, 4316 Baldwin Road, Auburn Hills. Free. 21 and older. (248) 745-9675; 10 p.m. Friday, March 19, Shark Club, 6650 Highland Road, Waterford. Cover charge. 21 and older. (248) 666-4161 (R&B)

**SCOTT CAMPBELL**  
8-10 p.m. Friday, March 19, Borders Books and Music, 30995 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 737-0100 (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 Sugar Pill, 9:30 p.m. Friday, March 19, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (rock)

**GLEN EDDIE**  
9 p.m. Friday, March 19, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty St., Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 451-1213 (blues)

**THE REV. MARC FALCONBERRY**  
7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 13, the Starry Night Lounge inside Van Gogh's, 27909 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 324-0400 (blues)

**PETE "BIG DOG" FETTERS**  
9 p.m. Friday, March 19, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Free. All ages. (313) 886-8101 (blues)

**FOOLISH MORTALS**  
10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 12-13, Woody's, 208 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 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)

**4TH FUNKTION**  
With Sunday Afternoon, 9 p.m. Saturday, March 13, Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (248) 334-9292 (funk)

**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)

**GHETTO BILLIES**  
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. \$5, 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (humor rock)

**GRAYLING**  
With Miné, 9 p.m. Friday, March 12, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5, 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 (rock)

**GRR**  
9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 19-20, Bogy's, 142 Walled Lake Road, Walled Lake. Free. 21 and older. (248) 669-1441 (rock)

**JOE HENRY**  
9 p.m. Saturday, March 13, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. \$10 in advance. 18 and older. (248) 335-8100 or http://www.961melt.com (rock)

**AL HILL AND THE LOVE BUTLERS**  
9 p.m. Thursday, March 18, Arbor Brewing Company, 116 E. Washington, Ann Arbor. Free. 21 and older. (734) 213-1393 (blues)

**THE HOPE ORCHESTRA**  
11 p.m. Saturday, March 13, Roadrunner's Raft, 2363 Yemens St., at Brombach, Hamtramck. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 873-RAFT or http://www.concentric.net/~hopeorch (rock)

**LISA HUNTER**  
8 p.m. Friday, March 12, Green Wood Coffee House, 1001 Green Road, Ann Arbor. \$8. All ages. (734) 665-8558; 8-10 p.m. Saturday, March 13, Espresso Royale, 214 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Free. All ages. (734) 668-1838; 8 p.m. Friday, March 19, Coffee Beanery, 307 S. Main St., Rochester. Free. All ages. (248) 650-3344 or http://www.lb.com/onemanclapping/llsa.htm (acoustic rock)

**INTRIGUE**  
Friday-Saturday, March 12-13, at D.L. Harrington's Roadhouse, 2086 Crooks Road at M-59, Rochester Hills. (810) 852-0550 (top 40)

**JILL JACK**  
With Jody Carlson, 9 p.m. Friday, March 19, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5, 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 (roots rock)

**JIMMIE JACKSON AND THE BLUES CONNECTION**  
8 p.m. Friday, March 19, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

**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)

**KID ROCK**  
With Steind, 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 19, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$16 in advance, \$18 day of show. All ages. (313) 961-5451 (rap/rock)

**KNEE DEEP SHAG**  
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; 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 (funk/rock)

**GLADYS KNIGHT**  
With The Temptations, 8 p.m. Friday, March 12 (sold out), and 7 p.m. Sunday, March 28, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$47.50 and \$40. (248) 433-1515 (R&B/Motown)

**KORN**  
With Rob Zombie and Videodrone, 7 p.m. Saturday, March 13, The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr., Auburn Hills. \$29.50 reserved and general admission floor. (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacenet.com (rock)

**WAYNE KRAMER**  
9 p.m. Thursday, March 18, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$10 in advance. 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 / (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com (rock)

