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## 'BUSH WHACKED'



**Narrow win:** Arizona Sen. John McCain waves to supporters as he boards his tour bus outside Laurel Manor in Livonia Sunday. McCain barely carried the city and township of Plymouth.

## 2000 ELECTION RESULTS

### The Plymouth Vote:

- George W. Bush - 721
- Alan Keyes - 70
- John McCain - 851 ✓

### The Plymouth Twp. Vote:

- George W. Bush - 2,562
- Alan Keyes - 225
- John McCain - 2,606 ✓

Unofficial vote totals  
Vote totals are for Plymouth/Plymouth Twp. only.  
Check mark indicates statewide winner.

STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

## Plymouth vote mirrors state as McCain steals primary

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If Gov. John Engler had set up Michigan as a "firewall" state in the race for the Republican presidential nomination, he may have used the wrong kind of asbestos.

With the Texas governor coming off a huge win in South Carolina Saturday, Engler predicted big turnouts and a win for Bush over Arizona Sen. John McCain. He was half-right.

Record crowds turned out statewide, but delivered a key victory to McCain by a statewide margin of 50-43 percent. And voters in Plymouth Township and the City of Plymouth mirrored that total, though not by as big a margin.

McCain got the advantage of a high turnout (nearly 30 percent) and carried the city by a vote total of 851-

721. Alan Keyes got 70 votes in the city.

The vote was even closer in the township, where roughly 30 percent also turned out. McCain got 47 percent of the vote (2,606) to 46 percent (2,562) for Bush. Keyes finished with 225 votes (4.1 percent).

**'I like that the big guys in Washington don't like him.'**

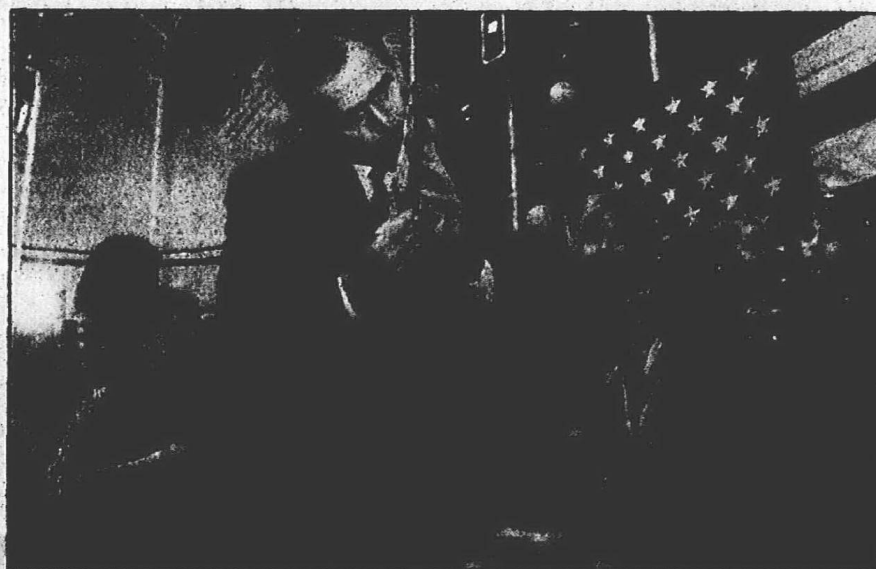
Patricia Berg  
—Plymouth Township resident

McCain told NBC News his opponent's style of campaigning may have affected the primary's outcome.

"I think in Michigan there might have been a backlash against these negative ads," he said.

Bush, meanwhile, sounded every part the victor at a Summit on the Park noon rally in Canton. His speech, which lasted about 15 min-

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STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

**Hi, Mom:** Texas Gov. George W. Bush, center, kisses a picture of his mother Barbara, after someone handed it to him to autograph during a visit to the Summit on the Park in Canton Tuesday. Plymouth Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Fran Toney is just to the right of Bush.

## Schools honor grads who overcame adversity

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
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When the third Plymouth-Canton high school is ready in the summer of 2002, there will be a special area designated to honor students who have used true grit and determination to graduate and become productive members of society.

Through the efforts of Plymouth Township resident Debbie Madonna, the area will be named in honor of 1969 graduate Sandra Sagar. Sagar, who passed away from complications from post-polio syndrome seven years ago, used her determination to battle

polio and other adversities while attending classes at Plymouth High School, which is now Central Middle School.

"She didn't go to public school until she was in the ninth grade, and she went through a lot to be able to remain in school," said Madonna. "There was no elevator at the time, and because she was on crutches she had to either walk up the stair backwards to get to classes on the second floor, or sit down and scoot up each step. She did that every day for three years."

"But she never complained," added Madonna. "She was just happy to be able to go to school and graduate. She got a job as a secretary ... in which she got

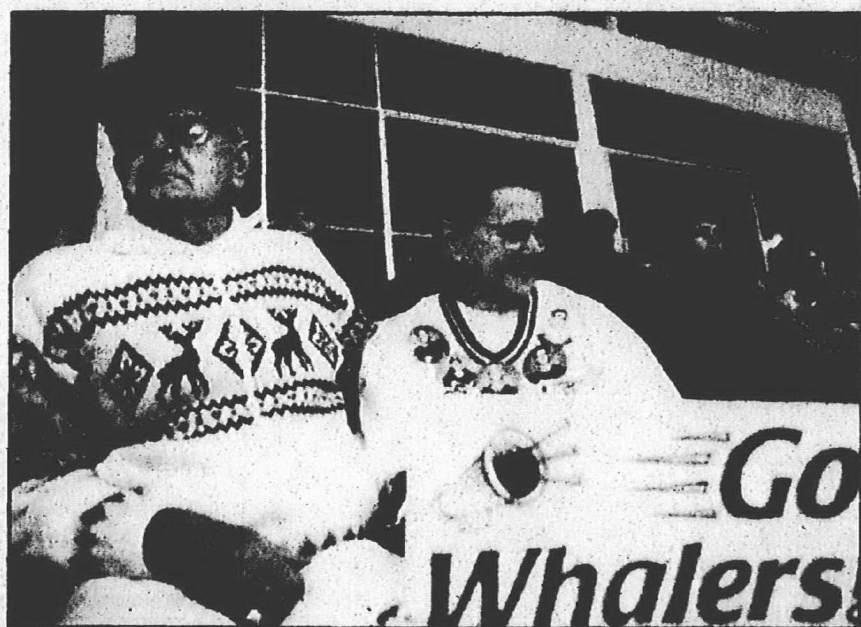
paid less than others because she had less mobility. But, again, she didn't complain."

A seven-member committee, which will include Madonna, will select a Plymouth-Canton graduate each spring to be honored in the designated area, which is expected to be a wall in a prominent part of the new school.

According to the criteria, the Plymouth-Canton graduate "must have displayed courage, perseverance, focus, etc., rising above life's adversities to graduate and become a contributing member of society."

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### Hockey Night in Plymouth



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

**True fans:** Paul and Shirley Clapper of Canton watch the action Friday night as the Plymouth Whalers hosted the Sarnia Sting at Compuware Arena in Plymouth Township. The Whalers extended their winning streak to eight, and continue to hold the top position in the Ontario Hockey League's Western Conference. For a story and more photos, please turn to page B8.

## Mayflower Center hopes to continue enthusiasm for downtown area

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
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If all goes well, the new Mayflower Centre will possess the same kind of enthusiasm for downtown Plymouth as its predecessor, the Mayflower Hotel, once had.

"We want this to be a lively, energetic center that will be a focal point for the community," said Bob D'Alexander, director of marketing and public relations for Tri-Mount Vincenti Companies, developer of the downtown project.

The final picture of what the Mayflower Centre will look like is a bit more clear, even as crews continue construction at Main Street and Ann Arbor Trail. If all goes according to plan, the Mayflower Centre will be open sometime late this year or January 2001.

D'Alexander said he's been getting calls on a daily basis asking about availability for the 13,000 square feet

**'We want those who plan to establish themselves here and be long term.'**

Bob D'Alexander  
—Developer

of retail space on the first floor. That doesn't include the 4,000 square feet set aside for a restaurant and the 6,000 square feet for New Liberty Bank, which is currently Peoples State Bank.

"We're looking at possibly seven or eight retailers, depending on how the space is divided," said D'Alexander. "Starbucks calls us daily. We also have restaurants and retailers from the local area that want to be part of it."

"We want a lively mix of businesses that occupy this building," he added. "We want businesses that are selling goods, not so much those selling services, to keep people downtown."

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# Committee seeks partnerships in bringing arts to elementary schools

BY BRAD KADRICH  
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A model program to bring arts into the elementary schools worked so well, organizers are trying to find partners who can make it a permanent happening.

Artists-in-Residence, a program that had second graders at four elementary schools working directly with actors from the Purple Rose Theater Company, is being conducted in all 14 elementary schools in the Plymouth-Canton district this year. It's the creation, and continuing effort, of a group including school officials and local arts enthusiasts.

Kid Purple, the theater's outreach workshop, is scheduling two half-day workshops at each elementary school. The first session is designed to teach; the second, to put what the kids are learning into action.

"We want to put (arts) at every grade level," said Jane VanSteenis, principal at Bird Elementary, which was one of the model schools last year. "The idea is to have the kids get direct experience."

The idea is that offering students and teachers a chance to participate with region-

**'We had to prove this was worthwhile, and I certainly think we've proven that.'**

*Jennifer Tobin*  
 —Plymouth Arts Council

al artists in varied experiences results in exposure to information that, when combined with other curriculum strategies, gets kids thinking differently. Teachers are asked to connect the arts to other content areas.

