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Remains could be Plymouth woman

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Plymouth police are investigating whether body parts found in Dearborn and Allen Township, Ohio, are those of a woman reported missing by relatives in Plymouth.

"All I have is a missing person report

and I'm trying to find out if the body parts, which fit the general description, are from the person we are looking for," said Plymouth Police Lt. Wayne Carroll.

On Dec. 22, a worker at the A&W restaurant at Fairlane Town Center discovered human limbs of a white adult female inside a dumpster behind the restaurant. On the same day, a

homeowner in Ohio discovered a bag which contained the torso of the woman.

A release by Dearborn police said "Preliminary results of a medical autopsy performed by authorities in Lucas County indicate that the limbs match the torso; however, a definite match cannot be made until DNA tests are performed."

Dearborn authorities say it will take 6-8 weeks before the results of DNA tests will be available. They also confirm there are other missing persons in the area being investigated, along with the report in Plymouth.

The identity of the victim remains a mystery because her head is still missing.

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Ice men cometh

New events, standard fare highlight 18th ice festival

The more things change, the more they remain the same.

— Alphonse Karr

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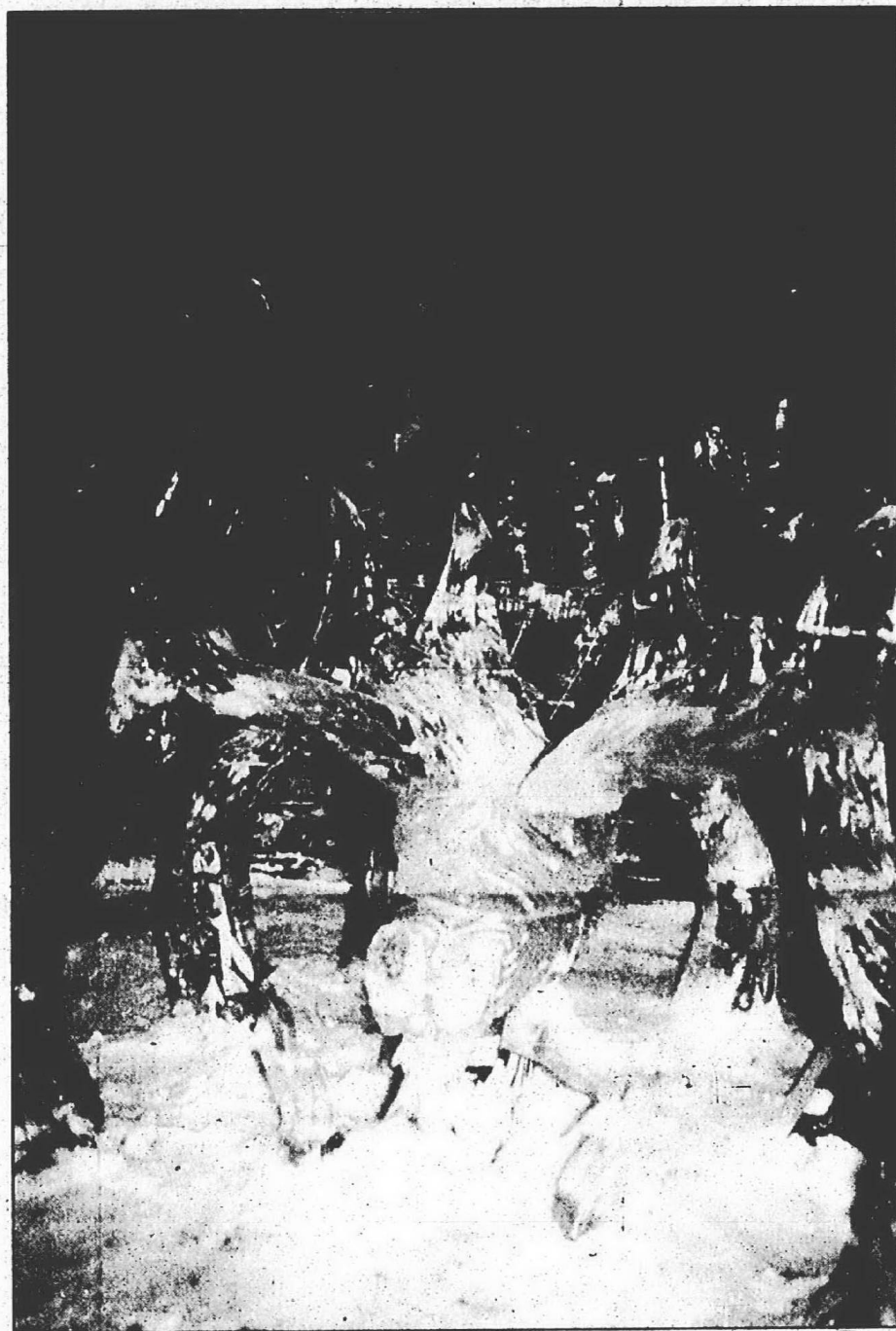
While many of the faces and some of the particulars will be different, one thing will be remarkably familiar when the 18th annual Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular takes to the streets next week. The Plymouth community will be on display for hundreds of thousands of people.

While most of the action takes place in Kellogg Park and in the parking structure across the street, many activities will happen outside those boundaries as event organizers try to get the entire community involved.

"We wanted to do more around town," said Mike Watts, executive director of the ice show. "Everything always centers around Kellogg Park. We want people to move across Main Street into other parts of town."

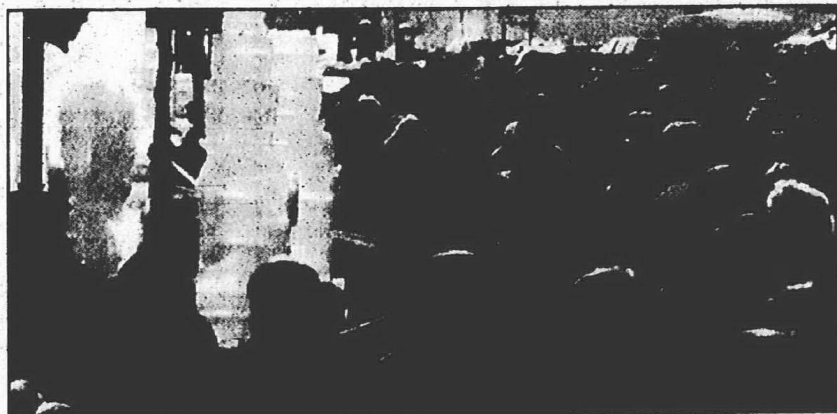
While carving is already under way for some of the sculptures that will be placed near downtown businesses, the event doesn't start until Wednesday. Sculpting competition starts Friday, with carvers from the United States, Canada and from as far away as Japan competing in three days of contests.

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STAFF PHOTOS BY PAUL HURSCHMANN

Tangled web: This was just one of the carvings from last year's Plymouth Ice Spectacular, the 18th edition of which begins Wednesday.



Big crowds: Organizers are expecting spectators by the hundreds of thousands to come to downtown Plymouth during the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular next week.

Debate continues on ideas for youth

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Is the city of Plymouth a youth-friendly community?

The fact that it may not appear so, according to the Plymouth Youth Forum, was challenged by two city commissioners at Monday night's regular meeting.

A letter by Commissioner Michele Potter, a member of the Plymouth Youth Forum, to her city commission colleagues

lists five proposals from the Youth Forum that could be considered as the first steps toward creating an identity of Plymouth as a youth-friendly.

'To accept this premise is to say that Plymouth is not youth-friendly, one in which I disagree.'

Colleen Pobur
— City commissioner

Mayor Dave McDonald and Commissioner Colleen Pobur took exception to the statement.

"As the mayor of Plymouth, I believe we are youth-friendly," said McDonald. "The issues in the proposals might be valid ones for a self-ordained group, but they certainly weren't appointed by any municipal government. I've asked for the list of membership in the Plymouth Youth Forum to identify the residents of Plymouth."

"To accept this premise is to say that Plymouth is not youth-friendly, one in which I disagree," added Pobur. "I believe the survey of high school and

Please see YOUTH, A3

Township approves life support training

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Plymouth community firefighters will receive advanced life support training next year, giving them the wherewithal to perform more emergency medical services than they already do.

Plymouth Township board members unanimously approved an \$18,000 addition to the fire department budget at the board's Dec. 14 meeting.

That will pay for training 10 firefighters, who are expected to begin classes in the spring. The remaining firefighters are expected to attend in October. The training does not change who will transport patients; that responsibility will still rest with Huron Valley Ambulance, which is currently under contract to the fire department.

"We're not going to get into the transport business," Plymouth Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy said. "Huron Valley is still going to do the transport. But everything that can be done for you before you get to the hospital will be done for you."

Please see TRAINING, A2

Promotions announced by Observer

Troy Gibson has been named circulation manager of the Observer Newspapers. Formerly the area manager for the Canton Observer, Gibson succeeds Larry Geiger of Livonia, who has been named manager of consumer sales and marketing for The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

Gibson's new position was announced recently by Susar Rosiek, publisher of the Observer Newspapers.

"Troy's knowledge of the Observer circulation area along with his emphasis on customer service and his ability to organize and motivate employees and our youth and adult carrier forces makes him an excellent choice for the position," said Rosiek.

Gibson has worked at the Observer for the last six years as an area manager in Canton, Plymouth and Farmington/Farmington Hills. Before joining the Observer, he worked as the circulation manager at the Associated Newspapers in Wayne and at the Dearborn Press & Guide Newspapers in Dearborn.

As circulation manager, Gibson over-



Larry Geiger



Troy Gibson

sees a workforce of 11 full-time and part-time employees, more than 1,400 youth carriers and 75 adult drivers and

adult newspaper carriers.

A graduate of Roosevelt High School in Wyandotte, Gibson holds a certificate in business management from Walsh College. He lives in Dearborn with his son, Troy Jr., a senior at Fordson High School.

"My focus is service - working with area managers to satisfy all customers and to make sure they receive a com-

plete newspaper on time on Thursdays and Sundays," Gibson said.

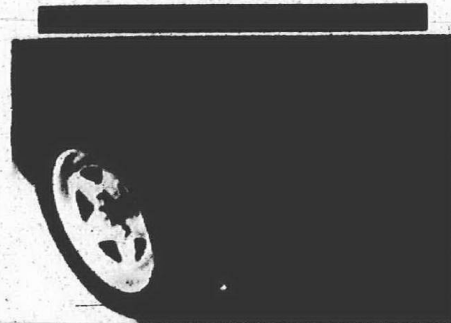
"I plan to be active in the community, recruiting youth carriers and demonstrating that having an Observer Newspaper route is a learning experience in business and in life," he added.

Gibson can be reached at (734) 953-2118.

Geiger has worked at the Observer Newspapers for 23 years. A Livonia resident, he has been an assistant home delivery manager and from 1978 until 1993 he ran circulation operations in Farmington, North Livonia, Plymouth and Canton.

Geiger's new position will involve consumer sales and marketing of the HomeTown Savings Card, a discount card for area businesses which is available free to paid subscribers. He will also be involved in establishing a Newspaper in Education Program for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

He can be reached at (734) 953-2234 or by e-mail at lgeiger@oe.homecomm.net



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Training from page A1

The township has already approved a payment to Compliant, formerly called Emergency Education, Inc., in Westland. According to a copy of an invoice obtained by The Observer, the bill covered \$15,500 for tuition, \$1,350 for textbooks and another \$1,800 for a paramedic preparatory class.

The total cost of the program to the department is expected to be nearly \$300,000, the bulk of which will be spent on overtime, according to Keen McCarthy.

The fire department serves the City of Plymouth and Plymouth Township under a joint fire agreement, but the township bears 75 percent of the department cost and controls the budget.

Previously, some city officials had opposed ALS training for firefighters because HVA contracts with the department for ALS services.

"I was unaware they did that," Plymouth Mayor Dave McDonald said last week of the town-

'The firefighters who are fastest to the scene are going to have the highest level of qualification.'

Kathleen Keen McCarthy
—Township supervisor

ship's decision. "But, I suppose under the (joint) fire agreement they don't have to have the city's approval. There's a difference, though, between having our approval and including us in the decision process."

Keen McCarthy thinks the expanded training of the township's firefighters will benefit residents of both the city and the township.

"I think it will be excellent for both," she said, "because the firefighters who are fastest to the scene are going to have the highest level of proficiency."

Fire department hits 3,000

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The Plymouth Community Fire Department made its 3,000th run Dec. 21, a record number for one year.

The department serves the City of Plymouth and Plymouth Township under a joint fire agreement.

"The 3,000th run was not a rescue run," said Fire Chief Larry Groth. "Last year we had 2,888 runs. I can remember a time before the merger in 1995 when we wondered if we would reach 400 runs."

Groth has been fire chief since May 21, 1979.

Firefighters responded to an open burning incident, the 3,000th run, at about 5:30

'I remember ... when we wondered if we would reach 400 runs.'

Larry Groth
—Plymouth fire chief

p.m. Dec. 21 on North Territorial in Plymouth Township.

The cause of the department's 3,001st fire run, a report of smoke, was traced a few minutes later that same day to a burned-out ballast in the Jill Andra Young Photography building on Penniman in Plymouth, Groth said. Firefighters also traced a report of smoke in the Penniman Gallery next door to the same ballast, he added.

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ing and the fingertips have been mutilated.

"There are no tattoos or other identifying marks on the body," said Det. Randy Riedmayer of the Ottawa County (Ohio) sheriff's department. "We began exploring missing persons and found one in Plymouth with a description that was close."

Carroll said the woman was reported miss-

ing to Plymouth police by relatives on Dec. 27. The missing woman, whom Carroll declined to identify, was supposed to be in England for Christmas after visiting relatives in Plymouth.

Carroll said the woman reportedly married a Plymouth man, but sometime later moved to England. The man reportedly still

lives in Plymouth.

When asked if he's interviewed family members or the estranged husband, Carroll said "no comment."

Ottawa County authorities were in Plymouth Tuesday talking with local police officials. Dearborn police met with Plymouth investigators Wednesday.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
JANUARY 13, 2000

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals THURSDAY, JANUARY 13, 2000 AT 7:30 P.M. The meeting will be held in the First Floor Meeting Room in the Township Administration Building located at 1150 S. CANTON CENTER ROAD. The following Agenda will be discussed:

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag
Roll Call: Blaylock, Cisek, Demopoulos, Johnson, Redfern
Acceptance of Agenda

1. Patio Enclosures, Inc. 40480 Grand River, Suite A, Novi, MI 48375 (248-473-3980) representing Bland & Patricia Miles, 3735 Parklawn Dr., Canton, MI 48188 (734-495-3076) for property at same address are requesting a variance of Zoning Ordinance, Article 26 Schedule of regulations for rear yard setbacks. (Tabled from December 9, 1999)
Parcel # 111-04-0001-000 (Building)
2. Patio Enclosures, Inc. 40480 Grand River, Suite A, Novi, MI 48375 (248-473-3980) representing Otha & Josephine Harris 43111 Lombardy Dr., Canton, MI 48187 (734-455-1009) for property at same address are requesting a variance of Zoning Ordinance Article 26 Schedule of regulations for rear yard setbacks.
Parcel # 007-01-0584-000 (Building)
3. Wallace R. Haley, Law Office of Wallace R. Haley, 7960 Grand River, Suite 270, Brighton, MI 48114 representing Sprint PCS, 9701 Higgins, Suite 320, Chicago, IL 60018 for property at Detroit Edison at Cherry Hill and Haggerty are requesting a variance of Article 4.00 Section 4.01 Paragraph D Item Number 5; requirements for off-street parking, access lane surfaces.
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SPOTLIGHT ON YOUR PET
Veterinary Notes
by **Elizabeth Routson, D.V.M.**

WHAT DO DO ABOUT A FAT CAT

Does Fluffy seem a little too fluffy these days? Is Snowball looking too much, well, like a ball? It could be time to look at your cat's diet. Just as it can for people, being overweight can have all sorts of bad health consequences for your pet. However, crash diets aren't any better for cats than they are for their owners. Never cut your pet's normal ration of food in an attempt at weight reduction. Doing so could result in vitamin, mineral, or protein deficiencies - as well as a hungry, unhappy cat. Rather, talk to your animal care professional about switching to a specially formulated low-calorie, high-fiber, low-fat dietary pet food. Your cat's hunger, and your peace of mind, will be satisfied.

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Schools ink pact with new superintendent

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The Plymouth-Canton school board made its official Tuesday morning. Kathleen Booher is the district's next superintendent.

On a vote of 5-0, board members approved the 3-1/2-year contract at an annual salary of \$125,000 for Booher, currently the Berkley Schools superintendent. Board President Susan Davis and Trustee Roland Thomas were absent.

"I can't tell you how excited I am to begin the new millennium and ... have you aboard," Trustee Mark Slavens told Booher, who attended the 7 a.m. session.

"I think the whole process has been very educating," added board member Steve Guile. "I feel we got to know her (Booher) very well."

Booher, wearing a pin on her red blazer that read "Children First," said Friday will be her last day in Berkley.

"I'll be taking a couple of weeks break in between and finish out some things in Berkley and get organized to come here," said Booher. "I want to spend time here getting better acquainted with some of the people I'll work closely with, having a few meetings where they can update me further, rather than leaving that for the first day I walk in the door."

Booher said her first official day on the job in Plymouth-Canton will be Jan. 31. She comes amid high expectations from the board and community.

"I'm very excited to come here and proud to represent the school district and its communities," added Booher. "I would only want them to feel equally excited about that relationship."

Booher becomes Plymouth-

'I'm pleased that I'm one of the women who ... demonstrate we can do the job.'

Kathleen Booher
—New superintendent

Canton's first female superintendent, putting her in a category of just 10 percent of superintendents nationwide.

"I'm pleased that I'm one of the women in this profession who are able to cross over and be very competent and demonstrate we can do the job," she said. "But on the other hand, I don't spend a lot of time thinking about it."

Booher admits that being known as a role model is somewhat uncomfortable for her.

"However, I certainly enjoy mentoring other people, men as well as women," said Booher. "As far as children, I think it's very important that our students see men and women in a variety of roles, not just traditional ones. And I'm happy to be able to do that."

The six-month contract for interim superintendent Ken Walcott expires Jan. 11. However, Walcott said he expects the board to extend the contract through Jan. 28 at next week's regular board meeting.

"I appreciate my opportunity here," said Walcott. "This district has a lot of potential. It's a quality place to be."

"If I was 10 years younger, I would have wanted to take this on full-time," he added.

Walcott said he'll go back to educational consulting, working about 25 hours a week, and spending more time with his family in western Michigan.

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Young retires from schools

Harbor Springs beckons community ed coordinator

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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After 28 years in education, half of them in the Plymouth-Canton school district, Community Education coordinator Barbara Young has decided to retire.

The Board of Education accepted Young's resignation, effective Jan. 21, at a special Tuesday morning meeting.

"It's been rewarding to be a part of this staff and community," said Young. "The goal of community education is for the enrichment and enhancement for all age groups, to promote life-long learning. I think we've accomplished that."

Young has been the head of the district's community education program since being

appointed in February 1998. Before that, Young was at Fiegel Elementary, where she was principal for 12.5 years.

"Fiegel had a wonderful staff which built a strong instructional program," said Young. "The school also had strong parental support."

Shortly after Young took over the Community Education program, former Superintendent Chuck Little was ready to dismantle the swim program and the ski club, which he deemed money losers.

In her short time, Young helped save those programs and said she's proud of the fact the entire Community Education program "raised revenues by 40 percent in one year."

She points to newly-developed programs like the district's part-

nership with Michigan State University for college students to continue their undergraduate work, an elementary foreign language program, and an Artist in Residence program for 1,200 second graders to be a part of a theatrical skills workshop, as some of her major contributions.

Young, 55, feels it's time to take a break, with retirement a good option.

"The administrative work climate is a different one than in the past, and I'm looking forward to seeing what the new superintendent will bring to the district," said Young. "Interim Superintendent Ken Walcott is a wonderful model of leadership a superintendent can provide."

Young has sold her Plymouth home and plans on retiring in Harbor Springs.



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

Marking time: Spectators lined up to see the Ice Clock in The Gathering during the Plymouth Ice Spectacular last year.

Toddler killed in M-14 accident

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A Jackson toddler was pronounced dead at the scene of an accident on westbound M14 east of Beck about 10 p.m. Sunday in Plymouth Township after being struck by a vehicle.

Police say the child was hit in the middle lane of the freeway after an adult decided to walk with her across the roadway to get gas for a stalled car.

The car she was riding in was headed to Ann Arbor and Jackson when it ran out of gas, police said.

After waiting for several minutes, Christopher Alan Turpen, 38, of Jackson, who was a passenger, decided to walk to Beck Road for gas and took Jasmine Marie Updyke, 2, with him, police said.

Turpen's brother and an unidentified woman remained in the car. Turpen was listed in stable condition Tuesday in St. Joseph's Hospital in Ypsilanti.

Turpen has multiple injuries, police said.

"They said they were baby-sitting," said Trooper Chris Youngblood of the Michigan State Police Metro South Post in Taylor.

Alanna Marie Updyke, of Jackson, the child's mother who was working at the time of the accident, was notified, Youngblood said.

Michigan State Police weren't sure if charges would be sought in connection with the accident. They declined to verify the relationship between Jasmine Updyke and Christopher Turpen.

Turpen grabbed the child and began walking across the freeway where he was struck by a passing semi-tractor trailer, causing him to lose hold of the child, police said. He was then struck by a passing pickup truck.

The child was flung into a middle lane of the freeway, where she was struck by a passenger car trying to avoid the

man and the pickup, police said.

Gregory Pharr, 40, of New York, the driver of the tractor-trailer, was uninjured and released at the scene.

A Plymouth man who was driving the pickup was arrested after the accident and ticketed for drunk driving, Youngblood said. A Jackson woman who was driving the passenger car was uninjured and released at the scene.

A witness to the incident was transported to St. Joseph Hospital because he was "extremely shaken up by what he had seen," police said. While at the hospital he had a coronary arrest. His status is unknown.

That stretch of the freeway was the scene of an accident that injured another child last year.

A 4-month-old baby was critically injured June 21, 1999 not far from where Sunday's accident occurred. The car that the baby was traveling in on westbound M-14 crossed the median near Beck into eastbound traffic

Ice show from page A1

While the attention is centered on the competitions, there will be plenty of other things to do. The Fantasyland this year is entitled, "Ice Toyland" and will be enclosed in The Gathering. Sponsors are also awarding a variety of prizes, including a completely restored 1937 Lincoln Zephyr. The car is being raffled off by Carron Industries. Proceeds from the raffle go to CATCH (Caring Athletes Team for Children's Hospital), the charity founded by former Detroit Tigers manager Sparky Anderson.

Visitors to the ice show can also win a two-year lease of a Buick Century Millennium edition, a ski vacation to Colorado and trips to Universal Studios in Orlando, Fla.

And you can expect a ton of visitors. Organizers say 700,000 witnessed last year's show, and Watts is hoping for at least that many this year.

'We try to service people and do a good festival, and part of that is giving people what they want and what they need.'

Mike Watts
—Festival director

"The way the weather appears to be setting up, it looks like it'll be very good," said Watts, who is in his ninth year of directing the show. "The reports I've been getting indicate it should be in the 30s during the day and in the teens to 20s at night, which is absolutely perfect."

That could be a boost to local businesses, Watts said. With many events outside Kellogg Park, people will be strolling the streets and businesses could see some swelling sales figures.

"(The festival) turns possibly

the slowest time of year into a productive time of year," Watts said.

If it turns out to be colder than expected, Flagstar Bank is providing the warm-up center this year. The tent will be set up near Flagstar and will provide cookies and hot chocolate to chilled visitors. Various food stands will also be set up.

"We try to service people and do a good festival, and part of that is giving people what they want and what they need," Watts said.

Watts is getting some help this year from local civic groups. For instance, the Kiwanis Club will be manning information booths.

"They'll be there to tell people where to eat, where the bathrooms are, where the events are," Watts said. "Most of the people come from outside the area. We've always felt a need to be hospitable."

Youth from page A1

middle school students is skewed in its qualitative reporting. I wonder just what portion of the Youth Forum come from the city of Plymouth.

The Plymouth Youth Forum was formed in September after several students were ticketed in downtown Plymouth for blocking pedestrian sidewalk traffic. The ad-hoc group of Plymouth and Plymouth Township residents held several meetings "to explore programs, projects and policies" to make Plymouth more youth-friendly.

The Youth Forum came up with five proposals, which Potter brought to the city commission for discussion two weeks ago. Monday night, Potter wanted to table the item until she had time to talk with City Manager David Rich and come up with recommendations. However, city commissioners voted down her effort and discussed the proposals, which included:

- Developing an education program designed to encourage youths to serve on not-for-profit boards of directors, and policy-making committees.
- Encouraging the 35th District Court to look at the differences in laws relating to youths.
- Endorsing the concept of a community skate park.
- Asking the school district to keep Central Middle School open

from 3-9 p.m. five or six days a week.

■ Consider ways to keep Kellogg Park open past its current 10 p.m. curfew.

Most city commissioners said they felt the only two proposals up for discussion are the first and last ones on the list.

"The charter prohibits us from appointing youth to board and commissions," said McDonald. "And, even if it didn't, I wouldn't appoint them because of past experience. Attendance is usually sporadic, and they lose interest."

"Having youth on non-profit boards is a good idea if you can find youth to do that," said Commissioner Bill Graham. "In the governmental sector, it may be possible to invite youth to attend meetings and perhaps give them a non-voting role."

Several commissioners said they would listen to proposals to keep Kellogg Park open later.

"I think maybe it could be open until 11 p.m., especially when we get more restaurants downtown and have more adults finding their way into the park," said Graham.

Commissioner Dan Dwyer said he didn't agree that Plymouth isn't a youth-friendly city, but it doesn't mean we can't improve on it. We need to focus on the message.

Many commissioners are still against the idea of a skate to avoid liability problems.

Commissioner Sean Fitzgerald would rather see money spent on a total recreation program.

"My view of recreation is spending dollars on the greatest number of citizens," he said. "A skate park is for a narrow portion of the population and has liability issues."


Potter, who at times was criticized and challenged by McDonald and Pabur, said "We must take a pro-active approach to addressing youth problems. If we don't, some issues will resurface once again when the weather gets warm."

Potter said she was hoping for a brainstorming session to come up with ideas that would benefit youth in the community.

"These don't have to be the solutions," said Potter, referring to the recommendations by the Youth Forum. "I'm sure other commissioners have input and ideas in addressing issues of our youth."

Potter was expected to meet with Rich Wednesday afternoon to discuss recommendations to be put before the commission at a later date.

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Why2K?

City, township report no problems

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Y2K may have been better expressed as "Why2K."

Plymouth and Plymouth Township officials report no problems as 1999 crossed into the year 2000.

"Absolutely nothing happened," said Tom Alexandris, Plymouth information systems manager. "As we watched the rest of the world have no problems, we became more confident."

"After midnight, we went

around town checking on street lights and our public buildings to make visual inspections, making sure everything was OK," he added. "After we got back to city hall, I made sure our voice mail, e-mail and other systems were working."

Mayor Dave McDonald rode in a patrol car with Sgt. Steve Hundersmarck from 9 p.m. New Year's Eve to 3 a.m. New Year's Day.

"At midnight on Main Street you could have literally rolled a bowling ball and hit nothing,"

the mayor said. "It was the most boring six hours I ever spent."

"I want to commend the city administration for the emergency operations center headed by Assistant City Manager Paul Sincock. Every conceivable emergency was covered in the emergency operations plan."

In Plymouth township, Supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy said "there were no problems with Y2K. Everything went as smooth as we could have hoped for."

Partnership board decides on site

BY SCOTT DANIEL
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If a Partnership for the Arts facility is to become a reality, it will be in Cherry Hill Village.

Partnership's board made that decision a few weeks ago. Now it's waiting for the results of a business plan, which will determine if the project should move forward.

"We hope it will be completed by February," Partnership for the Arts Board of Directors Secretary Joan Noricks said of the plan. "Everything else hinges upon it."

Talk of a performing arts center has been on-going in the township since 1996. A steering committee was formed about two years ago and consisted of members of local arts agencies, such as Canton Project ARTS, the Plymouth Community Chorus and Plymouth Theatre Guild.

The committee guided several feasibility studies. One revealed that proper funding for a 500-800-seat center does exist.

A Partnership for the Arts board formed last March. A non-profit organization of the same name followed.

Connecticut-based AMS Planning and Research was subsequently hired in July by Canton Township to devise the business

plan. Before AMS could complete the plan, Noricks said the board had to provide the parameters of location and size.

Cherry Hill Village became the prime location after developers committed \$2 million to the project, she said.

"The strongest reason was that a number of developers wanted it there," Noricks said.

Cherry Hill Village developer and Troy-based Biltmore Properties will contribute \$1 million. Local developer Dick Lewiston will match that figure, Canton Supervisor Tom Yack said.

Originally, plans called for the center to be placed near the Plymouth Canton Community School District's new high school. But several factors worked against that idea.

First, plans for the school moved from Joy and Beck roads to a more easterly site adjacent to the district's two existing high schools. Yack said the new location didn't appeal to Arts' board members and others.

"Arts organizations were not in favor of locating it on the high school site," he added.

The Partnership for the Arts center would be located near Cherry Hill Village's center. The village green would be adjacent as would shopping and restaur-

rants. Yack said the center would have more "ambiance" in the village than near a high school.

As for the size of the facility, Noricks said 750 seats are planned. A main floor would contain 500 seats and a balcony 250.

The Plymouth Theater would likely use just the main floor for its performances while the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra would include the balcony. Noricks said the two groups are currently seen as the center's main occupants.

If the project goes forward, Yack hopes the center will be used educationally.

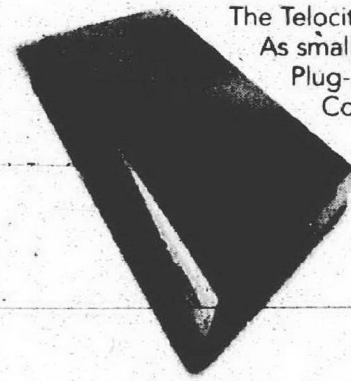
"I still think there's interest in the community for a first rate educational facility," he said.

The Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Michigan Opera Theater and Eastern Michigan University have all expressed interest in that regard, said Yack.

The facility would cost \$7-\$8 million to build. Besides \$2 million from developers, Canton Township has committed \$2.5 million.

If Partnership for the Arts Board approves a business plan next month, Noricks estimated that it would take about a year to raise funds for the other half of construction costs.

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McNamara vetoes use of fund balance for juvenile justice

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Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara has vetoed the county commission's use of \$5.8 million from the county's \$20 million fund balance to pay for part of the county's portion of \$68 million for juvenile justice programs.

With the veto on Dec. 23, McNamara's proposed budget cuts of \$10.2 million automatically became effective Tuesday, the first day of county business after the holiday break.

In December McNamara requested that county commissioners approve those cuts, but most commissioners agreed to trimming only \$4.6 million, choosing instead to use \$5.7 million from the county's fund balance to cover the shortfall.

On Dec. 20 commissioners had voted 9-5, with support coming from Chair Ricardo Solomon, D-Detroit; Vice Chair Kay Beard, D-Westland, and Commissioners Kathleen Husk, R-Redford, and Detroit Democrats Robert Blackwell, Edna Bell, Christopher Cavanagh, George Cushingberry, Ilona Varga and Jewel Ware.

Commissioners opposing the general fund expenditure were Lyn Bankes, R-Livonia; John Sullivan, D-Wayne, who also represents Canton, and Edward Boike, D-Taylor; Joseph Palamara, D-Allen Park, and Bernard Parker, D-Detroit. Commissioner Susan Hubbard, D-DeARBorn, abstained.

In his veto letter, McNamara called the commission decision to use \$5.7 million of the fund balance "expedient but imprudent."

"I do not believe the commission action to use fund balance is financially prudent and therefore I have no choice but to veto your action," McNamara said in his veto letter.

McNamara said the fund balance should not be used for ongoing budget problems, and using it would increase debt service costs on new bond projects, and delay or eliminate capital projects.

"For obvious reasons, reoccurring financial problems require permanent answers, not temporary raids on limited fund balance reserves," McNamara said. "Escalating child care costs are not a new problem in our county."

The cuts do not necessarily mean layoffs for any county employees, but it does mean public safety agencies will not be able to fill vacancies.

Sheriff Robert Ficano's department faces \$2.1 million in cuts from nearly \$70 million in general fund appropriations covering costs of jail operations and park patrol budgets. "At this point, 80 percent of these cuts are coming from law enforcement," Ficano said. "We've gone through the budget process, and suddenly, there is a \$10 million deficit."

County Prosecutor John O'Hair's budgeted \$24.3 million general fund appropriation was cut \$750,000. O'Hair believes public safety should be the "No. 1 concern" of county officials.

O'Hair said McNamara's budget cuts were "unsound" and that the budget process "lacked integrity" when department heads lobby the commission for appropriations only to have them cut by the administration.

"The ink isn't even dry on this budget, then these funds are taken out of the budget," O'Hair said. "Integrity is lacking. Departments should have a finalized budget that they can rely on."

Chief Financial Officer Tom Naughton said he wished he didn't have to adjust the budget. "It's an unfortunate fact of life that these budget adjustments are required," Naughton said.

Naughton said McNamara vetoed the action because the commission's plan to use the fund balance was "irresponsible." Naughton expects the commission will have further discussions later about the budget once the next quarterly financial report is released later this month.

"Every department for the most part has a lot of latitude in how to provide for the cuts," Naughton said. "If they have alternatives that work, that can be another option."

Naughton said county budget officials wanted to fund the child care program in an earlier proposed budget. At that time, Wayne County was negotiating with the state for a juvenile justice block grant and had not received contracts from service agencies to become care management organizations (CMOs) for the county.

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Edward McNamara
Wayne County Executive

But commissioners were surprised at the news of the \$10 million budget shortfall.

The veto allows the county's general fund balance to remain at \$20 million. Another \$26 mil-

lion is in a separate rainy-day fund.