**KUNG FU DIESEL**  
10:30 p.m. Friday, March 12, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5060 (rockability)

**LIQUID NUMBER NINE**  
With Branded, 7 p.m. Sunday, March 14, Center Stage Performance Arts Theater, 39940 Ford Road, 1/2 mile east of I-75, Canton Township. \$5, 21 and older. (734) 981-5122 or http://branded.ontheweb.nu (rock)

**THE LIVING END**  
7:30 p.m. Sunday, March 14, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$7, All ages. (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com (punk)

**MARTINA MCBRIDE**  
With Diamond Rio, 8 p.m. Thursday, March 18, The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr., Auburn Hills. \$22.50 reserved, \$10 general admission. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacenet.com (country)

**MEDICINEBALL**  
With Radiocraft and Clouis Minor, 9 p.m. Friday, March 19, Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (248) 334-9292 (rock)

**MUDPUFFY**  
9:30 p.m. Friday, March 19, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 543-4300 (blues)

**"MUSIC MADNESS TOUR"**  
With 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 (pop)

**STEVE NARDELLA**  
9 p.m. Friday, March 12, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (rockability)

**"1964: THE TRIBUTE"**  
8 p.m. Saturday, March 13, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$15, 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or http://www.themagicbag.com (Beatles tribute band)

**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)

**ROBERT PENN**  
9 p.m. Friday, March 12, Bad Frog, 555 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 642-9400 (blues)

**PINE CONE JELLIES**  
9 p.m. Saturday, March 13, CK Diggs, 2010 Auburn Road, Rochester Hills. Free. 21 and older. (248) 853-6600 (acoustic rock)

**PULL**  
9 p.m. Friday, March 19, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 349-9110 (rock)

**RUINERS**  
With Lantern Jack and Dr. Peeper, 9 p.m. Thursday, March 18, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5, 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 (rock)

**SAX APPEAL**  
9 p.m. Thursdays, March 11 and 18, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

**SILVERCHAIR**  
With Lit, 6 p.m. Friday, March 19, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$14. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com (rock)

**SMOG**  
With Gallicia, 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 17, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$6 in advance. 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 (rock)

**STEVE SOMERS WITH VALERIE BARRYMORE**  
8 p.m. Wednesday, March 17, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

**SUN 209**  
9:30 p.m. Thursday, March 18, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248)

MOVIES

# 'Analyze This' so funny it would be a crime to miss it

BY JON KATZ  
SPECIAL WRITER

You say you wanna sink into your movie seat and be intellectually challenged? You wanna meditate on life and love and how bad that popcorn butter is for you? You wanna lose yourself in the Elizabethan era of those Shakespearean Oscar contenders? Well "FUHGETABOUTIT!"

"Analyze This" will keep you too busy laughing and mimicking Robert De Niro's mob speak to engage in such loftier pursuits. Perhaps the ultimate tribute one can give a comedy is that even the straight lines are punch lines. This is such a comedy.

De Niro, perhaps our greatest

contemporary film actor, was understandably concerned about playing what is essentially a parody of the very character he's turned into a franchise. Fortunately, he decided that "the time had come for me to poke a little fun at myself." He's awfully funny, and, hopefully, Joe Pesci's not around to grill us on what we mean by "funny."

Billy Crystal is a perfect joke-mate for De Niro; he's best-suited at setting up and reacting to the gag while letting his partner fill in the funny middle. It works when he knows his place ("Throw Momma From the Train") and doesn't work when he tries to wear the baggy pants himself ("Mr. Saturday Night").

In "Analyze This," De Niro is

Paul Vitti, capo (boss) of one of New York's mob families, who as a child witnessed his gangster father being slain. With a big meeting coming up to decide who will be capo de capo, Vitti suffers a series of panic attacks. He cries while watching a life insurance commercial; he can't get it on with his mistress; hey, he can't even whack a stoolie. Confiding to his huge henchman Jelly (Joseph Viterelli), he wonders whether he might need a head doctor-a shrink.