Other programs being considered include dance for fourth graders and musical theater/vocals for first graders.

"Our idea is for them not to just see (arts)," VanSteenis said, "but to be it."

The program's objectives are clear: to get students involved in arts at an early age, and to promote future involvement with the arts after their early exposure to the arts.

After modeling at Bird, Hoben, Smith and Tonda, the artist-in-residence program is being expanded this year to all 14 elementary schools, reaching approximately 1,200 second-grade students.

"We had to prove this was worthwhile, and

I certainly think we've proven that," said Jennifer Tobin, executive director of the Plymouth Arts Council and a member of the committee. "It's still a wonderful opportunity."

The problem: funding. The Artist-in-Residence committee is looking to subsidize the approximate \$18,000 cost through grants and partnerships with local businesses. Long-time arts supporters George and Mary Smith have approved a \$3,000 grant. Additional grants have been sought from both the Plymouth Rotary Foundation and the Canton Rotary.

Additionally, the Canton Community Foundation and the Education Excellence Foundation have been asked for \$2,500 grants. The committee and the Purple Rose Theater combined to seek a grant from Blue Cross-Blue Shield, but it was denied.

"We're looking for sustained financial support," VanSteenis said. "This is a worthwhile educational experience in support of the curriculum for our kids."

Businesses who would like to get involved in the program can contact Pat VanDusen, Plymouth-Canton Schools Community Education Department, 550 N. Holbrook. VanDusen can be reached at 416-4927.

## Applications available for student awards competition

Applications for the 27th Annual Student Academy Awards competition, presented by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, are now available. Entries must be submitted by April 3 in order to be considered for this year's prizes.

For the program, the country is divided into three regions and students submitting films must first compete in the appropriate regional competition. Winning films from each of the three regions will then compete as

national finalists. These films will be screened at the Academy's headquarters in Beverly Hills, Calif., and voted upon by the Academy membership — the same film artists and craftspeople who vote to select Oscar-winning films.

The regional coordinators are Dan Ladely at the Mary Riepma Ross Film Theater at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and Barbara Scharres at the Film Center of the School of the Art Institute of Chicago.

Films may be entered in one of four categories: Alternative, animation, documentary or narrative. To be eligible, films of 16mm or larger must be produced within the curriculum of an accredited college or university, in a student-teacher relationship, and must have been completed after April 1999. All Region Two entries must be received at the regional center by 5 p.m. April 3.

Students ultimately selected, as national winners will be flown to Los Angeles to participate in a week of industry-related activities and social events that will culminate June 11 with the awards presentation ceremony at the Academy's Samuel Goldwyn Theater. Along with their trophies, Gold Medal winners in each of the four categories receive \$2,000; Silver-Medal winners take home \$1,500, and Bronze Medal recipi-

ents are awarded \$1,000. An Honorary Foreign Student Award also will be presented at the June ceremony, as will the Directors Guild of America Student Film Award.

Students interested in entering the competition may download an application from the Academy's website at <http://www.oscars.org/saa> or send their application request, along with a self-addressed, stamped business-size envelope to: Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, 8949 Wilshire Boulevard, Beverly Hills, Calif. 90211, Attn: Student Academy Awards.

Regional Two Coordinator Dan Ladely can be reached at (402) 472-5353. He will accept all Region Two entries. Coordinator Barbara Scharres can be reached to answer questions and for entry information only a (312) 443-3735.

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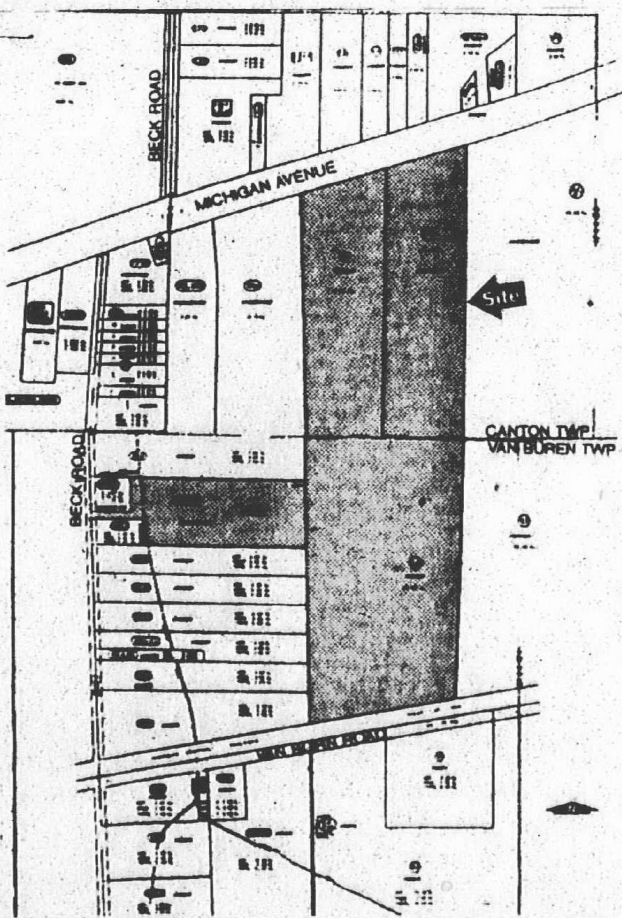
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REQUEST FOR VARIANCE FROM THE CONDOMINIUM ORDINANCE NO. 138 OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the Condominium Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton, that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, March 6, 2000 in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. to consider the request by the petitioner to permit the following proposed variance to the Condominium Ordinance for the project known as **QUADRANTS INDUSTRIAL CENTRE**, located on the south side of Michigan Avenue between Belleville and Beck Roads.

The petitioner has requested a variance pursuant to Article 4, Design Standards; Section 4.1A.4., Streets and Alleys; Cul-de-sacs; to increase the maximum cul-de-sac length from 1,000 feet to 1,597 feet. The variance would be a temporary resolution until the road is extended into Van Buren Township in the second phase of the project.



Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the above address prior to Thursday, March 2, 2000 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

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- UNIT #6036 - KENNETH SHEFFER - Car parts, books, misc. boxes, tires.
- UNIT #6241 - WILLIAM YOUNG - Dining room table, speakers, books, VCR.

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**Physical Therapy UPDATE**  
 Presented by **Hands On Center For Physical Therapy**  
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When you sprain an ankle, rehabilitation should include steps to retrain proprioceptors, which enable the body to know where it is in time and space. Proprioception relies on key nerves that relay information to the brain, enabling it to make an infinite number of calculations to ensure that the foot lands properly on the ground. An ankle sprain damages these nerves, which invites future sprains. Unless the proprioceptors are retrained, they will not help muscles avert a twisted ankle if the ankle is about to turn. This is why the most common reason for getting a sprained ankle is already having had one. To break this vicious cycle, physical therapists know to retrain the body's proprioceptors through balance work.

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P.S. The vast majority of ankle sprains are inversion sprains, in which the foot turns inward and injury occurs to ligaments on the outside of the ankle.

**SPOTLIGHT ON YOUR PET**  
**Veterinary Notes**  
 by **Elizabeth Routson, D.V.M.**

**CANINE PARVOVIRUS**

Canine parvovirus, commonly known as parvo, usually attacks a dog's intestinal tract. In rare cases, it can affect the heart. An extremely hearty virus that can survive in the environment for months, parvo is transmitted through the feces and vomit of infected dogs and puppies. Puppies between six and 20 weeks old are the most common victims of parvo, and puppies up to four months old are the risk of catching it. Puppies get very ill with the virus and can die within days of showing symptoms. Initial symptoms are depression, appetite loss, vomiting, and severe diarrhea. Feces may be yellow gray or streaked with blood. Older dogs show only mild symptoms and recover from the infection.

To learn more about preventing parvo and other canine illnesses, please contact **PARKWAY VETERINARY CLINIC**. We provide comprehensive medical care for pets, including surgery, dental care, and boarding. We treat all our patients like family, and our knowledgeable staff will take the time to answer all your questions about any recommended treatments. Visit either of our two locations at 41395 Wilcox Rd. in Plymouth, tel. 734-453-2577, or 5750 Lilley Rd. in Canton, tel. 734-981-4400, open six days a week.

P.S. Puppies must be repeatedly vaccinated to protect against parvovirus and should be kept away from other dogs' feces.





**Proud vets:** Presidential hopeful John McCain poses with fellow Vietnam Vets of American Plymouth Canton Chapter 528. The group served as honor guard for McCain's campaign rally Sunday in Livonia.

PHOTO BY BARBARA ORTO

## Schoolcraft trustee considers run for township treasurer

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Richard Reaume, who was named to the Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees in October, is considering a bid for the Plymouth Township treasurer's position.

Reaume, 50, was appointed by the Board of Trustees to fill a vacancy created by the resignation in September of Steve Ragan. He will serve the unexpired term of the vacancy through June 2001.

Reaume had run unsuccessfully for the college board five months prior to his appointment.

"I have always been committed to community service," Reaume said. His background in finance draws him to the treasurer's spot.

His newly appointed position is one that enters into his thoughts as he ponders a run for township office. "I don't think it would be a conflict, it's not a paid position," he said. "But that's one of the things that needs investigating."

The Plymouth Township treasurer's position held by Ron Edwards, who is completing his first four-year term, pays \$57,456 annually.

"Financing also has to be addressed," said Reaume, who emphasized no decision has been made yet. "Nobody is a candidate until he files."

Reaume is also aware of the new signature requirements for

nominating petitions that take effect March 10 and will require fewer signatures than are now expected, according to Plymouth Township Clerk Marilyn Mas-sengill.