Naughton believes the new child care program will bring slower growth in costs of juvenile justice. "The contracts require performance reviews where we will be able to monitor those that are efficient and those that are inefficient," Naughton said.

For the short-term, the CMOs will need to be monitored. County officials won't know the long-term effects; those are only known when juveniles grow into

adults and whether or not they commit crimes.

McNamara also stated in his veto letter that the new plan of service for juvenile delinquents would be successful "on many levels," but the financial turnaround in this program would not be realized for many years. "The child care funding shortfall is not a one-time, one-year non-reoccurring problem," McNamara said. "This budgetary problem calls for a permanent solution."

McNamara said new personal property tax multipliers issued by the State Tax Commission also will cost Wayne County more than \$8 million and a revision of sentencing guidelines will result in the loss of another \$1 million.

"These and other budgetary concerns require that we act responsibly today to reduce expenditures," McNamara said. "We cannot wait or these problems will only compound."



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CAROL MAE SCIBA

Services for Carol Mae Sciba, 67, of Plymouth were held at the Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home, Plymouth. Burial was in Glen Eden Memorial Park, Livonia.

She died Dec. 26 in Plymouth.

Survivors include her two sons, Darryl J. (Sharon), Dewayne J. (Bonnie); one daughter, Diane (Craig) Sciba Price; one sister, Marlene Schuelke; and five grandchildren, Joshua, Sean, Amber, Ashley and Brooke.

Memorials may be made to Angela Hospice or the American Heart Association.

LORRAINE F. LESPERANCE

Services for Lorraine F. Lesperance, 70, of Plymouth were Dec. 29 in Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, Plymouth with the Rev. J.J. Mech officiating.

She died Dec. 25 in Plymouth. She especially loved gardening, having planted dozens and dozens of trees on the family homestead on Powell Road in Plymouth Township.

Survivors include her husband, Thomas "Jim," four daughters, Linda (Michael) Smith, Christine (Timothy) Doyle, Roseann (Kevin) Roose, Mary Ruth (Paul) Berry; two sons, Patrick (Debi) Lesperance, James (Judy) Lesperance; one brother, Donald (Pat) Burkel; two sisters, Marion (Harry) Toal, Carol (Ken) David; sister-in-law, Ann Burkel; brother-in-law, Mal Monnier; and 15 grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Angela Hospice. Local arrangements were made by the Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home, Plymouth.

HAROLD L. CAMPBELL, SR.

Services for Harold L. Campbell, Sr., 69, of South Lyon (formerly of Plymouth) were Jan. 3 in the Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home, Northville with the Rev. Dan VanderVelde of the Northville Christian Assembly officiating. Burial was in Oakland Hills, Novi.

He was born Sept. 19, 1930 in Plymouth. He died Dec. 31 in the University Hospital in Ann Arbor.

He was a quality control supervisor with Ford Motor Company and retired in 1995 after 40 years of service. He also served with the United States Army in Korea. He was a previous volunteer firefighter with Farmington Hills and Novi. He was a captain of a station with the Novi Fire Department. He was a member of the Northville Christian Assembly and was a head usher there for years.

Survivors include his wife, Cyndi Campbell of South Lyon; two sons, Harold (Dawn) Campbell of Northville, William (Kathryn) Campbell of Detroit; four brothers, Herbert Campbell of Plymouth, Gene Campbell of Plymouth, Floyd Campbell of Arkansas, Dale Campbell of Southfield; 10 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

AMERICO S. CAPALDI

Services for Americo S. Capaldi, 82, of Canton were Dec. 29 at St. John Neumann Church with Father George Charnley officiating. Burial was in Resurrection Cemetery.

He was born Sept. 6, 1917 in Detroit. He died Dec. 25. He was an owner of a bowling alley.

Survivors include his wife, Antoinette R.; two daughters, Barbara L. Mohawk, Constance J. (Ronald) Mercier; one son, Americo S. (Pamela); five sisters, three brothers; 10 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Angela Hospice. Local arrangements were made by the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, Canton.

WILLIAM HENRY SIMMEN, JR.

Services for William Henry Simmen, Jr., 80, of Pittsburgh, Pa. will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 8 at the Braddock Hills Senior Center, Pa.

He was born Oct. 4, 1919 in Whitaker, Pa. He died Dec. 29 in Ann Arbor. He was a tool maker for Westinghouse in Turtle Creek, Pa. for over 30 years. He retired in 1983. He came to the Plymouth Township community in 1999 from Pittsburgh, Pa. He was a member of the Westinghouse Retired Employees and the Westinghouse Veteran Employees Association of East Pittsburgh, Pa. He served as a Seaman 1st Class in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

Survivors include his wife, Mary; one daughter, Kathleen (Richard) Schettler of Plymouth Township; one son, William (Janet) Simmen of Vanderbilt, Pa.; and four grandchildren, Joanne (Michael) Sansoterra of Naples, Fla., Karen Schettler of Plymouth, William Jacob Schettler of Vanderbilt, Pa., and Brian Sheraw of Fla.

Local arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth.

HELEN M. BARNES

Services for Helen M. Barnes, 77, of Canton Township were Jan. 3 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with pastor Drex Morton officiating. Burial was in Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia.

She was born Feb. 21, 1923 in Tiptonville, Tenn. She died Jan. 2 in Superior Township. She came to the Canton community in 1953 from Plymouth. She loved her family, especially family gatherings, gardening, and cooking.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Billie McClain. Survivors include her husband, Ferris Barnes of Canton Township; one daughter, Nancy (Greg) Martin of Muncie, Ind.; one son, Michael (Karen) Barnes of Plymouth; one brother, Junior "Willie" McCalin of Tampa, Fla.; and six grandchildren, Melissa Martin, Eric Martin, Jason Martin, Brandon Martin, Jillian Barnes and Steven Barnes.

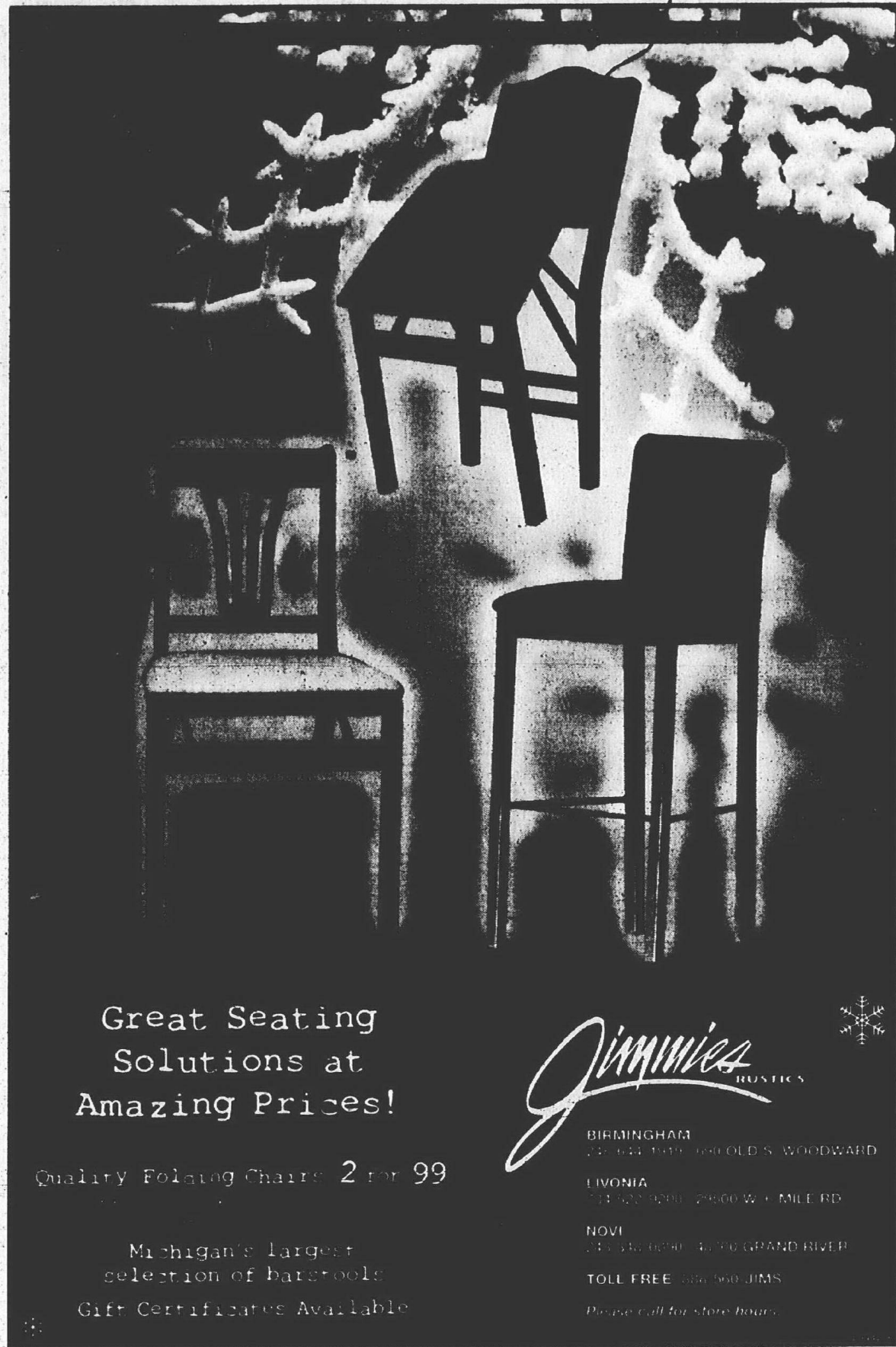
Memorials may be made to Karmanos Cancer Institute.

WILMA C. MUNTYAN

Services for Wilma C. Muntyan, 79, of Plymouth were Jan. 4 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with Pastor Jerry Yarnell officiating. Burial was in Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens, Novi.

She was born March 30, 1920 in Washington, Ind. She died Dec. 31 in Livonia. She was a homemaker. She came to the Plymouth community in 1957 from Northville. She lived in Whitmore Lake for a short time. She was a member of the Mayflower V.F.W. Post No. 6695 Ladies Auxiliary. She loved watching TV, doing crossword puzzles, reading, and knitting.

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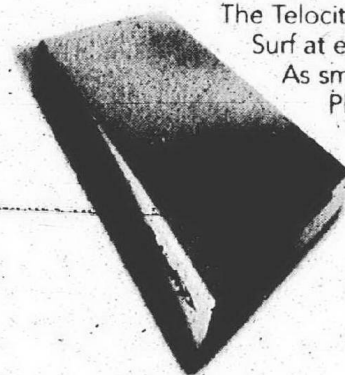
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The more than 200 remaining classes range from a wide variety of computer classes, through language study, an extensive equine program, Yoga, landscaping, academic test preparation and physical fitness.

Persons may register by mail through Jan. 14; by visiting the registration office in the McDowell Center Jan. 24-28; or they may register the first week of classes, Jan. 31 through Feb. 2 at the registration office.

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155,041. At the beginning of the 20th century, Livingston County had a population of 19,664.

Macomb Township grew the most in the 1990s, beginning the decade with a population of 22,714 and ending it with an estimated population of 50,398, an increase of 121.9 percent. Other fast-growing communities in Southeast Michigan include Iosco Township and Oceola Township (both in Livingston County), Washington Township (Macomb County), Oakland

Township (Oakland County) and Pittsfield Township (Washtenaw County), all with population increase of more than 60 percent.

The number of households in Southeast Michigan grew by 8.9 percent in the 1990s. There were 1,698,819 households counted in the 1990 census. The region closes the decade with an estimated 1,850,715 households.

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munities in Southeast Michigan are updated monthly on SEMCOG's Website, www.semco.org/data/popoc/poc.html. A poster, visually describing the 1999 Southeast Michigan Population and Household Estimates, is available by calling SEMCOG Information Services at (313)961-2242.

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Sen. McCotter takes on rat bounties, other outdated state laws

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If you turn in an empty beer bottle in Michigan you get 10 cents. Of course you know that. But did you know a severed rat's head is also worth a 10-cent bounty?

That's right. Act 50 of 1915 states: "Any person who kills a black, brown, gray, or Norway rat shall be entitled to receive ten cents for each head of a rat that is presented to the city, township, or village clerk."

State Sen. Thaddeus G. McCotter, R-Livonia, chairman of the recently formed Senate Law Revision Task Force, wants to ensure that no rat heads slide across the desk of any city official, election year or not. He's sure his mother, Livonia City Clerk Joan McCotter, appreciates his efforts.

"My mother has decidedly expressed her disinterest in accepting or disposing of dead rats' heads. I assured her a repeal would be my first bill of the new millennium."

Task force members are on a search and destroy mission, scouring the list of state statutes to determine how many archaic

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State Sen. Thaddeus McCotter
R-Livonia

laws still exist. McCotter plans to begin repealing the archaic laws identified in the task force's report when the Senate returns in January.

"Senate Majority Leader Dan DeGrow has assured me that he is committed to acting upon our recommendations early next year," he said.

Here's a partial list of other old laws about to get the ax:

■ **Immoral advertising.** Act 328 of 1931 forbids ads offering cures or treatments for venereal diseases, the restoration of "lost manhood," and products producing abortions or miscarriages. If enforced, the law would subject Viagra spokesman and former presidential candidate Bob Dole to a misdemeanor charge. So what would it be, Bob, a year in jail or a \$500 fine?

■ **Images of dead ex-presidents.** Act 328 of 1931 makes it a misdemeanor to use or reference a deceased ex-president of the United States in the advertising of liquor or spirits.

■ **Sleigh bells.** Act 328 of 1931 applies to the use of sleigh bells in the Upper Peninsula. At least one animal pulling a cutter or sleigh that is moving faster than a walk must wear sleigh bells.

■ **Dueling.** Act 328 of 1931 states that a person who engages in or challenges another to a duel is guilty of a felony and may be imprisoned for 10 years or fined \$5,000. A person who accepts a challenge or promotes a duel is guilty of a misdemeanor and may be imprisoned for one year and fined \$500. Both par-

ties are barred from being elected or appointed to any public office.

■ **Horseshoer's lien.** Act 160 of 1897 provides for the placement of a lien on a horse or mule by a blacksmith to cover unpaid shoeing bills.

■ **Official cream tester.** This statute defines the duties of a county's official cream tester. It allows the county to spend up to \$150 to provide the official cream tester with the necessary equipment to carry out his or her duties.

McCotter expressed hope that the report will "remind Michigan legislatures that, especially in the era of term limits, not all laws, however popular for a time, stand the test of time."

Jan VanRaemdonck, a secretary in the Livonia City Clerk's office, knew nothing about any of the archaic laws. Nobody has ever turned in a rat's head or applied for a job as an official cream tester.

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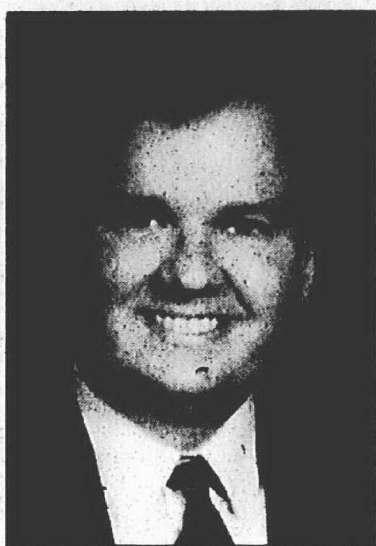
Kurt Heise will chair Rouge River advisory council

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In 1992, Kurt Heise wanted to become more active in his community, so he served on the board of directors of Friends of the Rouge, a volunteer group that promoted annual cleanups of the Rouge River and educational programs in schools.

In 1994, he was appointed assistant corporation counsel for the city of Dearborn Heights, representing the community in federal court to discuss water quality issues concerning the Rouge.

Now, in 2000, Heise will chair the Rouge River Advisory Council, an advisory group to the state Department of Environmental Quality. RRAC is comprised of community leaders and county officials, business and industry representatives, citizens and environmentalists from the Rouge River watershed's 48 communities in Wayne, Oakland



Kurt Heise

and Washtenaw counties.

Bill Craig, a Livonia resident who helped establish the Holiday Nature Preserve and organizes cleanups there of the Rouge, was selected as RRAC's

vice chair.

Heise, 33, of Dearborn Heights, who is also executive assistant to Dearborn Heights Mayor Ruth Canfield, believes the council's most important task this year will be the update of the remedial action plan to clean the Rouge. "That will be the blueprint for the Rouge for the next 15 years," Heise said. "It's a massive undertaking and a huge responsibility."

The council will update the RAP, a plan first completed in 1989 in response to the Rouge being named one of 42 "areas of concern" in the Great Lakes basin and a lawsuit filed by the Environmental Protection Agency against Rouge River communities. That plan was needed to restore water quality consistent with the Canada-U.S. Great Lakes Water Quality agreements.

Since then, many Rouge communities have completed sewer separation projects or construct-

ed retention basins to halt the flow of raw sewage into the Rouge. DEQ, EPA and environmental officials from Wayne, Washtenaw and Oakland counties also periodically discuss the river's progress with U.S. District Judge John Feikens.

This year, Heise expects RRAC not only will discuss the plan's update, but also inform DEQ officials on the issues of the financial impact of the cleanup to communities and what local residents would like to see in improving the Rouge.

"I think RRAC needs to confront that we all want clean water, but we have to realize it will not happen overnight and it will be at a tremendous cost to the public," Heise said.

Heise points to a recent state Court of Appeals ruling that found communities liable for basement flooding. With awards paid to residents by communities, "We're not going to have money to pay for water quality,"

Heise said.

Sanitary sewer overflows from improper and illegal drain connections create another problem. "If you plug that up, where will it go?" Heise asked. "Probably in someone's basement. We would rather have it go into the river before basements."

RRAC and communities also face the possibility of changing EPA standards for pollutant levels in rivers, Heise said.

But Heise added that the federal court has moved away from litigation and toward cooperation between local communities and county, state and federal environmental agencies.

"Most communities were opposed to creating a new layer of government," Heise said, referring to Feikens' urging that an authority should oversee activities of communities and counties. Communities responded by voluntarily applying for stormwater permits with hopes of meeting EPA standards.

"Our attitude was 'look, we know we have to do this, like it or not,'" Heise said.

Citizen input also will be important to RRAC, Heise said. Public education programs in communities also serve important roles in cleaning up the Rouge, Heise said.

Heise helped encourage citizen awareness of the Rouge while on the Friends of the Rouge board of directors. He participated and organized annual Rouge-Rescue events and created a "Best Friends of the Rouge" awards program.

Heise graduated from the University of Michigan with a degree in political science in 1988. He also has a juris doctorate and a specialized law degree in labor and employment law from Wayne State University Law School.

Heise is married to Catherine West Heise. The couple has two daughters.

Madonna professor invited to Japan as 'opinion maker'

Dr. Jonathan Swift, director of the Center for International Studies at Madonna University in Livonia, recently visited Japan as a guest of the Japanese government.

"I was invited as an 'opinion maker' to absorb the culture and then return to Michigan to share my cultural experiences with others," Swift said.

During his travel, Swift visited two universities to establish new agreements, as well as strengthen existing ties, between Madonna University and the institutions. Madonna currently has a study abroad agreement with Nagoya Gakuin University, located in Nagoya, Japan.

Swift toured Nagoya Gakuin's campus and spoke with administrators about instituting a summer study program for students and faculty.

"It would be a reciprocated program. Madonna students and faculty would focus on Japanese and Asian studies over one month in the summer at Nagoya Gakuin and their students would come to our campus for up to one year," said Swift.

Currently, a Nagoya Gakuin University student is taking courses at Madonna and is

among the students from 40 different countries who pursue studies on the Livonia campus.

At Kansai Gaidai University near Osaka, Japan, Swift discussed instituting an agreement to facilitate student and faculty exchange. Kansai Gaidai is a well-known language school in Japan and enroll 250 students.

Madonna University offers a major and minor in Japanese that includes study of Japanese language, history and culture.

During his visit, Swift learned about two study abroad programs in Japan which are available to American students. The Michigan Program offers students an opportunity to work for one year on a paddle steamer, called *The Michigan*, thereby gaining Japanese language and cultural skills.

The Jet Program, available to students with a bachelor's degree, provides opportunities to work in various fields in Japan for an academic year.

Students interested in the Michigan Program, Jet Program or other overseas study opportunities at Madonna University may contact Dr. Swift at the Center for International Studies by calling (734) 432-5636.

Prisoners lose protections under new law

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Prisoners in Michigan correctional facilities no longer enjoy the protection of the state's primary civil rights acts, the Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act and the Persons with Disabilities Civil Rights Act.

According to Rep. Mike Bishop, R-Rochester, they never should have.

Gov. John Engler has signed into law two bills aimed at clarifying whether prisoners enjoy the protections of those civil rights acts by stating that they do not apply to persons incarcerated in state, county or federal correctional facilities.

Further, the new laws say that prisoners can't be considered as "public services" when it comes to lawsuits over alleged rights violations.

Initially drafted by Bishop, the bills were "intended to clarify the construction of the Persons with Disabilities Civil Rights Act" and to express the original intent of the legislature. The changes are "curative and intended to correct any misinter-

pretation of legislative intent."

According to Bishop, it was never the intent of the legislature that the state's two civil rights bills should apply to prisoners. There is simply no evidence that such an application was envisioned, he said.

But in recent decisions, the Michigan Court of Appeals has said the laws do apply. In *Neal vs. Department of Correction*, female prisoners were allowed to bring a class action suit alleging a pattern of sexual harassment against inmates by male guards. Sexual harassment is a form of sex discrimination under Elliott-Larsen.

In *Doe vs. Department of Corrections*, the court allowed prisoners to bring a class action suit on behalf of inmates denied placement in community residential programs because they were HIV positive, a form of disability.

At first the courts were reluctant to agree with prisoners. In the *Neal* case, the appeals court said: "The narrow issue before us is whether the MDOC correctional facilities are places of 'public service' in which discrimination against inmates, based on sex, is

prohibited." Judges at first concluded that prisons were "not established to provide 'service to the public' in the same sense as hospitals, courts, or the Secretary of State's office do."

Eventually, Michigan courts reversed themselves based on federal rulings that prisons are public services. And since state laws did not preclude prisons or prisoners, they agreed to let the cases stand.

Bishop's bills were intended to correct that problem.

The law won the support of Michigan Attorney General Jennifer Granholm, who said that prisoner rights are already protected in federal law, and making the change here would protect taxpayers from spending money on frivolous lawsuits.

But other Democrats opposed the change.

Sen. Alma Wheeler Smith, D-South Lyon, said that making the change in law retroactive would make it unconstitutional.

"We eliminate a right of individuals that, I believe, the Legislature in 1976 fully intended. ... What we are essentially saying with this law is that people in

prisons are not persons under the Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act. That language is not specifically in the bill, but the intent, the result is," she argued.

"Do (prisoners) have other recourse? Oh, yes," Smith said. "If you can find a number of attorneys who are willing to take these lawsuits without compensation, pursue the hundreds of hours it takes to do the depositions, to do the extra labor that is involved in building cases where you have an entity, the Department of Corrections, that offers no help, no assistance and limited access to the clients, I don't think we have real access to the courts. We don't have real access to jurisprudence."

Rep. Bob Brown, D-Dearborn Heights, opposed the new law. "These bills will take away the rights of a certain class of innocent persons under the Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act and the Persons with Disabilities Civil Rights Act - those persons who are falsely convicted of a crime but who are later found to be innocent and who have their sentences overturned in court," he said.

Gerontology classes offered

Madonna University in Livonia will offer two gerontology courses during the winter term.

"Introduction to Case Management Practice" will be held 4-7 p.m. Jan. 10-31.

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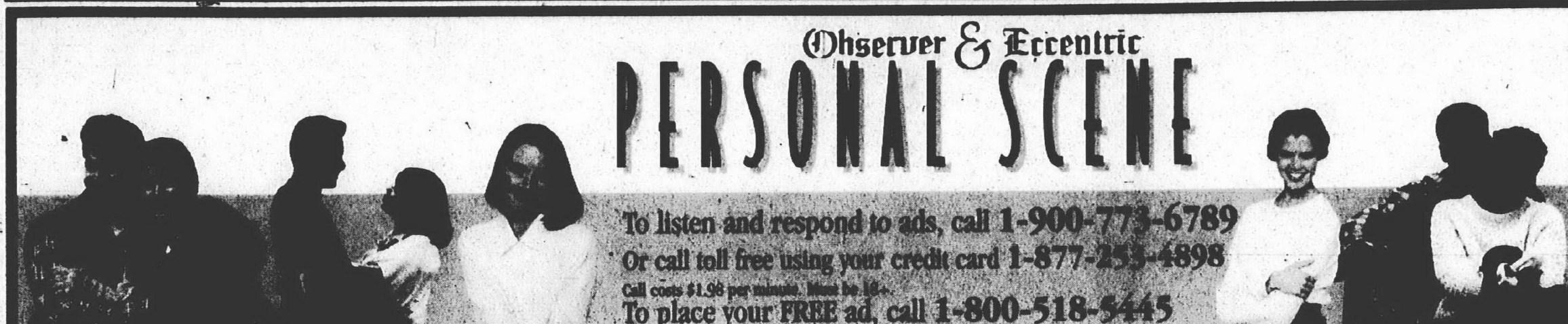
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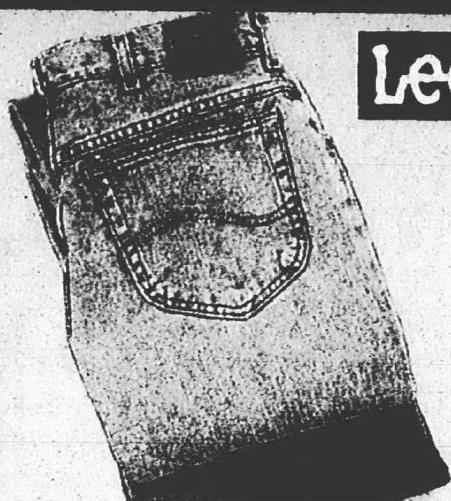
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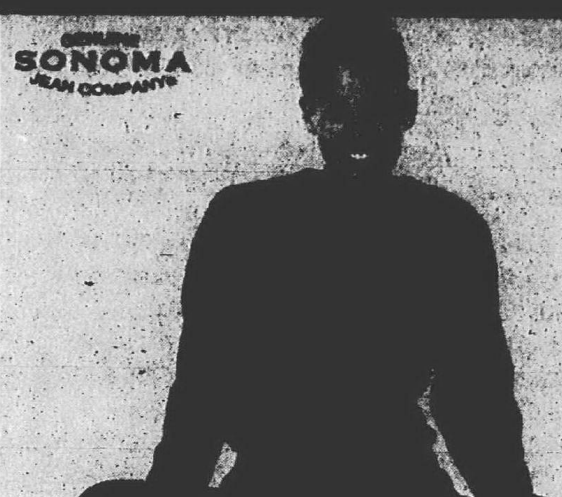
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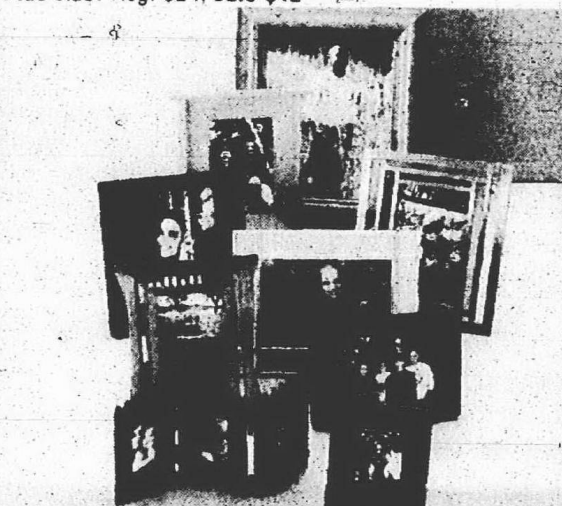


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ALS a good thing Training benefits everyone

The hub-bub over whether Plymouth Township firefighters should have advanced life-support training mystifies us.

For those of you not paying attention, Fire Chief Larry Groth wants the people in his department to receive ALS training to increase their level of effectiveness and to give patients the best possible care. The township board agrees with him and wanted to send the firefighters to the training.

We agree.

Groth, and other supporters of the training plan, note the improved level of service to the people who count — residents in need. Of course, there are township citizens, and then there are city citizens.

The City of Plymouth, which represents city citizens, apparently isn't so sure the level of service needs any upgrading. Their leadership thinks Huron Valley is providing quite enough care, thank you very much.

Plymouth Mayor Dave McDonald is probably quite correct in that line of thinking — we're sure HVA does a great job. McDonald's reluctance to add the cost of ALS training to the fire department budget is probably justified — from his point of view. Unfortunately for McDonald, the city doesn't get much say in the matter.

With the operating agreement hammered out several years ago, the township controls the department's budget, and can spend any money it wants as long as it doesn't go more than 5 percent over budget. We think there should have been better communication, but that's water under the bridge.

The \$18,000 already spent for the first round of ALS training, which 10 officers will begin in March, is within those parameters. Therefore, after some two years of arguing the point, the township board at its Dec. 14 meeting approved the expenditure.

'I think it's excellent for both because the firefighters who are fastest to the scene are going to have the highest level of qualification.'

Kathleen Keen McCarthy
—Plymouth Township Supervisor

They did so with a purpose. The government is about to nearly double the number of hours a firefighter would have to undergo training to become ALS-proficient. Anyone trained under the current state standard would be "grandfathered," and therefore would still be state-certified.

Of course, there's still going to be some bickering between the city and township — something McDonald and Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy would like to end — because the township apparently didn't advise the city about some of the nuances in the latest budget.

There's always going to be some source of friction between the two governments; it's the nature of the beast. We believe these two bodies, with five new faces on the city commission, are interested in curbing that, and we wish them luck.

This would be a good place to start.

"I think it's excellent for both (the city and township) because the firefighters who are fastest to the scene are going to have the highest level of qualification," Keen McCarthy said.

She makes a very good point. The better the training, the better care the citizens of our communities get. And that is as it should be.

Many items on state wish list

As the new year begins, we wondered what our communities might ask for if they were to compile a wish list of their wants and needs from Gov. John Engler and the Michigan House and Senate.

It seems to us such a list would surely include:

■ A new road funding formula.

Public Act 51—the state law that determines how state gas tax money as well as other transportation revenues are to be divided between the state government, counties and municipalities—is set to expire in the fall of 2000. Lawmakers put that sunset on the formula specifically to force a review and revision of the distribution. And, of course, a nine-member study committee has already been working on a rewrite.

But as things stand, the process appears heavily weighted in favor of the Michigan Department of Transportation. If the MDOT, as a road agency, benefits from the revision, it will come at the expense of county road commissions, cities and townships.

Controversy over the way Act 51 distributes the money has been one of the major obstacles to Michigan's road improvement and upkeep. Out of anger that the formula unfairly redistributes road funding to outstate communities and turns the vast majority over to the MDOT, suburban municipalities have blocked attempts at increased gas taxes. As a state we've been unable to get to the issue of whether road funding is adequate, whether taxes to support roads are set at appropriate levels, because it makes little sense for suburbs to support any increase. Even at an increased level, Act 51 would send the money elsewhere.

No one argues that MDOT should get a lion's share of the money, because it is responsible for maintaining some of the state's most heavily traveled roads, expressways included. But when county road commissions are chronically underfunded and municipalities repeatedly have to take over upkeep of their own county and state roads, it is clear the formula is lopsided.

One idea proposed in Lansing would clearly help — splitting the MDOT. A state road agency responsible for its own projects and maintenance programs should not be responsible for distributing the cash to municipalities and reviewing road funding requests. Obviously, when there is a conflict, MDOT will favor its own projects. Separate the "pass-through" function of the MDOT from the road improvement and maintenance function. Then let the MDOT compete on an equal footing

with counties and municipalities when it seeks additional road bucks. Then it would be clear that distribution of road funding would be based on the merits of the projects.

■ A coherent policy on education.

Gov. Engler and the Michigan Republicans have been working on education over the past year. Unfortunately, many of the policies enacted run counter to the state Constitution. That document clearly gives the authority for K-12 education in Michigan to the State Board of Education, but Engler and the GOP have moved as much responsibility away from the board as they can.

Republicans have also pushed for new schools known as "charter schools," or "public school academies." Although the claim is that they are simply independent public schools, they've been allowed to operate just as private schools do, with little reporting about their finances and little accountability.

If the Republicans intend to revamp Michigan's education system, a constitutional amendment is in order, outlining what that new system should be. Then voters can make the determination.

Unless the GOP is willing to put such a question on the ballot, it should allow the State Board to do its job and demand that "public school academies" operate in the same manner as other public school districts, with open financial records, open meetings, parental input and requirements to meet special education needs.

■ A new urban sprawl policy.

State lawmakers have been working to devise ways to address the issue of urban sprawl, using incentives rather than mandates to gain cooperation from local units of government to participate in regional planning.

The idea, lawmakers say, is to coordinate the state budget to support development that is directed back toward central cities and preserves greenfields in the outlying areas.

It's a tall order. But if indeed the budget can be arranged to make it worthwhile for both inner city areas and fringe suburbs to work hand in hand to avoid further sprawl, it makes sense to do so. If the state can set up its policies to support Main Street redevelopment while avoiding further expansions of the urban ring, it should be done.

With Michigan's economy booming and the state expecting a significant increase in population in the next 10 years, addressing the sprawl issue should be considered a top priority for state government.

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It's a sad situation

I read with incredible disappointment the Dec. 16 Canton Observer article, "Grant puts full-time cops at high schools."

As a society I can only feel dismayed that we have let ourselves reach a point where police officers are needed at our high schools.

I am also troubled that we have let the federal government be the source of funding for a local school district issue.

It is time to start addressing some very fundamental issues that has led us to this perceived solution.

Why do our high schools need a security force of 20 officers and two armed policemen to offer a safe environment for our children?

When I went to high school in Livonia in the late '60s I had a graduating class of similar proportions to P-CEP. I don't recall having security officers. I don't ever recall feeling unsafe one day I was a student.