"This is like one of those psychic ESPN things," says the Runyonesque Jelly, who was in an auto collision with psychiatrist Ben Sobol (Crystal) just the night before. The doc is not thrilled about taking on a new

patient with such a high - and wanted - profile ("When I got into family therapy this is not the family I had in mind"). This particular patient, however, doesn't take no - or even maybe - for an answer.

So Ben finds himself on-call 24/7. No matter that he's in the middle of his marriage ceremony to Lisa Kudrow; when the boss cries, you come. It's not so easy, he finds, to treat a goodfella. When Ben suggests that Vitti might have an Oedipal complex, his patient is a bit defensive ("I don't wanna hear no more filth about my mother").

Crystal soars in the final scene when he must assume the role of Vitti's "con-sig-li-li-lari," presenting himself to the other bosses as "Benny the Groin, Tubby the Tuba, Elmer the Fudd." Certainly he had an uncredited hand in the writing of this bit, as well as a dream sequence that salutes the first "Godfather" movie (Crystal had previously recognized "Godfather II" in "City



PHILIP CARUO/WARNER BROS.

Comedy: Paul Vitti (Robert De Niro), Dr. Ben Sobol (Billy Crystal, center) and Laura MacNamara (Lisa Kudrow) in "Analyze This."

Slickers II").

"Analyze This" is not, however, an "Airplane" style burlesque, the kind that Leslie Nielsen attempted in "Mafia." It doesn't put a twist on the genre; rather, the film pulls it into another dimension: ours. Director Harold Ramis ("Groundhog Day") is the ideal maestro for just this kind

of comedy. His pacing and editing are masterful, although at least four shots with a visible boom mic slipped into the final print.

Don't sweat it, then; you won't need to brush up your Shakespeare. A little review of "Guys and Dolls" and you're made in the shade, pally.

## 'Lock, Stock, Barrels,' tortuous film

BY VICTORIA DIAZ  
SPECIAL WRITER

Want to catch a movie that will make you feel really good? Then, by all means, don't miss "Lock, Stock, and Two Smoking Barrels." It's absolutely packed with uplifting stuff like a human torch, a hatchet murder, drug and porn kingpins. And it's just crawling with a kaleidoscopic collection of idiots who have little trouble outdoing each other when it comes to ineptitude.

If ever a movie came out of the carnage-is-comedy school of filmmaking, "Lock, Stock, and Two Smoking Barrels" is that movie.

"Lock, Stock, and Two Smoking Barrels" is a tortuous movie with a tortuous plot, although that serpentine plot certainly doesn't render it into anything slow-moving. Essentially, it tells the story of four close London pals who find themselves in big trouble and big debt after a fixed

card game.

Eddie (Nick Moran), Tom (Jason Flemyng), Bacon (Jason Statham), and Soop (Dexter Fletcher) have to find a way to repay porn king Hatchet Harry (P.H. Moriarty) or, within a week, handsome Eddie loses his fingers and then some.

While the quartet, none of whom are exactly geniuses, struggle mightily to come up with some idea of how to solve the problem, various matters keep gumming up the works - including marijuana, coke, Hatchet Harry's porn empire, and, especially, those two smoking barrels of the title.

As the movie zips along at a rather breathless pace, American audiences may find themselves actually hoping for subtitles. Although most of the characters certainly aren't swift, their East End vowels seem beyond comprehension at times.

To give credit where it's due, Ritchie, in his debut film, demonstrates that he definitely knows how to manipulate an audience, keeping movie-goers at seat's edge from start to nail-biting end. Production qualities are not just clever, they are stylish and highly imaginative. He's employed everything from split-screen shots to voice-overs to bits borrowed from other films, to freeze frames (the card game and its aftermath seem suggestive of a strange, painful dance) to consistently creative low lighting that makes this monstrous world and its people come disturbingly to life.

You might look at "Lock, Stock, and Two Smoking Barrels" as something loose and screaming out of the pages of Mad Magazine, turned loud, large, mean and nasty. It may be British, but it may not exactly be your cup of tea.