Reaume, who has been a Plymouth Township resident for 16 years, is owner of Worldwide Express, a Plymouth Township company and authorized reseller of Airborne Express services that provides express delivery of packages to the business community.

Reaume holds a masters degree in business administration from the University of Texas and a bachelor of science degree in finance from Wayne State University.

Though Edwards is expected to be a candidate he declines to say exactly which office he'll seek.

The idea of competition doesn't unnerve Edwards. "I ran against an incumbent (Mary Brooks) and I won," Edwards said. "There were issues and they have since been corrected. I want to keep moving this township forward."

He doesn't know what Reaume's issues will be. Neither man knows the other, though Edwards said they have met.

Reaume's interest in the treasurer's position causes Edwards to question Reaume's total commitment to his new Schoolcraft Board position. "This is a full-time job," Edwards said of the township job.

Edwards also noted he hasn't seen Reaume in attendance at

any township board meetings. Typically, the meetings draw the press but not many residents.

"I get copies of the meeting minutes like many township residents," Reaume said. Sometimes residents aren't as apt to attend township board meetings as they are to attend planning commission meetings, where plans for projects in their neighborhood are first discussed, he said.

Reaume has held technical, sales, and management positions which called for budgeting, goal setting, long-range planning, and profit and loss responsibility. He has more than 20 years experience with computer hardware, software and training.

He has worked for Dynatek, Inc., a Livonia company, holding sales and management positions that provided personal computer hardware and software solutions to the banking and finance industry. While at O/E Learning, Inc. of Troy he performed sales and delivery of personal computer training to Fortune 1000 companies. While at IBM Corporation in Southfield he did technical sales of IBM mainframe and personal computer hardware and software.

Reaume remains involved in the Plymouth Canton Community School district with participation in the Central Middle School Parent Council, hiring committees, Food and Nutrition Advisory Council, and Technology Advisory Council.

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utes, focused on Democrats and the November general election.

"The mission," Bush said, "is to begin the beginning of the end of the Clinton-Gore era in Washington D.C. My message here today is to keep fighting the fight."

Whether they voted for Bush or supported McCain, Plymouth and Plymouth Township residents interviewed Tuesday weren't lukewarm about their choices.

Voter input on the presidential primary was sought at polling sites at the Plymouth Cultural Center in Plymouth and at Plymouth Township Hall.

Right-to-life issues sealed Plymouth resident Alice Fedewa's vote for Bush. "I think he would make a good president," she said.

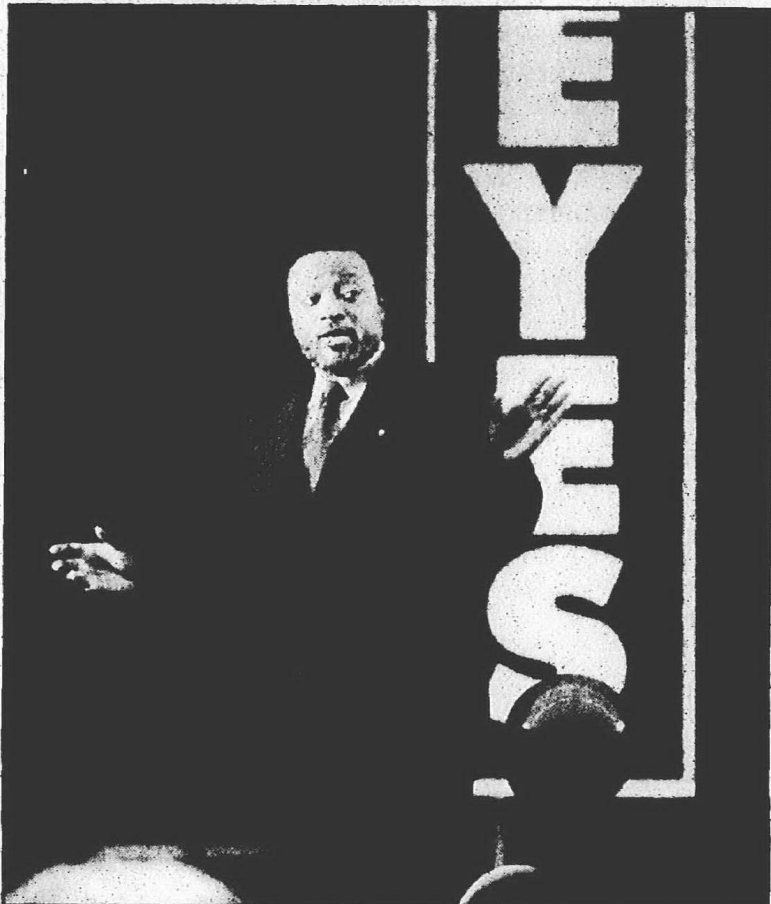
Joan Masson of Plymouth started out supporting Bush but voted for McCain. "I haven't liked Bush's various campaign ads," said Masson, who doesn't approve of ads that snipe about having a President that people can respect in the White House.

Likewise, Bill Baumgartner almost didn't vote for McCain because of his derogatory ads.

"I didn't like his people phoning me and telling me how bad Bush is," Baumgartner said. "I didn't make up my mind until I came (to the poll). They are both good men."

Patricia Berg, a Plymouth Township resident, likes McCain's message.

"I like that the big guys in Washington don't like him," she said. "I like the fact that he isn't a team player. I don't want



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

**Distant third:** Alan Keyes, speaking here at a campaign stop in Livonia., picked up 225 votes in Plymouth Township and 70 in the city.

another team player."

Donna Smith of Plymouth Township said Bush is the strongest Republican candidate. "I have a stronger feeling for his policies than I do for McCain's," she said.

Walt Coleman, a Plymouth Township resident, gave a

strong nod of approval for Bush.

"I personally believe that McCain is a closet Democrat," Coleman said. "He should be running as an independent."

(Staff writers Scott Daniel and Brad Kadrich contributed to this report.)

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ety." "It allows us to honor one person each year, and sets them up as an example," said Madonna. "And, it allows us to pick from the entire student body."

"We want to make sure we tell the story of each individual person, and will help us remember what we're grateful for," she added. "Kids are still teased for being different. We need to make sure we don't allow that to happen anymore."

Plymouth resident Jerry Trumpka is also a member of the committee which will choose a student to honor.

Trumpka, a polio victim himself, is a member of the Plymouth AM Rotary Club. Rotary's goal is to immunize all children in the world against polio, and is hoping its \$500-million effort will successfully do so by the year 2005, Rotary's 100th anniversary.

So, the story of Sagar and her fight against polio and society hits home.

"Sandra grew up, like I did, during a time when there wasn't an Americans With Disabilities Act, so she had to go through a lot to get an education," said Trumpka. "She suffered many

indignities, which we wouldn't tolerate today.

"Sandra is a person who fought against the odds to become a success, had real goals and became a productive member of society."

Trumpka's Rotary Club will give a scholarship in connection with each year's award.

"Whether it be a physical or mental disability, we want to honor those who have the courage to face adversity," said Trumpka. "We want to make this a positive for everybody."

## Kmart honors Plymouth woman

Plymouth resident Anita Hinks has been nominated by her employer, Kmart, for a United Way Cheers Award.

The Cheers Award is presented annually to one employee nominated by his/her employer as an outstanding community volunteer.

Kmart has nominated Hinks for her volunteer work for the Detroit Radio Service.

DRIS is a radio reading service broadcast by Detroit Public Radio WDET, 101.9FM, that works to make printed materials available in a timely manner to members of the print-impaired community.

DRIS provides 24-hour, seven-day programming of more than 100 local and national publications transmitted through specially tuned radio receivers and through local cable outlets.

DRIS programming is available to more than 100,000 listeners in homes and institutions. DRIS serves senior citizens, people with visual impairments, the terminally ill and others who cannot read or handle printed material.

As one of only two volunteers who assist DRIS's

small staff in clerical and administrative tasks, Hinks has been integral to volunteer scheduling, record keeping and fund-raising. Kmart officials said.

"Her good nature and hard work keep both volunteer and staff morale at its highest," they said. "It is the professionalism, commitment and skill of volunteers like Ms Hinks that allows DRIS to continue its unparalleled service."

The winner of the Cheers Award and his/her employer will be honored at the Celebrate Volunteers Luncheon during the National Volunteer Week, April 12.

In addition, \$1,000 is awarded to the nonprofit organization where the winner performs most of his/her volunteer work.

This award is jointly sponsored by the Southeast Michigan Corporate Volunteer Council and United Way Community Services.

All nominees and their employers will be recognized at the Celebrate Volunteers Luncheon.

## POLICE BEAT

### Exposure

Police are investigating an incident in which a man exposed himself to Pioneer Middle School students Feb. 11.

According to Principal Tom Owens, two students were walking home from the bus stop when a man exposed himself to them.

School officials learned of the incident Feb. 15

and notified police. Letters were also sent home to parents notifying them of the incident.

Plymouth police are investigating two incidents where ball bearings were shot through windows on Penniman Street last Saturday morning.

One was in the 900 block and the other the 700 block of Penniman.

In both cases police believe a sling shot was used to shoot the ball bearings.



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# Township cops set to get automated system

BY SUE BUCK  
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Plymouth Township is soon expected to purchase an automated telephone messaging system, designed to inform residents and businesses of breaking or important news in the township.

The system will go on line within the year, police officials said.

The system can be used for a variety of alerts. Among them are hazardous material alerts, or in situations where a child is lost, where there's suspicious activity, a gas or water main break or any other need to contact entire neighborhoods.