I would suggest that the problems within and outside the schools, requiring a security force, are at issue here. What have we allowed our high schools to become? Who is running the schools, students or the administration?

Having gone through an unpleasant experience with my oldest son at Salem, my youngest son now attends a private high school in Redford.

I am not aware of one security officer at this school with an enrollment of 1,100 students. How are they doing? There are no fights, no gangs, and minimal classroom disruptions. There is a dress code, but it does not mandate uniforms. I pay \$5,000 a year, which by the way is less than the over \$6,000 the state provides the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

This investment in my son's safety and overall education is worth every penny. Most of his friends attend at P-CEP, but he thanks me from time to time for not sending him to Salem.

I recall reading recently in the Observer a parent who challenged the concept of a multi-campus environment.

Let me repeat that challenge. If the concept of a multi-campus environment like P-CEP is such a good thing, why do you not see this concept in other communities?

It is a flawed concept that simply has not worked. Unfortunately, no one has the courage to stop it. We have unfortunately bought into this notion of 'children's rights.'

We have also assumed that children of a high school age in this environment will all be responsible, and that they will make the right choices.

I have no doubt this concept had good intentions. It is however time to re-think the multi-campus environment.

We have allowed our high schools, which have such great potential, to now provide a poor environment for learning. I feel sorry for the fine teachers at these high schools. They and the community deserve better.

Bob Gassel
Canton

Lay off the refs

I have refereed PCJBA for seven years now, and feel something needs to be said about the conduct of the parents and coaches.

Recreational basketball is, in part, learning basketball basics and having fun. Over the years, however, I have seen a dramatic decrease in the enjoyment of the players, because of poor parent and coach behavior. The students who referee these games do so because they like kids and enjoy the game of basketball. Yes, it is often frustrating to see your child's team losing, or your daughter not getting the "right" call that you thought should have been made.

It is extremely frustrating and difficult to do a good job of refereeing because parents and coaches are constantly nagging and screaming at the us, as well as the players. This ruins the fun and learning experience for all.

Each parent and coach should remember to recognize this experience as a fun activity, be less competitive, and to act and react as a proper role model. This will teach their daughter/players of the team how to be a more responsible athlete, which is far more important than winning a game.

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— Philip Power

POINTS OF VIEW

Bartlett Hess, Ward pastor, was a man for the ages

By now, you're probably fed up with stories and TV programs packed with millennium musings. Totally subjective "lists" of the top this or that.

Compile those very lists in another 10 years, and chances are they will read dramatically different. Except, of course, for Michael Jordan's placement as ESPN's top athlete of the just-concluded century.

But why do so many care about such capsules of easy-to-swallow information in the first place? It seems as though Americans are way too obsessed with pop culture, either being part of the coffeehouse cutting edge or the mainstream.

Not too many seem to be rushing to their church, temple or synagogue, however, as we begin the 21st century. At the risk of sounding preachy, maybe more should consider going to

their respective place of worship, because this society is getting increasingly warped, all at the expense of common human decency.

Consider that the National Football League and National Basketball Association scheduled games on Christmas Day. Sadly, it's all about big bucks, even on the holiest of days. And that's only a sliver of the holiday's crass commercialization.

Moreover - and I'm as guilty of this as you - the fact that people are wearing out a path to their movie multiplex, sporting event or shopping mall, but hot to places where "The Word" is preached must have troubled Dr. Bartlett L. Hess during the last part of his life.

Pastor Hess, a little man with a towering presence, who founded Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Livonia (since relocated to Northville



TIM SMITH

Township), passed away on Dec. 21 just six days short of his 89th birthday.

Under his leadership, which concluded with his 1992 retirement, Ward's membership grew to more than 5,000 strong; in 1981, he co-founded the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, a denomination now with over 490 churches and 60,000 members around the world.

There's no denying that Ward today is in good shape, probably better off than many churches, temples and synagogues. Current pastor Dr. James McGuire is continuing Hess' legacy, and Ward prides itself on offering a large number of youth ministries - geared at helping raise tomorrow's spiritual leaders and congregations.

The bedrock foundation was largely put there by the work of Pastor Hess, remembered as "a lovely and loving man" who didn't worry if he sometimes displayed human tendencies such as stubbornness, anger and a penchant for buying collectibles.

"He'd occasionally lose his temper, those who were the recipients of such won't forget it," said Dr. L. Edward Davis during funeral services held at Ward on Hess' birthday.

"But given a good night's rest and

maybe a chat with (Hess' wife) Margaret, well, he mastered the art of the apology. ... He could be grumpy, but he'd get over it."

Hess also was described as a young-minded "progressive" even as he approached age 90. He cared to not live in the past, always with an eye toward the future.

That future now carries on without him and his leadership.

Time will tell whether our society will ever rise out of the immoral muck it seems to be mired in. But one thing is for sure: It's too bad Bart Hess didn't live to see the 21st century. We sure could have used him.

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Metro Airport director's promises: They're not a snow job

(First of two columns on the future of Detroit Wayne County Metropolitan Airport.)

It's nearly a year since the snow fell and fell and fell ... when hundreds of Northwest Airlines passengers stranded on snowy runways waited and waited and waited ... when Detroit Metro Airport was chastised and ridiculed and embarrassed by its apparent inability to respond.

So I must say I was a bit surprised when airport director Dave Katz told me last week: "I'm praying for 15 inches of snow."

Katz is one competitive guy. "We need a big storm to show the world that we can keep this airport going," he said. At the same time, he acknowledges: "Those three days were the worst experience of my life."

He is quick to defend the people behind the snowplows. He showed me the snow scraper souvenirs he gave each of them, inscribed with "The

Blizzard of '99." Right now, he said: "They're pumped. They're begging for 16 inches - one more than fell a year ago."

Katz is one funny guy. He happily plays himself in the recent tongue-in-cheek airport advertising campaign. Actors take the parts of his mother (Mary Ann, who lives in the U.P.), Aunt Marge (his wife's aunt who owns Marge's Bar on the east side), and his brother-in-law, Mel (sales rep Mel Lenhart who flies in and out of Metro several times a week). In one segment, his mother is heard complaining about having to drive around the parking deck for so long to find a space that Aunt Marge falls asleep - "and she's driving."

That gives Katz the opportunity to unfurl the new hotline, (800) 642-1978, that you can call to find out the parking situation at Metro. A new airport entrance sign also announces which lots are open.

Katz is one believable guy. More



JUDITH DONER BERNE

than a year ago, he talked to me about computerizing the parking system. That also was when we discussed the impropriety of charging people deplaning from international flights for luggage carts. Most land sleep-deprived; many have language and currency difficulties.

It took him more than a year, but he finally got those free carts. When the luggage cart supplier wouldn't give up the fee, Katz rebid the entire franchise. The new company began supplying free carts in the interna-

tional terminal in October.

Other of his visions have become realities. Metro now has a full-fledged information center manned by green-vested customer service agents, who also are deployed throughout the airport.

Two-thirds of Metro's 65 restrooms have been renovated and family restrooms have been installed.

If you've flown Spirit Airlines you know that flights are often delayed, both in taking off and landing. The airline has been dependent on the loan of a gate by another airline. But recently, Metro added a new, rather plush, six-gate Mecca at the end of Concourse A. It allows airlines such as Spirit and Southwest to have homes of their own.

Katz is one annoyed guy, saying that there hasn't been much press on it.

He also promised to improve the quality, variety and prices of airport restaurants.

Katz is one realistic guy. He knows that proving the airport is moving in the right direction depends on each of our experiences. So, routinely, he and his 20 Disney-trained managers converge on defined airport areas to analyze their safety, friendliness, cleanliness and convenience.

It's working in front of the Smith Terminal. Just last week, a security guard named Hudson kindly allowed me to sit in my car at the arrivals curb, while I waited for my son, who was coming in on the red-eye from L.A.

It's hard to change an image. But, little by little, Metro Airport is getting better. Katz is one determined guy; certain that the cold facts will emerge out of the next big snowstorm.

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Work force, urban sprawl, roads are the new millennium bugs

Whew. That was close. Mankind barely escaped oblivion on New Year's Day, but we made it.

Now we find we have a whole new list of challenges to face.

Fortunately, they are more mundane. They do not include bowing down to Lucifer; nor do we have to sweep up heaps of fallen airplane parts. And no, we do not have to conduct an emergency mass distribution of abacuses.

Now we can deal with more rational prognostications - those that did not stand a chance of being heard above the din of the doomsayers - for the coming years.

The Southeast Michigan Council of Governments has taken a moment to issue its view of where we are headed and the problems it believes we will likely confront in the next few decades. Perhaps before we decide where to spend the next spare trillion dollars out of the U.S. economy, we would be wise to listen.

According to SEMCOG, the biggest challenge we face in southeast Michigan is finding the people we need to keep our local economy running.

"Maintaining an adequate workforce will be a continuing challenge. Unemployment in the region is now the lowest in a generation, at 3.5 percent. Additionally, the region will lose 166,000 workers when baby boomers reach retirement age, between 2010 and 2025. Finding 166,000 replacement workers is the single biggest threat to the economy's continued vitality," SEMCOG stated in a report issued just before the new year.

Folks who lived through the Great Depression of the '30s or even the Great Recession of the '70s know this is a good problem to have. But the effects are real. Every time you go to a store or restaurant and get slow or poor service, you are seeing the impact. Businesses everywhere in this region are having a hard time filling positions. You see in it businesses closing early from time to time for lack of workers. Firms are beginning to find it hard to branch-out and take advantage of new opportunities for lack of people to do the work.

To meet that need, the region is expected to add 570,000 new residents in the next 25 years. Again, those who remember the days when Michigan was losing population and experiencing "brain drain" will understand that this is a good problem to have.

But again the effects are real. We are already complaining about road congestion. Imagine what happens when you put more than a half



MIKE MALOTT

million more people on those same roads. SEMCOG puts it this way: vehicle miles traveled per year in this region will increase from 42 billion to 48 billion by the year 2025. And many of Michigan's roads and bridges are already past their expected life spans.

Keeping all those people on the road will cost big bucks. SEMCOG puts the price at \$26 billion by 2020. And we only know where we will get about half of it.

All those new people have to have places to live too. SEMCOG figures some 390,000 new homes will have to be built in the region to give them all a place to lay their heads at the end of the day.

We are already complaining about urban sprawl. Suburbanites are beginning to think we have declared war on vacant fields ... and over all the region's population has experienced only a bit of growth in the past few years. In the past several decades in this region, we've burned up 50 percent more land with only a 4 percent gain in population.

SEMCOG's report had yet another prediction: "Increasingly mobile lifestyles that find people living, working and shopping in different communities means that citizen concerns will expand beyond their local unit of government and become more regional. Likewise, local governments are discovering that many issues they address must cross jurisdictional boundaries. Continuing to work together will be key to meeting these challenges." Maybe if we put as much thought, energy and money into dealing with these challenges as we just did chasing if-come computer bugs and stockpiling survival supplies, they would seem a little less daunting.

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Trial in murder of Canton man likely still 3-6 months away

BY SCOTT DANIEL
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A trial for three Detroit men charged with murdering Canton resident Gary Urban could be months away.

Lance Ray Rodgers, 20, James Erick Lee, 21, and Vernard Meadows, 20, are currently being held without bond in the Wayne County jail.

Each faces first-degree murder, armed robbery and conspiracy to commit armed robbery charges. Rodgers also has one count of felony firearm against him.

A "conference" hearing for the Detroit men will be held tomorrow in front of Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Craig Strong.

"It will give us a calendar of when motions will be filed and a final conference held," said Charles Marr, a Farmington Hills attorney representing Lee. "Trial dates are usually set at final conference."

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secutor Joe Jansen said a trial is likely three to six months down the road. Much will depend on which circuit court judge ends up with the case, Strong or Brian Sullivan, he added.

"I've heard that Sullivan has a clearer docket," Jansen said.

The assistant prosecutor believes he has a strong case against the Detroit men. But that doesn't necessarily mean it will go to trial.

"A lot depends on what happens in motions," Jansen said, "and what happens between now and a trial date, really."

Meadows, Rodgers and Lee face up to life in prison if convicted of the felony charges. Each was bound over for trial in November by 20th District Court Judge Mark Plawecki.

All three have since been arraigned in the circuit court.

Gary Urban closed the Dearborn Heights Ponderosa Restaurant where he worked as a man-

ager at about 10:25 p.m. on Nov. 10.

Before he could get into his car, police believe a man robbed him and shot him seven times in the back with a .25-caliber handgun.

Somehow, Urban was able to go back inside the restaurant and call 911. A police detective arrived moments later. Urban told him what happened but couldn't describe the killer.

He died at about 10:45 p.m. at Garden City Hospital of multiple wounds.

Meadows worked at the Ponderosa as a dishwasher. Police said he had knowledge of when Urban made bank drops.

He was carrying \$1,307 in cash as well as gift certificates before being robbed.

Urban had worked for Ponderosa for more than a decade and managed the Telegraph Road and Warren store for seven years.

Meadows, who had been employed by the restaurant for several months, has a 1998 armed robbery conviction.

Chances still available to donate blood

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The American Red Cross collected 48 pints of blood Tuesday, Dec. 28, during a drive sponsored by the Westland public library.

"It's not quite what we hoped, but the Red Cross seemed pretty happy with it," said Joe Burchill, assistant to the library director. "I think the (snowy) weather may have slowed some people down."

Burchill had said organizers hoped to collect 60 to 90 pints, but even 48 pints can potentially help nearly 200 people.

"We wanted to do something for the community," he said, "and we thought this would be a good thing. The Red Cross always needs blood around the holidays."

The Red Cross collected blood

from people who scheduled appointments and from others who learned about the drive when they walked in to the library Tuesday.

The library had timed the event to coincide with a holiday period when many people are off work, amid hopes of drawing donors who had free time.

For anyone who missed the blood drive but may want to become a future donor, here are some common questions and answers provided by the Red Cross:

■ Who is eligible to give blood?

You must be healthy, at least 17 years old and weigh at least 110 pounds. People who are older than 65 and in good health may usually donate with approval of the blood bank physician.

■ Is it safe to give blood?

It is not possible to contract HIV, the virus that causes AIDS,

by donating blood. Each needle used in the procedure is sterile and is disposed of after a single use.

■ How often can a person donate blood?

People in good health who weigh at least 110 pounds can donate a unit of blood as often as every eight weeks. Some states may further limit the number and/or frequency of donations in a 12-month period.

■ Where can blood be donated?

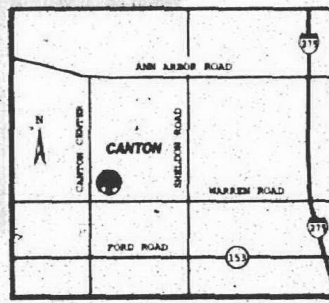
There are many places. Bloodmobiles travel to high schools, colleges, churches and other community organizations. People can go to community blood centers and hospital-based donor centers. Many people donate at their workplaces.

To find out where to donate, call (800) GIVE-LIFE or contact your local Red Cross.

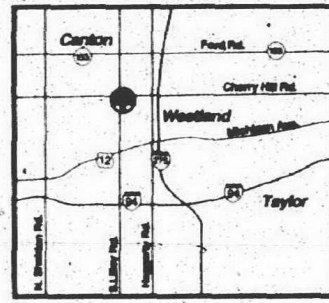
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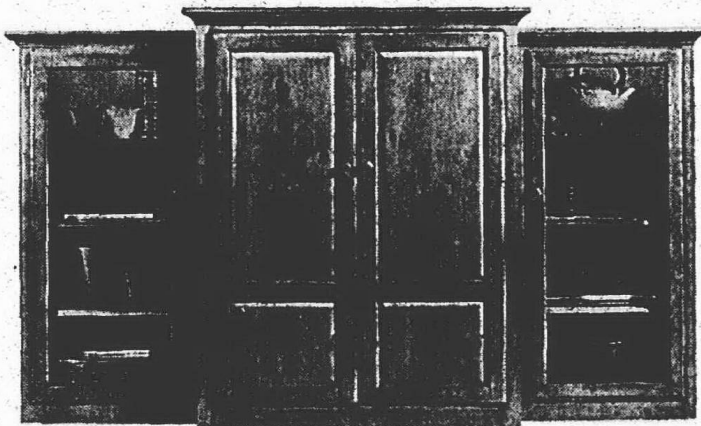
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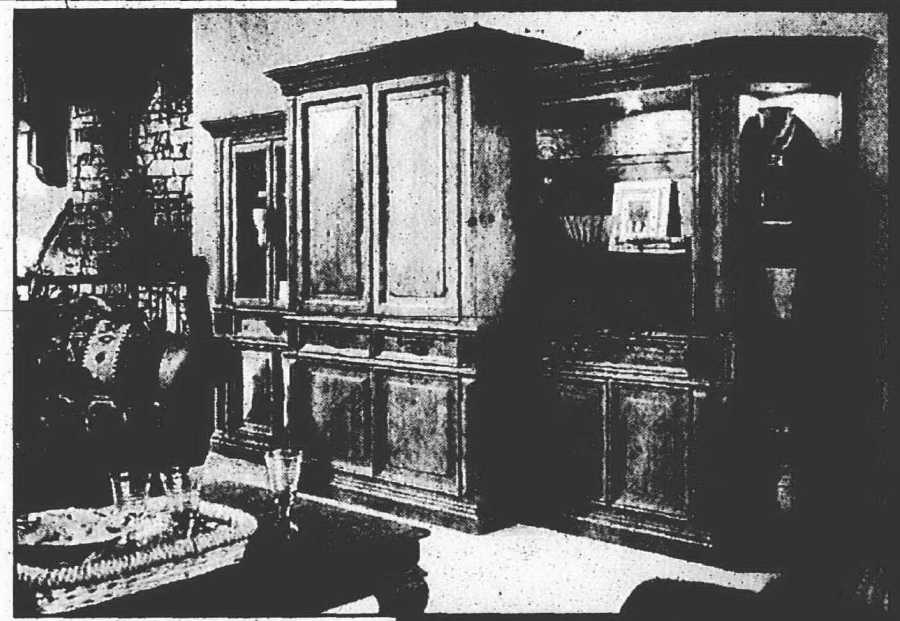
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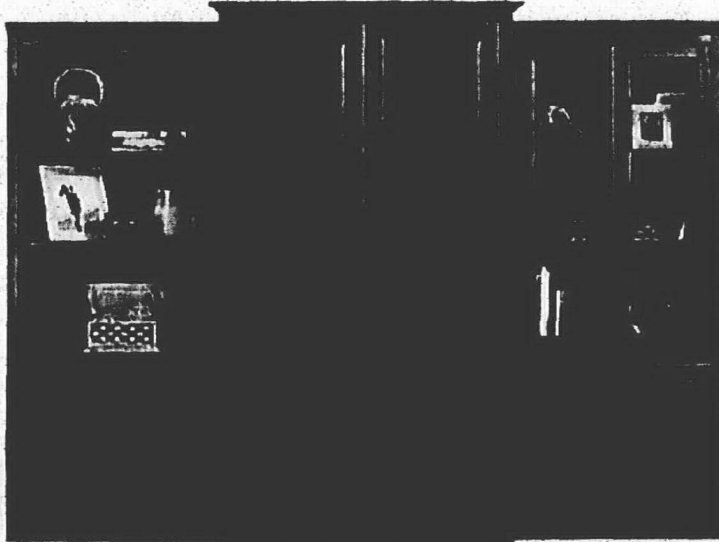
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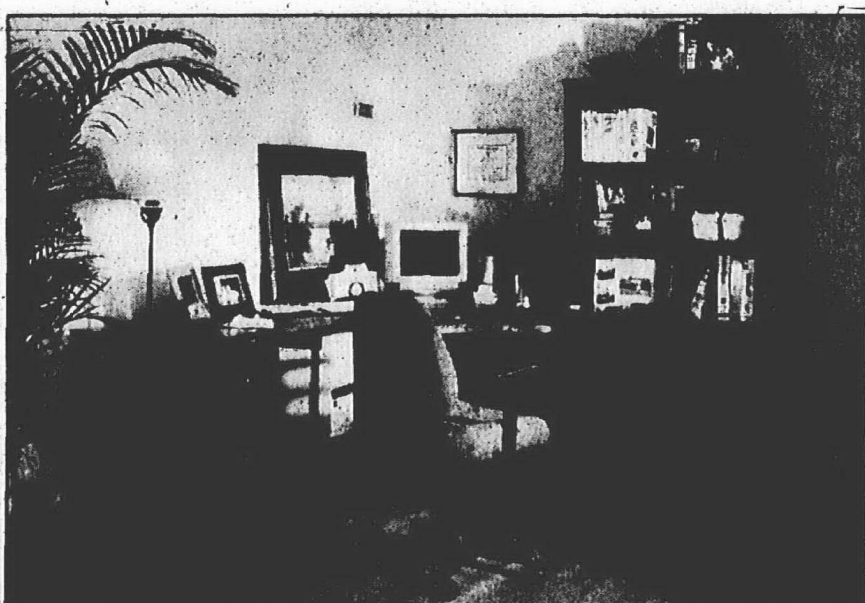
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Let's deal with a real problem

We made it. Airplanes didn't fall out of the sky. The toilets still flush. The world economy is as intact as it usually is. And those computers that were expected to be confused about the date displayed "January 1, 2000" just as normally as they displayed "December 31, 1999."

Now that we've survived the hype and hysteria of the "Y2K bug," we can get back to dealing with a real problem: disintegrating dip tubes.

When Observer & Eccentric columnist Joe Gagnon — better known to his fans as "The Appliance Doctor" — first wrote about the problem of dip tubes disintegrating inside hot water tanks manufactured between July 1993 and December 1996, most people shrugged. Just another one of Joe's crusades, they probably thought.

The day he walked into the newsroom carrying a long, white plastic dip tube to demonstrate what he was talking about, some people snickered quietly. Don Quixote Joe with a dip tube sword.

But those of us who were having problems with the flow of hot water in the shower, who were digging white plastic particles out of the aerator in the kitchen sink — we knew he was on to something.

Meanwhile, other people started listening. The Michigan Attorney General listened and started an investigation into "the dip tube problem." Class action lawsuits were filed across the country. Water tank makers acknowledged the problem on a case-by-case basis and agreed to pay for replacement of the defective parts.

Call the plumber

So we called the plumber, described the problem, he called the people who made the water heater and got authorization to replace the dip tube at their expense. Problem solved. Or so we thought. But a large piece of the old tube was still floating around inside the heater.

A few months passed and the issue faded from the news, as the potential Y2K bug grabbed bigger and bigger headlines. Were our computers going to work on Jan. 1? Would there be a run on the banks? Would we have water for a shower when we woke up on New Year's Day?

The answer to the latter question was "Yes, but not much." Oh, it wasn't a Y2K problem. The water department was OK, but that disintegrating dip tube was still spewing pieces of plastic into the faucets and the shower heads. The hot water in the shower was ebbing rather than flowing and the plugged-up aerator in the kitchen sink was spewing water all over the countertop.

We called the plumber again. There was good news and bad news. The good news was that one of those class action suits had been settled and a half-dozen hot water heater manufacturers had agreed to reimburse consumers for expenses incurred in replacing the dip tubes or, in some cases, the heaters themselves.

Bad news

The bad news was that since the suit had been settled, the manufacturers were no longer dealing directly with plumbers or consumers. The matter was in the hands of the court and our only option now was to spend the money to have the tank completely taken apart, drained and flushed, then file a claim with the court and hope we could get reimbursed.

Or we could replace the water heater and file a claim for that. But, since the manufacturer had already paid to have the dip tube replaced, our claim might not be honored. Never mind that replacing the dip tube didn't solve the problem.

Meanwhile, we're on our third aerator in the kitchen sink, the shower head is clogged up and who knows what is building up inside the dishwasher and washing machine?

We survived the Y2K bug just fine. But our hot water heaters are going down the (dip) tubes.

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Breaking the circle of violence

Oakwood and partners keep women 'posted'

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A thousand restrooms in the Oakwood Healthcare System have more than the standard selection of personal hygiene products and paper towel dispensers.

Oakwood, in partnership with First Step, Western Wayne County Project on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, has put 1,000 posters in its restrooms to help its employees and visitors "break the cycle of violence."

"The posters are designed to have an effect on people, so that they think, if Oakwood cares enough to put this here, this must be a problem in the community," said Lisa Rutledge, system facilitator for Outreach Initiatives at Oakwood. "More than half of women's visits to the emergency room are related to domestic violence. Oakwood recognizes that this is an issue, and the posters are the very beginning of where we want to go with it."

Three different posters have been created for the campaign. Each depicts some aspect of domestic violence — the most dramatic, an X-ray of a fractured skull — and contain "take-with" cards with the telephone number for First Step's 24-hour Help Line and those for the Michigan Family Violence Helpline, Sexual Assault Hotline, Adult and Child Protective Services and Oakwood Employee Assistance.

Employees have recruited to make sure the posters are stocked with cards, and a list has been made of the poster's locations to track where cards have been taken.

"We can track it on the phone line," said Judy Ellis, First Step's executive director. "We don't expect everyone who takes a card to call; some may take a card for a friend. People who need to do something about the violence need to know they can call First Step."

Beyond the system

In all, 3,000 posters have been printed, and plans are "to take them beyond the Oakwood system" to area police departments and the like.

"We want to recruit volunteers to take them out into the community to put them where women would gather," she said. "I'd like to see them everywhere people look, so they know about domestic violence."

"We've offered them our volunteers to take to their faith communities," added Ellis. "We have high school students sending out postcards and filling orders. My staff and I could fill the orders, but this way it makes First Step, Oakwood and the community work together on ending the violence."

First Step and Oakwood also are working with ACCESS (Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services) to translate one of the posters and the information card into Arabic. They also have information about what the Bible and the Koran say about domestic violence.

The posters are being paid for by the Oakwood Foundation and represent an expansion of a relationship between First Step and the health care provider



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Informing women: Sandy Quaine, a member of the First Step Board of Directors, hangs a poster depicting an X-ray of a fractured skull in a public restroom. The poster is one of three designed to inform women of some aspect of domestic violence.

Taking the First Step

First Step offers community-based, non-residential and shelter-based services to the victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in 34 western Wayne and Downriver communities, as well as training and development for volunteers and professionals who work with the victims.

It has offices at 44567, Pinetree Drive, Plymouth; 26650 Eureka Road, Taylor; and in the convent of St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church in Redford, and also has community-based sites at the Dearborn, Romulus, Westland, Inkster, Taylor and Lincoln Park police departments, 33rd District Court in Woodhaven and in Dearborn Heights.

In addition to its shelter, First Step also maintains 24-hour on-call teams to meet with the survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault and a 24-hour Help Line — (888) 453-5900.

For more information about First Step, call the Plymouth office at (734) 416-1111.

that began with the former's 24-hour emergency room response team some 10 years ago.

Two years ago, the informal partnership was formalized when Oakwood set up a small clinic at First Step's shelter. Money raised by employees at Oakwood's Annapolis Center, in Wayne helped purchase medical supplies and Rutledge combed the Oakwood system to find furniture for the two-room clinic.

"It came about in examining the needs of the families at the shelter," said Rutledge. "We recognized that because these families are in crisis for so long, they need medical attention."

The first year, 113 clients visited the

clinic; as of June 1999, it was 126.

Doctors staff the clinic three half days a week as part of their rotation for family medicine and internal medicine residencies. The goal is to teach the doctors about domestic violence and what questions to ask, Rutledge said.

"And money raised by the Oakwood Hospital and Medical Center Guild and through the Women's Healthcare Classic golf outing helps provide prescription coverage for the clinic's patients."

"The women at the shelter are so good; they show the doctors what they missed and what questions they were asked," Rutledge said. "The docs call it Third World medicine. They work with

almost nothing to deal with some complex problems."

Working together

Working together, First Step and Oakwood also have landed a grant from the Department of Community Health to replicate First Step's highly successful peer counseling program at Churchill High School in Livonia at teen clinics in Inkster, Romulus and Taylor.

"The attitude of the teens who went through the program significantly improved," said Ellis. "Their attitudes and beliefs changed and they were more alert to date rape and sexual assault. Peer education has proven to work well with teens."

While Oakwood has chosen to make a "big financial commitment" to First Step, Ellis is hoping that other corporations and the retail community do likewise, thereby adding to and enhancing the partnership.

One thing Ellis would like to do is take the message about domestic violence to roadsides, using billboards for "social marketing."

"The violence won't stop unless we're all involved," said Ellis. "Violence is so pervasive that people are desensitized. We have to sensitize them."

"We're trying to tailor the message as best we can to get the message out consistently."

WOMEN'S SUPPORT GROUP

Ya-Ya Sisterhood's cyber friends plan to meet in 2000

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
SPECIAL WRITER

Women from all over the world, who have talked to each other in cyberspace in some cases for years, will recognize each other by their boas and tiaras when they meet for the first time in February.

Outrageous and extravagant, sure. That's what the Ya-Ya Sisterhood is about.

The women's support group based on Rebecca Wells' book, "Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood," published by Harper Collins, shows how four women embraced taking everything to the extreme — even when it hurts.

The story follows the lives of three generations of women, their struggles and triumphs. One of the Ya-Ya's, for instance, was fond of saying, "It's life, you climb on the beast and ride."

Women all over the world, who may have always felt ostracized because of their over-the-edge lifestyles, are coming together on a Web site called "On the Front Porch," at www.ya-ya.com.

A meeting is planned during President's Day weekend in February to see

■ 'Everyone is welcome with open arms — just post and introduce yourself and the welcoming is unbelievable.'

Maria Lampinen
Ya-Ya Sisterhood

cyberspace friends with whom they've shared intimate thoughts and silly ramblings.

"It's the most incredible support system for women that I've ever been involved with and very, very nonjudgmental," according to Maria Lampinen, a Waterford resident formerly of West Bloomfield.

In fact, Lampinen hopes to find other people from Michigan, especially the metro-Detroit area, who are drawn to the Ya-Ya Sisterhood. However, a request on the Web site didn't attract much attention. She did learn about a fellow Ya-Ya in Kalamazoo.

"It allows you to have faults and failures just like real people and not always trying to be what society expects us to be instead of who we are," said Lampinen, who describes her fel-

low Ya-Ya's as "outrageous, vivacious, extravagant, loud and fun."

In the book, four eccentric bayou debutantes struggle through life and always rely on the comfort of having each other. And that's the essence of what attracts women from all over the world to the Ya-Ya Sisterhood Web site.

The cyberspace subjects are as varied as the members ranging in age from 13 to 80. Members of the younger crowd are called Petite Ya-Ya's.

One woman recently posted a note about difficulties with her mother-in-law during the holidays. She received more than 27 replies supporting her and offering ideas.

"Sometimes we talk about which characters we identify with and why," said Lampinen, a 40-year-old Realtor.

"Everyone is welcome with open arms — just post and introduce yourself and the welcoming is unbelievable," she said. "It's for women who are fun, crazy and very much into red fingernail polish — 'rich girl red,' she adds citing the book. "The people who are attracted to this are high spirited and high eyed."

They have to be at least a little spunky to do their on-line names, like Lampinen's "Queen Bette." In fact, every Ya-Ya's name is queen something or princess something, and this follows suit with a chapter in the book detailing a tribal ritual among the main characters in the forest. For Lampinen, "Bette" comes from Lampinen's circle of best girlfriends who call each other Bette. Apparently, she had early signs of becoming a Ya-Ya.

In fact, it was one of her Bette friends who told her about the book. "I immediately ran out and got it," Lampinen said. "I've always been real interested in women's issues."

Lampinen has been posting mes-

Ya-ya from page B1

sages with the new Gumbo Ya-Ya bulletin board, inviting members to "dig deep, laugh hard and share secrets" for six months, checking the comments twice daily.

"Sometimes we talk about which character we identify with and why," she added. "It's a place to share with other Ya-Ya's around the globe — to laugh and cry."

The group isn't all off the wall comments and excesses. There's a real sensitive, caring and loving angle, too.

"One of the women is suffering from cancer and we're all involved in her progress and treatment," Lampinen said. "She's 19 and the love and support she receives from the Web site is incredible. She can have her laptop on her bed while she's getting treatments. Another Ya-Ya was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis and received cards from a ton of Ya-Ya's."

There's even a Ya-Ya calendar available.

"It's real women, real life," said Lampinen adding that Ya-Ya's are trying to get a spot on the "Rosie O'Donnell Show" and "Oprah." "It's about the most heart-warming, honest,

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Maria Lampinen
Ya-ya sister

loving and encouraging place to go."

During a recent ornament exchange, Lampinen received a package of generous gifts, including an angel in a Hawaiian dress, and plain and chocolate macadamia nuts, from a woman in Honolulu. Lampinen's secret pal received, among other items, a leopard skin finger nail file, which is oh, too Ya-Ya.

"I've heard people say: 'My grandmother was a Ya-Ya, but she didn't know it,' Lampinen added.

Anyone interested in reaching Lampinen should send an e-mail message at Marial207@aol.com.

WRC sponsors divorce support group

The Women's Resource Center of Schoolcraft College is sponsoring a divorce support group that meets Tuesdays in Room 225 of the McDowell Center.

The group provides a forum for discussion and the receiving and sharing of information for those contemplating, in the process of or having difficulty adjusting to divorce.

The discussion group meets the second Tuesday of the month and is run by Cynthia Koppin, a professional counselor. The speaker sessions take place the fourth Tuesday and address the legal, financial and emotional concerns that arise during the divorce process.

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On Jan. 25, participants will learn about the legal aspects of divorce — the process of filing and what to expect, etc. — from attorney Theodore Johnson.

Certified financial planner Elizabeth Allen will provide a guide to handling finances and planning a future following divorce or separation on Feb. 22.

Ellen Slutzky, a clinical psychologist will focus her March 28 presentation on helping divorcing individuals develop more self confidence as they face the challenges of a new life.

Attorneys Barbara Watry and Mary Ann Mercieca will provide an overview of the divorce process. Participants will learn about such things as property

settlements, custody, child support, visitation and alimony.

There is no fee to attend the divorce support group and registration isn't required.