**GUIDE TO THE MOVIES**

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Crash Test Dummies singer tries a soulful falsetto



CHRISTINA FUOCO

Tell the Crash Test Dummies' lead singer Brad Roberts that his band's forthcoming album, "Give Yourself a Hand," sounds like War meets the Crash Test Dummies and he'll let out a hearty laugh.

"I like 'Superfly' meets the Crash Test Dummies," he offered in his trademark baritone voice.

Roberts was inspired to massage the sound of the Crash Test Dummies after moving to New York.

"The last time I went there I tried to find an apartment. I found a place that happened to be in Harlem. I kept hearing people singing in falsetto all over the place, of course, so I started singing falsetto in the shower just for fun," Roberts explained.

Realizing he had a falsetto voice, Roberts began writing groovier, bluesy numbers for "Give Yourself a Hand," due in stores March 23. The folk-inspired, orchestral pop tunes have been replaced by whispy falsetto vocals, drum machines and even some rapping.

"Everyone who hears the single can't believe it's us," he said of "Keep a Lid on Things." "I either whisper or I sing falsetto. Usually I sing bass baritone. 'La, la, la, la.' I didn't do either. It made the lyrics go in a different direction, too. Before I was writing about different ideas, now it's more about prostitutes and going to seedy bars. It's a little change of pace, but it all comes together in the end."

The Crash Test Dummies will preview "Give Yourself a Hand" tonight at Second City 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Roberts is looking forward to the challenge of reproducing the music

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Opening for Korn: Videodrone - from left, keyboardist Rohan, guitarist David File, bassist/vocalist Mavis, vocalist Ty Elam, and drummer/percussionist Kris Kohls - performs with Korn and Rob Zombie.

live. "There will be no machines, just extra people (playing instruments). It's gonna be fun. I probably won't play the guitar. I'll probably just sing and jump around like an idiot, and have lots of beers."

The Crash Test Dummies and special guest Big Rude Jake perform at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$30 for Gold Circle seating and \$25 general admission. For more information, call (313) 965-2222. The concert kicks off the "Dine Out Detroit" benefit which takes place Friday. Local restaurants will donate 10 percent of that day's lunch and dinner sales to the Midwest AIDS Prevention Project (MAPP). For a complete list of participating restaurants, call MAPP at (248) 545-1435.

New name, old faces

Kris Kohls, drummer/percussionist for Videodrone, is not afraid to admit his true feelings about opening for Korn and Rob Zombie in arenas around the United States.

"I'm gonna throw up. We've been looking forward to this forever. It's gonna be great. We're a little nervous," said Kohls, a Bakersfield, Calif., native.

Touring is nothing strange to Videodrone. For 10 years it's strapped on guitars at dingy, sweaty rock clubs as Cradle of Thorns. The band decided to ditch the name and its sound during the recording session for

what turned out to be Videodrone's self-titled debut record. Videodrone called upon hometown friend and Korn bassist Reginald "Fieidy" Arvizu to produce the record.

When Arvizu took the band in a different direction, Kohls explained that the band took a different name.

"The sound, I think, was a natural progression if you listen to old Cradle stuff. We just kind of progressed into this and we're using more technology now and all that," Kohls explained.

"We just kind of progressed into this and we're using more technology now and all that." The album marks the first time the band members had called on an outside producer. The result, Kohls said, was a much more focused record.

"One of the problems with our older stuff was we went in so many different directions. We have so many different influences. He actually tried to hone us in one thing. If you listen to the new Korn record, every song is different.

But it's still one vibe. As far as the songs and music and the way the record came out, none of that was planned. We all got in a room and what came out came out."