Block leaders and business watch groups could also be contacted. Databases will contain the name of each household or business, street address, city, state, ZIP code and telephone number. The information could be used to automatically contact households, businesses, and school officials.

Databases will be grouped. The software enables the user to zoom into a specific geographic area by using the mouse or entering a specific address. "It will help us, too, if we have changes and detours happening," said Plymouth Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy.

The contract is expected to be approved Feb. 29.

The system costs \$24,875. Of this, \$21,545 will be paid for with State of Michigan grant funds and the township will match \$3,330.

"It has certain limitations," said Plymouth Township Lt. Robert Smith. "You aren't always going to have a database that is 100 percent reliable. We can hit about 60-70 percent of the people because of unlisted numbers and people moving out of the community. There's a good chance that there will be legislation introduced next year that will make those (unlisted) numbers accessible to us. Right now they are not."

However, Smith said he envisions the most frequent usage to be with businesses. For instance, pharmacies could be contacted to alert them of prescription fraud in the area.

Trustee K.C. Mueller said residents could voluntarily give their unlisted telephone numbers to the police department if they wish. Information on the system can be included in the township's welcome packets to new residents, said Plymouth Township Police Chief Larry Carey.

Trustee Chuck Curmi asked who would be in charge. Carey and Smith expect that Jamie Senkbeil, the community resource officer, will be put in charge of building the database.

"The reason I'm asking about this is because the township has had some difficulty with the introduction of technology," said Trustee Chuck Curmi. This has happened in two other instances, he said.

The Redford Township and Ann Arbor police departments also use the system, according to information supplied to the township board.



On target: Developers of the Mayflower Center project, currently under construction at Ann Arbor Trail and Main downtown, will continue the same enthusiasm for the downtown area that its predecessor, the Mayflower Hotel, engendered. The project is scheduled to be completed late this year or in January, 2001.

## Mayflower from page A1

The second floor, all 22,000 square feet of it, will be office space.

"We don't want businesses that come and go, so we're shooting for leases of more than five years," said D'Alexander. "We want those who plan to establish themselves here and be long term."

D'Alexander smiled when he proclaimed "the third floor is going to be gorgeous."

"There will be 11 condominiums, each of which are two-level condos," he said. "While final costs have yet to be determined, you're talking between \$500,000 and a million dollars, and that doesn't include the options like flooring, cabinets or anything else."

Ron Failing of Plymouth has his name on the list for one of those condos, which are averaging nearly 2,400 square feet on the lower level and 1,000 square feet on the top floor. He's excited about the possibility of living downtown.

"Everything would be convenient to me ... restaurants, coffee houses and everything

**'Everything would be convenient to me ... restaurants, coffee houses and everything else. With all the current events and features they have downtown now, it would be exciting to be part of it.'**

Ron Failing  
—Mayflower hopeful

else," said Failing. "With all the current events and features they have downtown now, it would be exciting to be part of it."

D'Alexander met with members of the Downtown Development Authority this week, keeping them up-to-date on the project.

"We want to bring everyone together to

make it successful," he said. "We don't want to come in here like a bull in a china shop. We want to make sure we're friendly to the community."

Thus far, Tri-Mount Vincenti Companies has done that as downtown business are excited about the new project and what it can do to revitalize the city's most prized corner.

"This is going to be the biggest thing to hit Plymouth," said Sharon Pugh, owner of Sideways. "And, with the new restaurants coming in, this will change the complexion of downtown."

"This is going to be fabulous," added Melanie Purcell, DDA director. "It's a very exciting time to be in Plymouth."

D'Alexander said Tri-Mount is continuing with plans to build a two-story office complex with third floor condos on Penniman Street. However, that project probably won't begin construction until after the Mayflower Centre project is completed

## New system will make booking system high-tech

BY SUE BUCK  
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The Plymouth Township board is expected to approve the purchase of an automated mug shot and fingerprint system for its police department.

The system will automate the prisoner arrest and booking process.

Seventy-five percent of the cost — \$59,878 — will come from a federal COPS MORE grant. The township has agreed to pay 25 percent of the total project cost, \$19,959.50.

The system will be used in conjunction with the Court and Law Enforcement Management Information System, known as CLEMIS.

The equipment can be used to process information in every arrest, said Plymouth Township Police Chief Larry Carey. The township police department makes about 900 arrests a year, the City of Plymouth Police Department makes about 350 arrests annually, said Plymouth Township Lt. Robert Smith.

The equipment is designed to increase police presence on the road, Carey said. "The thing about mug shots is that it is a crime-solving tool. It creates an arrest record on the computer system. The beauty of the system is that you have access to every arrestee in Oakland, Livonia, Northville, etc."

Police can do a search using a word description of height, weight, hair color, tattoos, etc., he said.

After having a request to create more space denied, Carey will arrange an existing five-by-five-foot space in the police station to accommodate the equipment.

"There was a request to renovate space and the board said no," said Plymouth Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy.

"The building is not adequate for police work period, truthfully," Carey said.

"You're not getting a castle," responded Trustee Kay Arnold to Carey.

Some board members wondered whether some of the cost could be deflected to the city. The City of Plymouth and Plymouth Township merged dispatch operations Nov. 1. The combined dispatch operates from the Plymouth Township police station located on Ann Arbor and Lilley Roads.

"Does this fall under police or communications?" asked Treasurer Ron Edwards. "Can we charge part of this to the city?"

Certainly it's related, said Trustees Chuck Curmi and Ron Griffith.

"That's a perfectly logical question," Curmi said. "The city would need fingerprinting equipment. So there is some capital saved and some capital shared."

"We'll have to look at that," Keen McCarthy said. The plan is for the dispatchers to eventually assist with the task of processing prisoners and the city is already sharing in those costs, she said.



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# Wendover to sell Crier as part of Chapter 11 reorganization plan

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
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The Community Crier newspaper has filed its Chapter 11 reorganization plan in federal bankruptcy court which, in part, calls for the sale of the newspaper owned by W. Edward Wendover.

"The plan of reorganization provides for the sale of all assets to Willett Communications," said Willard Hawley, the Crier's Bingham Farms attorney. "I believe a new company, Willow Media, will be formed by Dave Willett."

Hawley said a final court hearing on the reorganization plan will be held April 3, after creditors vote on the plan. A majority of creditors need to approve the plan in order for it to be approved by the court, according to Hawley.

Hawley said he couldn't discuss how much was offered for the Crier and its assets. However, he did disclose that the newspaper owes \$687,000 in unsecured debt; secured debt of \$50,000 to National City Bank; plus secured and priority debt for federal and state taxes of \$107,000.

Willett told the Observer "I can't discuss the situation until next week."

Wendover was not available for comment. However, in its Feb. 23 issue, the newspaper noted the "retirement of its publisher, W. Edward Wendover."

The Crier also reported Wendover will serve as a consultant to Willett Communications, Eagle Graphics and the Crier. The newspaper said Wendover will also continue his Crier column, "With Malice Toward None."

## Unknown man approached student

Pioneer Middle School officials learned a day later that an unidentified man who sat in a car parked in the southwest corner of the school parking lot about 3 p.m. Feb. 17 asked a female student to get in his car, said Plymouth Township police.

"She did not report it right away," said Jamie Senkbeil, Plymouth Township police community resource officer. "He yelled out, 'Get in my car.' She ran to the school bus that takes her home."

School officials learned of the incident when the girl came to school Feb. 18 and told others, Senkbeil said. The school principal told police when he learned of it, she said.

### Marijuana possession

Township police made arrests for marijuana possession in two separate cases this week.

In a Feb. 18 case police stopped a man at Ann Arbor Road and Ann Arbor Trail about 3:30 p.m. who admitted that he had marijuana, according to a police report. The police officer found a baggie with a green, leafy substance under the driver's front seat and Zig-Zag rolling papers in the glove box and in the right pocket of his coat, which was on the front pas-

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senger seat.

Police arrested both the driver and a passenger for marijuana possession in the area of Eckles and Ann Arbor Road in an incident that occurred 11 p.m. Feb. 20. The police officer found a dime-size bag of marijuana between the seats and another similar bag in the sun visor, the report said.

### Recovered stolen car

Police recovered a 1995 Ford Mustang Feb. 20 valued at \$13,475 that was reported stolen in Detroit Feb. 19. They followed the driver to the area of M14 and Beck.

The driver said that the car belonged to his girlfriend, police said. Officers observed that the passenger door lock was punched out and the airbags were missing, according to the report.

### Possible embezzlement

The manager of the Burger King Restaurant on Five Mile Road told police Feb. 17 that he became suspicious that one of his employees had embezzled about \$1,500.

The employee is expected to be

terminated.

Employees receive complimentary food that is entered on the cash register as a free food transaction, the manager explained to police. These free food transactions usually total about \$20 a day, \$250 a month, he said.

He became concerned when he noticed that the register totals exceeded \$200 a day for the period from Feb. 1 through Feb. 10 in free food transactions. "The manager believes (the employee) is ringing employee meals and pocketing the money," the report said.

Though the manager said he wanted to prosecute, he brought neither the video surveillance tape of the employee at the cash register nor any of the register tapes that police said they needed to investigate the case, the report said.

### Property damage

The manager of Vassel's Restaurant on Main Street told police Feb. 19 that four patrons who visit regularly damaged a booth, table top and bathroom soap dispenser. The manager knew of no motive for their actions, according to the police report.

— Sue Buck

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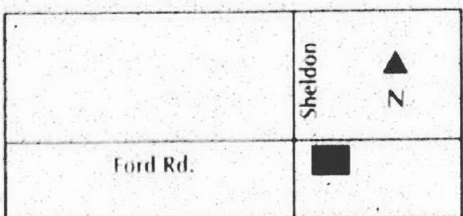
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# Grants link schools, library as partners

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM  
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Checking homework assignments on-line will be one of many activities Tonda Elementary students will be able to do thanks to a grant recently awarded to the Canton Public Library.