The Women's Resource Center also is sponsoring "Ask an Attorney" 5-7 p.m. the third Monday of the month. A lawyer from the firm of Woll and Woll will be available to answer questions about divorce and family law.

For more information, call the Women's Resource Center at (734) 462-4443. Schoolcraft College is located at 18600 Haggerty Road, north of Six Mile Road, Livonia.

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Figures of speech have roots in beliefs, superstitions

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM
STAFF WRITER

Want to know how many children you'll have? Then the bride should count the seeds in an orange on her wedding day.

Want curly hair? Then eat some carrots, which, according to folklore, are good for the eyes, too.

Those are just a couple of the examples of folklore Jim Callow, professor emeritus at the University of Detroit Mercy, provided to guests at the second Livonia Town Hall lecture recently.

Callow is a contributor to a University of California-Los Angeles-produced encyclopedia of popular beliefs and superstitions and has developed a computer database to make researching folklore tidbits easier.

Callow, a Clawson resident, also taught folklore at UD-Mercy.

Figures of speech have become so commonplace that people don't even think about their underlying meanings anymore, Callow said. People who tell grouch people they woke up on the wrong side of the bed are one example.

"(That expression) is based on the belief that everyone has two angels," Callow said. People who wake up on the wrong side of the bed stepped on their bad angel, he added.

The *siesta*, a traditional activity in Spain and Latin American countries, also stems from an ancient belief.

"They believed they shouldn't go out at noon because they might see the gods in dalliance," Callow said. The sight of the gods would be too overwhelming for mortals and should therefore be avoided, people thought.

The popular hangover expression, "hair of the dog," has its roots in Ireland. The belief is that those who put hair from the dog that bit them on their wound won't get an infection.

However, the expression's modern day meaning dictates that people with hangovers should take a swig of the very thing that gave them the hangover.

Some beliefs are aimed at changing people's behaviors, particularly children's, Callow said. One belief claims children shouldn't raise their hands or talk back to adults, lest their hand wither or come out of the ground after death and be stepped on.

Another belief claims children who play with matches will wet the bed, and another claims that those who turn around in church will have their names taken by Satan.

Parents with children who are slow to walk are supposed to stand them behind any door in

the house and sweep at their feet with a broom. A Southern woman who told Callow of this tradition said her child was walking within three days.

Other beliefs seemingly seem to promote good table manners.

"Singing at the dinner table causes deafness," Callow said, referring to folklore. "If a girl sings (at the table), she will marry a crazy man."

Likewise, people who eat standing up will get fat knees, he added.

Some of the beliefs passed down over time actually make some sense, like putting mud on a bee sting. If wet mud isn't available, someone is supposed to urinate on the dirt to moisten it, Callow said.

When he was stung by a bee, he purchased a "mud pack" at a pharmacy, and learned that the concoction contained urea, an ingredient in urine. He used the product anyway.

"I put that on and my pain was gone in no time," Callow said.

Other tidbits from Callow are:

■ A citrus fruit seed, if swallowed, will grow in your stomach.

■ To calm nerves, mix two jiggers of brandy per half gallon of cinnamon tea

■ Three bay leaves under your pillow on Valentine's Day will make you dream of your future spouse.

As for legends, weather beliefs, taboos and the occult:

■ In the 17th century, French explorer LaSalle saw how the red berry bushes caused a red or rouge glow in the river and he named it River Rouge.

■ Hawaii has so many thorn bushes because missionaries planted them to prick the natives into wearing clothes.

■ It will be a long, hard winter, if acorns are abundant, sycamores shed their bark in the summer or onion skins are tough.

■ It will rain when maple leaves turn over or when you kick a toadstool.

■ Never cut or dig up a thorn bush. They are a favorite of the evils (devils). You would die a tragic death.

■ "Plant" a piece of umbilical cord around the house, so the child will never leave home.

■ On New Year's Eve hang an olive or laurel branch on your door for a year's good luck.

■ If an expectant mother craves strawberries and doesn't get them, the child will be born with strawberry marks.

■ A person wearing a four-leaf clover can understand barking dogs.

The Michigan Opera Theatre will present "The Best of Broadway" at the next Livonia Town Hall, 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 19, at St. Mary's Cultural



So superstitious: Jim Callow, professor emeritus at the University of Detroit Mercy, spoke of folklore at the Livonia Town Hall lecture recently.

Center, 18100 Merriman Road, Livonia.

The cabaret-style revue will feature sopranos Maria Cimarelli and Betsy Bronson, tenor Karl Schmidt and baritone Mark Von-

E-mail doesn't have the permanence — or magic — of letters



VIRGINIA PARKER

I made a mistake. I wanted to check an historical detail, so I pulled a book I had read years ago, "Letters of a Woman Home-steader," off the shelf for a quick look. Before I knew it, I was drawn back into Elinor Pruitt Stewart's incredible story.

Elinor, a young widow, set off with her daughter for the wilds of Wyoming in 1909, hoping for a better life. She chronicled her progress through correspondence with her former employer, Mrs. Coney. At one point, Elinor admitted with some embarrassment that she had concealed mentioning a hasty marriage to her new employer.

While Clyde Stewart, a rancher, proved to be a loving husband, his bride was determined to have her own land. She bought the

adjoining property, and, with the aid of government publications and supplies of free seed, set about running her quarter-section spread. Elinor made it clear to Clyde that she would accept his advice, but she wanted the "fun and the experience" of solving her own land-related challenges.

One fascinating aspect of the account, as Elinor penned it, is that she had no formal schooling. Yet, she left an eloquent, often poetic depiction of her world. Elinor described the beauties of nature in abundant detail and colored her stories with adept mimicry of her husband's Scottish burr and neighbors' dialects.

In four years' worth of letters, she vividly portrayed a life filled with an array of adventure, foibles, and high drama worthy of a compelling novel. She camped out with her two-and-a-half-year-old daughter, Jerrine, in the mountains, relying on fish, game, and her own quick wits to survive an unexpected snowstorm.

She wrote with delightful

humor about twins named Sedalia and Regalia. When pretentious, spiteful Sedalia lost a suitor to her sweet-tempered younger sister, the ensuing marriage tickled Elinor's sense of justice and fair play.

On the other hand, she wrote poignantly about how, with broken hearts, she and Clyde gently laid to rest Jamie; their first baby. Elinor also tugs at your heart with the story of twelve-year-old Cora Belle, who ran a nearby ranch and cared for her rheumatic grandparents.

Taking pity on the poverty-stricken family, neighbors gathered at the Stewarts' for a sewing bee. They spread new, dainty dresses and undergarments out on a bed. When poor, barefoot Cora Belle realized they were for

her, she burst into tears.

I am captivated by reading old letters like these, whether collections published in books, or — if I am really lucky — originals awash with faded ink or pencil.

My mind jumped — as it is often wont to do — from one thing to another. I recalled a bundle of letters my grandparents had written to me in the 1960s, which I recently discovered tucked away in a desk. It warmed my heart to see their distinctive penmanship and to hold pages their hands had rested on as they wrote.

My mind jumped again, this time to e-mail. Although the medium is criticized for stunting skills required for polished letter writing, most of us depend upon e-mail. The technology offers faster communication for business and keeps us more easily in touch with friends and relatives through notes hurriedly jotted down, as if in conversation.

I remember, for example, the difficulty of corresponding with Don when he was in Viet Nam.

Answers to questions took ten days. Pity, even more our forebearers, who depended upon ships for haphazard delivery. Some letters brought news that was months or years old; many others were lost forever on vessels that went down at sea.

So I give e-mail its deserved nod. At the same time, I bemoan the passing of letters because, typically, after reading our e-mails — even those that capture the nuances and drama of daily life — we delete them. Alas, our descendants may miss out on a lot this way.

After all, we all would be the poorer if Mrs. Coney and the Padgetts could have hit a delete key after reading their mail.

And I'd have lost my grandmother's cheerful words penned 35 years ago — just 10 days before she died — if she could have fired them off by e-mail.

Historian and author Virginia Bailey Parker has a bachelor's degree in history and a master's degree in historic preservation. She lives in Canton Township.

Book looks at wedding's complex issues in real world

Ben is Jewish and Lyn is Episcopalian. Sallie is Korean and Jason is American. Carolyn and Matthew signed a prenuptial agreement. Shirley wed both husband Matthew and new stepson Evan.

These are a few of the couples profiled in a new book, "The Knot's Complete Guide to Weddings In the Real World" (Broadway Books, \$18), published in January.

According to author Carley Roney, the book highlights these weddings to show that not every boy-marries-girl story today fits the traditional matrimonial mold.

"Real weddings involve much more than beautiful decorations, and there are few existing resources out there to help couples deal with more complex issues, such as second marriages

where children are involved, integrating divorced parents and stepfamilies or blending religious faiths and cultural backgrounds," Roney said.

To help address these issues, Roney and the editors at The Knot, the online wedding resource and gift registry at www.theknot.com; aol keyword: knot, have created a comprehensive wedding planning guide that offers practical advice on everything from where to seat divorced parents to how to include children from previous marriages in the wedding vows.

"For everyone, marriage should mean reveling in your differences, not letting them create conflict between you," Roney writes in a chapter called "Combining Cultures." "It's important that you come up with good problem-solving solutions now —

both for your wedding and for your life after the party."

Filled with calendars, checklists and worksheets, the book is a hold-in-your-hand, take-anywhere version of The Knot's Website. Addressing all the traditional aspects of wedding planning, the book's chapters also are supplemented with stories of real-world couples (and Knot Web site users) who have been there before.

"Ask Carley" boxes appear with some of The Knot's most frequently asked questions and Roney's helpful, insightful responses.

Additional sidebars offer invaluable nuggets of information, such as suggested price ranges for flowers, meaningful music for your reception, what to include in your wedding day makeup bag and leads on some

of the hottest honeymoon get-aways.

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HOCKEY GAME

All elementary and middle school students get free admission to the 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 7, Canton vs. Walled Lake Central game and/or the 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 8, Salem vs. Stevenson game, both held at the Plymouth Cultural Center. To receive free admission, pick up a flier from your school and present it at the gate. Fliers will be available the week of Jan. 3.

DINNER SOCIAL

The Dearborn-Livonia Chapter of the U.S. Singletons will host its next dinner social at 1 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 9, at Pick-A-Bone Restaurant, 30325 Plymouth Road in Livonia. People age 45 and over wishing further information regarding this national organization's activities may write to: Dearborn-Livonia Singletons, P.O. Box 2175, Fort Dearborn Station, Dearborn, MI 48123.

AUDITIONS

Whistle Stop Players hold auditions for people age 5 and up for the spring musical, "The Adventures of Beatrix Potter and her Friends," 6:30-8 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 9, or Monday, Jan. 10, at The Plymouth Community Arts Council, Joanne Winkelman Hulce Center for the Arts, 774 N. Sheldon Road, Plymouth. Participation fee due upon casting is \$100 for members (student membership is \$25 for a year). Scholarships are available. Fee includes costumes, scripts, cast party, etc. Rehearsals are Sundays and/or Thursdays for most cast members. Performances are April 30 through May 19 at the PCAC and local schools. Call (734) 416-4278.

BOOSTER CLUB MEETING

The next meeting of the Plymouth Canton-Plymouth Salem hockey Booster Club begins 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 11, in the Plymouth Cultural Center. Parents of current and incoming players are invited to attend.

GUEST NIGHT

County Connection Chorus, a women's chorus singing four-part harmony barbershop style, is looking for ladies who love to sing. At 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 11, the County Connection Chorus will host a guest night for ladies in the community who are interested in singing and having fun. Rehearsals are in Ypsilanti at the UAW Local 898, 8975 Textile Road. Bring a friend. For more information on the guest night, call (734) 480-8843. To learn more about the chorus or Sweet Adelines, visit www.sweetadelines.org.

RACQUETBALL LEAGUE

Canton Parks and Recreation sponsors a men's winter racquetball league at Body Rocks Racquetball of Livonia. Players will be divided into divisions based on ability. Court times are

6:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., Wednesdays, beginning Jan. 12. Cost is \$100 per person. No residency requirements. Call (734) 397-5110.

BRIDAL SHOW

There will be a "Bridal Show," from 6-9 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 12 at Fox Hills, 8768 North Territorial, Plymouth. Tickets are \$5 in advance and \$7 at the door. For more information, call (734) 453-7272.

VARIETY SHOW

The Plymouth Canton High School Chieftettes Pom-Pon Squad presents its annual Variety Show entitled "Kickin' Into the Millennium." The show will be held at 1 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15 at the Salem High School Auditorium. Tickets cost \$5 for adults and \$3 for students and children. Tickets can be purchased from any Chieftette squad member or at the door before the performance.

HISTORY PROGRAM

There will be a Natural History Program at Proud Lake Recreation Area at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15 at 3500 Wixom Road, Commerce Township. Learn about hibernating wildlife in Michigan on this 1 1/2 hour walk. Meet at Annex parking lot. A Michigan State Park Motor vehicle permit is required for entry. Proud Lake Recreation Area is three miles southeast of Milford. From I-96 take the Wixom Road exit and go north six miles to the park entrance opposite Garden Road.

COLLECTOR SHOWS

Plymouth's "Toy Show" and "Collectibles Show" will be held from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15 and Sunday, Jan. 16 at the Cultural Center at 525 Farmer Street. The Toy Show features new, used, antique and collectible toys of all kinds. The Collectibles Show features Beanie's, Pokémon, Furby, Barbie, action figures, etc. Admission is \$5, kids 4-12 years old are \$2. For more information, call (734) 455-2110.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY WEEK

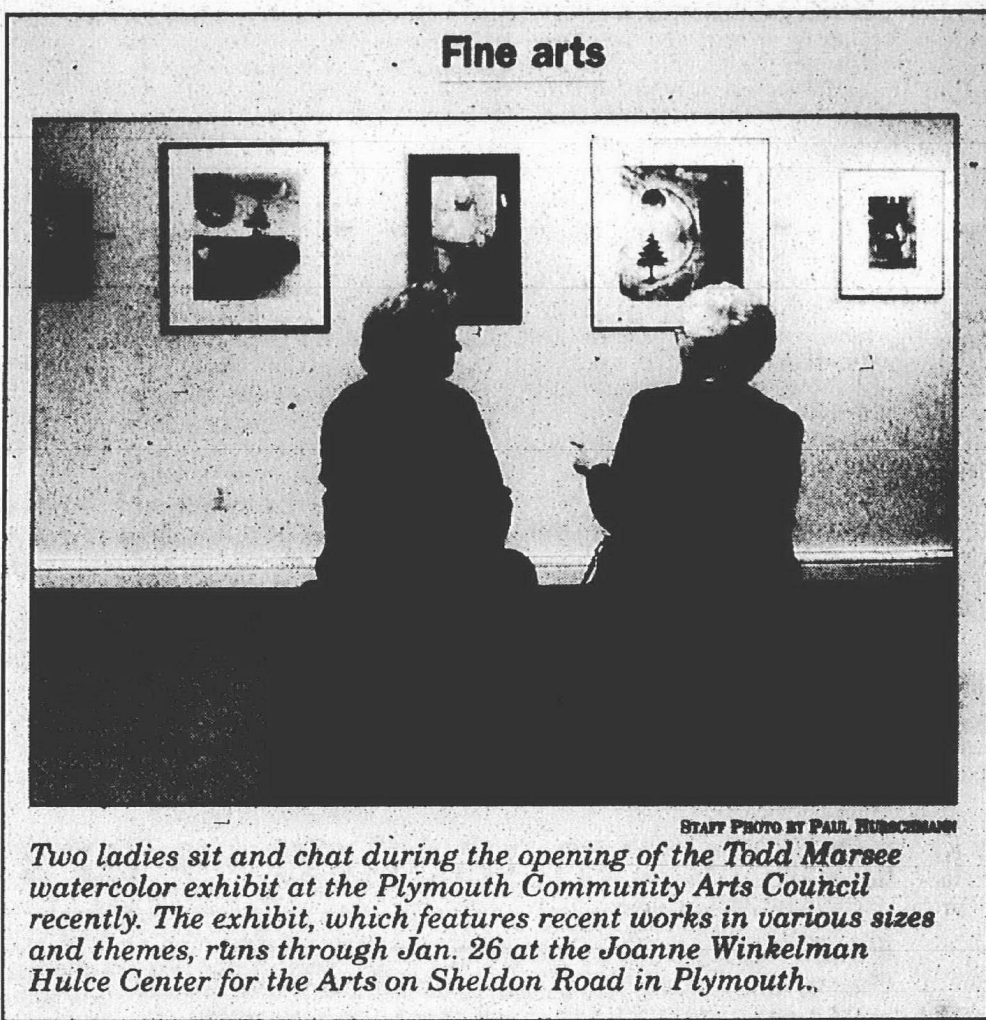
Evola Music hosts "Friends and Family Week," Monday, Jan. 17 through Saturday, Jan. 22 at 7170 N. Haggerty in Canton. Visit a group class for free during the Open House Week. For more information, call (734) 455-4677 for a listing of classes and times. Now taking registrations for group classes in Kindermusik, piano, violin, and organ. Winter/Spring session begins Jan. 30.

ART CENTER

The Ann Arbor Art Center offers new creative courses for its winter session, which begins Jan. 19. Courses include Abstract Painting, Portfolio Preparation and Beginning Blacksmithing. Registration runs through Jan. 10. Call (734) 994-8004, Ext. 101.

ME & MY SHADOW

New Morning School has



Fine arts

Two ladies sit and chat during the opening of the Todd Marsee watercolor exhibit at the Plymouth Community Arts Council recently. The exhibit, which features recent works in various sizes and themes, runs through Jan. 26 at the Joanne Winkelman Hulce Center for the Arts on Sheldon Road in Plymouth.

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openings for its winter 2000 "Me & My Shadow" program. This is an introductory class for people age 2-4 and their parents. Parent and child participate in music, play activities, art and readiness projects, snack and story time. Two Saturday morning sessions begin Jan. 15 and one Monday evening session begins Jan. 17. Call (734) 420-3331. New Morning is located at 14501 Haggerty, just north of Schoolcraft Road.

REVIEW

The Princeton Review holds free practice full-length DAT, GMAT, GRE, LSAT, and MCAT tests 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 22, at The Princeton Review, 1220 South University, Suite 209, Ann Arbor. Call 800-2-REVIEW, or (734) 663-2163 to register.

STORYTELLING FESTIVAL

Canton Project Arts will be holding its second annual family storytelling festival, entitled "Storytelling Through the Ages," from 1-2:30 p.m. and a family concert from 7-9 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 22 at the Summit on the Park. This event will provide hands-on

workshops and concerts for both children and adults throughout the day and evening. Mother Goose will delight young children with a visit to see, talk to, and experience Mother Goose and her props. Magician and folklorist Marc LeJarett will dazzle both children and adults with magic tricks woven into his tales of old. Storybook character "Madeline" will also be present. Award winning storyteller Debra Christian will conduct a workshop for children on Creating Creepy Tales. Adult workshops will also be held to enhance the use of story to preserve family history and build character. Individual tickets for the entire day and evening event are \$5 or \$15 for a family of three or more. For advanced tickets reservations or more information, call (734) 397-6450. Tickets may also be purchased at Summit on the Park.

SUPPORT GROUP MEETING

Vermeulen Funeral Home offers a free monthly Grief Aftercare Support Group meeting for those who have recently experienced the death of a family member or close friend.

The next meeting begins 6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 23. Each meeting is led by Wes Baldwin of Pointe Care Counseling. All meetings are held at the Plymouth location on West Ann Arbor Road, between Sheldon and Beck. Call (734) 459-2250.

YMCA

The 38th annual meeting of the Plymouth Community Family YMCA begins 1 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 26, at Ernesto's Restaurant, 41661 Plymouth Road, Plymouth. The purpose of the meeting is to renew terms for board members, to elect officers and to conduct other business that may come before the members, including a proposal to amend Article III of the Articles of Incorporation, to convert the Plymouth Community Family YMCA from a membership basis to a directorship basis.

SEMINARS

Plymouth Independence Village hosts a free seminar beginning 10 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 25. Hoppy Hanson and Alan D. Marx of All America Financial will discuss long-term care insurance and senior estate planning. Call Bryan Neal at (734) 453-2600.

EXHIBIT

The Plymouth Community Arts Council features "Spirit Earth," the recent watercolors of Todd Marsee, through Jan. 26 at the JWH Center for the Arts, 774 N. Sheldon Road, Plymouth. Exhibit hours are 9 a.m. to noon Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday and Friday and weekends by appointment. Call (734) 207-3918.

WORKSHOPS

Financial consultant Paul Leduc presents a free "Advanced Living Trust Workshop" 1-3 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 2, at the Northville Public Library, 212 W. Cady, Northville. Call (248) 540-8710.

CENSUS 2000

The U.S. Census Bureau is hiring enumerators for the 2000 census. Enumerators spend most of their time locating addresses and conducting door-to-door interviews. They work evenings and weekends. This temporary job will last up to two months next spring. Census workers are paid \$13-\$15/hour and are reimbursed for mileage. Bonuses are available. Call (888) 325-7733.

MOPS MEETING

The Plymouth Baptist Church holds mothers of preschoolers meetings 9:15-11:30 a.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. Mothers with their children, kindergarten-age and younger, may attend for a time of fellowship and fun with other mothers. Childcare is provided. The church is at 42021 Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth. Call (734) 453-5534.

M.O.M. MEETING

Meet Other Mothers (M.O.M.) invites you to join it for guest speakers and discussion 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. the second and fourth Fridays of the month. Baby-sitting is provided. Call Kim at (734) 459-7035 or Shannon at (734) 354-0191.

KIWANIS BREAKFAST CLUB

The Plymouth-Canton Kiwanis Breakfast Club meets 7 a.m. every Tuesday at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, Plymouth. Guests are welcome. Call Charr Briggs at (810) 406-8489.

DINNER/AUCTION

The Plymouth Community Arts Council's annual dinner/auction, "Escape To The Caribbean," begins 6 p.m. Saturday, March 11, in the Mayflower Meeting House, Plymouth. Auction items include trips, dinners, clothing, furniture and art. Dance music provided by the Couriers. Entrées include beef tenderloin, stuffed chicken and orange roughy. Tickets are \$55. Call (734) 416-4278.

KIWANIS CLUB

The Plymouth Kiwanis Club meets 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the new City Limits Bar & Grill on Ann Arbor Road. Call Charlene Miller at (734) 455-4782.

NURSERY SCHOOL

OPENINGS

Garfield Co-op has openings in programs for children 18 months to 5 years. The school is located in Livonia at Cass Elementary, 34633 Munger, South of Six Mile and West of Farmington Road. For more information, call (734) 462-0135.

Plymouth Children's Nursery Co-op has openings left in its 3- and 4-year-old classes. Call (734) 455-6250.

First Baptist Church of Plymouth-Canton Kindermusik has openings for its winter session enrollment. Call (734) 354-9109.

Garfield Co-Op has openings for people age 18 months to 5 years. Garfield Co-op is located at Case Elementary, 34633 Munger, south of Six Mile and west of Farmington Road in Livonia. Call (734) 462-0135.

VILLAGE MUSIC

Village Music is registering students for Kindermusik classes beginning the week of Jan. 24. Kindermusik is music education and joyful learning for the whole family, not just for young children. Call now for classes for people up to age 7. Call Norma Atwood at (734) 354-9825.

SUPPORT GROUPS

STARTING OVER

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

ARBOR HOSPICE

Arbor Hospice sponsors grief support programs. To sign up, call (734) 662-5999.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUPS

Community Hospice and Home Care Services has a drop-in grief-support group that meets 6:30-8 p.m. the third Wednesday of the month. Call Becky Rouse at (734) 522-4244.

ANGELA HOSPICE

Angela Hospice offers free monthly grief support groups for people who have experienced the loss of a loved one. All groups meet at the Angela Hospice Care Center in Livonia. For meeting dates and times, call Ruth Favor, (734) 464-7810.

VOLUNTEER WORK

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Plymouth-Canton Head Start, in Central Middle School, is looking for volunteers to help in the classroom with large-group activities, to assist children during recess, participate in the Learning Centers and assist during meal times. If you have a morning or afternoon free Monday through Thursday, call 416-6196.

CALENDAR FOR

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

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Use additional sheet if necessary

CAMPUS CLIPS

To submit your academic honor or graduation announcement to Campus Notes, send the material, printed or typewritten to: Campus Notes, Plymouth-Canton Observer, 794 S. Main St., Plymouth, Mich. 48170.

ENROLLMENT

Jayson Macyda of Canton has enrolled in the Juris Doctor (J.D.) and LL.M. in environmental law degree programs at Vermont Law School. Macyda has an undergraduate degree in environmental studies from the University of Michigan-Dearborn, where he is also president of the Student Environmental Association. Macyda attended high school at Detroit Catholic Central. He

is the son of Michael and Victoria Macyda.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Nicole Hrycyk, daughter of Nicholas and Andrea Hrycyk of Canton is the recipient of the Student Laureate Award of the Lincoln Academy of Illinois. She was one of over 50 students from each of the four-year, degree-granting colleges and universities in Illinois to receive this award. She traveled to Springfield Nov. 13, where she was presented with a Lincoln Academy medallion, a certificate of honor and a check for \$150.

Adam Delezenne, of Canton was named a Presidential Scholar at Lee

University for the 1999-2000 school year. Presidential scholarships are awarded to any first-time freshman who has graduated from an approved high school and who scored 27-30 on the ACT or 1150-1340 on the SAT. This scholarship is equal to standard full tuition for the freshman year. Delezenne is the son of Dennis and Linda Delezenne. He is majoring in Bible and theology.

DEAN'S LIST

Molly Noonan of Canton has been named to the dean's list at Western Michigan University for the Fall '99 semester. Noonan, who earned a 4.0 grade point average, is a sophomore majoring in public relations. She is a

1998 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School.

GRADUATES

Debra A. Swatosh of Plymouth received a BA degree in international business at Adrian College. Swatosh, a 1996 graduate of Plymouth-Salem High School, is the daughter of Douglas Swatosh, of Commerce Township and Diana Swatosh of Plymouth.

Steven M. Kovacheff of Plymouth received his master of business administration degree from the Richard DeVos Graduate School of Management at Northwood University.

ELECTED

Albion College student Michael J. Kowlaski is a new initiate of Alpha Lambda Delta, a national scholastic honors society for freshman. Kowlaski is a junior majoring in German and women's studies. He is the son of John D. and Susan C. Kowlaski of Canton and a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School.

Albion College student Laura M. Kogut is a new initiate to Alpha Lambda Delta, a national scholastic honors society for freshman. Kogut is a junior majoring in visual arts and speech communication and theatre. She is the daughter of Paul C. and Barbara A. Kogut of Canton and a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School.

WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Mann-Hamilton

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Mann of Dayton, Ohio, and Mr. and Mrs. Gary Nordmark of Lake Worth, Fla., announce the engagement of their daughter, Sarah Michelle Mann, to William Keith Hamilton, the son of Keith Hamilton of Romeo and Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Filastro of Canton.

The bride-to-be is pursuing a degree in elementary education at Eastern Michigan University.

Her fiancé served in the U.S. Marine Corps for four years. He also is a student at Eastern Michigan University. He is employed by the Coca-Cola Corp.

A February wedding is



planned in Palm Beach, Fla.

Craven-Parks

Eileen Meredith Parks and Adam James Craven were married Dec. 31 at Messiah Church in Detroit by the Rev. Edward McRary.

The bride is the daughter of John and Janet Parks of Livonia. The groom is the son of Tino and Deborah Barrera of Westland.

The bride attended Livonia Churchill High School and graduated from Crosswell-Lexington High School. She is employed as a nanny.

The groom is a graduate of John Glenn High School. He is employed by Plymouth Mitsubishi.

The bride asked Erin Parks, Valerie Clark, Shannon Misiak and Nimozza Favazza to serve as attendants with Lauren Favazza as flower girl.

The groom asked John Craven, Todd Clark, Scott Whitish and Doug Isaacs to serve as his



attendants with Tyler Craven as ring bearer.

The couple received guests at a reception at Joy Manor before leaving on a honeymoon trip to Florida. They are making their home in Northville.

Trost-Teran

Charles and Irene Trost of Garden City announce the engagement of their daughter, Karen, to Roberto Teran Jr., the son of Roberto Teran Sr. of Lincoln Park and the late Cecilia Teran.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Garden City High School, the University of Michigan-Dearborn with a bachelor's degree in elementary education and Eastern Michigan University with a master's degree in elementary education. She is employed by the Garden City Public Schools at Henry Ruff Elementary School.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Lincoln Park High School and Wayne State University with a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering. He is employed by the Ford Motor



Company's Powertrain Operations in Dearborn.

A June wedding is planned at St. Damian's Catholic Church in Westland.

Birk-Kain

Leroy and Judy Dewstow of Plymouth and Randall Birk of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Rachel Joy, to Michael Bernard Kain, the son of William and Shirley White of Clawson.

The bride-to-be is a 1992 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and is a senior, majoring in English, at the University of Michigan-Dearborn. She is employed as a student worker in the CASL Office of Advising and Records at the university.

Her fiancé is a 1991 graduate of Berkley High School and is attending Oakland Community College. He is employed as a sales representative at Milliken Millwork in Sterling Heights.



A June wedding is planned at Newburg United Methodist Church in Livonia.

Florance-Trumpy

Frank and Linda Florance of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Sharon Kay, to David Paul Trumpy, the son of David and Jeanne Trumpy of Farmington Hills.

The bride-to-be is a 1994 graduate of Ladywood High School and a 1998 graduate of the University of Michigan with a bachelor of science degree in cellular and molecular biology. She is pursuing a master of science degree in medical genetics at the University of Cincinnati.

Her fiancé is a 1995 graduate of Detroit Catholic Central High School and a 1999 graduate of the University of Michigan with a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering.

He is employed as an electrical engineer with Entek IRD of



Cincinnati.

A July wedding is planned at St. Colette Catholic Church in Livonia.

Browne-Dunn

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Browne of Sao Paulo, Brazil, formerly of Redford Township, announce the engagement of their daughter, Kimberly Ann, to James Patrick Dunn, the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Dunn of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Western Michigan University with a bachelor of arts degree in English literature and De Paul University with a master of business administration degree in international finance. She is employed as a management consultant in the Chicago area.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Wayne State University with a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering. He is



employed as an electrical engineer.

A May wedding is planned at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Detroit.

NEW VOICES

■ **Matthew and Theresa Pyle** of Livonia announce the birth of **Jacob Clark** April 25 at Huron Valley Hospital in Commerce Township. Grandparents are Jay and Emily Hallums of Livonia, Patricia Pyle of Livonia and Fred Pyle of Las Vegas. Great-grandmother is Lorraine Pyle of Waterford.

■ **Paul and Karen Cutsy** of Westland announce the birth of **Adam Michael** June 12 at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. He has a sister, Angela, 18, and a brother Alex, 3. Grandparents are Donald and Suzanne Smith of Westland and Ann Cutsy of Livonia. Great-grandmother is Margaret Heller of Westland.

■ **Frederick and Lee Clifford** of Wixom announce the birth of **Cacie Rae** Aug. 6 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne.

She has a sister, Jennifer, 15. Grandparents are Fred and Doreen Clifford of Garden City and Joyce Angell of Wixom.

■ **Alan (Pete) and Andrea Polka** of Westland announce the birth of **Joshua Andrew** Aug. 30 at the Birthing Center of Providence Hospital in Southfield. Grandparents are Eleanor and Andrew Polka of Romulus and Jerry and JoAnne Mercier of Westland. Great-grandparents are Tom and Florence Carravallah of Garden City.

■ **Tim and Nicole O'Dea** of Livonia announce the birth of **Nicholas Patrick** Sept. 1 at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn. Grandparents are Jim and Mary Anne Bono and Terry and Cathie O'Dea, all of Livonia. Great-grandparents are Rose Guerriero of Farmington Hills and James V.

Bono of Grand Rapids.

■ **William and Erica Rose** of Livonia announce the birth of **William Christopher** Sept. 8 at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. Grandparents are Fred and Doreen Clifford of Garden City and Patricia Rose of Livonia.

■ **Ric Tittle** of Detroit and **Nancy Peek** of Westland announce the birth of **Jordan Eric Tittle** Sept. 17 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are John and Cristi Cook of Detroit and Darrell and Cheryl Ruth of Westland.

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9415 Merriman • Livonia
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Sunday School & Bible Class
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School Grades • Pre-School - 8
Church & School Office:
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17810 Farmington Road • Livonia • (734) 261-1360
May thru October - Monday Night Service - 7:00 p.m.
Sunday School & Bible Classes For All Ages 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship Services
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Pastor James Hoff
Pastor Eric Steinbrenner

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Sunday - WYUR 1310 AM

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RELIGIOUS NEWS

Mail religious information to 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.

RELIEF EFFORT

The Archdiocese of Detroit, in partnership with Catholic Relief Services, is collecting monetary donations for the people of Venezuela, devastated by flooding that has left thousands dead or homeless. Checks or money orders should be made payable to Archdiocese of Detroit-Venezuela Relief and sent to Christian Service Department, 305 Michigan Avenue (G5), Detroit, MI 48226-2605. For more information, call (313) 237-4689.

TAI CHI CLASSES

The Taoist Tai Chi Society, a nonprofit organization, is forming new, beginner Tai Chi classes, at 38121 Ann Arbor Road, Livonia, St. Paul United Methodist Church in Bloomfield and Nardin Park United Methodist Church in Farmington Hills. Observers welcome. For more information, call the Taoist Tai Chi Society at (248) 332-1281.

Tai Chi is a complete and integrated exercise which works all of the body's systems deeply and gently, making it an exercise suitable for persons of all ages and conditions of health.

Tai Chi classes with Jeff Smith will be held at 7:30 p.m., beginning Monday, Jan. 10, in the Fellowship Hall of Nativity United Church of Christ, 9435 Henry Ruff Road, Livonia. The cost is \$25 for six weeks and there is a limit of 20 people per session. To sign up, call (734) 421-5406.