The guests on Videodrone's album, released on Korn's Reprise Records-distributed label Elementree, reads like a who's who of alt-rock hitmakers - Korn singer Jonathan Davis,

Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr., Auburn Hills. Tickets are \$29.50 reserved and general admission floor. Showtime is 7 p.m. For more information, call (248) 377-0100 or visit http://www.palacenet.com

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Advertisement for 'The Deep End of the Ocean' featuring Michelle Pfeiffer. Includes quote: 'MICHELLE PFEIFFER IGNITES THE SCREEN WITH A TOUR DE FORCE PERFORMANCE!' and 'A TERRIFIC FILM' by Linda Stotter. Shows theater listings for March 12.

Advertisement for 'Cruel Intentions' featuring the movie poster and quote: 'IT'S COOL TO BE CRUEL!' and 'ONE OF THE MOST FUN MOVIES OF THE YEAR.' Includes theater listings for 'NOW PLAYING'.

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Advertisement for 'Baby Geniuses' featuring Kathleen Turner and Christopher Lloyd. Includes quote: 'It's a live action 'Rugrats!'' and 'baby geniuses'. Shows theater listings for March 12.

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Advertisement for 'Monte Nagler will help you get focused every Thursday in AT HOME' featuring a portrait of Monte Nagler and the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers logo.

## DINING

## Friendly O'Malley's offers something for everyone

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Relaxing after a busy lunch, Patrick Kelly was smiling. O'Malley's Bar & Grill in Livonia, which he owns with his son Brian, has been doing well since it opened on Feb. 17.

There's only a small paper sign on the door, but people seem to be finding O'Malley's, which is tucked into a shopping plaza on the corner of Farmington and Five Mile roads.

They'll be open at 7 a.m. on St. Patrick's Day and have special events throughout the day, including bagpipers at 3 p.m.

Kelly said he chose "O'Malley's" because it's a "catchy, easy-to-remember name."

"We're a family style restaurant with a great bar," he said. "We get a lot of families in here," adds general manager Sandra Bingamen, pointing to the children's menu. There are also booster chairs and high chair for little ones.

The menu offers something for everyone. They have a saying at O'Malley's — "When Irish eyes are smiling, there's always something cooking at O'Malley's!"

"We wanted some great corned beef, which everyone says we have," said Kelly. Tender baby back barbecue ribs prepared with Chef Tony Tocco's sauce are another specialty.

Order a New York Strip Steak, broiled pork chops, or barbecue chicken. If you're hungry for some Irish fare, try Shawn's Shepherd Pie or the

## O'Malley's Bar &amp; Grill

Where: 15231 Farmington Road, (at Five Mile Road), Livonia (734) 427-7775.

Hours: 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. Monday-Saturday; noon to midnight, Sunday. Opening 7 a.m. on St. Patrick's Day.

Menu: Something for everyone including sandwiches, salads, soups, Irish specialties, ribs, chicken and fish. Children's menu: Available

Cost: Sandwiches \$3.95-\$6.25; entrees \$7.50-\$14.95.

Credit cards: All majors accepted

Carry-out: Available for all menu items. To fax your order, call (734) 427-6338.

corned beef and cabbage.

O'Malley's also offers deep fried lake perch, fish & chips, broiled white fish, shrimp, and a Catch of the Day. "You can order any item on the menu blackened or Cajun-style at no extra cost," said Bingamen.

Pasta lovers can choose from spaghetti, mostaccioli or Chicken Parmesan. On Friday's and Saturday's, O'Malley's features prime rib dinners, 8 ounce for \$10.95 or 10 ounce for \$13.95.

For lunch, try one of the many



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

House special: Sandra Bingamen presents corned beef and cabbage, one of the items you'll find on the menu at O'Malley's Bar & Grill.

sandwiches. From the usual tuna salad, stacked turkey and ham to the "Go Fish! Sandwich," and Portabella Burger — char-broiled giant mushroom cap topped with tomato and Mozzarella cheese on an onion bun. All sandwiches are served with soup of the day and Zapp's pota-

to chips. Patrick Kelly serves Zapp's potato chips because he likes them. They're shipped in from Louisiana.

Be sure to ask about the daily lunch and dinner specials.