Canton Public Library received \$104,843 in federal grants through the Library Services and Technology Act. Funding will be used toward a schools/library program called "Partnership Uniting Libraries & Schools Electronically," or PULSE. The program will create a virtual library-school partnership.

Canton's Tonda Elementary School, Wayne-Westland's Walker-Winter Elementary School and Van Buren's Tyler Elementary School will participate in the program.

The school/library partnership will enable school students to access library resources, such as educational materials and books on-line, said George Belvitch, Tonda principal.

"They'll be able to use (the technology) as a homework link," he said, adding that homework assignments could be checked either from home or from the library.

The partnership is nothing new to Tonda.

■ 'They'll be able to use (the technology) as a homework link.'

George Belvitch  
—Tonda principal

"Since Tonda opened as a school, we've tried to maintain as close of a relationship as possible with the Canton (Public) Library," he said.

Making sure students get library cards and learn how to use libraries are important priorities, he added.

The grant money will fund six new laptop computers, a large monitor to be used as a "floating station" where teachers can set up personalized Web sites for their classrooms. Teachers will also be able to post their homework assignments on-line.

"It just makes another good, positive connection in a community trying to get kids to be good, effective learners," Belvitch said. "I think it's pretty neat - the staff is excited about it."

Canton Public Library Director Jean Tabor said special conference software called

"Book Talk" will enable school students to post book reviews on the Web and talk back and forth about books they read. They'll also be able to request that the library stock particular books.

"It's a good way to promote using technology and make positive use of the Internet," Tabor said.

The library's youth site is one way the library is attempting to lure students to the library's resources.

"Our goal is to have so much good, well-organized information (on the Web site) that students will use the site," Tabor said.

If this pilot program is successful, Tabor said she hopes it will serve as a model for other school districts and libraries.

Another Wayne County library receiving grants was the River Rouge Branch of the Wayne County Library, which received \$23,975.

"Both of these libraries have worked extremely hard creating exciting technology programs for students," said State Sen. Loren Bennett. "These programs not only help students learn to read, but they open up a whole new world to kids through books and other wonderful library resources."

## CAMPUS NOTES

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.

### WHO'S WHO

Danielle Marie Orlewicz has been selected for inclusion in the 2000 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. She is a senior with a double major in elementary education and middle school education at Evangel University, Springfield, Mo. She is the daughter of Dennis and Cheryl Orlewicz of Plymouth and is a 1997 graduate of Ladywood High School in Livonia.

Nicole Hrycyk, a senior at North central College and a graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School, has been named to "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges." She is the daughter of Nicholas and Andrea Hrycyk of Canton.

Laura Logsdon of Canton and a senior at Northwood University has been named to "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges." She is the daughter of James and Debbie Logsdon.

### NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Maggie Gross of Canton is a member of the Golden Key National Honor Society at Central Michigan University. She is a senior at CMU majoring in secondary education and English, is a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School. She is the daughter of Stephen and Sue Gross.

Albion College student Theron R. Stinar is a new initiate to Alpha Lambda Delta, a national scholastic honors society for freshmen. Stinar is a sophomore at Albion College. He is the son of Kyle J. Stinar of Canton and a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School.

### STUDY ABROAD

Albion College's Laura M. Kogut is spending the spring semester studying in the University of New Castle, Australia, as part of Albion College's off-campus programs. Kogut is a junior majoring in visual arts and speech communication and theater. She is the daughter of Paul C. and Barbara A. Kogut of Canton. She is a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School.

### DEAN'S LIST

Jamie C. Johnson, a sophomore majoring in music at Adrian College were among 283 students who were named to the Fall semester dean's list. She is a 1998 graduate of Mercy High School and is the daughter of Carlton and Phyllis Johnson.

Christie Andersen of Canton was named to the Fall semester dean's list at the University of Hartford.

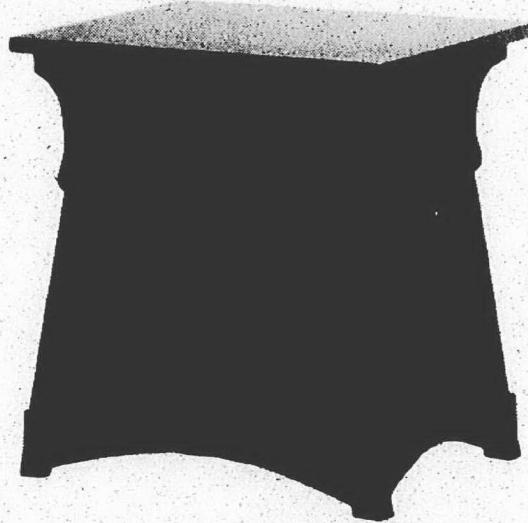
Stephanie K. Brawley of Canton was named to the dean's list at Wittenberg University for the Fall semester. She is the daughter of Sharon Kenny of Canton.

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|---------|---------------|---|
| Z-00-01 | 413 N. Harvey | Non-Use Variance Requested:<br>Side Yard & Rear Yard Setback<br>Zoned: R-1, Single Family Residential<br>Applicant: John & Marryann Hammill         |
| Z-00-02 | 172 N. Mill   | Non-Use Variance Requested:<br>Lot Split - Width & Square Footage<br>Zoned: RM-1, Multiple Family Residential<br>Applicant: Kathleen Boileau-Hodges |
| Z-00-03 | 510 Irvin     | Non-Use Variance Requested:<br>Side Yard Setback - Addition<br>Zoned: R-1, Single Family Residential<br>Applicant: Michael & Kathleen Blake         |
| Z-00-04 | 365 Maple     | Non-Use Variance Requested:<br>Side Yard Setback-Detached Garage<br>Zoned: R-1, Single Family Residential<br>Applicant: Lawrence Franka             |
| Z-00-05 | 155 S. Main   | Non-Use Variance Requested:<br>Front Yard & Rear Yard Setbacks - Addition<br>Zoned: O-1, Office<br>Applicant: Plymouth Historical Society           |

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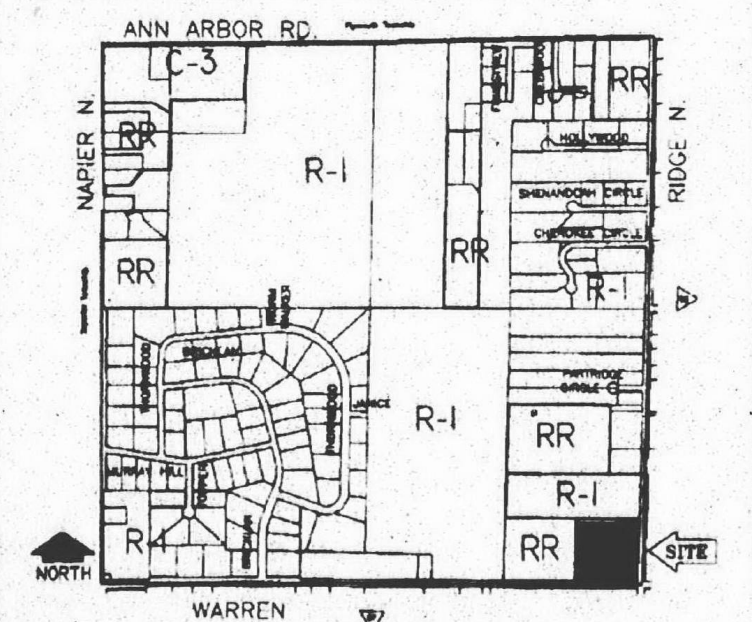
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### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

PURSUANT TO SECTION 27.03 OF THE CANTON TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE, THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, AT THEIR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 8, 2000, REFERRED THE FOLLOWING REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL BACK TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO REVIEW ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND CHANGES TO THE ORIGINAL PLAN SUBMITTED BY THE PETITIONER:

**CANTON CHARTER ACADEMY SPECIAL LAND USE** - RECONSIDER REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR A PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 11.02B-4 FOR PARCEL NOS. 024 99 0008 000 AND 024 99 0009 702. Property is located on the northwest corner of Ridge and Warren Roads.



The meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, February 28, 2000 in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road.

The revised information is available for public inspection in Planning Services at the above address.

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the above address prior to Thursday, February 24, 2000 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

Published February 20 and 24, 2000



OBITUARIES

**WILLIE B. PINION**

Services for Willie B. Pinion, 76, of Westland (formerly of Plymouth) were Feb. 19 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth with the Rev. James Trump Sr. officiating. Burial was in Knollwood Cemetery, Canton Township.

He was born Sept. 4, 1923 in Obion County, Tenn. He died Feb. 17 in Livonia. He was a factory worker. He came to the Westland community in 1963 from Plymouth. He was a lifetime member of the National Rifle Association. He loved hunting, baseball, and nature. Most of all he loved his family.

He was preceded in death by his son, Danny Pinion. Survivors include his wife, Margaret of Westland; three children, Jim (Patsy) Pinion of Westland, Patricia (Robert) Surret-McClure of Canton and Deborah (Dale) Justice of Romulus; two brothers, James Edward Pinion of Tenn. and Marvin Lee Pinion of Westland; one sister, Ida Viola of Tenn.; six grandchildren, James David Pinion, Michelle Ann McClure-Sullens, Kelly Justice, Stephen Justice, Christopher McGraw and Jennifer McGraw; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital, Memphis, Tenn.