NEW BEGINNINGS

The topic for the Thursday, Jan. 6, meeting of New Beginnings, a grief support group, will be "Moving On." The group will meet at 7 p.m. at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile, east of Merriman, Livonia. The program is for people suffering as the result of the death of a loved one. There are no fees. Anyone may attend any or all sessions as they feel the need. For more information, call the church office at (734) 422-

6038, Marilyn Wilkinson at (248) 380-7903, or Rosemary Kline at (734) 462-3770.

NEW SERIES

Canton Friendship Church is now offering "What's the Difference," a series on World Religions in the light of Christianity, 10:30 a.m. Sundays in January. Topics are as follows: "Islam in the Light of Christianity" Jan. 9, "Hinduism and Latter Day Saints in the Light of Christianity" Jan. 16, "Unity and New Age in the Light of Christianity" Jan. 23 and "Secular Humanism in the Light of Christianity" Jan. 30. Call (734) 451-2100.

WOMEN'S RETREAT

Calvary Baptist Church will have a women's retreat, "Choosing to Be God's Woman," Friday-Saturday, Feb. 4-5, at the church, 43065 Joy Road, Canton. Sessions include "Choosing to Be God's Woman," "Choosing to Trust," "Choosing to Be What God Wants Me to Be" and "Sharing Christ in Familiar Places." The retreat will be held 7-9:15 p.m. Friday and 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. The \$20 ticket price includes all of the seminar sessions, snack, continental breakfast and a boxed lunch. To register, call (734) 455-0022. **MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER** Worldwide Marriage Encounter offers a weekend experience for married couples to improve their communication skills, learn the value of intimacy and renew their love for each Feb. 11-Feb. 13 and March 10-12 at the St. John's Family Life Center, 44011 Five Mile, Plymouth Township. The registration fee is \$50. Call Bill and Carol at (248) 528-2512 or Dan and Debbie at (810) 286-5524 or visit this Web site: www.rc.net/detroit/wmwe.

HEALING SERVICE

The Church of the Risen Lord presents a healing service at 7:30 p.m. the third Wednesday of the month at the church, 821 N. Newburgh Road, south of Ford Road, Westland. The service, led by the Rev. Gary Seymour, is part of the series of healing services, "Rise and Come Forward." For more information, call the church office at (734) 397-7132.

ACCEPTANCE CLASS

Family Impact Ministries of Tri-City Christian Center in Canton is offering a new class designed to help students learn how to give and receive approval. The Blessing meets 1:30-3:30 p.m. Sundays Jan. 9-March 30. Pre-registration is required. The class costs \$25, but scholarships are available. Call (734) 326-7780.

ANDY GRIFFITH NIGHT

Plymouth Church of the Nazarene will screen favorite episodes of the "Andy Griffith Show" Sunday, Jan. 16. Brush up on your Andy trivia to win a prize. Refreshments will be served.

AVE MARIA BREAKFAST

Catholics can come together to celebrate the First Friday Devotion to the Sacred Heart on Jan. 7 at Domino Farms in Ann Arbor. Mass begins at 7 a.m. and is followed by breakfast at 7:40 a.m. Ralph Martin, a leader in the Catholic Renewal Movement, will speak on the subject of the Great Jubilee at 8:10 a.m. The event is open to the public and breakfast costs \$3. Call (734) 930-3492.

SINGLE ADULT MINISTRIES

Talk It Over meets from 7:30-9:30 p.m. on the second Friday of the month in Knox Hall in Ward Church. On Jan. 14, Pastor Paul Clough will be the speaker. Coffee and cookies will be served; Ministries Showcase 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4, Sanctuary at church. Hear Phillips, Craig and Dean, a free concert. Offerings accepted; Single Parenting Ministry meets 7 p.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of the month in the parlor, room C317/C319, at the church. A free meal is served before the meeting at 6:15 p.m. Speakers or open discussion in a friendly, supportive and encouraging atmosphere. Free child care provided; Light-house Cafe, a coffeehouse setting, is offered 7-10 p.m. on the fourth Friday of the month in Knox Hall. The cost is \$5; all events provided by Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile Road, Northville. Call (248) 374-5920.

Thomson honored as Woman of Year

Plymouth resident Susan Thomson will be among women honored at a Council of Lutheran Women luncheon at Burton Manor in Livonia in January.

Thomson will be there after being selected Woman of the Year by the Board of Women's Ministry of Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church in Livonia and Canton.

The luncheon at 11:15 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 18, will honor women of the year from Detroit-area Lutheran women's groups.

Thomson and her husband, Bill, have two daughters. Daughter Heather graduated from Concordia University in River Forest, Ill., where she majored in education. She is a teacher at Trinity Church and School in Jackson. Daughter Susanne is a student at Western Michigan University where she is majoring in occupational therapy.

Thomson is a charter member of Christ Our Savior Church which began in 1977. She coordinated the mid-week education program from 1978-1979 and served the church on the Board of Education from 1980-1988 and as its chairwoman from 1982-1986.

She also served on a variety of church committees, including preschool, kindergarten, high school scholarship and school. She also coordinated vacation Bible school from 1978-1992. Thomson also served as president and vice-president of Women's Fellowship.

She coordinated Advent By Candlelight from 1988-1995 and became the church librari-



Plymouth resident Susan Thomson

an in 1978, a position she still holds, setting up and cataloging all the books in the church library.

She also volunteers in the monthly meal program of Lutheran Social Services in Wayne County, is a member of the Funeral Meal Committee and teaches a Women's Bible Study every Tuesday morning.

Thomson received her bachelor of science degree from Wayne State University and her master of library science degree from the University of Michigan. She was a librarian at Detroit Public Library for 15 years.

When she isn't volunteering her time and talent at church, Thomson enjoys antiquing, quilting, gardening and going to garage sales.

Suann Dibble, director of Women's Ministry at the church, describes Thomson as a "humble servant in God's kingdom who wants God to receive the glory for her work rather than herself."

"Any task that Susan takes on is carried out with great attention to detail," Dibble added. "Christ Our Savior Church is truly blessed by Susan's ministry."

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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Crush claim crown

The Canton Crush Squirt AA hockey team had to battle back after losing once in the Great Lakes Sports City Christmas Tournament to reach the title game, then had to overcome a two-goal deficit after one period.

But the Crush pulled it off, beating the previously unbeaten Great Lakes Panthers 4-2 in the final, played Dec. 26-29 at the Great Lakes Sports Complex in Fraser.

The other four teams participating in the tournament were from Allen Park, Fraser, Lansing and Canada.

After spotting the Panthers a 2-0 lead after one period in the title match, the Crush stormed back. Playing with renewed spirit, the Crush scored three goals in the last 7:30 of the second period. Derek Hill got the first goal for the Crush; Grant Blakey knotted it at 2-2, on assists from Evan Anton and Jesse Anderson, with 4:11 left.

With 1:43 to play in the second period, Philip Siedlik pounced on a loose puck just before going to the bench at the end of his shift and blasted a shot into the net to give the Crush the lead for good. Anton added an insurance goal midway through the third period.

Siedlik and goalie Nick Kinney shared the tournament Most Valuable Player award.

Other team members are Jeff Anderson, Luke O'Brien, Jesse Pletsch, Donnie Tappan, Cody Coleman and Alex Richman. The team is coached by Wally Hill, Jeff Anderson and Phil Siedlik.

Hoop shoot

The Plymouth Elks Club is sponsoring its own local version of the National Elks Hoop Shoot from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday in the Gallimore Elementary School gymnasium, located on Sheldon south of Joy.

The contest is open to boys and girls, eight to 13 years old. There is no cost to compete, and there are no residency requirements.

The contest is a best-of-10 free-throw shooting competition. There will be three age divisions for both male and female: 8-9 year olds, 10-11 year olds and 12-13 year olds. Division winners will advance to the regional round of the Elks Hoop Shoot.

Those wishing to participate are asked to register with the Elks by calling them at (734) 453-1780. Again, the competition is free; also, cost for transportation for the winners to participate in further rounds is covered by the Elks.

Call (734) 453-1780 for more information.

Madonna lands Thomas

Lisa Thomas, a member of Livonia Stevenson's 1990 state championship girls soccer team and All-Stater in 1991, will try and prove you're never too old.

Thomas, who originally signed but never played for the University of Wisconsin, will play soccer next fall for Madonna University.

She will complete her Secondary Education degree requirements.

Thomas was a member of the Olympic Development Program state team for eight years and was a six-year Regional ODP player.

She also played for the U.S. Junior National team in (1990-91) which toured Europe and defeated national teams from France, Denmark and Holland.

Thomas later spent two years at Western Michigan University before leaving school for a teaching opportunity at a Montessori school.

While working at the school, Thomas played for Kalamazoo, a new semi-pro franchise of the W-League for two seasons (1998-99) where she served as sweeper and captain.

Skate with Warriors

Wayne State University's first-year men's hockey program is giving the public a chance to skate with the players after the Warriors' game against SUNY-Brockport, which starts at 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15 at the State Fairgrounds.

All skaters need is to bring their own skates. In addition to skating with the players, 1,000 free team photographs will be given to the first 1,000 children (17 and under) attending the game.

For ticket information, call (877) WSU GOAL.

Late basket dooms Canton — again



At least now the preliminaries are over. For Plymouth Canton, it's been a trying trek through the first six games of the non-league season. The Chiefs have lost five times, and Tuesday's loss was the third close one.

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

At some point this season, the basketball gods will look down on Plymouth Canton's players and coaches, nod their heads, and say, "We owe them one."

After what's transpired over the past couple of weeks, they may owe them more than one.

On Tuesday night, Canton lost its third nail-biter of the season, 49-47, to Ann Arbor Huron when the River Rats' Imani Wilson grabbed an offensive rebound and swished a five-footer over the outstretched arms of Kenny Nether with 1.3 seconds left on the clock.

The loss not only dropped the tough-luck Chiefs to 1-5, it also concluded a torturous non-conference schedule. Huron improved its record to 2-3.

"We gave ourselves a chance to win, and that's all I can ask," said Canton coach Dan Young, who a week earlier watched his team lose a last-second heart-breaker to state-ranked Saginaw Arthur Hill in the Traverse City Holiday Tournament.

"We took care of the ball tonight (only 13 turnovers against a relentless, full-court press), and we shot better than we've shot all season (44 percent). We just have to learn how to play better down the stretch in close games. Once the kids trust in themselves that they can do it, they will do it."

"We played a very challenging non-conference schedule against some very

good basketball teams. We've been tested a lot of different ways. In the long run, we'll be a better team because of these tough games."

Huron coach Cameron Smiley was pleasantly surprised by his team's performance following a long vacation away from the court.

"Considering this was our first game in almost three weeks, I was very pleased with the way we played," Smiley said. "We showed some rust early on, but I thought our execution got better as the game went on."

Wilson, the River Rats' last-second hero, didn't improve as the game

Please see CANTON BASKETBALL, C3

Not much to brag about

Observerland teams struggle at Salem Invitational

There was something to be derived from last Thursday's Plymouth Salem Invitational, but for the half-dozen teams from Observerland it certainly wasn't much.

The results were less than impressive for an area that prides itself in its overall wrestling prowess. The best team finish (there was a total of 18 teams) among the six came from Livonia Stevenson, and that was a ninth.

Novi took the title, scoring 238.5 points. Greenville was second (169.5) and Belleville took third (154.5). See statistical results.

Other Observerland teams competing were Salem, which took 10th; Garden City, 11th; Livonia Churchill, 12th; Farmington, 13th; and Westland John Glenn, 15th.

Only one championship was captured by an Observer-area wrestler: Churchill's Mike Carter bested Stevenson's Mike Fajzon for the title at 152 pounds by a 7-2 margin. John Glenn's Chris Wolfgang was also seventh in that division.

Three other Observerland matmen reached the championship finals but lost. Salem's Ronnie Thompson lost to Novi's Dan Jilg in the 119 title match; Garden City's Josh Fee was beaten by Brighton's Leif Olson in the final at 140; and Stevenson's Imad Kharbush fell to Travis Doolittle of Greenville in the final at 160.

John Glenn's Jeff Albrecht lost just once during the tournament, and that was to the eventual champion at 130 — Ryan Churella of Novi. Albrecht went on to win his next two matches, defeating Saman Marzban of Ann Arbor Huron to place third.

Kyle Malo of Churchill suffered a similar fate at 103, losing to Josh Churella of Novi in the semifinals — his only loss of the tournament. He beat Garden City's Scott Massey to finish third. Mike Goethe of Salem was sixth at 103.

Brian Brinsden of Farmington placed third at heavy-weight, losing only to eventual champ Jason Moore of Novi in the semifinals. Brinsden beat Caleb Hatfield of Belleville to finish third; Salem's Ricardo Smith was sixth and Mark



Opening wins: Salem's Ronnie Thompson (left) and Lucas Stump (below) both won their opening matches at the Salem Invitational. Thompson won on a technical fall against Trenton's Tim Raferty; he eventually advanced to the final at 119 before losing to Dan Jilg of Novi. Stump's run in the 130 class was shorter: After beating Garden City's Brian Reed, he was pinned by Gabe Brimmer of Greenville, then had to take an injury default against Portage Northern's Charlie McDonald.

STAFF PHOTOS BY TOM HAWLEY

Costella of Stevenson placed seventh in the division.

At 125, Salem's Rob Ash won his first two matches on falls but had to withdraw after that due to a minor concussion. Ash finished sixth; he is 14-0 in matches he's wrestled.

Other Observerland wrestlers who placed in the top eight: Craig Medos of Garden City, sixth and Dustin Gress of Farmington, seventh at 171; Eric Puninske of Stevenson, sixth and Leo Alvarez of Garden City, eighth at 189; Steve Lenhardt of Livonia Churchill, eighth at 112; Brandon Templeton of Garden City, sixth, Steve Dendrinos of Salem, seventh and Alan Waddell of John Glenn,

eighth at 135; Chris Coopridge of Stevenson, eighth at 145; Tom Mahon of Farmington, fifth at 140; Billy Bullock of Stevenson, seventh at 119; and Blake Belsky of Farmington, eighth at 215.

Salem opens its Western Lakes Activities Association dual-meet season at 6:30 p.m. tonight at Walled Lake Central. The Rocks travel to the Wyandotte Roosevelt Invitational Saturday; competition begins at 10 a.m.

Canton, idle since Dec. 18, opens its WLAA slate by hosting Walled Lake Western at 6:30 p.m. tonight. On Saturday, the Chiefs travel to the Royal Oak Invitational.



Whalers stretch win streak to 4



Now: If only the new year can start the way the last century ended, at least for the Plymouth Whalers.

A four-game winning streak — eight wins in the last 10 games — and a total of 44 points, which made their third-place standing in the Ontario Hockey League's West Division more palatable.

The Whalers' 6-4 victory over the Kitchener Rangers Thursday at Compuware Arena pushed their record to 20-14-3; their 44 points was sixth-best in the 20-team OHL, entering this week's play. Through last weekend, Kitchener was 12-19-4 (31 points).

Damian Surma collected two goals, giving him 17 for the season, and two assists, Justin Williams had two goals and an assist, and Randy Fitzgerald had a goal and three assists to lead Plymouth offensively.

Kitchener started quickly, getting a goal from Alan Rourke — the first of two for him in the game, giving him 20 for the season — with the game just 23 seconds old. John Dunphy, who also had two goals for the Rangers, made it 2-0 with his first goal at the 5:16 mark of the first period.

But the Whalers were pressuring, evidenced by their 25-4 shot advantage in the opening period alone. Surma's first goal, at the 9:55 mark, trimmed Kitchener's lead to 2-1. Williams' first goal knotted it at 2-2 with 39 seconds left in the opening period.

Surma and Tomas Kurka gave Plymouth a 4-2 lead after 14:02 of the second period, but Kitchener re-fired it on scores by Rourke and Dunphy, the latter coming with 1:25 left in the period.

Williams got what proved to be the game-winner, his 16th goal of the season, with 1:51 elapsed in the third period. Fitzgerald's ninth goal, with 6:38 remaining in the game, iced the win for the Whalers.

Rob Zepp stopped 19 of 23 shots on goal for Plymouth. Reg Bourcier faced 50 shots in net for Kitchener, turning away 44.

The Whalers travel to London to play the Knights at 7:30 p.m. Friday. They return home Saturday for a 7:30 p.m. game against the Belleville Bulls.

Ambassadors stall

The final North American Hockey League game of 1999 wasn't exactly a memorable one for the Compuware Ambassadors. A goal and two assists from Nick Prush and three assists by Jon Jepsen boosted the Grand Rapids BearCats to a 6-2 triumph in Grand Rapids last Thursday.

Compuware still leads the NAHL's East Division with a 21-9-1 record (43 points).

The Ambassadors play back-to-back games, on Friday and Saturday, at the Chicago Freeze this weekend.

COLLEGE SPORTS

Ocelots put it together in win

Offensively there were no complaints, but defensively the Schoolcraft College men's basketball team drew rave reviews.

The Ocelots opened Eastern Conference play in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association with a 108-41 victory Monday at Macomb CC.

"It's the best defense we've played all year intensity-wise," said SC coach Carlos Briggs, whose team is 8-4 overall. "If we can play defense like that all year, we'll have some success."

Ironically, the Ocelots did not use full-court pressure. Briggs had SC in a straight man-to-man, switching to a half-court zone trap.

"We played hard the entire 40 minutes and got contributions from all five spots," Briggs said.

SC led 60-19 at intermission. Robert Brown led the way for the Ocelots with 24 points. The Central Michigan University transfer also had 18 rebounds.

SC outrebounded Macomb 53-

SC BASKETBALL

27 and shot 73 percent from the field (49 of 67) including seven of 10 from three-point range.

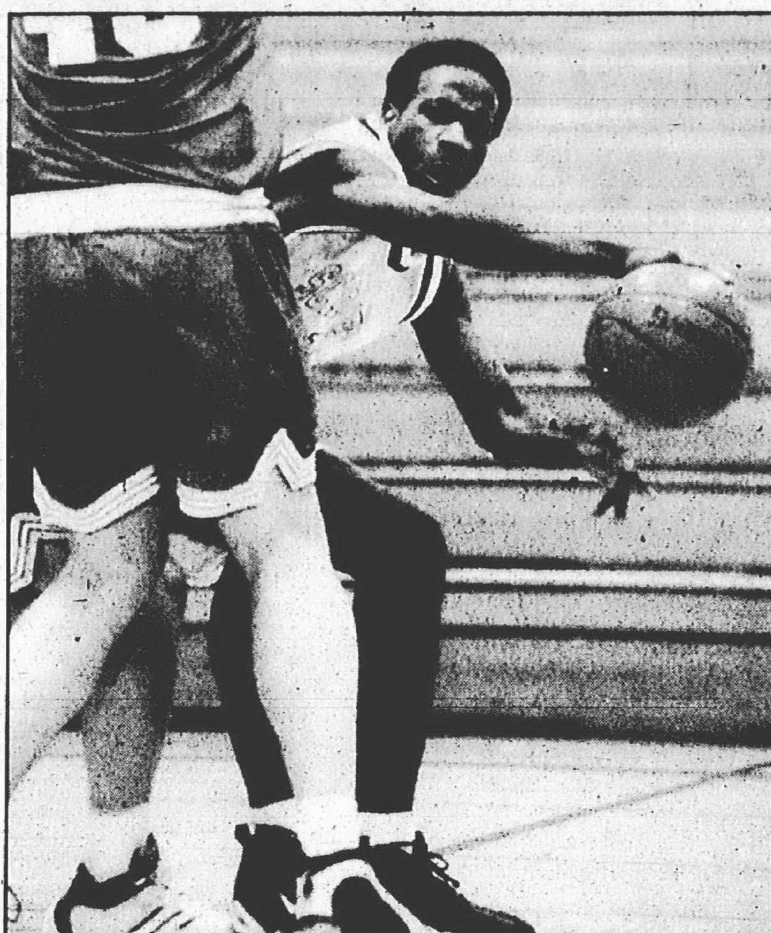
Lamar Bigby and Quentin Mitchell each added 17 points, while Nick Evola and Chris Colley had 14 and 11, respectively. The 6-foot-7 Evola also had eight rebounds.

Point guard Brian Williams (Wayne Memorial) came up with his best all-around outing of the season with eight points, 10 rebounds and only two turnovers. The Ocelots had just 13 turnovers for the game to Macomb's 20.

SC made 17 of 23 free throws (73 percent), while Macomb was 2-for-2.

Joe Kohl led Macomb (3-6, 0-1) with 12 points. Reno Thompson added 11.

Macomb hit just 18 of 59 shots (30 percent) from the field.



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Strong all-around: Schoolcraft point guard Brian Williams had one of his better all-around games with eight points, 10 rebounds and just two turnovers.

Madonna loses 2 at tourney

With a host like this, what team wouldn't want to play in their tournament?

Madonna University's women's basketball team proved very gracious at its own Madonna Hoops Classic last week. Twice the Lady Crusaders found themselves embroiled in tight, down-to-the-wire games; both times, they came out on the losing end.

Thursday's 80-76 loss to Walsh University in the consolation final dropped Madonna to 6-6 overall. Walsh improved to 5-4.

In the tournament final, Kalamazoo College — which defeated Madonna 68-63 in the tourna-

WOMEN'S HOOP

ment's opening round — topped Indiana-South Bend 66-58 to improve to 8-2. The Hornets are coached by Plymouth Canton graduate Michelle Fortier.

Kristi Fiorenzi, another Canton HS grad, was named to the six-member all-tournament team; the junior forward led Madonna in rebounding, reaching double-figures in both games (21 total) while scoring 37 points.

In Thursday's consolation game against Walsh, the Crusaders led 41-33 at the half but,

with three of their best inside players sidelined with injuries (Kathy Panganis, Lori Enfield, Stephanie Uballe), wore down in the second half.

After converting just 13-of-33 first-half shots (39.4 percent), the Cavaliers hit 17-of-34 in the second half (50 percent), including 5-of-14 three-pointers (35.7 percent). Walsh was 1-of-9 from three-point range in the first half.

Madonna, led by Chris Dietrich's 23 points (including 5-of-7 on three-pointers), took a 76-75 lead with 1:23 left after Dietrich's fifth triple of the game.

But a basket by Theresa Pridemore with 48 seconds to play regained the lead for Walsh, and two free throws by Melanie Scheetz and another by Tiffany Arendas down-the stretch insured it.

Dietrich also had six rebounds and two steals. Jennifer Jacek added 22 points, and Fiorenzi totaled 17 points, 10 boards and two steals.

Scheetz's 25 points paced the Cavaliers; she also had four assists. Arendas collected 13 points, nine rebounds and four steals, and Pridemore had 12 points.

Scheetz was also named to the all-tournament team. The tourney Most Valuable Player was Kalamazoo's Amanda Weishuhn; Farmington Hills Mercy gradu-

ate MaryJane Valade led the Hornets in the final with 18 points.

Lady Ocelots romp

One streak ended, another was prolonged.

Schoolcraft College's women's basketball team lost six-straight to finish 1999, but the Lady Ocelots started 2000 out well enough, beating Macomb CC 75-59 in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association Eastern Conference opener for both schools Monday at SC.

The win makes SC 2-6 overall. The Lady Ocelots' winning streak in conference play is now at 17; they were unbeaten in the league last season.

Three players combined to wreak havoc upon the Lady Monarchs Monday. Carla Saxton totaled 21 points, 10 rebounds and five assists to lead the Ocelots, who were up 41-26 at the half.

Janelle Olson added 19 points, seven assists and seven steals, and Angelica Blakely had 15 points, eight boards, four assists, three blocked shots and three steals for SC.

Macomb, which slipped to 1-7 overall, got 17 points from Breann England, 11 from Shannon Barnes and 10 from Mary Pitruzello.

The Ocelots play at St. Clair County CC Saturday.

WRESTLING RESULTS

PLYMOUTH SALEM WRESTLING INVITATIONAL Dec. 30 at Salem

Team results: 1. Novi, 238.5 points; 2. Greenville, 169.5; 3. Belleville, 154.5; 4. Trenton, 149.5; 5. Monroe, 147.5; 6. Brighton, 111; 7. Portage Northern, 109; 8. Adrian, 96.5; 9. Livonia Stevenson, 82; 10. Plymouth Salem, 72.5; 11. Garden City, 72; 12. Livonia Churchill, 70.5; 13. Farmington, 64.5; 14. Ypsilanti, 53; 15. Westland John Glenn, 47.5; 16. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 45; 17. Melvindale, 30.5; 18. Ann Arbor Huron, 27.5.

Weight class results
Heavyweight: 1-2. Jason Moore (N) def. Paul Albrecht (G), 7:2; 3-4. Brian Brinsden (F) def. Caleb Halford (Bel.), 4:55 (tech. fall); 5-6. Eusebio Martinez (Y) def. Ricardo Smith (PS), 3:38; 7-8. Mark Costello (LS) def. Gabe Garcia (A), .56.

103: 1-2. Corey Nowitzke (Mel.) def. Josh Churella (N); 3-4. Kyle Malo (LC) def. Scott Massey (GC), :33; 5-6. Andy O'Green (G) def. Mike Goethe (PS), 8:5; 7-8. Matt Brown (Br.) def. Dan Visel (AAH), 8:4.

112: 1-2. Cory Ndbach (N) def. B.J. Wilson (Bel.), 7:0; 3-4. Dave Rinck (A) def. Pat Roberts (T), 6:2; 5-6. Jared James (PN) def. Adam Kelsey (AAP), 1:32; 7-8. Sean Phelan (Mel.) def. Steve Lenhardt (LC), 7:2.

119: 1-2. Dan Jilg (N) def. Ronnie Thompson (PS), 8:3; 3-4. Ryan Huntly (Bel.) def. Jon Simmons (LX), 10:2; 5-6. Dan Duncan (A) def. Chris Mahar (G), injury default; 7-8. Billy Bullock (LS) def. Dave Toeppe (Mon.), 3:35.

125: 1-2. Ryan Nowitzke (Mon.) def. Mike Sherman (Bel.), 8:5; 3-4. Brian Dodds (N) def. Leon Wooten (AAP), 2:29; 5-6. Karl Heineman (T) def. Rob Ash (PS), inj. def.; 7-8. Josh Roberson (G) def. Joe Hayward (Mel.), 11:8.

130: 1-2. Ryan Churella (N) def. Carson Poupard (Mon.), 5:56 (tech. fall); 3-4. Jeff Albrecht (JG) def. Saman Marzban (AAH), 8:2; 5-6. Dave Ward (T), 1:48.

def. Gabe Brimmer (G), 7:0; 7-8. Brian Reed (GC) def. Charlie McDonald (PN), 4:13.

135: 1-2. Kyle Leask (Mon.) def. Brent Frey (N), 3:01; 3-4. James Bippus (PN) def. Tommy Martin (G), 1:53; 5-6. Eric Parsley (T) def. Brandon Templeton (GC), 12:4; 7-8. Steve Dendrinis (PS) def. Alan Waddell (JG), 11:1.

140: 1-2. Leif Olson (Br.) def. Josh Fee (GC), 5:51; 3-4. Pat Miller (G) def. Phil Redmond (T), 4:3; 5-6. Tom Mahon (F) def. Mike Chesher (A), 3:1; 7-8. Jesse Meston (Bel.) def. John Karakula (PN), 10:5.

145: 1-2. Adam Hopkins (G) def. Will Orr (T), 7:3; 3-4. Shawn Simota (Bel.) def. Rob Kast (A), 9:5; 5-6. Don Ranbarger (Br.) def. Wallid Munassar (Mel.), default; 7-8. Ryan Richards (PN) def. Chris Cooperider (LS), 6:3.

152: 1-2. Mike Carter (LC) def. Mike Falzon (LS), 7:2; 3-4. Jeff Nandi (Br.) def. Vince Slovan (N), 3:58; 5-6. Adam Jarosewitz (T) def. Josh Doolittle (G), 1:56; 7-8. Chris Wolfgang (JG) def. Lucas Vanetten (A), 4:2.

160: 1-2. Travis Doolittle (G) def. Imad Kharbush (LS), 8:6; 3-4. Dave Ceville (PN) def. Scott Frazier (T), 9:7 (OT); 5-6. Craig Kern (Br.) def. Adam Pete (Mon.), 15:9; 7-8. Derek Righter (A) def. Jack Garrison (Y), 2:40.

171: 1-2. Jason Johnson (Bel.) def. Marcel Robinson (Y), 8:7; 3-4. Scott Kortlandt (N) def. Herman Krone (AAP), inj. def.; 5-6. David Colian (A) def. Craig Medos (GC), 2:57; 7-8. Dustin Gress (F) def. Jacob Rans (Br.), 8:3.

189: 1-2. Matt Cauchill (Bel.) def. Adam Borashko (N), 1:15; 3-4. Sam Bond (Mon.) def. Geoff Lockhart (T), 1:28; 5-6. Nate Wooding (A) def. Eric Puninske (LS), 3:54; 7-8. Brendan Muscato (Y) def. Leo Alvarez (GC), inj. def.

215: 1-2. Rick Huntington (PN) def. Nick Slovan (N), 1:43; 3-4. Robbie Christensen (G) def. Seth Caldwell (Bel.), inj. def.; 5-6. Nick Vanover (A) def. Ed Sawicke (T), 3:22; 7-8. Matt McCartney (Br.) def. Blake Belsky (F), 1:48.

WRESTLING RANKINGS

OBSERVERLAND MAT RANKINGS

TEAM: 1. Redford Catholic Central; 2. Plymouth Canton; 3. Plymouth Salem; 4. Farmington; 5. Garden City.

INDIVIDUAL WEIGHT CLASSES

103 pounds: 1. Josh Gunterman (Livonia Stevenson); 2. Kyle Pitt (Canton); 3. Kyle Malo (Churchill); 4. Scott Massey (GC); 5. Chad Bennett (Livonia Franklin).

112: 1. Dan Tondreau (Livonia Clarenceville); 2. Steve Lenhardt (Livonia Churchill); 3. Brian Clement (Churchill); 4. Chris Smith (Westland John Glenn); 5. John Easterday (Farmington).

119: 1. Ron Thompson (Plymouth Salem); 2. Pat Sayn (GC); 3. Jesse Purdon (John Glenn); 4. Jon Simmons (Farmington); 5. Doy Demisick (Canton).

125: 1. John Mervyn (Franklin); 2. Rob Ash (Plymouth Salem); 3. Jon Gregg (Wayne Memorial); 4. Vinnie Zoccoli (Garden City); 5. Chris Hosey (Canton).

130: 1. Jeff Albrecht (John Glenn); 2. Jesse Stevens (RU); 3. Brian Marsh (Wayne); 4. Greg Musser (Canton); 5. Brian Reed (GC).

135: 1. Josh Henderson (Salem); 2. Brandon Templeton (GC); 3. Allen Waddell (John Glenn); 4. Jeff Murphy (Luth. Westland); 5. Jamie Barr (RU).

140: 1. Josh Fee (Garden City); 2. Jeff Wheeler (Redford CC); 3. Jon Pocock (Canton); 4. Steve Dendrinis (Salem); 5. Ernie Guerra (John Glenn).

145: 1. Jeff Usher (Redford Thurston);

2. Jay Abshire (Redford CC); 3. Steve Abar (Churchill); 4. Matt Radley (Stevenson); 5. Matt Barker (John Glenn).

152: 1. Mike Carter (Churchill); 2. Mike Falzon (Stevenson); 3. Mark Ostach (Farmington); 4. Chris Wolfgang (John Glenn); 5. Sean Bell (Redford CC).

160: 1. Mitch Hancock (Redford CC); 2. Imad Kharbush (Stevenson); 3. Eric Toska (Franklin); 4. Mike Murtland (Farmington); 5. Eric Kelley (RU).

171: 1. Craig Medos (GC); 2. John MacFarland (Stevenson); 3. Jason Hilliker (Redford CC); 4. James Molnar (Lutheran Westland); 5. Matt Vesanto (Wayne).

189: 1. Kalen McPherson (Clarenceville); 2. Eric Puninske (Stevenson); 3. Phil Rothwell (Canton); 4. Ben Lukas (Farmington); 5. Matt Conlan (Redford CC).

215: 1. Nick Smith (Wayne); 2. Steve Rotenheber (Clarenceville); 3. Kyle Domagalski (Farmington); 4. Tom Vandembosche (Churchill); 5. Ozzi Wagner (Canton).

Heavyweight: 1. Brian Brinsden (Farmington); 2. Josh Rose (Clarenceville); 3. Kevin Packard (Lutheran Westland); 4. Derek McWatt (Canton); 5. Ollie Muscarella (RU).

Note: The weekly Observerland wrestling rankings are compiled by a panel of four coaches including Bob Moreau (Stevenson), Marty Altounian (Churchill), Jim Carlin (RU) and Dave Chioia (GC).

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CC starts well, ends poorly

Redford Catholic Central couldn't hold a nine-point halftime lead on Tuesday and lost its Catholic League Central Division boys basketball opener to host U-D Jesuit, 72-61. The Shamrocks led 37-28 at halftime but U-D, aided by foul trouble to several CC players, made a rousing third-quarter comeback.

The Cubs outscored the Shamrocks 24-9 in the third quarter to take the lead for good, 52-46, and improved the lead by five in the final eight minutes.

Three CC players fouled out and the Shamrocks also had to play the game without a starter, out indefinitely with mononucleosis.

Junior guard Anthony Coratti had a team-high 15 points, including three three-point baskets for CC. Sophomore Tom Jakacki had a career-high 12 points off the bench before fouling out and senior guard Rod Hunt, who also fouled out, added 11 points.

Three U-D players scored in double figures.

"We played a great first half, then ran out of gas," CC coach Rick Coratti said. "Anthony had a hell of a game and Jakacki played a great second quarter. We just missed some shots that we should have made and had a terrible third quarter."

The Shamrocks finished play at the Roundball Classic, hosted by U-D Jesuit, on a winning note Thursday with a 79-45 win over Detroit Frederick Douglas. It was the third game in three days for CC, which lost the first two afternoons.

Junior guard Ryan Celeskey had 15 points, followed by senior forward Matt Loridas and Coratti with 12 each, and Jakacki with 11. The Shamrocks are 2-4 overall.