"Our corned beef is awesome and our hamburgers are great," said Bingamen. "We offer a

friendly atmosphere. This is a fun place to work. People seem to enjoy themselves when they come in."

Sit at one of the booths or tables for four. There are eight TVs, four in the bar area and four in the dining room.

O'Malley's offers "wonderful

wines," cocktails, five beers on tap and 22 bottled beers including some that are alcohol-free. Finish your meal with dessert and an Irish coffee.

Soft drinks, juice, and even a tropical smoothie delight made with a blend of tropical juices, are also on the menu.

## CELEBRATE ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Here are some places to celebrate St. Patrick's Day on Wednesday, March 17.

## CONOR O'NEILL'S

318 S. Main, Ann Arbor. Open 11:30 a.m. to 2 a.m. Monday-Friday; 10 a.m. to 2 a.m. Saturday-Sunday. Opening 7 a.m. St. Patrick's Day. Irish dancers, bagpipers will be performing throughout the day. The Diggers begin performing at 9 p.m. The menu includes fish & chips, corned beef & cabbage, Shepherd's Pie and other foods. Call (734) 665-2968 for information.

## COWLEY'S OLD VILLAGE INN

33338 Grand River, Farmington. Open 10 a.m. to 2 a.m. Monday-Saturday, closed Sunday. Opening 10 a.m. on St. Patrick's Day. From noon to 5 p.m. Blackthorn will be performing; 7 p.m. to close, Perkins & Friends. Serving corned beef and cabbage dinners and Irish stew, Friday-Saturday, March 12-13. Corned beef sand-

wiches, burger and pizza served on St. Patrick's Day. (248) 474-5941.

## DICK O'DOW'S

160 W. Maple, Birmingham. Open 11 a.m. to 2:30 a.m. Monday-Saturday; open noon to 2:30 a.m. Sunday. Will be opening 6 a.m. St. Patrick's Day. Breakfast will be available for the early crowd. Serving corned beef sandwiches, fish and chips, and other sandwiches throughout the day. Entertainment includes pipers, Odd Enough, Ravensong, Company of Strangers, and Mo Doyle, call (248) 642-1135 for informa-

tion.

## O'GRADY'S IRISH PUB

585 W. Big Beaver, Troy, (adjacent to the Drury Inn) (248) 524-4770. Open 11-2 a.m. Monday-Saturday; noon to 1 a.m. Sunday. Menu includes corned beef and cabbage, Shepherd's pie and Irish stew. Entertainment on St. Patrick's Day.

## INNISFREE IRISH PUB &amp; GRILL

6327 Middlebelt Road (near Ford Road), Garden City. Open evenings, call (734) 425-2434 for more information.

## WHAT'S COOKING

Send items for consideration in What's Cooking to Keely Wygnik, Entertainment Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Inc., 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, fax (248) 591-7279, or e-mail kwygnik@oe.homecomm.net

## EAST SIDE MARIO'S

All you can eat snow crab legs available Mondays and Tuesdays at all three East Side Mario locations including 31630 Plymouth Road (just west of Merriman) in Livonia, (734) 513-8803, and 29267 Southfield Road (between

12 and 13 Mile roads) in the Southfield Commons Shopping Center (248) 569-9454. Crab leg special includes salad, bread and side of pasta for \$13.95 during lunch and dinner.

## OSCAR NIGHT AMERICA

Party Sunday, March 21 at The Second City and Risata Restaurant in Detroit's theater district. The gala fund-raiser is the only party in Michigan officially sanctioned by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences. Tickets are \$125 per person, call (313) 833-0247.

## DON PABLOS

Through April 4 (which is Easter Sunday), Don Pablo's Mexican Kitchen will be featuring four new food items for customers to enjoy during the Lenten season — Shrimp Soup, Tacos Mazatlan (which is lightly battered white fish wrapped in corn quesadillas with roasted green chiles and Chipotle Cilantro dressing on Mexican rice with vegetables and charra beans), a Baja Fish Fry, and a Kid's Fish Fry.

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