**SADIE C. MCCRARY**

Services for Sadie C. McCrary, 88, of Westland (formerly of Plymouth Township) were Feb. 19 at the Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth Township with the Rev. David Martin officiating.

She was born Sept. 3, 1911 in Imboden, Ark. She died Feb. 17 in Westland. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by 10 brothers and sisters. Survivors include her daughter, Sandra Mathis of Georgetown, Texas; and six grandchildren, Brenda McKeehan, Deborah Hosch of Plymouth, David Anderson, James Mathis, Kathryn Bracamontez and Joseph Mathis.

Memorials may be made to the charity of your choice.

**SHIRLEY MAE BASSETT**

Services for Shirley Mae Bassett, 64, of Wayne were Jan. 4 at Uht Funeral Home with the Rev. David Dahlberg officiating.

She was born July 27, 1935. She died Dec. 31, 1999 at Oakwood Hospital. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband, Ronald F. Bassett Sr.; two sons, Ronald F. (Joan) Bassett Jr., Roger (Denice) Bassett; one daughter, Geneva (Danie) Cantrell; four brothers, Donald Schroeder of Plymouth, Leon Schroeder, Floyd Schroeder, Geri Pierce; one sister, Dorothy Perkins; 10 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

**LEMBI S. BAKER**

Services for Lembi S. Baker, 89, of Plymouth were held Feb. 19 at the Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth, with Jerry Yarnell officiating.

She was born Nov. 3, 1910, in Kearsarge, Mich., and died Feb. 10 in Plymouth. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Jon and Aina Karna. Survivors include her daughter, Lois (Frederick) H. Gruhler of Plymouth; granddaughter, Amy Gruhler of Plymouth; two nephews; four nieces; and one great-granddaughter, Alexa Rickert of Plymouth.

**DONALD FRANK GOTTSCHALK**

Services for Donald Frank Gottschalk, 69, of Plymouth were Feb. 24 at St. John Neumann Catholic Church with burial in Lapham Cemetery, Salem, Mich.

He was born March 1, 1930 in Plymouth. He died Feb. 21 in Plymouth. He was a building contractor. He started his business in 1958 doing contracting work in the Plymouth community. Prior to his military service and upon his return from his enlistment, he worked at Daisy Air Rifle Co.. He was a life-long Plymouth resident. He was a member of the Nomads, a travel group. He served in the United States Marine Corps during the Korean Conflict.

He was preceded in death by his parents, George and Florence Gottschalk. Survivors include his wife, Norma Gottschalk of Plymouth; four daughters, Debbie (Frank) Bence of Canton, Janet (Thomas) Finck of Saline, Carol Gottschalk of Plymouth and Karen (Timothy) Wright of Ann Arbor; one son, Michael (Susan) Gottschalk of Canton; two brothers, Robert (Geraldine) Gottschalk of Honor, Mich., and George (Margaret)

Gottschalk of Honor, Mich.; and six grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the St. John Neumann Catholic Church Building Fund.

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

**CAROLE JEAN COLE**

Services for Carole Jean Cole, 61, of Allen Park were Feb. 24 at St. John Neumann Catholic Church with the Rev. Jack Quinlan officiating. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

She was born June 25, 1938 in Detroit. She died Feb. 19 in Detroit. She was a home child care provider. She has lived in

Allen Park for 35 years. She loved children and family.

She was preceded in death by one sister, Janice Carriere. Survivors include her son, Donald (Marsha) Oliver of West Haven, Conn.; two daughters, Michele Oliver of Commerce, Mich., and Kimberly (Robert) Peterson of Plymouth; mother, Joyce Oatman of Dearborn; two brothers, Donald (Pat) Oatman of Dearborn Heights and Raymond Oatman of Dearborn Heights; one sister, Pat Vargo of Riverview; friend, Donald Carriere of Livonia; and seven grandchildren, Alisha Oliver, Tiffany Oliver, Desmond Oliver, Alexandra Oliver, Robert Peterson III, Nicholas Peterson and Parker

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**ELIZABETH M. "BESSIE" FOERSTER**

Services for Elizabeth M. "Bessie" Foerster, 81, of Salem Township were Feb. 2 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth with Pastor Drex Morton officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth.

She was born Nov. 13, 1918 in Kingston, Ontario, Canada. She died Feb. 19 in Howell, Mich. She was a homemaker. She came to the Salem Township community 57 years ago. She loved to read and do puzzles and she loved her cat.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Norman Foerster Sr.; and her parents, William

and Hannah Porter. Survivors include her four children, Patricia (Harry) Detweiler of Calif., Mary L. Rudd of Ann Arbor, Sandra (Clinton) Hoard of Gregory, Mich., and Norman Jr. (Lois) of Hamburg, Mich.; two brothers, Ray Porter of Manchester, Mich., and Tom Porter of Gregory, Mich.; three sisters, Marion (Irvine) Rummel of Dexter, Mich., Gertrude Eisele of Manchester and Connie (Edwin) Wright of Wellston, Mich.; 12 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

**GERALDINE JASEWICZ**

Services for Geraldine Jasewicz, 69, of Westland were Feb. 23 at the L.J. Griffin Funer-

al Home, Canton with Deacon Joe Daratony from Resurrection Church in Canton officiating. Burial was in Cadillac Memorial West.

She was born Sept. 25, 1930 in Coffee County, Georgia. She died Feb. 20 at Henry Ford Hospital. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband, Wasyll B.; three sons, William B., George S., and Allen D. (Michelle) of Canton; two daughters, Janice M. (Terry) Scoville and Ann M. (Jonny) Grigorian; three brothers, Lowell Corbitt, Ozzie Corbitt and Weston Corbitt; two sisters, Ida Walker and Varah Appleyard; and nine grandchildren.

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# Plymouth company erects Midfield Terminal frame

BY RICHARD PEARL  
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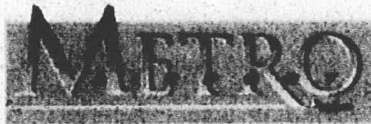
A Plymouth Township firm has a weighty role in the new construction at Detroit Metro Airport — 30 million pounds' worth, to be exact.

That's how much structural steel — more than 15,000 tons — National Riggers & Erectors Inc. needs to assemble the framework of the milelong Midfield Terminal.

"More than a mile, actually, over 5,600 feet long," corrects Bob Dunn, company president and chief executive officer, in discussing the terminal project, which includes a retail mall, underground tram and 74-gate passenger concourses, all scheduled to open December 2001.

It's the biggest project National has ever handled by itself — some 200,000 man-hours, says Dunn — and the company has no intention of missing the August 2000 deadline.

Although the \$14-million contract has "a very expensive non-completion penalty" for tardiness, there's more to it than that: National has a national reputation to uphold.



It's been ranked among the top five steel-rigging firms in dollar-volume of business by *Engineering News Record* magazine since 1993 and counts General Motors, Ford, Chrysler, Toyota and Honda and aircraft manufacturer Boeing as its customers, both locally and nationally.

In addition to Northwest Airlines' Midfield project, National and its predecessor, General Riggers & Erectors of Detroit, have participated in or handled solo such other top local projects as the steelwork for the baseball Tigers' new Detroit home and, some years ago, the expansion of Cobo Hall.

The \$4.5-million Comerica Park project saw National managing the steelwork for Hamburg-based Ideal Steel, a minority firm, according to Dunn.

#### Largest to date

Its largest project to date overall was a \$32-million steel mill

job in southern Indiana for an Ohio firm, AK Steel. "We had the electrical and siding subcontracts, also the roofing subs," says Dunn. "We were the general (contractor) for about half the job."

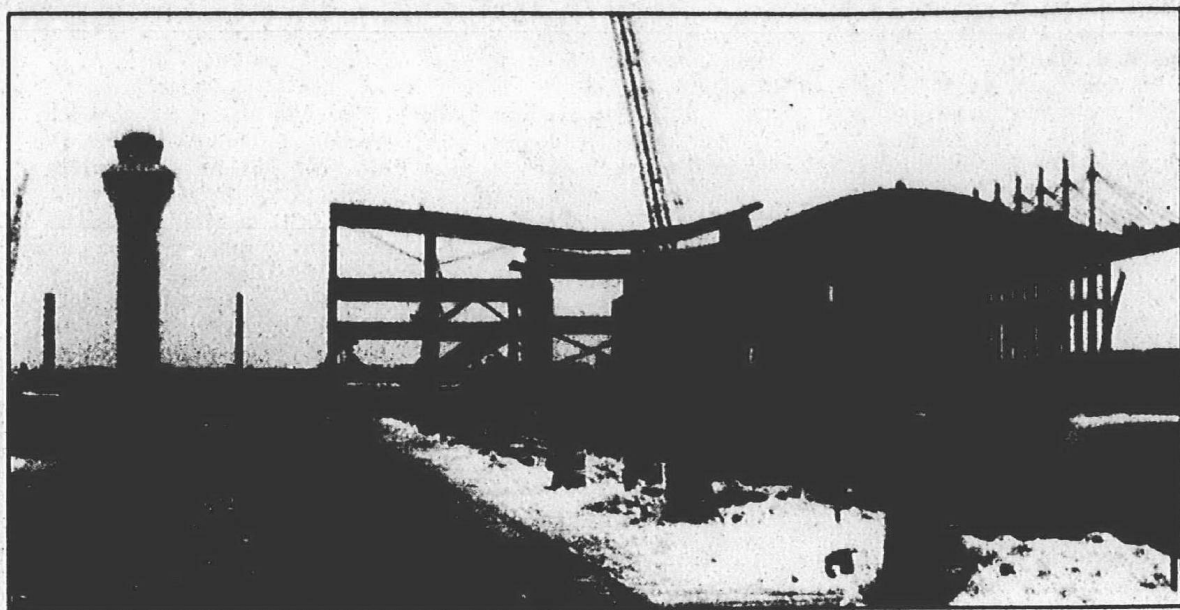
By contrast, he says, the Metro Midfield is "about the largest project we have ever self-performed."