Garden City 76, Livonia Churchill 71: Justin Ockerman is a handful for anybody. And some nights the 6-foot-9 Garden City center is two handfuls.

Ockerman was more than Livonia Churchill could handle Tuesday night when the junior center scored 30 points, hauled down 16 rebounds and blocked three shots to

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lead Garden City to a non-league boys basketball victory.

Garden City has won all five games it has played this season while Churchill is now 3-2.

"It was a great night for Justin," coach Greg Williamson said. "He played inspired basketball and he played a lot of minutes."

Ockerman was accurate, making 12 out of the 14 field goals.

GC also got 11 points from junior forward Colin Sizemore plus 10 each from forward Jess Webb and sophomore guard Brandon Audette.

It was a game of triples as Churchill sank 12.

The Chargers got three each from forward John Bennett, who totaled 20 points, and guard Randall Boboige, who scored 14.

Josh Odom contributed 10 for the Chargers. Brandon Dzikilinski also hit a pair of three-pointers.

"Churchill played hard," Williamson said. "They've got a good team. They'll win their share of games this season."

Garden City jumped out to a 24-15 lead on Churchill and maintained the point margin through halftime.

The Cougars took the third quarter, 16-13 but the Chargers outscored them in the final eight minutes, 30-21.

Churchill made 21-of-31 free throws while Garden City sank only 11-of-26.

Stevenson 62, Redford Union 60: A pair of Keshay McChristian free throws with seven seconds to play Tuesday night capped a 35-point fourth quarter, that brought visiting Livonia Stevenson the victory.

Redford Union (0-4) had used a 25-9 third quarter to take a 38-27 lead into the final period but Stevenson (2-3) started hitting three-pointers in the final four minutes to pull the game out.

Harland Beverly made four of the Spar-

tans' six triples and held a 60-59 lead when McChristian hit his free throws.

Beverly scored 16 points to lead the Spartans while Bob Zapalski and Chris Severson scored 12 apiece.

Dave Brown scored 18 points and had 18 rebounds for the Panthers. Mike Hayes added 14 points.

Stevenson held an 8-3 lead after one quarter and was up, 18-13, at halftime. The Spartans won despite making just 5-of-14 free throws. RU was 22-for-37.

Lutheran Westland 68, Cranbrook 52: Guard Charlie Hoeft scored 22 points Tuesday night to lead the host Warriors to the Metro Conference win.

Hoeft had five of his points in the first quarter to help Lutheran High Westland overcome an early 10-4 Bloomfield Hills-Cranbrook lead and take a 23-16 lead after the first quarter.

It was 37-30 at halftime and the Warriors (3-1) tacked five points onto the margin in the third quarter.

Junior forward Nate Meckes added 14 points, nine in the first half, and junior guard Luke Kasten contributed 13.

The Cranes got 15 points from junior guard Chris Taylor, 13 from guard Vince Fulton and 11 from forward Anthony Sharpe.

The Warriors maintained a 6-8 point margin until pulling away in the final four minutes.

Riverview 57, Wayne 44: A slow start in each half hurt the Zebras.

Riverview, coached by Westland John Glenn product Steve Hawley, outscored Wayne Memorial, 14-9, in the first quarter and 14-7 in the third to win its fourth game in six tries this season.

Wayne is now 2-3.

The Zebras got nine points apiece from guards Shane Nowak and Gary Johnson.

Kyle Stiff paced Riverview with 23 points and Casey Watson scored 11.

Rockets' return to action proves slow in loss to Ypsi

BY RICHARD L. SHOOK
STAFF WRITER

Westland John Glenn needs to find a different date to play Ypsilanti if it wants to avoid blizzards.

A year ago the Rockets got buried by snow. This season it was points.

John Glenn (2-2) was buried by an early avalanche of baskets Tuesday night and Ypsilanti rode the storm to a 59-36 victory.

The Rockets have scheduled the Braves for their post-holiday opener two years in a row now and haven't had much luck either time.

Last year a post-New Year's Day snowstorm wiped out the slate of games on the first Tuesday of 1999.

The first game of 2000 was over about three minutes after it started.

The Braves (3-2) scored eight-straight points in the first quarter to take an 11-2 lead with 4:41 left and rolled out to a 16-6 margin after one period.

"I didn't prepare the team well enough over the holidays," a grim coach Mike Schuette said afterward. "Looking back, based on my experience, I should have done things differently."

"We had a lot of practices. I just didn't push them hard enough. We'll be ready to play Friday night."

John Glenn hosts Northville in the start of its Western Lakes Activities Association season Friday night.

The Rockets had trouble getting the ball into 6-foot-8 Yaku Moton in the post in the early

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going. The Braves were double- and triple-teaming the Westland center or dropping a man off in zone coverage, but Moton still had a distinct height advantage that wasn't exploited.

John Glenn had trouble on the boards, too. It didn't get its first offensive rebound until Moton grabbed one and put it back up for a basket that made it 29-8 with 5:16 left in the half.

Ypsilanti appeared to have used its holiday practice time well in adapting to its new coach.

"I respect that (John Glenn) team," coach Matt Seidl of Ypsilanti said. "Any team that can beat Adrian has got to be good. I realize that this was not their best game."

Seidl shunted players in and out of the game like it was a relay race in the outdoor track season.

Junior guard Jason Bird led the Braves with 16 points and forward Darrell Smith added 12. Jacob Stewart, a junior forward, scored nine points.

"They're quick," Schuette said. "And they can shoot."

Moton led John Glenn with 19 points while junior Brent Bogle scored eight.

Ypsilanti held a 37-15 halftime lead but any dreams Westland had of catching up went to the bench when Moton drew his fourth foul with 6:32 to play in the third period. The Braves wound up outscoring the Rockets, 22-21, in the second half.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP BASKETBALL

Thursday, Jan. 6
Huron Valley at Mich. Deaf, 6:30 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 7
Harper Wds. at Luth. W. Sld, 7 p.m.
Churchill at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
Franklin at W.L. Central, 7 p.m.
Northville at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
Wayne at Ypsilanti, 7 p.m.

Garden City at Wyandotte, 7 p.m.
Lincoln Pk. at Redford Union, 7 p.m.
Allen Park at Thurston, 7 p.m.
Ply. Canton at Ply. Salem, 7 p.m.
W.L. Western at N. Farm., 7 p.m.
Hanson at Farmington, 7 p.m.
Redford CC at Borgess, 7:30 p.m.
Clarenceville at Luggett, 7:30 p.m.

PREP VOLLEYBALL

Thursday, Jan. 6
Huron Valley at Michigan Deaf, 6 p.m.
PCA at A.A. Greenhills, 6:15 p.m.
Clarenceville at Cranbrook, 6:30 p.m.
Luth. W. Sld at Luth. N. West, 6:30 p.m.
Benedictine at Borgess, 7 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 7
Saline Christian at Agape, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 8

UM Dearborn Invitational, 8 a.m.
A.A. Pioneer Invitational, 8 a.m.
Saline Invitational, 8 a.m.
UM Dearborn Invitational, 8 a.m.
Salem Invitational, 8:30 a.m.
W.L. Western Invitational, 9 a.m.
Ply. Christian tourney, TBA
Oakland Christian tourney, TBA

Churchill vs. Farmington at Farm Hills Arena, 7:30 p.m.
W.L. Central vs. Canton at Ply. Cultural Center, 8 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 8

Stevenson vs. Salem at Ply. Cultural Center, 7:30 p.m.
Aquinas, Ontario vs. Redford CC at Redford Ice Arena, 8 p.m.
Farmington vs. W.L. Central at Lakeland Ice Arena, 8:20 p.m.
ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE
Friday, Jan. 7
Ply. Whalers at London, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 8

Ply. Whalers vs. Belleville at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Saturday, Jan. 8

Schoolcraft at St. Clair, 3 p.m.
Tri-State (Ind.) at Michigan, 3 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Saturday, Jan. 8

Schoolcraft at St. Clair, 1 p.m.
Madonna at Tri-State (Ind.), 3 p.m.

TBA — time to be announced

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unfolded — he started out hot and never cooled down. The 6-foot-3 senior forward scored Huron's first six points and finished with a game-high 22. No other River Rat scored in double-digits.

Canton senior forward Jason Waidmann put up his usual big numbers: 19 points, seven rebounds and three assists. The Chiefs' Nether had a break-out game, netting 16 points, 11 rebounds and four assists.

"Kenny is improving every day," Young said. "He's a hard worker and a good listener. He's getting better and better every game."

Mike Major, the Chiefs' top outside shooting threat, missed the game due to a wrist injury he suffered in the Traverse City tournament. Young said Major's long-term playing status is unknown.

"We're definitely going to miss Mike," Young said. "Whenever you lose your second-leading

scorer and a two-year starter like Mike, it's a big loss."

This game was tight the entire way, with neither team enjoying more than a five-point lead. Huron's biggest advantage came at the 3:50 mark of the first quarter when a short jumper by Rodney Williams III put the visitors up 11-6.

The first quarter ended with the River Rats in front, 13-10.

Thanks to nine second-quarter points from Waidmann, Canton came back to knot the score at 23-23 at halftime. Nether and Waidmann accounted for 17 of the Chiefs' first-half points.

Canton forged its biggest lead of the game with 2:20 remaining in the third quarter when Nether hit a soft jumper to put the Chiefs up 33-28. However, a three-point bomb by Wilson made it 35-35 at the end of three quarters.

A Waidmann layup with 2:35 left in the game gave Canton a semi-comfortable 47-43 lead.

However, two Williams free throws and a driving layup from Huron's Joey Sims evened things up again with 44 seconds left.

Waidmann was fouled with 36 seconds to go, but he missed the front end of a one-and-one free-throw opportunity. Canton's Dan McLean grabbed the rebound, but his putback barely missed the mark and Huron's Wilson grabbed the rebound.

Following a timeout, the River Rats milked the clock down to six seconds, when Sims fired up a 15-foot jump shot. The ball caromed off the rim and into the hands of Wilson, who, with the flick of his right wrist, filled the net and deflated the Chiefs.

The Chiefs outrebounded the River Rats (30-28) and outshot them at the free-throw line, hitting seven-of-nine. Both teams committed 13 turnovers.

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SHOWS

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DETROIT BOAT, SPORT AND FISHING SHOW

The 42nd annual Detroit Boat, Sport and Fishing Show will be held Feb. 12-20 at Cobo Center. The show features the 2000 premiere showing of new model boats, motors, trailers, accessories and more. Some 1,000 boats will be available for viewing including fishing boats, ski boats, pontoons, cruisers, inflatables, personal watercrafts, canoes and kayaks.

SPORTFISHING EXPO

The 12th annual Greater Detroit Sportfishing and Travel Expo is set for Thursday through Sunday, March 2-5, at the Palace of Auburn Hills. An all-star lineup of seminar speakers is already scheduled. The show also features exhibitors, merchandise booths, casting and fishing activities and more. Show hours are 4-9:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday, March 2-3; 10 a.m.-9:30 p.m. Saturday, March 4; and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday, March 5. Admission is \$7.75 for adults, \$3.50 for children ages 6-12 and children age 5 and under will be admitted free.

SPRING BOATING EXPO

The 8th Annual Spring Boating Expo is scheduled for March 16-19 at the Novi Expo Center. The show features some 200

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The Oakland County Sportsman Club in Clarkston offers a Junior Olympic Archery Development Program beginning at 1 p.m. on Sundays. Call (248) 623-0444 for more information.

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Bald Mountain Recreation Area in Lake Orion has shotgun (skeet & trap, sporting clays, 5-stand), rifle, pistol, and archery shooting facilities. Hours for archery and clay target shooting are noon to sunset Mondays and Tuesdays; 10 a.m. to sunset Wednesdays; and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Rifle range hours are 3 p.m. to sunset Mondays and Tuesdays; 10 a.m. to sunset Wednesdays; and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Bald Mountain is located at 1330 Greenshield Rd., which is three miles north of the Palace of Auburn Hills off M-24. Call (248) 814-9193 for more information.

PONTIAC LAKE

Pontiac Lake Recreation Area in Waterford has rifle, pistol, shotgun, and archery ranges. Range hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesdays through Sundays. Pontiac Lake Recreation Area is located at 7800 Gale Rd. Call (248) 666-1020 for more information.

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METROPARKS

METROPARK REQUIREMENTS
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1999 PERMITS

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NEW YEARS BIRD COUNT

Dress warmly, bring binocular and spend the morning helping to census Kensington's bird population during this program, which begins at 8 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 8, at Kensington.

SHIVER SLIVER MOON WALK

Learn about wildlife activity during this 1 1/2-hour hike, which begins at 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 8, at Stony Creek.

STARS 'N' STORIES

Families, scouts and home-schoolers will learn about planets and the phases of the moon and make a star-studded t-shirt during this program, which begins at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 9, at Indian Springs.

ANIMAL TRACK T-SHIRTS

Bring a white T-shirt and track it up with animal tracks during this program, which begins at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 9, at Kensington.

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Internal clocks pace animals

NATURE NOTES



TIM NOWICKI

As I watched the ball in Times Square fall second by second to mark the beginning of the year 2000 in the U.S., I was reminded how dependent we have become on time and timing devices.

Man has come a long way from the days when he began to recognize the cycle of day versus night, the reoccurrence of the full moon and the return of migrating animal herds.

Timing devices are essential in modern society so that people can coordinate their activities.

Animals need to coordinate their activities, too. They use the same kinds of sequences that early man used before the development of small units of time.

Scientists have determined that animals time their activities based on the lunar cycle, the rotation of the earth on its axis — day and night, and the revolution of the earth around the sun — a yearly cycle.

They may not have a Timex, but they have developed internal ways to determine time.

Lunar cycles are most influential along the ocean shore. Since ocean tides are regulated by the moon, animals living on the shoreline are subject to a regular cycle of wet and dry.

What intrigues scientists is that the shoreline animals are not responding to the movement of the tides, but to an internal clock that changes their behavior.

Small crabs that live on the shoreline were taken to a laboratory and placed in a constantly dark enclosure with no tidal movement of water. Despite these constant conditions, the

crabs maintained an activity cycle that was the same as if they were on the shoreline.

Experiments have shown that young animals born in constant conditions of a laboratory, and were never exposed to the natural cycle, showed a cycle of activity that was like their wild cousins on the shoreline.

Animals, including people, have a daily rhythm based on a 24-hour cycle.

We often notice our cycle when society changes from standard time to daylight savings time.

It may take a couple days for us to adjust our active/rest cycle. Those who fly to distant time zones notice this cycle disruption even more. After a couple days of exposure to the ambient day and night cycle, our bodies adjust.

Migratory birds exhibit an annual clock based on a 365-day cycle. Birds placed in constant conditions of a laboratory will molt feathers and exhibit

migratory activity at the same time as their wild relatives. This occurs twice a year, once for the northern migration, and then again for the fall flight.

Each migratory activity period continues for a prescribed amount of time and in a specific direction. By flying in a specific direction for a given amount of time, birds of that species population will all end up at the same place.

Because their internal clock was activated at the same time, they will also arrive at the same time. This is necessary if all the birds are to mate and raise their young before the change of weather in fall.

Timing in animals, other than man, is also critical. Migrating, molting, hibernating and mating at the proper time are essential for their survival.

They may not have to be in a particular place at the stroke of midnight, but animals that hesitate too long, loose.

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Ottawa 67s	28	9	1	58
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Oshawa Generals	16	15	3	36
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Barrie Colts	20	11	5	46
North Bay Centennials	14	18	5	34
Sudbury Wolves	14	18	4	33
Toronto St. M. Majors	10	26	2	23
Miss. Ice Dogs	5	30	1	12
West Division	W	L	T	Pts.
SSM Greyhounds	22	15	2	50
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Baseball clinics

The Wayne State University Baseball Winter 2000 Development Hitting Camp, conducted by the school's baseball coaching staff, is open for all baseball hitters in grades seven through 12 who reside within 100 miles of WSU.

The philosophy is to teach and develop secondary school hitters in the fundamentals of hitting.

There are three sessions held on four consecutive Saturdays: Jan. 22 and 29 and Feb. 5 and 12. Session I: 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.; Session II: 10 a.m. to noon; Session III: Noon to 2 p.m.

Each session is limited to 20 campers on a first come basis. Cost is \$100 per camper. Call (248) 477-

6590 for more information.

Avery's All-Star Hitting Camp, conducted by Oakland University coach Mark Avery, is for ages 11 through 18. Wooden bats will be used.

The camp costs \$210 per player and runs five consecutive Saturdays or Sundays, beginning Jan. 15 or 16.

Bruce Fields, a former Major League player now managing the Grand Rapids Whitecaps Minor League team, is one of Avery's instructors.

There is a four to one camper to coach ratio.

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Good Neighbors: Annette Trader, 224; Gloria Mertz, 201.

Friday Seniors: Jack Kassaban, 267/716; Walt Arsenault, 254/246/714; Stan Wisner, 244/662; Bud Kraemer, 258/650; Cass Pogoda, 247/644.

Merri Bowl (Livonia)
Men's Senior House: Dave Tome, 290/269/248/807; Pat Agius, 300/247/726; Craig Senkowski, 233/300/756; Jim Jesson, 300/719.

Cloverlanes (Livonia)
All-Star Bowlerettes: Tina Barber-Ludy, 268/299/222/789; Petesy Wray, 238/258/279/775; Julie Wright, 217/280/277/774; Lisa McManahan, 300/666; Lisa McCarty, 288/727.

FoMoCo Thursday Nite: Chuck O'Rourke, 279/781; John Teetzel, 279/874; Brian Chuba, 267/687; Larry Hawkins, 267; Ernest Humphrey, 255/724.

Woodland Lanes (Livonia)
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Senior House: Mike Norris, Jr., 300/761; Ed Richardson, 288/737; Mark Howe's, 290/757; Gary Duarard, 277/733; Ken McMillan, 259/730.

Woodland Men's Trio: Kevin Muto, 300/805; Dave Grabos, 279/780; Vern Flowers, 268/694; Steve Hubble, 268/689; John Wodarski, Jr., 267/734.

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Plaza Lanes (Plymouth)
St. Collette's Men: Chuck Crespi, 266/269/695; J. Sadler, 269; Richard Klimkiewicz, 279.

Town 'n' Country (Westland)
W.B. Memorial: Jason Dillaha, 300.
Tuesday Junior House: Matt Wisniewski, 299 (second in as many weeks); Jerry Struppa, 299; Jeff Matties, 269/698; Bob Rose, 267; Charley Stailey, 267.

Our Gang Mixed: Joe Stailey, 249; Jesse Cutlip, 236/622; Art Bellingham, 232; Laura Trostman, 214; Sue D'Haite, 230.

Westland Bowl
St. Mel's Men: Mark Brooks, 277/760; John Kosowski, 257/714; Max Bennett, 267/735; Rob McAllister, 258/691; Jay Morris, 258/644; Derek Ziemann, 268/647.

Monday 6:30 p.m. Men: Rob Mickelson, 287/600; Tim Lakatos, 268/658; Frank Perks, 247/616; Bill Randall, 240; Gary Burson II, 236/664.

Monday Morning Men: James McDougall, 249/677; Randy Kline, 226/637; John Burns II, 220/525; Judson Carter, 215/535; Mike Seymour, 210/595.

Sunday Sleepers: John Hurley, Jr., 280/729; Gary Meyers, 279/701; Mack Ivory, Jr., 278; Bill Gallagher, Jr., 268/736; Walter Dietz, 268/694.

Thursday Nite Mixed: Dan Harrison, 258/740; Brian Bailey, 249/626; Candy Bailey, 233/635; Doug Brueggeman, 245/650; Genevieve Forbes, 228/586.

Westland Champs: Mary Marvaso, 226/607; Sunday Gains, 213/557; Gerri Smith, 202/509; Tina VanDyke, 198/514; Mary Ann Burke, 190/504.

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Youth leagues (Thursday Juniors/Majors): Wilder Christofferson, 162; Jacob Saylor, 126.

Friday Preps: Aaron Borsall, 134.
Juniors: Matt Horyath, 204; Brad Poremba, 207; Eric Pawlus, 213/582.

Majors: Jon Robinson, 237/575; Brian Peczyński, 267/676; Bill Horgan, 245/554; Brent Moore, 233/604; Tim Moncrieff, 221/562.

Saturday 9 a.m. Bantams/Preps: Ryan Hoeman, 202; Jennifer, Dunn, 162.

9 a.m. Majors: Ken Bazman, 244/597; Andy Baldoni, 228/543; Pat Brown, 210/560; Brian Stack, 221/565.

11 a.m. Preps: Danielle Korstjens, 138; James Richards, 165.

11 a.m. Juniors: Robert Manikowski, 200; Mike McDermott, 163; Nick Jahn, 183.

11 a.m. Majors: Matt McGaffrey, 225/643.

Country Lanes (Farmington)
Wednesday Nite Ladies: Becky Sockow, 218; Erma Dorsey, 217.

Sports Club: Wisam Mukhtar, 247; Sam Yoon, 221/571; Linda Alcamino, 188/510.

Loon Lake: Mike Clarian, 247; Scott Turas, 240/638; Jim Wilson, 655.

Wednesday Knights: Steve Lingertot, 258/748; Neil Beckman, 254; Scott Wright, 253; Dave Makowiec, 672.

University Men's: Gary Lexion, 289/772; Dennis Cunningham, 276.

Country Keglers: Dan Shea, Jr., 247/691; Kris Doudt, 246/682; Pat Forma, 245/662; Steve Hughes, 244/671; Dean Johnson, 244/656.

EVER 7: Robert Roy, Jr., 269/685; Jeff Taylor, 257; Ron Lemieux, 255; Tom Elias, 247/695; Bob Stewart, 246.

Monday Midnight Men: Mike Kapsa, 279/725; Sam Mensor, 278; Lada Garmo, 278; Bassam Jabro, 744.

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Shamrocks seem healthy, anxious for ski season

BY STEVE KOWALSKI
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Instead of Y2K, all Tom Gable could think, looking at the sky for snow in recent weeks, was "Why not today?"

The start of the high school ski season may be delayed at least a week, thanks to the lack of snow on the slopes. Gable, the coach at both Redford Catholic Central and Farmington Hills Mercy, has to think of other ways to keep his skiers busy.

If it was cold enough, snow could be manufactured by local slopes. But the threat of rain earlier this week kept the hills green and both teams idle.

"If I couldn't adapt, this would be the most miserable thing in the world," Gable said. "I just keep the boys in the weight room and the girls go on dry land, working on polymetrics or aerobics."

Once the season gets underway, Gable expects CC to challenge for a state meet berth and Mercy to show improvement in what could be a rebuilding phase.

The teams' first meet Tuesday was canceled and they're hoping to start today at Mt. Brighton or next Tuesday, also at Mt. Brighton.

Redford CC

The Shamrocks finished second in the Mt. Brighton Division of the Southeastern Michigan Ski Association and fourth in the regional, just missing a state berth last year.

The Shamrocks' top skier the last two seasons, junior Matt Gable, returns at 100 percent.

He won the slalom at the league championship and was the giant slalom champion at the regional despite wearing a cast over a broken hand all of last year.

He hit a gate and was disqualified in the giant slalom at the state meet. That's the same reason he was disqualified in the slalom at the regional.

His father and coach expects Gable to attain a state berth in each event. The extra year of experience could make him a state title contender in either race, the elder Gable predicted.

Not only is he one of the state's top high school skiers, he is ranked 24th for age 16 nationally. He is an automatic qualifier for the Mid-American Series, held in conjunction with the high school season throughout the Midwest on weekends.

"I think he'll be right there knocking at the door," coach Gable said. "I think the Traverse City and Marquette guys who beat him last year graduated. He's squatting 410 pounds this year, compared to the middle 300s last year. He's a lot stronger and skiing very well."

"There's no way his cast didn't restrict his movement last year and there's no question he's skiing better without it. His goal is to sweep the GS and slalom at the regional and as every year goes by his confidence grows stronger."

The Shamrocks also return senior Scott Zaleski, a consistent top five finisher in both the slalom and giant slalom in the division races.

The Shamrocks lost three to graduation: Geo Madias, Matt Demmer and Miguel Martinez.

"Talent wise, this team looks as strong or stronger than the one we had three years ago that qualified for the state meet and took second at regional," Gable said.

Among his finishes were two second-places in the slalom and one in giant slalom.

He placed third in the SEMSL championships in the slalom and will be a regular on the United States Skiing Association tour this winter, too.

"No question Scott will ski top five in the state regionals," Tom Gable said. "He's been in the weight room, he's real focused. It's his senior year."

Junior Eric Sullivan, a top 10 placer in the varsity division a year ago, may be the Shamrocks' third-highest scorer. Because they're both juniors, Matt Gable and Sullivan have a bond that makes them a good combination, Tom Gable said.

"They push each other," he said. "Sullivan's going to ski well."

Also expected to fill a spot in the lineup is senior Mark Gursky, a captain who was the top junior varsity racer last year.

Gursky was the CC football team's punter.

"He's real strong and talented," Tom Gable said. "That's the key to skiing, leg strength, not so much upper body."

The remaining starting spots on the varsity may be contested by senior Aaron McCabe and juniors John Goebel, Joe Murray and Ryan Boudreau.

Goebel's older brother, Brian, was on the 1997 team. "It's nice to have that many good skiers competing for two spots at the back end," Tom Gable said. "I think this team has experience and no question has the leadership between Zaleski and Matt."

Mercy

The last remaining members of the Mercy teams which won regional titles in 1998 and '97 have graduated: Renee Burek and Krysten Salla.

The pair led the Marlins to a second-place finish in the division, a third at the league meet and a fourth in the regional, where they were one point from qualifying for the state meet.

Burek and Salla qualified for the state meet in the slalom with Salla taking 26th at the state.

Gable is left with a young, but enthusiastic team.

"We're definitely in the middle of a rebuilding program here," Gable said. "It gives us a chance to surprise everybody."

The Marlins return a senior letterwinner, Amy McDuffee, who has given up figure skating competitively to concentrate on skiing.

She consistently finished among the top 15 in the Mt. Brighton standings and Gable predicts she'll improve dramati-

cally. Her figure skating took her from some of the ski meets, including the regional.

The next top returnee is junior Nikki Anderson, who as a sophomore placed among the top 15 in the division five times.

Burek's younger sister, Laura, returns for her junior year after lettering on the varsity last year.

Like McDuffee, Burek has decided to concentrate on skiing, giving up competitive swimming.

"She's a good, strong skier," Gable said. "Proving she can ski

as well as her sister is a great motivator for her."

Junior Marcy Godlew returns after making six varsity starts last year, earning a mid-season promotion from the junior varsity.

"She learned the ropes, gained experience," Gable said.

Juniors Dana Lyons and Melissa Desautel and senior Carolyn Stroud, JV members last year, will compete for the last couple varsity lineup berths, Gable said.

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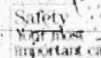
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THE WEEKEND

FRIDAY



Columbia Pictures' "The End of the Affair," Oscar winner Neil Jordan's story of love betrayal and jealousy, opens today exclusively at the Main Art Theatre, 118 N. Main St., Royal Oak. The film stars Julianne Moore and Ralph Fiennes.

SATURDAY



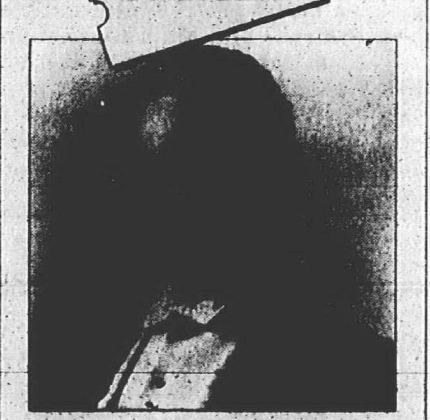
The Antifreeze Blues Festival, 8 p.m. at the Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale features Pinetop Perkins, (pictured), Robert Noll's Mission, Madcat and Kane, and The Hastings Street Grease Revue with Harmonica Shah. Tickets \$20, call (248) 544-3030.

SUNDAY



Jewish Ensemble Theatre presents "Prisoner of Second Avenue" 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. in the Aaron DeRoy Theatre, lower level of the Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple Road at Drake, West Bloomfield. Tickets \$16-\$21, call (248) 788-2900.

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American baritone David Pittman-Jennings performs Gustav Mahler's version of Ludwig Van Beethoven's Ninth Symphony with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday Jan. 6-7, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 8, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 9 at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets \$19-\$66, available at the box office, or call (313) 576-6111.

Testing her 'metal'

LOCAL CARVER CONQUERS THE ICE AND THE MEN



Gold medal winner: Tajana Raukar took first place in the college individual category at the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular in 1999.

Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular
What: The 18th annual winter festival features ice carving competitions for professionals, amateurs, and high school and college students, an "Icy Toyland" which includes Pokemon and other cartoon characters, and celebrity charity carving competition. Warming center in the Flagstar Bank at Ann Arbor Trail and Harvey.

When: Open 24 hours a day, Wednesday, Jan. 12, through Monday, Jan. 17. For more information or directions, call (734) 459-9157 or visit the Web site at www.oeonline.com/plymouthice.
Where: Kellogg Park, The Gathering and Central Parking Structure in downtown Plymouth.

Skating party
 Plymouth Whalers ice skating party 5:30-7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 16, at Compuware Arena, 14900 Beck, Plymouth. Tickets \$5 at the door, reservations not necessary.

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Tajana Raukar looks nothing like a typical ice carver. At 5-foot, 2-inches tall, she more than likely will be dwarfed by the rest of the competitors at the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular.

But don't underestimate this Plymouth woman. Undersized all that heavy clothing beats the heart of a carver that can wield a chainsaw with the best of them. In the two years she's been carving ice, Raukar's taken gold nine times and recently placed third in the National Ice Carvers Association national competition in Pennsylvania.

"All those guys tell me it's unusual to compete against a woman carver because I'm so small and all those guys are so big," said Raukar. "It is physically exhausting. I have to think about that when I'm drawing. I have to make smaller pieces and fuse more because the ice is so heavy."

Raukar plans to enter not only the individual category but also the 20-hour team competition beginning 6 p.m. Friday, Jan. 14 in Kellogg Park. She and her husband Paul will work together during the grueling event in which carvers create large scale sculptures from 10 blocks of ice that weigh 300 pounds each.

Not just a competition

"It's not just to compete or winning the prize," said Raukar. "It's 'do you like your sculpture?' I like that the sculpture expresses certain feelings so they're not just blocks of ice but come alive. Ice sculpture is here and then it's gone but that's the beauty to catch that moment. If you miss it, you miss it."

Even though Raukar received

her culinary training in Croatia, it wasn't until after moving to America four years ago that she began carving. As a food artist for the Ritz-Carlton in Dearborn, Raukar displayed a natural talent for carving vegetables. Her supervisor encouraged Raukar's sculpting abilities by giving her a set of Japanese carving tools.

At the Ritz-Carlton, Raukar uses the mediums of butter, chocolate, taro root, napa cabbage and other vegetables to create colorful displays for tables. A visit to the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Festival two years ago triggered her interest in ice. To learn the basics, she took classes at Schoolcraft College in Livonia with Chef Dan Hugelier. After carving hundreds of ice sculptures, from a 14-foot Eiffel Tower to horses and corporate logos for Jaguar and Audi, she opened a commercial carving business, Ice Dreams, in Plymouth.

"Practicing makes you do better," said Raukar.

This is the first time, Raukar

will compete with professionals at the Plymouth competition. Last year, she won two gold medals as part of the Schoolcraft College team. Students spend four hours carving while professionals must endure 20-hours of cold to complete their creations in the team event. Raukar and Paul, who've been working side-by-side in the culinary industry for 10 years, will dress warmly in ski suits and several layers of clothing. In years past, wind chills have sent temperatures dipping to 20 degrees below zero. In that cold, exposed skin can freeze in a matter of minutes. Raukar isn't worried

though. Carving will keep her warm. "Carving is non-stop exercising," said Raukar. "You're doing many push-ups placing the ice and moving it into position. How you hold the chain saw is impor-

tant to get your cuts, so you have to dance around it."

Outdoor museum

Watching the carvers create their sculptures is part of the fun of the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular. Sandra Watts, who organizes the festival with her husband Mike, said that it's like an outdoor museum experience because visitors can walk around and see all of the sculptures. More than 100 of them will be displayed in front of businesses and throughout the downtown area.

A skating party with the Plymouth Whalers at Compuware Arena, celebrity charity carving competition, a "Celebrate the Centuries" exhibit at the Plymouth Historical Museum, and an appearance by artist William Moss at Creative Framing & Gallery on Ann Arbor Trail adds to the festivities.

From 1-5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Jan. 15-16, hammer dulcimer music by Betsy Beckerman, and free hot cider at the Saint Joseph Mercy Arbor Health Building on the corner of Ann Arbor Trail and Harvey provide a respite from the cold. There will also be a warming center in the Flagstar Bank at Ann Arbor Trail and Harvey.

Winter event

It's America's No. 1 free family winter event which speaks

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THEATER

Edgy mystery opens Meadow Brook's 2000 season

What: "Dangerous Obsession," a psychological thriller
When: Through Sunday, Jan. 30
Where: Meadow Brook Theatre, Oakland University campus, Rochester Hills
Curtain: Performance times vary, this week, previews 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Jan. 6-7; opening night 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 8; 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 9; 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 12.
Tickets: \$19, 50-\$35, call (248) 377-3300, or Ticketmaster (248) 645-6666.

Talk about a Y2K bug that won't go away.

In "Dangerous Obsession," the psychological thriller at Meadow Brook Theatre, audiences will find a winding trail of clues leading to the answer of why a mere acquaintance is terrorizing a happily married couple living in Grosse Pointe Park.

Smooth sailing into the millennium horizon? Not exactly. This bug provides plenty of jitters.

The yuppie couple is unexpectedly tossed into a stormy sea of uncertainty when a man whom they met months earlier during their vacation shows up unannounced at their door.

The uninvited guest is partly a stalker who envies the couple, and partly in shock since his wife was

killed in a car accident. How are his obsessions with the Grosse Pointers and the circumstances of his wife's death related?