Andrea Cole, National's contract manager, says the firm "hopes to have some involvement" in Ford Field, future downtown home of the Detroit Lions football team.

A City of Plymouth resident, Cole counts 18 years in the steel-rigging business. She was with General Riggers in 1988 when Dunn, then its executive vice president, purchased it and renamed it National.

The company moved from downtown Detroit to Metro West Industrial Park in Plymouth Township in '92, the same year it was purchased by its biggest supplier, Havens Steel Co. of Kansas City.

Cole says most of the 14 administrative staffers at National's headquarters live either in the Plymouths, Canton



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

**Elegant frame:** National Riggers & Erectors Inc. of Plymouth has assembled the framework for the new Midfield Terminal at Metro Airport.

Township, Livonia or the Northvilles.

Steelwork has inherent dangers: The new Midfield Terminal's roof, a convex structure with concave turnouts, can be slippery and treacherous for riggers, especially in winter.

But Bob Dunn says National has "one of the best safety records in the country" through its use of "leading-edge technology" in both on-site safety gear and practices and procedures.

"We require all personnel to wear full-body harnesses when

working on steel," he says. "It's one of the policies we've always employed as a company, even before it was required by our customers."

#### Zero tolerance

"Anytime you leave the ground, you have to be tied-off 100 percent," he emphasizes, citing National's "zero-tolerance" safety policy.

Then, sounding much like a New York City cop's son — which he happens to be — Dunn lays down the law: "Once the policy

has been explained to you and you're not tied off, you can't work here."

How did a Big Apple native become a Michigan resident?

The Novi resident initially came to Ann Arbor to complete work on an aeronautical engineering degree at the University of Michigan.

"I got into the construction business while applying for law school at U-M, loved it and have been doing it ever since," he says.

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**High flyer:** Carl Schultz of Plymouth Township uses his twin-engine Beechcraft, which he hangs at Willow Run Airport, to fly medical missions for AirLifeLine.

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# A wing and a prayer

## Pilot's missions of mercy give aid, hope to medical patients

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Carl Schultz doesn't just fly the friendly skies. He flies them with a purpose. Schultz, a Plymouth Township resident and business owner, is one of 1,000 pilots who donate their time and fuel to fly their private planes to transport patients to medical centers across the United States.

Schultz flies for AirLifeLine, based in Sacramento, Calif.

"It was started in 1978 when a pilot was asked to fly to transport an organ," Schultz said.

A pilot leaving the state asked Schultz to be part of AirLifeLine 10 years ago. Schultz has also flown for Wings of Mercy, a similar service based in Holland, Mich., which reimburses pilots for fuel. Both organizations have contact with U.S. hospitals.

"We're not an ambulance service," said Schultz, who flies a twin-engine Beechcraft hangared at Willow Run Airport. "We're typically involved with people who have to go back for repeated treatments or in search of doctors. The people we fly are not necessarily indigents. You can be a person with a nice home and two cars in the garage but get hit with medical expenses that devour everything you have saved. People get strapped."

Taking a patient from northern Michigan to the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., for example, could be a 14-hour drive or an expensive flight. That's agony for seriously ill patients. "We can fly them there," said Schultz, who has been a pilot for 25 years. "That's a four-hour flight with a fuel stop."

The flights have to be a match with the weather, location and time. "You see these people who are desperately trying to hang onto life and then you hear about all these kids who are throwing away their lives on drugs," Schultz said. "These people would trade their bodies in a flash. It's a shame."

Schultz talked about some of his flights with AirLifeLine.

There was the young woman with a severe heart condition who had become pregnant against the doctor's advice. Schultz flew her back and forth from Grand Rapids to the Mayo Clinic.

"Our planes fly at low altitude so if there is any bumping, we will probably get it down low," he said. "I was trying to keep her low thinking, 'Lord, give me some smooth air. I don't want her having this baby in the middle of Lake Michigan.'"

They made it. Schultz flew a mother with a daughter who had a brain tumor to the Carolinas on their desperate search for a doctor who could help.

"It's interesting because we sit here in the city with great hospitals and a lot of talent," Schultz said. "I didn't realize it before but there are doctors around the country who are famous and specialize in certain things."

On another flight, Schultz and a co-pilot flew to the Carolinas to pick up a young aircraft mechanic with cancer to take him back for what, sadly, was to be his last trip to the family farm in Michigan.

"I heard that he had taken flying lessons," Schultz recalled. "When we landed here in Michigan, I asked if he would like to fly the plane. He flew in the co-pilot's seat. We flew over the family farm and over the fields. The neighbors were all waving. It was his last flight. In two weeks he was gone."

The children Schultz transports are always good-natured and eager for an airplane ride, no matter how sick they are.

He picked up a 6-year-old boy in Ohio and flew him to Children's Hospital in St. Paul, Minn. When they landed in the airport, Schultz took him to the gift shop and bought him a Top Gun jacket. The women who worked in the shop, learning about the boy's illness, showered him with gifts.

Schultz also flew a Canadian boy with palsy to Children's Hospital in Chicago. The doctors had told him nothing could be done, advising the family to take him home and buy him a wheelchair, Schultz said.

"They said that he was in a cast that I thought was on his leg, but when I met him at the airport, he was in a full-body cast," Schultz said. "I remember trying to get him in the airplane. He wouldn't fit in the seat. I had to lay the seat way back, lay him in like a plank and tie him in with a rope with a bow that we could un-do in a hurry."

Besides the kind words and numerous thank you

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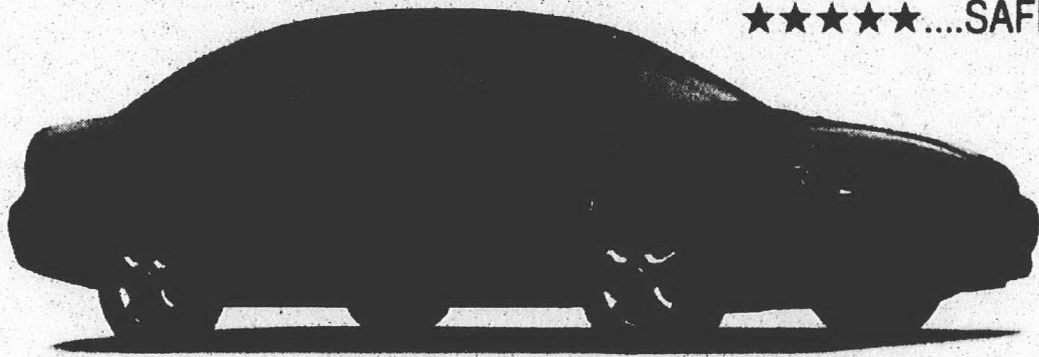
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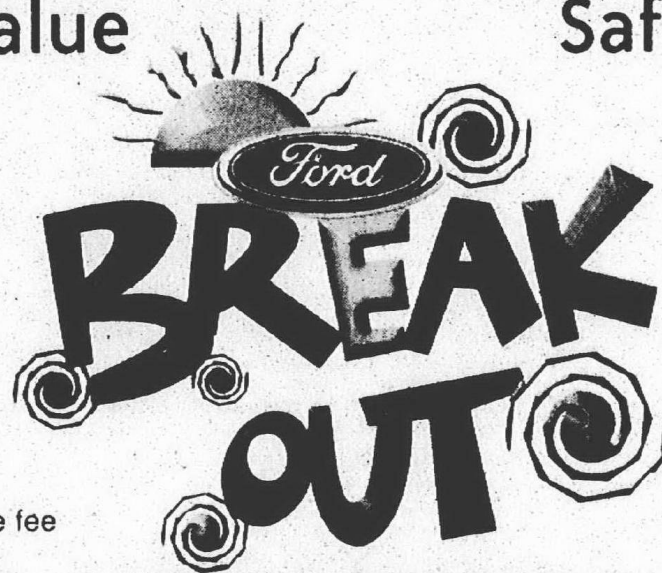
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# School station marks 28th year

Rob Milford called Monday to wish the WSDP staff a Happy 28th Birthday.

Who better to call? Milford was on the station's staff when it signed on Feb. 14, 1972.

Under the leadership of Dennis Dove, former general manager of WSDP, the student staff began planning the station almost two years before its arrival. According to Milford, the time leading up to the sign-on date was very busy.

"The rooms were there and then the equipment was delivered in the fall of 1971," he recalled. "The engineers were plugging it in and then they put the tower on the roof, the little red light started flashing and the excitement was just tremendous."

The station signed on at noon with a mission of training students in broadcasting and serving the Plymouth-Canton community. Milford said people like Dove, former Salem principal Bill Brown and former superintendent John Haben deserve great credit for their vision.

"They bought into it and said 'This could be exciting, this could be educational as well,' and I think their guts back in the early 1970's has paid off," Milford said.