Well, therein lies the mystery. Written by novelist N.J. Crisp, "Dangerous Obsession" was initially performed in England in 1987. And the play was last performed at the American Hartland Theatre in Kansas City in 1999.

The three-character play is directed by Debra Wicks, interim artistic director, who directed last fall's "Tintypes," an American musical set in the 1890s. She also directed last season's award-winning, "Gift of Glory," a story about the relationship



Thriller: Robert Morgan (left), John Biedenbach and Tracey Copeland in a scene from Meadow Brook Theatre's presentation of "Dangerous Obsession."

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well of our sponsors and the community," said Mike Watts. "The children love it, grandparents love it. It's an educational experience for the students

involved. It happens every year, but it's totally new every year because they're always carving something new." The Wattses expect 700,000

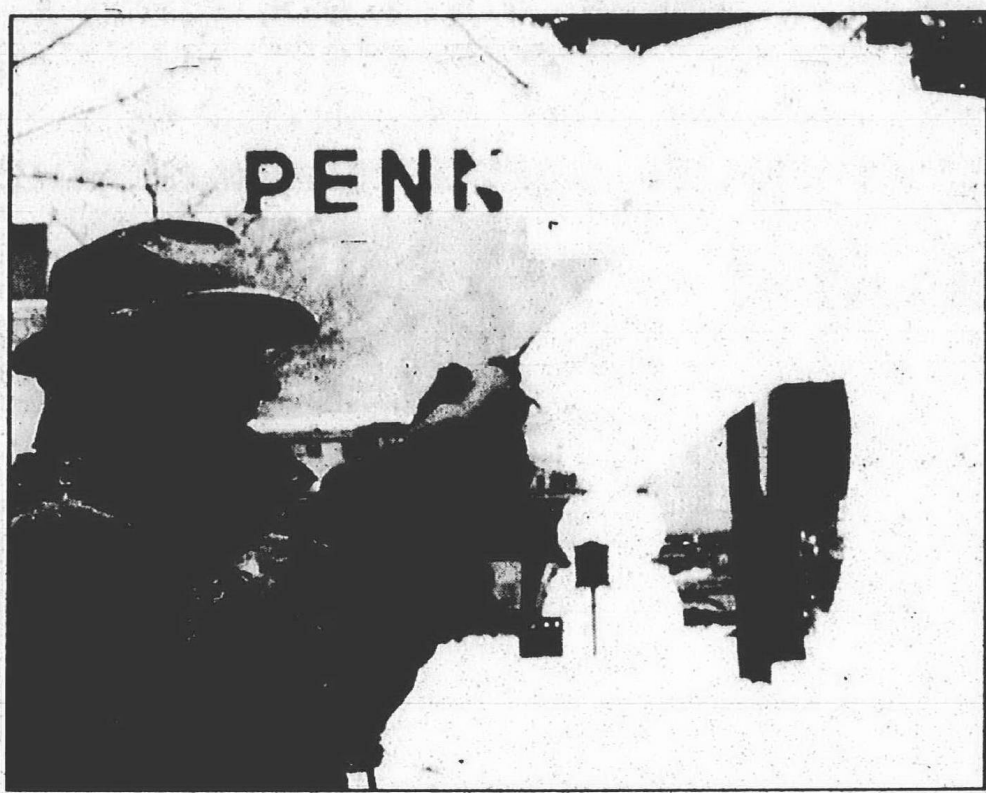
Ever since French chefs began creating bowls and sculptures to keep foods cold 200 years ago, ice carving has grown in popularity



Award winners: Ted Wakar, a Canton resident, and J.R. Lorentz of Garden City won second place in the 1999 Professional Team Competition.

visitors this year so they're hoping the weather cooperates. Last year's 23-inch snow storm clogged streets and Kellogg Park. The icy, white stuff had to be cleared from the areas surrounding the fountain before carvers could begin stacking their ice. Between the park, Central Parking Structure and The Gathering, where an "Icy Toyland" will be on exhibit, carvers will use 400,000 pounds of ice.

Prizes totalling \$10,000 will draw the best of professional carvers from the U.S. and Japan. Judges for the American Culinary Federation sanctioned event are Noble Masi, Bill Franklin, Chris Northmore (a former Farmington resident, now a chef at the Cherokee Town and Country Club in Atlanta, Ga.)



College teams: Chef Dan Hugelier will lead Schoolcraft College ice carving students in competitions against teams from Henry Ford Community College and Oakland Community College, among others.

and Milos Cihelka, a Bloomfield Hills chef. Dean Carlson (ACF Chef of the Year) will lead the committee in awarding points based on artistic achievement and strength of design, craftsmanship, degree of difficulty, and originality.

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ive of the Winter Olympics Committee for 2002 in Salt Lake City will visit Plymouth during the festival to gather information.

For the last two years it has been included in the Olympics as a spectator sport and looks like it might finally become part of the competition. A representa-

"We're real excited about it and hope to tie the Plymouth event in as a qualifier," said Mike Watts.

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between Edsel Ford and Diego Rivera. The cast includes John Biedenbach, who last performed on the Meadow Brook stage in "Three Tall Women" and "A Christmas Carol," Tracey Copland and Robert Morgan.

Morgan last appeared on the Meadow Brook stage as one of the Costazuela brothers in "The Odd Couple (Female Version)." "Dangerous Obsession" will be followed by several familiar works, including Arthur Miller's classic, "All My Sons," Feb. 9-

March 5; "Chagall's Arabian Nights," a world premiere by Karim Alrawi, March 15-April 9; and Beth Henley's "Crimes of the Heart," April 19-May 14.

- Frank Provenzano, Staff Writer

We all resolve to ... as the new year begins

The best thing about hitting the year 2000 is that you have one thousand years to honor your new millennium resolutions. But why procrastinate? The producers of Detroit Public TV's BACKSTAGE PASS series have come up with some artistic approaches for keeping some common resolutions.

WE WILL GET ORGANIZED. As his first assignment of the year 2000, we sent Madonna University music guru and classical music host Dave Wagner on the road for a celebration of theater organs. First he visited the Senate Theatre at Michigan Avenue and Livernois in Detroit. There he works his magic with a contemporary electronic organ that can deftly accommodate the compositions of everyone from Gershwin to Bach. Then, Dave makes a trip to St. Paul's Church in Grosse Pointe Farms to play an organ that has keys and pedals that function as they have for centuries. The segment, which airs at 7:30 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 9, will give you a good idea as to why the organ is such a timeless music maker.

We were reminded again at last year's Academy Awards ceremony that some of the best films are not major theatrical releases. By now, we've all had an opportunity to be deeply moved and charmed by "Life is Beautiful."

WE WILL MAKE NEW FRIENDS. Some of local radio's most innovative music programming in the 1990s came from Liz Copeland's overnight show on WDET-FM. Her fans (and those who aren't awake when her program is broadcast) will be happy to know that Liz has joined BACKSTAGE PASS as a segment host for in-studio performances by some bands that you may have heard about, but have never seen. The first is Outrageous Cherry, a Detroit band that is getting raves for its fourth album, "Out There in the Dark."

Led by songwriter/vocalist Matthew Smith, Outrageous Cherry has perfected a unique sound that modernizes some of the irresistible musical styles of the 1960s. Resist no longer. Welcome, Liz... from the show that never sleeps.

WE WILL TRY NEW THINGS. We were reminded again at last year's Academy Awards ceremony that some of the best films are not major theatrical releases.

By now, we've all had an opportunity to be deeply moved and charmed by "Life is Beautiful." The picture, expected to capture the Oscar for best foreign film this year, is Pedro Almodovar's "All About My Mother."

Elliot Wilhelm, curator of the Detroit Film Theatre at the Detroit Institute of Arts, presents some scenes from the film on the Jan. 9 edition of BACKSTAGE PASS, and offers a preview of the DFT's winter season. "All About My Mother" opens the season with showings Friday-Sunday, Jan. 14 - 16.

WE WILL LOOK TO THE FUTURE WITH HOPE. The bell tolls for the people who will continue to make the Detroit area a better place to live. An inspiring look at the Millennium Bell created by metal sculptors Chris Turner and Matt Blaz rounds out the Jan. 9 edition of BACKSTAGE PASS.

If you are resolved to participating in the arts, I guess we'll be seeing each other soon.

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Warm up to the blues at annual Anti-Freeze Festival



STEPHANIE A. CASOLA

Last January, the weather managed to put the freeze on the Detroit Blues Society's annual fund-raiser, the Anti-Freeze Blues Festival. On the second and final day of the festival, 14 inches of snow caused a cancellation. So this year, the Magic Bag and DBS have turned up the heat.

What was once referred to as the Deep Freeze Blues Festival brings together the best of national and local blues entertainers. The Magic Bag's Jeremy Haberman, DBS chairman R.J. Spangler and Howling Diablos' Jeff Grant worked as co-artistic directors in organizing this year's event.

Singing the blues

"It's probably the single biggest fund-raising event for the Detroit Blues Society," said Spangler, who promised the shows will feature something for everyone. Headlining this year's festival are Roomful of Blues — a band that played jump-swing blues 20 years before the trend took hold — and Pinetop Perkins — a legendary blues pianist who helped establish Chess Records as "The Blues Label" in the 1960s.

Not convinced? Just ask local bluesman Al Hill, he'll tell you

the festival includes "some of the best blues bands in the area."

His own Ann Arbor-based band, Al Hill and the Love Butlers, is just one of the groups sure to stir up the Ferndale club with a mixture of blues, boogie and soul.

"I play a lot of New Orleans-style in that genre," added Hill. The Love Butlers have been together for six years. Hill, who cites Ray Charles among his musical influences, said the blues is simply what he does.

"It's what I've always done." Al Hill and the Love Butlers will make their first appearance at the festival. Spangler asked Hill to join. The two are bandmates with Johnnie Bassett and the Blues Insurgents.

Johnnie Bassett, who will also take the stage at the Magic Bag, is a 64-year-old bluesman who moved from Florida to Detroit in his youth. By age 18 he was playing with John Lee Hooker and can be heard playing on some of the first Motown recordings. Along with his band, Bassett has performed for audiences in 40 states, nine provinces and 15 European countries. "I'm very proud of work my with Johnnie," said Spangler.

Yesterday and today

Bassett, along with Joe Weaver and Alberta Adams (another former Chess Recording artist) bring a bit of Detroit Blues history to the mix this year, while other performers like Robert

Noll's Blues Mission and Nikki James and The Flamethrowers represent a more contemporary style. And Hill, according to Spangler, is a heck of a blues singer and a great guy.

The Detroit Blues Society is a non-profit organization supporting blues music in the city and surrounding area. It was originally established as the Detroit Country and Classic Blues Society in March 1985. The society uses money raised at these events to fund a series of blues performances at Detroit's Scarab Club. The shows remain free to the public.

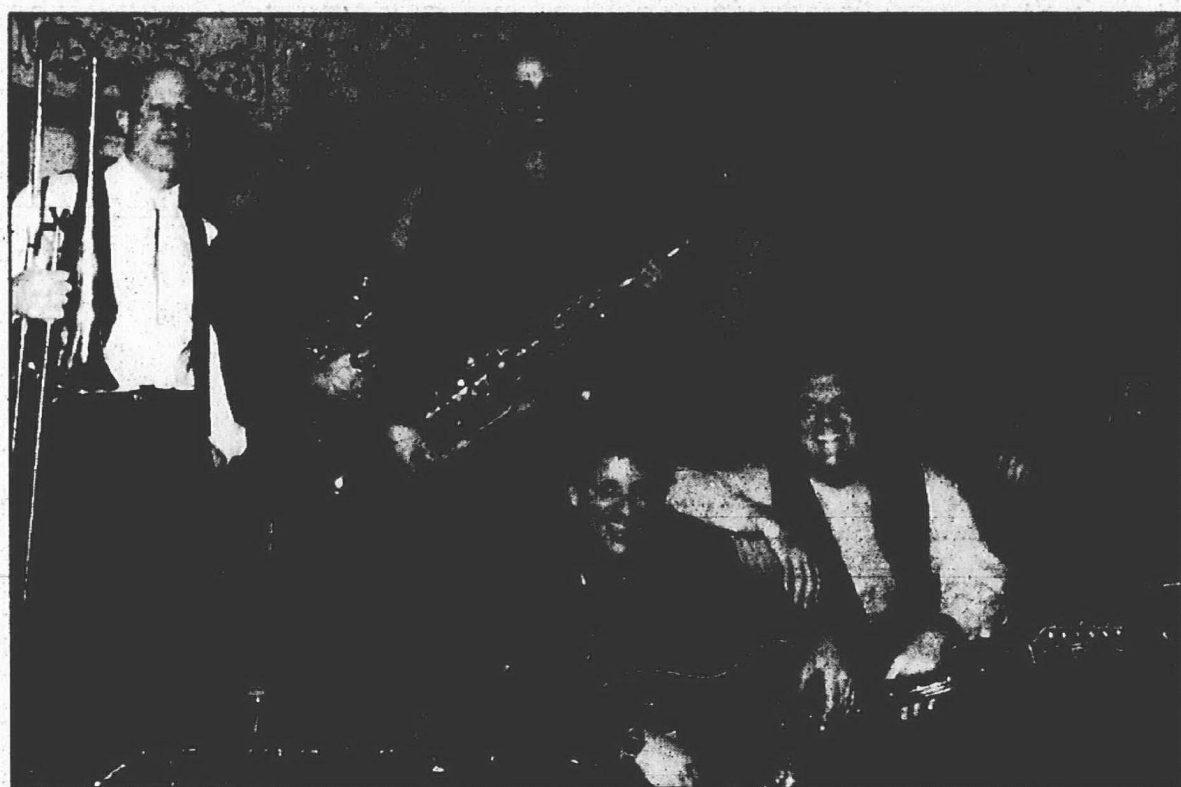
"It's the promotion of blues, keeping blues alive and keeping people aware of it," said Hill, who considers now to be a good time for blues in the Metro area. "I think there's a lot of variety in the Metro Detroit area. There's always been an element of the Detroit sound."

He describes that "Detroit sound" as having an intensity, being a bit over-the-top (in a good way) and having a heavy guitar-oriented sound. "I suppose you would say it's very guitar-oriented. People in this area, working class people, like to hear that grinding guitar."

Hill made a personal invitation: "Come on out for Antifreeze."

Spangler said: "It's a worthy cause. We need your support, blues lovers."

The Sixth Annual Anti-Freeze Blues Festival features Roomful



SUZIE DITTMAN

Jumpin' blues: Headlining the first night of the Anti-Freeze Blues Festival is Roomful of Blues, (left to right front) Chris Vachon and Steve Kostakes, (left to right rear) John Wolf, Bob Enos, Rich Lataille, Mac Odom, Mike Warner and Greg Silva.

of Blues, Johnnie Bassett with Joe Weaver and Alberta Adams, Al Hill and The Love Butlers, and Nikki James and The Flamethrowers 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 7, followed by performances from Pinetop Perkins, Robert Noll's Mission, Madcat and Kane

and The Hastings Street Grease Revue with Harmonica Shah. 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 8, all at the Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Avenue, Ferndale. \$20 a night or \$35 for a 2-day pass. Call (248) 544-3030.

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Get surfing: Where to look for local and national music on the Web

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
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Haven't you heard? There's a revolution on the horizon.

The Internet is stepping into the big shoes once filled by record company executives, and it's making some people very nervous. Anyone now can mass market new music with a computer and a dream — all right, you have to have a few connections and a good dose of know-how.

Here are a few sites for music maker and music lovers to check out:

Detroitmusic.com

Detroit area artists are either listed on this site or don't know about it yet. More than 500 local bands and performers can be found at detroitmusic.com, but that's not all. Visit the musicboard to share thoughts on the current music scene in the metro area or get in touch with other musicians. Membership is free.

Musicians will find it useful to be listed and can submit MP3s of their work. There is a media list, which gives musicians a way to reach local journalists and let them know what's going on with

the music, when they are performing and how the public can get in on the scene. Look for all this and more at www.detroitmusic.com.

MP3.com

With 16 music and spoken-word categories, MP3 offers a peek into the newest music, local and live events and Web casts. The site gives recommendations and a personalized site my.mp3.com. It was the most highly publicized place for artists to showcase their music this year. Local bands like the Howling Diablos released entire albums on MP3 only.

East Lansing's power pop celebrities Fat Amy know the power of MP3. Their song "Purple" from the album "Ice Cream Headache" was chosen to be the Number 19 song on the 1999 Alternative Top 20. Check it out at www.mp3.com

Atom-Bomb.com

This is a newly established

site that caters to independent musicians, filmmakers and artists who seek greater exposure, without having to compromise their work. By downloading its submission form, the site makes it easy to get started.

Musicians can include songs, photographs, biographies, and even offer a live Web cast of a performance on the site, which will instantly increase exposure

and promotion worldwide. For more information, check the site at www.atom-bomb.com

Other music sites that each appeared in 1999 include Riffage.com, Cosmic Music Network, Jimmy and Doug's Farm Club, Lycos' Listening Room program, RioPort and RollinStone.com. Plug in your headphones and get surfing.

Stay tuned...

Hey, listen up. Planet 96.3 has done it again. The local radio station raised \$51,000 in donations Dec. 23 to benefit the Rainbow Connection, a non-profit organization that grants wishes to children with life-threatening illnesses.

Members of the "Johnny in the Morning" show got together for the second year to raise money. And they thought of a clever way to do it. From 6 a.m. to midnight, the crew played requested songs — and

I do mean anything — in exchange for donations.

There was no format, no rhyme or reason to the radio madness, but it worked. Even Detroit's Kid Rock called in to donate money, and challenge fans to request music by local artists. For each donation of that kind, he vowed to match the pledge.

While some kids will get their wishes granted — thanks in part to our Kid — The Offspring still claims "The Kids

Aren't Alright." And their not too concerned about it. Thanks to that hit, and songs like "Pretty Fly (For a White Guy)," and "Why Don't You Get a Job" the band has received the honor of being named Modern Rock Artists of the Year at the 1999 Billboard Music Awards. Their multi-platinum album "Americana" has become an international success. These kids sure sound like their doing all right.

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GEM THEATRE

"Escanaba in da Moonlight," a comedy by Jeff Daniels, through March 26, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, 3 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sundays, at the theater, 33 Madison Ave., Detroit. \$24.50-\$34.50. (313) 963-9800

JET THEATRE

"Prisoner of Second Avenue" show dates Jan. 6-9, Jan. 12-16, Jan. 19-23, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday and Sunday, 8 p.m. Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday and Wednesday, in the Aaron DeRoy Theatre, lower level of Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple Road at Drake, West Bloomfield. \$15-\$25. (248) 788-2900

MEADOW BROOK THEATRE

"Dangerous Osession," continues to Sunday, Jan. 30, at the theater on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester. \$24-\$35. (\$19.50-\$24 previews Wednesday-Friday, Jan. 5-7). (248) 377-3300

COLLEGE

WSU HILBERRY

No performances through Jan. 9. "Some Americans Abroad," through Saturday, Feb. 5, and "Our Town" through Saturday, Jan. 29, at the theater 4743 Cass, Detroit. \$11-\$18. (313) 577-2972

COMMUNITY THEATER

AVON PLAYERS

"Made in the USA: Encore," a musical review showcasing the past century of American song and dance, Jan. 14-16, 21-23 and 27-29, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturdays, and 2 p.m. Sundays, at the playhouse, 1185 Tienken Road, east of Rochester Road, Rochester Hills. \$15, student/senior/group rates available Thursday and Sunday performances. (248) 608-9077

CLARKSTON VILLAGE PLAYERS

"Weekend Comedy" by Jeanne and Sam Bobrick, 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, Jan. 7-8, 14-15 and 21-22, and 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 20, at the Depot Theater, 4861 White Lake Road, Clarkston. \$11. (248) 625-8811

CÖNLEN PRODUCTIONS

"Amahl and the Night Visitors," 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 8 at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1400 W. Stadium, Ann Arbor, and 6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 9 at Covenant Community Church, 25800 near Beech Daly and Five Mile, Redford. Admission is free but donations will be accepted after the performance. (248) 478-8932

DEARBORN FAMILY THEATRE

"Bye, Bye Birdie," 8 p.m. Friday-Sunday, Jan. 14-16, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 16, in Adray Auditorium at the MacKenzie Fine Arts Center, Henry Ford Community College, Evergreen Road, south of Ford Road, Dearborn. \$10, \$9 seniors. (313) 943-3095

PHOENIX PRODUCTIONS

Present two comedies "Lone Star" and "Private Wars," Thursdays-Sundays, Jan. 6-16, show time is 8 p.m. except for 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 16 performance, at the Riverside Arts Center, 76 N. Huron, Ypsilanti. \$12, \$10 students/seniors/veterans. (313) 581-7544

RIDGEDALE PLAYERS

"Deathtrap," Jan. 14-16, 21-23 and 28-30, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 3 p.m. Sundays, at 205 W. Long Lake, between Livernois and Crooks, Troy. \$11, \$10 seniors/students. (248) 988-7049

STAGECRAFTERS

"Cinderella," Jan. 14 to Feb. 6, 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays (except Thursday, Feb. 3), and 2 p.m. Sundays, at the Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak. \$14-\$16. (248) 541-6430



Featured soloist: American baritone David Pittman-Jennings performs Gustav Mahler's version of Ludwig Van Beethoven's Ninth Symphony with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Neeme Järvi, 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday Jan. 6-7, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 8, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 9 at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. The "Ode to Joy 2000" concert also features the University Michigan Society Choral Union; soprano, Camellia Johnson; alto, Eleni Matos; and tenor Frank Poretta III. Tickets \$19-\$66, available at the box office, or call (313) 576-5111. Visit the DSO online at www.detroitssymphony.com

DINNER THEATER

BACI THEATRE

"Flanagan's Wake," 8 p.m. Thursdays-Fridays, 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sundays (\$25 Thursdays and Sundays, and \$30 Fridays-Saturdays), and "Tony n' Tina's Wedding," 7:30 p.m. Thursdays-Fridays, 4:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sundays, at 40 W. Pike, Pontiac. (248) 745-8668/(248) 645-6666

YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

ANNIE JR.

Runs 2 p.m. Sundays, Jan. 16, 23, 30 and 8 p.m. Saturdays, Jan. 15, 22, 29, Scottish Rite Cathedral Theatre, Masonic Temple, 500 Temple, Detroit. (313) 535-8962

CLARKSTON VILLAGE PLAYERS

"Jack and the Beanstalk," a musical puppet show for children, 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Jan. 29-30, at the Depot Theater, 4861 White Lake Road, Clarkston. \$5. (248) 625-8811

MARQUIS THEATRE

"Jack in the Beanstalk," through Sunday, Jan. 16, at the theater, 135 E. Main, Northville. \$7. (248) 349-8110

PUPPETART

"Close the Window...or Chelm's Law," 2 p.m. Saturdays, Jan. 12, 22 and 29, at the Detroit Puppet Theater, 25 E. Grand River, Detroit. \$7, \$5-children. (313) 961-7777

SPECIAL EVENTS

DAVID COPPERFIELD

"Journey of a Lifetime" Tickets on sale now for five magical performances, March 24-26, Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$27.50-\$45. Call (248) 645-6666

KEN MEDEMA

The Christian recording artist is part of the Spirit Arising Celebration of Faith at the Dawn of a New Millennium. Friday-Sunday, Jan. 7-9, Medema performs 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 9 (\$5), at First Baptist Church, 300 Willyts at Bates, Birmingham. (248) 644-0550

PAPER BAG PRODUCTIONS

Mini performance of "Sleeping Beauty," Saturday, Jan. 8, in the Food Court at Wonderland Mall, Plymouth Road and Middlebelt, Livonia. (734) 522-4100

PLYMOUTH INTERNATIONAL ICE SCULPTURE SPECTACULAR

Open 24 hours a day from Wednesday-Monday, Jan. 12-17, the 18th annual winter festival features ice carving competitions for professionals, amateurs, and high school and college students, an "Icy Toyland" which includes Pokemon and other cartoon characters, and a celebrity charity carving competition, in Kellogg Park. The Gathering and Central Parking Structure in downtown Plymouth. (734) 459-9157 or visit the Web site at www.ogon-line.com/plymouthice. Plymouth Whalers ice skating party 5:30-7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 16, at Compuware Arena, 14900 Beck, Plymouth. \$5 at the door.

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Perform John Steinbeck's "Of Mice and Men" to benefit Capuchin Soup Kitchen 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4. \$50, includes a theme dinner after the show. (248) 553-2955

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BIRMINGHAM MUSICALE

A salute to the National Federation of Music Clubs, 1 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 13, at the Birmingham Community House, 380 S. Bates. Free. (248) 335-7160

BRUNCH WITH BACH

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DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Beethoven's "Ode to Joy" with the University Musical Society Choral Union, 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Jan. 6-7, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 8, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 9, at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward, Detroit. \$14-\$66. (313) 576-5111

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AUDITIONS

BLUE LAKE BALLET

Auditions for middle and high school students who want to attend Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp's dance program in summer of 2000, noon to 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15, at Wayne State University, 3226 Old Main, Detroit. Students unable to audition may send a video. (800) 221-3796

CLARKSTON VILLAGE PLAYERS

Auditions for "A Case of Libel" by Henry Denker 7:30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Jan. 17, 18 at the Depot, 4861 White Lake Road, Clarkston. (248) 625-8811

LIVONIA YOUTH PHILHARMONIC

Auditions for the youth orchestra will be held Saturday, Jan. 22. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (734) 591-7649

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHORUS

Auditions will be held 7 p.m. Tuesdays, Jan. 11, 18 and 25, and Feb. 1 by appointment, tenors and basses are especially needed by there are some openings for sopranos and altos, at First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial, west of Sheldon, Plymouth. (734) 455-4080

PLYMOUTH ORATORIO SOCIETY

Rehearsals begin 7:15 p.m. Monday, Jan. 10, selected works to be performed are "Te Deum" by A. Bruckner, "Magnificat" by J. Rutter and "Coronation Anthems No. 1 and 4 by G. F. Handel. Scores may be purchased at the first rehearsal. No auditions are required, at First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial, west of Sheldon, Plymouth. (734) 455-8353

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Auditions for all voice parts, in room 530 of the Forum Building, at the college, 18600 Haggerty, between Six and Seven Mile, Livonia. (313) 937-0975

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Auditions Monday, Jan. 10, possible openings for drums, piano, guitar and other sections, in Room 310 of the Forum Building on campus, 18600 Haggerty, between Six and Seven Mile roads, Livonia. (734) 420-8984

SOLO CONCERTO COMPETITION

The Bohemians Club (also known as The Musicians Club of Greater Detroit), hosts its competition for orchestral instruments (high school and college students ages 16-22), must submit performance tape by April 1. For application, e-mail Coufflinks@aol.com

STAGECRAFTERS

Auditions for "Barefoot in the Park," 7 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, Jan. 17-18 (registration begins 6:30 p.m.), in the Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak. For performances March 24-26 and 29-31, and April 1-2 and 6-9. (248) 541-4832

SWEET ADELINES

Guest night for women interested in singing, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 11, at the UAW Local 898, 8975 Textile Road, Ypsilanti. (734) 480-8843 or www.sweetadelines.org

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Auditions for "The Adventures of Beatrix Potter and her Friends," 6:30-8 p.m. Sunday-Monday, Jan. 9-10, select one day, at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, at Junction. Participation fee due upon casting: \$100 members. Scholarships available for those in need. For performances April 30 to May 19 at the arts council and local schools. (734) 416-4278

JAZZ

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8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 13, at Edison's, 220 Merrill, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

GEORGE BENSON QUARTET

8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 8, at the Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. \$25, \$15, \$10. (734) 769-2999 or e-mail to kch@ic.net

TODD CURTIS

Thursdays, at Elie's, 263 Pierce Street, Birmingham. (248) 647-2420

DEUTSCH/FLOOD AND SIEGEL

8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 7, at the Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth, Ann Arbor. \$8, \$5 students. (734) 769-2999 or kch@ic.net

BILL GAFF

8:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 14, at Edison's, 220 Merrill, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

GEM JAZZ TRIO

Performs 7-11 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, at the Century Club Restaurant, 333 Madison Ave., Detroit. (313) 963-9800

RICH K. TRIO

8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, at Big Fish, 700 Town Center Dr., Dearborn. (313) 336-6350

MATT MICHAELS TRIO

With Johnny Trudell, trumpet and flugelhorn, 8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 12, with vocalist April Tini 8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 19, at Ron's Fireside Inn, 28937 Warren, east of Middlebelt Road, Garden City. \$5 cover. Reservations recommended for the Jazz Room. (734) 762-7756

CLIFF MONEAR TRIO

With Stephanie, 9:30 p.m. 11 p.m. and 12:30 a.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 8-9, at the Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley, Ann Arbor. \$7. (734) 662-8310

TONY POPE'S N'ORLEANS SIX

3-6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 22, at Steak and Ale, 32750 Concord, across from Oakland Mall, Madison Hts. \$4 cover. (248) 588-4450

JANET TENAJ TRIO

Featuring Sven Anderson, piano and Kurt Krahnke, bass, 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sundays, at

Fishbone's Restaurant, 29244 Northwestern Hwy, Southfield. (248) 351-2925

THE BROTHERS GROOVE

9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15, at Edison's, 220 Merrill, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

PAUL VENTIMIGLIA

8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 6, at Edison's, 220 Merrill, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

ED WELLS

The pianist performs 5:30-9:30 p.m. Thursdays, at the Century Club Restaurant, 333 Madison Ave., Detroit. (313) 963-9800

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A Dublin group with champion step-dancer, 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 16, at Athens High School, John R and Wattles, Troy. \$15. (248) 435-5307/(810) 979-8406

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Workshop for poets looking for more members, 2-4 p.m. third Tuesday of month, in the Jenkins rooms on the third floor of the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington Road. (734) 762-7586

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COMEDY

DOWN HOME COMEDY SUPERSTAR TOUR

Featuring D.C. Curry, Joe Torry, Sheryl Underwood, hosted by Bobo Lamb 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 14, at the Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$37.50, \$29.50. (248) 433-1515

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB

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. First Level Improv and new talent nights, 8 p.m. Sundays (\$5). (734) 261-0555

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAISANO'S

John Di Crosta, Wednesday-Sunday, Jan. 6-9, at the club 5070 Schaeffer Road, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

SECOND CITY

"Phantom Menace to Society" Wednesday-Sunday, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Mainstage comedy acts: \$10 Wednesdays, Thursdays, Sundays, \$17.50 on Fridays, and \$19.50 on Saturdays. (313) 965-2222

MUSEUMS AND TOURS

ANN ARBOR HANDS-ON MUSEUM

Offers more than 250 interactive exhibits intended to make science fun, at the museum, 220 E. Ann St., Ann Arbor. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. \$6, \$4 children/seniors/students. (734) 995-5439

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DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM
Glancy Trains Show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 8 (313) 499-3466; "On the Air! Michigan Radio & Television Broadcasting 1920-2000" exhibit continues through Sunday, April 30; "Frontiers to Factories: Detroiters at Work 1701-1901," formerly known as "Furs to Factories," with a new Land Office, a "Wheel of Fortune" style land acquisition interactive, three new video screen interactives, a documentary video, a new Heavy Industry section and a display explaining Detroit's move from "Stove Capital of the World" to the Motor City, automobile capital of the world, at the museum, 5401 Woodward Ave. (at Kirby), Detroit. Museum hours are 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. Free admission Wednesdays; \$3 for adults; \$1.50 seniors and children aged 12-18, free for children ages 11 and younger Thursdays-Sundays. (313) 833-1805 or <http://www.detroithistorical.org>

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS
First Friday, 6-9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 7, features salsa music of Orquesta Fuego, tapestry weaving workshop, drawing in the galleries with Valerie Parks (adults) and Hector Perez (youth), observe artists creating traditional paintings using rice paste, at the museum, 5200 Woodward, Detroit. Free with recommended museum donation of \$4, \$1 children. (313) 833-7900

DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER
IMAX movies include "Tropical Rainforest" at 10 a.m. Mondays-Fridays, "Thrill Ride: The Science of Fun" at 1 p.m. Mondays-Fridays, and "Everest" and "Whales" multiple showings seven days a week, at the center, noon, 2 p.m., and 4 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays and 7 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Sundays, at 5020 John R (at Warren), Detroit. Admission to Exhibit Hall is \$3 for adults, \$2 for children ages 3-15 and adults ages 60 and older, free for children ages 2 and younger. IMAX films are additional \$4. (313) 577-8400

DETROIT ZOO
Mosaic Youth Theatre performs works about amphibians 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Saturdays through March 25 in the Wildlife Interpretive Gallery Theater; the exhibit, "Inside/Outside: The Art of Caring" continues through Jan. 2, in the Wildlife Interpretive Gallery at the zoo, 8450 W. 10 Mile, Royal Oak. \$7-50, \$5-50 seniors/students, \$4-50 ages 2-12. (248) 398-0903

DOSSIN GREAT LAKES MUSEUM
Visit the newest exhibition "Folk Art of the Great Lakes" or "Racing on the Wind: Sailing on the Great Lakes," also a temporary exhibit on the construction and launch of the S.S. Edmund Fitzgerald, at 100 Strand Drive on Belle Isle, Detroit. Regular admission \$2, \$1 seniors/children ages 12-18 during the hours of 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday. (313) 852-4051

HENRY FORD MUSEUM, GREENFIELD VILLAGE
at the museum, 20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. \$12.50, \$11.50 seniors, \$7-50 kids 5-12, members and children under 5 free. (313) 271-1620

MEADOW BROOK HALL
Tours of the 110 room historic mansion built by Matilda Dodge Wilson, widow of auto pioneer John Dodge and her second husband Alfred G. Wilson, 1:30 p.m. daily and 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Sundays, on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester. \$8, \$6 seniors, \$4 children ages 5-12. (248) 370-3140

PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM
"Celebrate the Century" exhibit continues at the museum, 155 S. Main, Plymouth. \$2, \$50 kids, \$5 family. (734) 455-8940

ROCHESTER HILLS MUSEUM
"A Stitch in Time" quilt exhibit continues through Saturday, Jan. 29, at the museum, 1005 Van Hoosen Road at Van Hoosen Farm, east of Rochester Road off Tienken Road, Rochester Hills. (248) 656-4663

SPIRIT OF FORD
Interactive automotive science and technology experience with exhibits and theaters for all ages. NASCAR Pit Stop Challenge,

Turbo Tour full-motion simulator ride, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, at 1151 Village Drive, across from Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village, Dearborn. \$6, \$5 seniors, \$4 ages 5-12. (313) 317-7474

POPULAR MUSIC

LORI AMEY
8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 14, Borders Books and Music, Rochester Hills, 1122 South Rochester Rd. All ages. (248) 652-0558

AMINO ACIDS
With Zombie Attack Cycle, Friday, Jan. 7, Griff's Grill, Pontiac. (248) 334-9292

ANN ARBOR FOLK FESTIVAL
Featuring Shawn Colvin, Arlo Guthrie, Great Big Sea, Matt Watroba and more, 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University, Ann Arbor. Tickets \$30, \$25. (248) 645-6666

ANTIFREEZE BLUES FESTIVAL
Featuring Rumble of Blues, Pinetop Perkins, Al Hill and the Love Butlers, Robert Noll's Blues Mission, Madcat and Kane, and more, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 7-8, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Avenue, Ferndale. \$20 a night or \$35 for a 2 day pass. Benefits the Detroit Blues Society. (248) 544-3030

ASTRAL PROJECT
8:30 and 11 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 17-18, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley Street, Ann Arbor. \$15 advance. (734) 662-8310

BECK
7:30 Thursday Feb. 3, Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University Ave. in Ann Arbor. All ages. \$22.50. Call (248) 645-6666 or (734) 763-TKTS

BONNE TEMPS ROULLE
7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 7, 14, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

BOY SETS FIRE
With Reach the Sky, 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 22, The Shelter, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. All ages. Tickets \$7. (313) 961-MELT

BROTHERS GROOVE
9:30 p.m. Thurs. Feb. 3, Karl's Cabin, 9779 Gotfredson Road, Plymouth. (734) 455-8450

BUMP N' UGLIES CD RELEASE
With Teenage Frames, Gutterpunk, The Outsiders, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, St. Andrews Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. All ages. \$5 advance, \$7 day of show. (313) 961-MELT

JIM CARROLL
Spoken word performance 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 14, 9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15, Blind Pig, 208 S. First Street, Ann Arbor. \$10 at door, \$8 advance. (248) 645-6666 or www.blindpigmusic.com

CHEF CHRIS BLUES BAND
9:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 27, Karl's Cabin, 9779 Gotfredson Road, Plymouth. (734) 455-8450

ALEX CHILTON
8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 19, St. Andrews Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. All ages. Tickets \$13, \$50 advance. (313) 961-MELT

CITY LIMITS BLUES BAND
Friday-Saturday, Jan. 28-29, Beale Street Blues, 8 N. Saginaw Street, Pontiac. (248) 334-7900

COMPANY OF STRANGERS
9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 14-15, Cowley's, Grand River at Farmington Road, Farmington. (248) 474-5941

COWBOY JUNKIES
7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 2, Michigan Theater, Ann Arbor. Tickets \$20, \$25 on sale Jan. 31. (248) 645-6666

THE CRO MAGS
With All Out War and Shutdown, 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4, St. Andrews Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. All ages. \$10. (313) 961-MELT

CROSBY, STILLS, NASH AND YOUNG
8 p.m. Monday, Jan. 24, The Palace of Auburn Hills. Tickets \$76, \$51, and \$40.50 reserved. Eight ticket limit per person. (248) 645-6666 or (248) 377-0100

CUBANISMO
7:30 p.m. Monday, April 10, The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$25 advance. (248) 645-6666

DISCIPLINE
10 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 8, Lili's, 21-2930 Jacob, Hamtramck. 21 and older. (313) 875-6555

DISGUST
With Clampdown and Abdulah, Saturday, Jan. 8, Griff's Grill, Pontiac. (248) 334-9292

DOMESTIC PROBLEMS
With Cloud Nine, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, Blind Pig, 208 S. First Street, Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 996-8555. www.blindpigmusic.com

GLEN EDDY
7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 8, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

FAN MAIL TOUR
With TLC, Christina Aguilera, 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 16, The Palace of Auburn Hills. Tickets \$39.50 and \$29.50 on sale. (248) 645-6666

FINVARRAS WREN
Featuring Jim Perkins, 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 28-29, Cowley's, Grand River at Farmington Road, Farmington. (248) 474-5941

THE FLATLANDERS
Featuring Joe Ely, Jimmie Dale Gilmore, Butch Hancock, 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 7, The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$20 advance. (248) 645-6666

FREED
5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 22, Griff's Grill, Pontiac. (248) 334-9292

FUNKTELLIGENCE
With Paradigm and Muzzle Inc., 9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 8, The Shelter, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. All ages. \$5 advance. (313) 961-MELT

ALVIN YOUNGBLOOD HART
7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 14, The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$10 advance. (248) 645-6666

HARRINGTON BROTHERS
7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 4, 11, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

COREY HARRIS
8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10, The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$12 advance. (248) 645-6666

ROY HAMILTON JR. & THE GOLDEN BOYS
7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 6, 13 Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

ALAN JACKSON
With Lonestar, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5, The Palace of Auburn Hills. Tickets \$32.50 and \$25.50. (248) 645-6666

JAH RULE AND THE MURDERERS
9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 20, St. Andrews Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. All ages. \$15 advance. (313) 961-MELT

JIANTS
With Warmth and Soul 360, 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 26, Blind Pig, 208 S. First Street, Ann Arbor. \$3. (734) 996-8555. www.blindpigmusic.com

JIMMIE'S CHICKEN SHACK
With JoyDrop and Sumac, 8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 26, The Shelter, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. All ages. \$8 advance. \$10 day of show. (313) 961-MELT

THE JUDDS
With Jo Dee Messina, 8 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, March 18-19, The Palace of Auburn Hills. Tickets on sale for \$65, \$32.50 and \$25. Group discount available for March 19. Call (248) 645-6666 or (248) 371-2055 for group tickets.

JUMP LITTLE CHILDREN
With Sugar Pill, 9:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 28, Blind Pig, 208 S. First Street, Ann Arbor. \$8 advance, \$10 at door. 21 and older. (734) 996-8555 or www.blindpigmusic.com

KNEE DEEP SHAG
With Park, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 22, Blind Pig, 208 S. First Street, Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 996-8555. www.blindpigmusic.com

DONNA KRALL
8 p.m. Friday, April 14, Michigan Theater, Ann Arbor. \$35, \$25. (248) 645-6666

KRESCENT 4
With Muzzle, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 20, Blind Pig, 208 S. First Street, Ann Arbor. \$4. (734) 996-8555. www.blindpigmusic.com

STEVE LACY & ROSWELL RUDD QUARTET
8:30 and 11 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 31-April 1, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley Street, Ann Arbor. \$20 advance.

LADY SUNSHINE AND THE X BAND
10 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main Street, Royal Oak. (248) 543-4300

SHEKA LANDIS AND RICK MATEL
8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11, Borders Books and Music, Rochester

Hills, 1122 S. Rochester Road. Free. (248) 652-0558; See them every other Wednesday at Woodruff's Supper Club, 212 W. Sixth Street, Royal Oak. Free. Call (248) 586-1519 for details.

LORDS OF ACID
With Genocide 2, 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11, Clutch Cargo, Pontiac. \$17 advance, \$19 day of show. All ages. (248) 645-6666

LOVESICK
Jitterbug finals and shutdown, 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 19, Blind Pig, 208 S. First Street, Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 996-8555. www.blindpigmusic.com

MACAOIBH
9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 21-22, Cowley's, Grand River at Farmington Road, Farmington. (248) 474-5941

STONE MAZAR AND THE WESTSIDERS
9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 14, Ford Road Bar and Grill, 35505 Ford Road, Westland. Free. 21 and over (blues)

BRIAN MCKNIGHT
With Eric Benet, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5, Fox Theatre, Detroit. Tickets \$47.50 and \$40. (248) 645-6666 or www.ticketmaster.com

MOLOKO PLUS
With Gutter Pünx, Capture the Flag, Clone Defects, Telegraph, Whoremoans, Broadzilla, 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 22, St. Andrews Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$8. All ages. (248) 645-6666

MOXY FRUVOUS
7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15, Michigan Theater, Ann Arbor. Tickets \$19, \$24. (248) 645-6666

ROBERT NOLL BLUES MISSION
9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 7, Ford Road Bar and Grill, 35505 Ford Road, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (734) 721-8609 (blues)

ODD ENOUGH
9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 7-8, Cowley's, Grand River at Farmington Road, Farmington. (248) 474-5941

ORIGINAL BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF LOVE
With Ghettoibilities, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15, Blind Pig, 208 S. First Street, Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 996-8555. www.blindpigmusic.com

ORIGINAL HITS
7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 10, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800

PRIME NUMBERS
With Danali, 9:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 7, Blind Pig, 208 S. First Street, Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 996-8555. www.blindpigmusic.com

THE PROMISE RING
With Camden, 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 12, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. \$8 advance, 21 and over. (734) 996-8555 or www.blindpigmusic.com

THE REEFERMEN
9:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 20, Karl's Cabin, 9779 Gotfredson Road, Plymouth. (734) 455-8450

SIMPLE NEPTUNE
5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 21, Griff's Grill, Pontiac. (248) 334-9292

SIX CLIPS
With Papa Vegas and Driver's Side, 9:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 7, Blind Pig, 208 S. First Street, Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 996-8555. www.blindpigmusic.com

SMALL BROWN BIKE
With Quixote and Capture the Flag, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 27, Blind Pig, 208 S. First Street, Ann Arbor. \$4. (734) 996-8555. www.blindpigmusic.com

SMOKESTACK
With Chowder, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 13, Blind Pig, 208 S. First Street, Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 996-8555. www.blindpigmusic.com

SNO CORE 2000
Featuring Mr. Bungle, System of a Down, Incubus, Tuesday, Feb. 8, State Theatre, Detroit. (248) 645-6666

SOLID FROG
With I Hate Mars, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 8, Blind Pig, 208 S. First Street, Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 996-8555. www.blindpigmusic.com

BRITNEY SPEARS
With LFO, Bossom, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 14, The Palace of Auburn Hills. Tickets \$34.50. (248) 645-6666 or www.ticketmaster.com

STARLIGHT DRIFTERS
9:30 p.m. Thurs. Jan. 6, Karl's Cabin, 9779 Gotfredson Road, Plymouth. (734) 455-8450

THE STILL
With 3 Speed, 9:30 p.m. Friday,

Jan. 21, Blind Pig, 208 S. First Street, Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 996-8555. www.blindpigmusic.com; 9:30 p.m. Thurs. Feb. 10, Karl's Cabin, 9779 Gotfredson Road, Plymouth. (734) 455-8450.

SOUL 360
5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, Griff's Grill, Pontiac. (248) 334-9292;

DEREK TRUCKS BAND
8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 27, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Avenue, Ferndale. \$10 advance. (248) 544-3030.

THE TURNAROUNDS
Friday, Jan. 14, The Taproom, Ypsilanti; Friday-Saturday, Jan. 21-22, The Alibi, Farmington; CD Release Party for "Are You Ready" 9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, Lowertown Grill, 195 W. Liberty, Plymouth. (734) 451-1213.

TWISTIN' TARANTULAS
9:30 p.m. Thurs. Jan. 13, Karl's Cabin, 9779 Gotfredson Road, Plymouth. (734) 455-8450.

U-ZIQ
Luke Vibert, also known as DJ Wagon Christ, 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4, Shelter, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$12. 18 and older. (248) 645-6666

VALERIE
With Blue Nectar, 10 p.m. Friday, Jan. 14, Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac. \$5 cover, 21 and over. (248) 334-9292

BROOKS WILLIAMS
8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, Trinity House Theatre, 38840 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia. \$10, with discount for members. (734) 464-6302.

JOHNNY WINTER
8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 21, Majestic, Detroit. Tickets \$20 advance. (248) 645-6666

YO LA TENGO
With Lamb Chop, 8 p.m. Friday, March 3, Majestic Theatre, Detroit. \$12. (313) 833-9700 or mtdetroit@earthlink.net

20 MILES
Featuring Judah Bauer of Jon Spencer Blues Explosion, and JBX and Bob Log, 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 27, The Shelter, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$8. All ages. (313) 961-MELT

CLUBS

ALVIN'S
The Hush Party with resident DJs Melvin Hill and Cent. 10 p.m. Mondays; and Club Color, featuring funk and disco, 8 p.m. Wednesdays (free before 10 p.m.), at the club, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5, 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 or www.alvins.com

ARBOR BREWING COMPANY
Latin dance night, 9:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Tuesdays, 114 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor. Free. 21 and older. (734) 213-1393 or www.arborbrewing.com

ANDIAMO ITALIA WEST
Featuring Jim Paravantes and Company's "Sinatra Tribute," 8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday through January, at the restaurant, 6676 Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 865-9300

BIRD OF PARADISE
The Bird of Paradise Orchestra performs Mondays, cover \$5. Ron Brooks Trio performs Wednesdays and Thursdays, cover \$5; Paul Klingner's Easy Street Swingtet plays Dixieland 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. every Friday, cover \$2; Paul Finkbeiner's Jazz Jam can be seen 9 p.m. Sundays, free, all at the club, 207 S. Ashley Street, Ann Arbor. (734) 662-8310 (jazz)

BLIND PIG
"Swing a Billy" night with dance lessons, dancing, 7 p.m. Sundays at the club, 208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$3 in advance, \$5 at the door. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 or www.intuit-solar.com or www.blindpigmusic.com

BULLFROG BAR AND GRILL
Acoustic night with Pakistani Tambourine Mondays; Karaoke with DJ Eric Tuesdays; Bridge performs Thursday-Sunday. After-work party with Joint Venture 6-9 p.m. Fridays, all at the club, 15414 Telegraph, Redford. (313) 533-4477

CLUTCH CARGO'S/MILL STREET
"Flashback" night with "The Planet" WPLT on level two (Clutch Cargo's), old school funk on level three, and techno and house on level four, 8:30 p.m. Saturdays, at the club, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. Free before 9 p.m., 21 and older; Alternative dance night 8 p.m. Wednesdays in Clutch Cargo's, 18 and older. (248) 333-2362 or www.961melt.com

961melt.com.

FLYING FISH TAVERN
See Larry Arbour live 7 p.m. Tuesdays-Thursdays, at the tavern, 17600 W. 13 Mile, Beverly Hills. (248) 647-7747 (acoustic folk)

GOLD DOLLAR
Hip-hop and dance hall reggae dance night with DJ Chino, 8 p.m. Wednesdays at the club, 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 833-6873 or www.golddollar.com.

THE GROOVE ROOM
Goth and industrial with D.J. Paul Wednesdays. Free admission with Goth attire; Funk, hip-hop and top 40 with DJ Mac D. Thursdays. Women admitted free; "Love Factory" alternative mix of '80s and '90s with D.J. Matt Fridays. Alternative dance with DJ Matt Saturdays, at the club, 1815 N. Main St. (at 12 Mile), Royal Oak. Free before 10 p.m. nightly. 21 and older. (248) 589-3344 or www.thegrooveroom.com.

JD'S KEY CLUB
Working Wednesdays with free food buffet, \$1 off drinks, featuring Matt Safranak, Jimmy Sullivan, Marc Doiron and WIZ, doors at 4:45 p.m. Wednesdays; Ladies Night featuring Rod Norman, Jimmy Sullivan, Gary Mumford and WIZ, doors at 7 p.m. Thursdays; Matt Safranak, WIZ, Rod Norman, Gary Mumford, Marc Doiron and Jimmy Sullivan perform, \$5 cover and doors at 7 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, all at the club, 1 North Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 338-7337 (dueling pianos)

LA BOOM TEEN NIGHTCLUB
Dance night for teens ages 15-19, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays at the club, 1172 N. Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake. Ages 15-19. (248) 926-9960

MAJESTIC THEATRE CENTER
"Good Sounds," with music by The Tonehead Collective and images by Thomas Vicker, 9 p.m. Fridays at Magic Stick, 18 and older. Free; "Work Release," Rock 'n' Bowl happy hour with bowling, music and complimentary food from the Majestic Cafe, 5-8 p.m. Fridays at Garden Bowl, \$6, 18 and older; "Rock 'n' Bowl" with DJ Del Villareal, 9 p.m. Saturdays at Garden Bowl. Free. 18 and older; "The Bird's Nest," punk rock night with live performances, 9 p.m. Mondays at Magic Stick. Free. 18 and older; "Soul Shakedown" with DJ Big Andy, 9 p.m. Tuesdays at Magic Stick. Free. 21 and older. (313) 833-9700

MOTOR LOUNGE
"Back Room Mondays" service industries employee appreciation night, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Mondays. Free. 21 and older; "Family" with DJs Derek Plasiako, Echo and Deep, 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Tuesdays, 18 and older; "Maximum Overload" on Fridays, 10 p.m. \$6, 18 and older; "Big House," 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Saturdays, \$6, 21 and older, all at the club, 3515 Canfield, Hamtramck. (313) 396-0080 or www.motordetroit.com

ST. ANDREW'S/THE SHELTER
"Three Floors of Fun," 9 p.m. Fridays, \$3 before 11 p.m., \$5 afterward, 18 and older; X2K dance night, 10 p.m. Saturdays; "Incinerator," 9 p.m. Wednesdays in The Shelter, \$6, 21 and older. St. Andrew's and The Shelter are at 431 E. Congress, Detroit. (313) 961-MELT or www.961melt.com

STATE THEATRE
"Ignition" dance night, 10 p.m. Saturdays at the club, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge, 18 and over. (313) 961-5451 or www.statetheater.com

24 KARAT CLUB
"Cruise Night" with hot rods, Harley's and live bands, 8 p.m. Thursdays; Latin/House dance night, 9 p.m. Sundays; intermediate swing lessons, 9 p.m. Tuesdays; and beginner swing lessons, 9 p.m. Wednesdays, at the club, 28949 Joy (two blocks east of Middlebelt), Westland. Cover charge, 21 and older. (734) 513-5030

VELVET LOUNGE
"Viva La Noche Latina" with dance lessons from 9-10 p.m., followed by dance night, Fridays, at the club, 29 S. Saginaw St., Pontiac. (248) 334-7411

XHEDOS CAFE
Sista Otis performs 8-10 p.m. Sundays at the club, 240 West Nine Mile, Ferndale. All ages. Free. (248) 399-3946

'Snow Falling on Cedars' a disappointment

BY BOB THOMAS
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

The 1995 novel by David Guterson, "Snow Falling on Cedars," proved an immediate hit with readers and critics. It was an engaging story of young lovers — one white, the other Japanese-American — on a fishing and farming island in Puget Sound. The love story was played against the backdrop of World War II, when the islanders of Japanese descent were sent to detention camps. Tensions between the two ethnic groups remained after the war, especially after a white fisherman was found dead at sea. A young Japanese farmer was accused of murder.

The film version of "Snow Falling on Cedars" held great promise. Australian Scott Hicks, who directed Geoffrey Rush to an Academy Award in "Shine," was chosen to direct his first American film. He shares the writing credit with Ron Bass, an Oscar winner for "Rainman." A distinguished cast was assembled, and stunning locations were found in the state of Washington and British Columbia. The end result, however, is a disappointment. The filmmakers apparently mistrusted the straightforward nature of Guterson's novel. The narrative flow has been chopped up, the time element leaping from one decade to another then back again, flashbacks appearing within flashbacks.

The photography lapses into moody sepia as though the Northwest was totally lacking in color. The portentous musical score resonates with pounding drums, swirling strings, smashing crescendos and a chorus reminiscent of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir. Hicks' direction calls for mood-setting close-ups of raindrops falling from leaves, the inner workings of a newspaper type machine, dead fish, etc. The film begins in total darkness. Amid the creaking sounds of a boat at sea, a faintly visible scene emerges. It is a fishing boat in a dense fog. Something violent has happened. Thereafter the plot is told in

shifting time frames. The most moving aspect of the story concerns the relationship of the two young lovers: Hatsue, daughter of a Japanese strawberry farmer, and Ishmael, the son of a local white newspaper editor. They must play and love in secret because of the pressures of society. The most tragic sequence comes when the Japanese are sent to the Manzanar internment center in California after the bombing of Pearl Harbor. The underlying tensions between the two elements of the island population become

intensified. Hatsue's romance with Ishmael is discovered, and she must vow never to see or write him again. She marries another childhood friend, also an internee. The murder trial, replete with flashbacks, provides the climax of "Snow Falling on Cedars." Ishmael (Ethan Hawke), badly wounded in the war and editor of the newspaper since his father's death, is still haunted by his love for Hatsue (Youki Kudoh). He struggles over whether he should help save the accused man, who is Hatsue's hus-

band. The casting is flawless. Among the standouts: Max Von Sydow, the gentle defense attorney; James Cromwell, the resolutely fair judge; Rick Yune, the murder suspect; Ethan Hawke and Youki Kudoh, the thwarted lovers; Sam Shepard, the fair-minded newspaper editor. "Snow Falling on Cedars" is a Universal Pictures release produced by Harry J. Ufland, Ron Bass, Kathleen Kennedy and Frank Marshall. Running time: 128 minutes.



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Haunting: Ishmael Chambers (Ethan Hawke) and Hatsue Miyamoto (Youki Kudoh) embrace, years after their childhood love has been undone by societal pressures and familial customs in "Snow Falling on Cedars."

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'Galaxy Quest' out of this world

BY MALCOLM BIRTER
Special To The Observer

If you put Tim Allen and Janeane Garofalo in the same movie and set it in outer space, does "Home Improvement" meet "Aliens"? Yes, in a way. It's called "Galaxy Quest," and it's a lot of wacky fun.

Allen leads not a family this time, but a troupe of unhappy actors well past their glory days. Nearly 20 years before, they'd starred on TV as the crew of a fictional spaceship. Now they are reduced to making appearances at conventions of loyal fans.

But it turns out that the show caught the attention of some real aliens. They mistook the episodes for historical documents about a brave space crew — just the folks they need to help them deal with some evil monsters. So they carefully recreated the show's spaceship as a real one. And now they fetch Commander Taggart, not realizing he's just an actor named Jason Nesmith.

Nesmith (played by Allen) has it's another gig for a fan club, and his offhand performance saves the day. Only when he realizes it's the real thing. And when the friendly aliens need his help to fight the rest of his crew to go along.

Of course, they face more perilous danger as the space monsters return. But the challenges make them grow as individuals and pull together as a group, just as one might expect with Tim the Toolman's family in "Home Improvement."

As Gwen DeMarco, who played the "babe" role on the old TV show, Weaver doesn't get to recreate her epic one-on-one combat with monsters from "Aliens." But she does a

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splendid job in this comedy role, blonde wig and all.

The movie also features an outstanding performance by Enrico Colantoni, from the TV show "Just Shoot Me." As the alien Mathesar, who takes on a human form to seek Nesmith's help, Colantoni does a great job of portraying a creature that hasn't quite mastered being a person.

The movie is rated PG, and kids should enjoy it if they're old enough to sympathize with actors playing characters, rather than just the characters themselves. Some might find the movie a little slow off the launch pad in the early scenes from the backstage world of bickering actors.

For grownups, and savvy kids, one of the best parts is the spoofing of action-movie clichés. One crew member is resigned to being killed because he sees himself as the bit player who gets bumped off early. But a fellow crew member holds out some hope: "Maybe you're the plucky comic relief."

The good news is that he survives. The better news, for us Earthbound folk, is that "Galaxy Quest" is a hoot.

"Galaxy Quest," from DreamWorks Pictures, was directed by Dean Parisot and produced by Mark Johnson and Charles Newirth.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Scheduled to open Friday, Jan. 7

MAGNOLIA

Six lives are interwoven in this ensemble drama. Stars Tom Cruise, William H. Macy and Julianne Moore.

SHOW FALLING ON CEDARS

Based on David Guterson's best-selling novel, and directed by Scott Hicks ("Shine"), this is the haunting tale of love, truth, justice and the vagaries of the heart. Stars Ethar Hawke and James Cromwell.

Scheduled to open Friday, Jan. 14

EYE OF THE BEHOLDER

In this psychological thriller, a high-tech operative nicknamed "The Eye" tracks the life of a beautiful woman. After he follows her to the scene of a murder, his role becomes something of a guardian angel. Stars Ewan McGregor and Ashley Judd.

HOLY SMOKE

A young woman is rescued from an Indian Guru by her concerned family, only to turn her follow-up encounters with a deprogrammer into an all-out battle of the sexes. Stars Harvey Keitel and Pam Grier.

THE HURRICANE

The story of Rubin "Hurricane" Carter, middleweight boxing champion who is accused of a crime he didn't commit. After 20 years in jail, he is released.

TUMBLEWEEDS

Contemporary drama of a single mother and her 12-year-old daughter who embark on a journey of self-discovery. Stars Janet McTeer and Kimberly Brown.

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A romantic comedy set among college

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SCREAM 3

The final chapter of the "Scream" trilogy brings back the original cast of characters from the films that changed the way viewers thought about modern horror flicks. Stars Neve Campbell, Courtney Cox Arquette, David Arquette, Jenny McCarthy and Parker Posey.

Scheduled to open Friday, Feb. 11

THE BEACH

A young American sets off on an exotic adventure in Thailand, only to discover that the modern-day paradise hides some disturbing secrets. Stars Leonardo DiCaprio and Robert Carlyle.

THE WHOLE NINE YARDS

Nicholas "Oz" Oseransky is a nice dentist living in suburban Montreal. His new neighbor Jimmy "The Tulip" Tudeski is a hit man in hiding. Oz and Jimmy find themselves with something in common, someone's trying to kill them. Stars Matthew Perry, Bruce Willis and Rosanna Arquette.

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A retired prize fighter embarks on a journey with his son and grandson to search



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BY ELEANOR HEALD
SPECIAL WRITER

Abruzzi is the mountainous province in east-central Italy. Both the Italian Apennine mountains and Adriatic Sea are major food influences for the region.

These and the cuisine of San Marino create the culinary twist at Giovanni's, a landmark Detroit family restaurant since 1968.

Proprietor Frances (Fran) Cannarsa Truant and her son Randy cherish their family restaurant traditions begun by Fran's brothers Vince and Tony. They opened the location, 50 yards from the family's home, as Giovanni's Pizza Parlor (a name honoring their father) in a former Detroit Italian neighborhood. Their mother Rosa Cannarsa, who died in 1995 at age 87, remained active at Giovanni's until she was 83 years old.

In 1978, Fran teamed up with Paulina Tarducci, a chef from San Marino, Italy, and changed the name to Giovanni's Ristorante. It was Tarducci's creative cooking that brought metro-Detroit attention to Giovanni's. In December 1996, a fire destroyed the original Giovanni's, but not Fran's spirit. She rebuilt the restaurant with its private home dining ambiance and reopened in July 1997. "Detroit is my city," she said. "This is why I stayed here."

On most days Fran greets her loyal clientele at lunch and dinner and introduces newcomers to the fabulous flavors of Giovanni's dishes.

Tarducci's recipes are re-created at lunch by Chef Joe Bushnell, who has worked at Giovanni's since 1984. At dinner, Schoolcraft College culinary grad Tony Polito heads the kitchen. He has worked at Giovanni's since 1990.

Their pasta dishes are enhanced by 74-year-old Irma

Giovanni's Ristorante

Where: 330 S. Oakwood Blvd., Detroit (313) 841-0122.
Open: Tuesday-Thursday 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; until 10 p.m. on Friday; Saturday 4-10 p.m.
Menu: Classic dishes of central Italy.
Cost: Pastas and main dishes \$16-24.
Reservations: Recommended.
Credit cards: All majors.
Details: Full liquor license. Three small banquet rooms seating 15 to 30 for private parties. Audio Italian lessons in the restrooms - what a kick!

Giovanni's Uncorked

Proprietor Randy Truant knows his Italian wines. He recommends:

- Olindo's Special (named after Randy's late father) with 1995 Ceretto Chardonnay "La Bernardina."
- Manzo Braciola with 1994 Badia a Coltibuono Chianti Classico Riserva
- Veal Giovanni with 1994 Poggio Scalette "Il Carbonaione" (100 percent sangiovese)

Morri, who each morning, makes all the fresh pasta for that day as she has for the past 20 years. Several waitstaff, including Tracie Alpert, Noleen Baker, and Shirley Magryta, have served diners for a collective 57 years. This has to be a record!

Randy Truant earned a mechanical engineering degree from Lawrence Technological University in 1992. He never worked using this education.

"I'm cut out for pasta not corporate America," he said. What Randy has brought to Giovanni's is a passion for Italian wine. His all-Italian list recently won a coveted "Wine Spectator" magazine Award of Excellence.

Among antipasti, several are favorites. Bistecca Calamari Frita, fried calamari strips with the best caper, tomato and red onions in buerre blanc sauce, this side of San Marino. Then there's the central Italy tradition Pizza Bianco, thin white pizza with fresh sliced tomatoes, olive oil, oregano and four

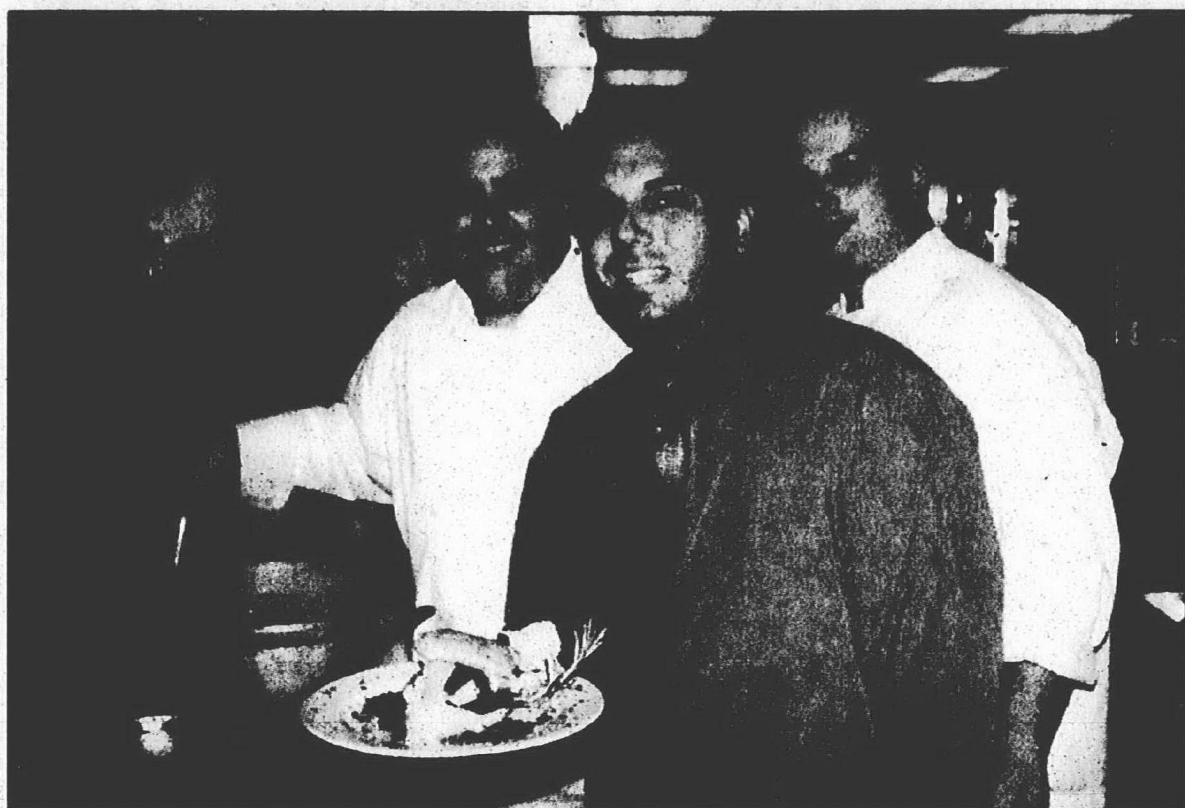
cheeses. Raviolo di Abruzzi are dual-colored raviolis filled with four cheeses and topped with lobster, red and yellow sun-dried tomatoes in a white wine cream sauce. It's a knockout.

While the Minestrone is excellent, for something different in an Italian soup, order Pasta Fazole.

Choices of pastas are angel hair, linguine, tagliatelle or fettuccine with four typical sauces. Where the pasta bar gets raised is the house specialty pasta dishes, all served with garlic bread, pepperonata and soup or salad.

Cappelletti Verde Pesto is meat and cheese filled round spinach ravioli topped with pesto sauce. Gnocchi di Patate Verde is homemade spinach potato dumplings topped with creamy Alfredo sauce.

My favorite is Manicotti Verde Pomodoro, thin sheets of spinach pasta filled with ricotta, mozzarella and Parmesan cheese, topped with pomodoro.



Appetizing: Dinner Chef Tony Polito (left), proprietor Randy Truant and Lunch Chef Joe Bushnell prepare Polenta Napoleon, a Giovanni's appetizer special.

Simple, delicate, al dente pasta and the great flavors of cheese and tomato make this dish elegant.

Piati della Casa are served with garlic bread, pepperonata, soup or salad and a side of linguine. Favorites are Manzo Braciola, thinly sliced beef tenderloin rolled around prosciutto, garlic and parsley, braised in a tomato mushroom sauce; Veal alla Giovanni, medallions of veal sauteed with artichokes and white wine; and Pollo alla Francesca, boneless breast of chicken sauteed in a mild lemon caper sauce.

My favorite over the years is Saltimbocca Romano, medallion of veal topped with a thin slice of imported prosciutto, sage and

fontina cheese sauteed in a white wine sauce. This slightly salty dish, a specialty of Rome, is simply delicious.

If you leave room, dessert selections change daily. If available, order Tiramisu, made with Kahlua and brandy or the house-made cannolis.

There are a lot of Italian restaurants in greater Detroit,

but none matching culinary wizardry, atmosphere, service, cordiality, and heritage as well.

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