WSDP also owes a debt of thanks to past sta-

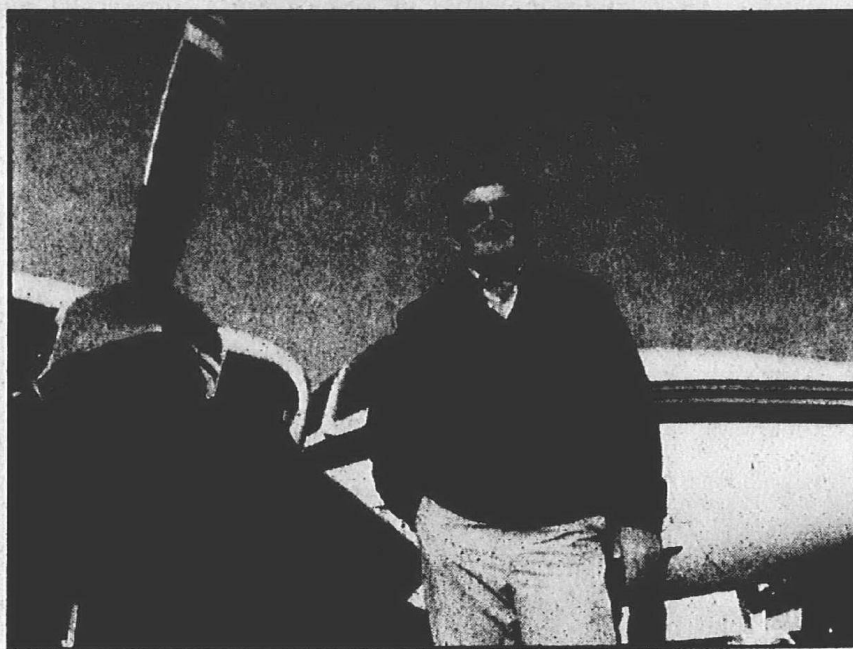
tion managers Mary Phyl Sieger, Jeff Cardinal, Andy Malin and Dave Snyder, along with long-time adviser John Seidelman.

Milford knows the benefits of a program like WSDP. He now works for OBS Radio News in Dallas. Milford will be visiting the Plymouth-Canton area in April when the PCEP Theater Department bids farewell to Gloria Logan, long-time drama teacher and director.

Milford has made a habit of calling the station each Valentine's Day.

"It is always a pleasant surprise to hear from Rob," said station manager Bill Keith. "It's easy to get very busy with day-to-day things, but every time he calls I'm reminded about how important WSDP has been in so many people's lives."

A history of WSDP was published in 1998. The 32-page booklet was co-written by the station's six general managers. If you would like a copy call WSDP at (734) 416-7732. WSDP is owned and operated by the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. The station is staffed by over 30 volunteer students at Plymouth Canton and Salem High Schools.



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HUBSCHMANN

**On a mission: Carl Schultz of Plymouth Township is one of 1,000 pilots who donate their time and fuel to fly their private planes to transport patients to medical centers across the United States.**

## Pilot from page A9

cards, Schultz has received kudos of quiet and simple gratitude, like that given by a North Dakota family at an airport on the banks of the Mississippi

River. "My thank you was a hug and a big bag of beef jerky," Schultz said. "The woman's sister had killed an elk and made beef jerky out of it. It was delicious."

Schultz's efforts also fall close to home annually by delivering toys during Operation Good Cheer, sponsored by Ford Motor Credit during the Christmas holidays. The effort sends gifts to foster and group homes throughout Michigan. "This year they had 18,000 gifts," Schultz said.

Schultz called Plymouth Township Police Sgt. Jim Jarvis a hero two years ago during a bad snow storm when the two of them were trying to get to Marquette.

"We were getting low on fuel and we diverted and landed in Iron Mountain," Schultz said. "We couldn't get any further. The roads were closed. Jim got on the phone and got hold of the state police. They sent a four wheel drive and we packed all the gifts in and they drove them through on time for Christmas."

Jarvis has equally high praise for Schultz and describes him as "personable."

Schultz is the owner of Sealant Equipment & Engineering, housed in two buildings, one on Helm Street that specializes in the development of precision

meter/mix, custom-designed dispense systems and valves, adhesives and sealant, for a variety of industries; and the other, an engineering, tech and machine shop on Mast. Both are located in Plymouth Township.

In the business since 1967, Schultz had a shop at Seven Mile and Beech Daly roads in Redford Township until 1970. The business has been located in Plymouth Township eight years, serving the automotive, recreational, aircraft, defense and electronics industries.

"We do a lot of military and defense work," Schultz said. During Desert Storm, the company bonded the tanks and equipment on bomber jets. It helped to make sonar buoys that track ships in the ocean getting a signature off the ship to tell who it is.

Schultz and wife Isabelle, who were high school sweethearts at Lincoln Park High School and have been married for 44 years, have four sons in the business, James, Chris, Carl Jr., and Nicolo (Nick).

To help with Operation Good Cheer contact Schultz by e-mail, [seebede@aol.com](mailto:seebede@aol.com).

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TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

Publish: February 24, 2000

### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 10:00 a.m., March 9, 2000 for the following:

#### PURCHASE OF ONE (1) FAIRWAY MOWER

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TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

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### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BOARD OF REVIEW APPOINTMENTS

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned, Terry G. Bennett, Clerk of the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan to all residents of the Charter Township of Canton: that all persons protesting their assessment must complete petitions prior to appearing before the Board. A personal appearance is not required. All petitions must be received in the Assessor's office by March 15, 2000.

The Board of Review will be held in Canton Township Hall in the lower level, at 1150 S. Canton Center Road. Please come prepared, as an eight (8) minute time limit before the Board will be strictly adhered to.

Saturday, March 11, 2000 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. (Walk-in Schedule)  
Monday, March 13, 2000 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Appointments Only)  
Tuesday, March 14, 2000 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. & 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Appointments Only)

For answers to questions, call Emily Pizzo, Secretary to the Board of Review (734) 397-6831.

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk  
Charter Township of Canton

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### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 10:00 a.m., March 9, 2000 for the following:

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TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

Publish: February 24, 2000

### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON PROPOSALS FOR PROFESSIONAL CONSULTING SERVICES in preparing the STORMWATER DETENTION BASIN VEGETATION BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICE

Sealed proposals for PROFESSIONAL CONSULTING SERVICES in preparing the STORMWATER DETENTION BASIN VEGETATION BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICE will be received by Charter Township of Canton, Engineering Services, 2nd Floor, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188 until 5:00 p.m. March 9, 2000.

Requests for Proposal Documents may be picked up at:

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Canton, MI 48188

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The Township reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.

Publish: February 24, 27 and March 2, 2000



### 2000 CITY OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE OF HEARINGS ASSESSMENT BOARD OF REVIEW

The Board of Review for the City of Plymouth will convene in the City Commission Chambers, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170, for an Organizational Meeting on Tuesday, March 7, 2000 at 12:00 p.m.

The regular Board of Review session will begin:

- TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2000 @ 12:15 TO 6:00 P.M.
- WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 2000 @ 3:00 P.M. TO 9:00 P.M.

Other hearing dates and times may be scheduled as needed.

Hearings are by appointment only. COMPLETED 2000 BOARD OF REVIEW PETITIONS ARE NECESSARY and must be submitted to the Front Office located on the First Floor of City Hall before an appointment can be made. The "DEADLINE" for submitting petitions for all person wishing to appeal in person before the Board of Review is Wednesday, March 8, 2000 by 9:00 p.m.

A resident or non-resident taxpayer may file a petition with the Board of Review without the requirement of a personal appearance by the taxpayer or a representative. An agent must have written authority to represent the owner. Written petitions must be submitted by Monday, March 20, 2000.

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

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

If you have any questions regarding the March Board of Review, you may call (734) 453-1234, ext. 223.

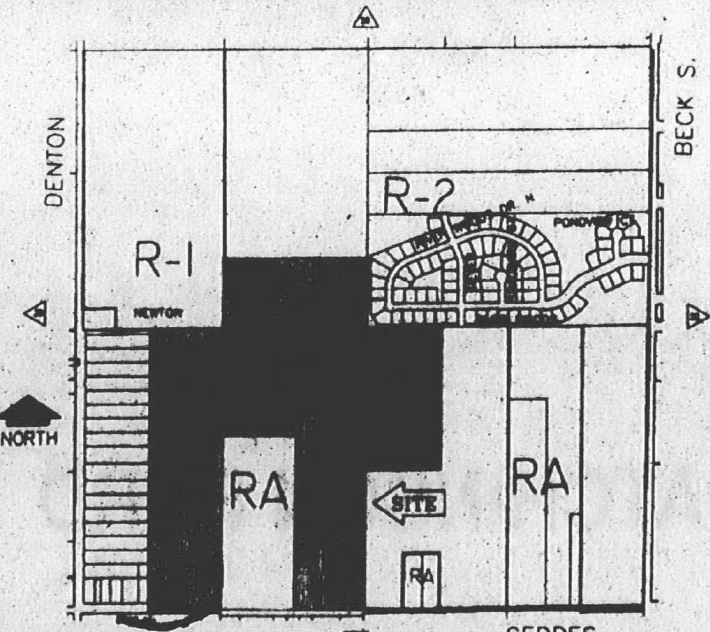
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City of Plymouth

Publish: February 24 and 27, March 2 and 12, 2000

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, March 6, 2000 in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed special land use request as provided in Section 27.03 of the Canton Township Zoning Ordinance:

**CENTRAL PARK SOUTH SUBDIVISION SPECIAL LAND USE** - CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR SINGLE FAMILY DETACHED CLUSTER DEVELOPMENT AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 11.02B.13 FOR PARCEL NOS. 114 99 0002 000, 115 99 0001 000, 115 99 0004 000, AND PART OF PARCEL NO. 115 99 0003 000. Property is located on the north side of Geddes Road between Denton and Beck Roads. (Rescheduled from February 7, 2000)



Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the above address prior to Thursday, March 2, 2000 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

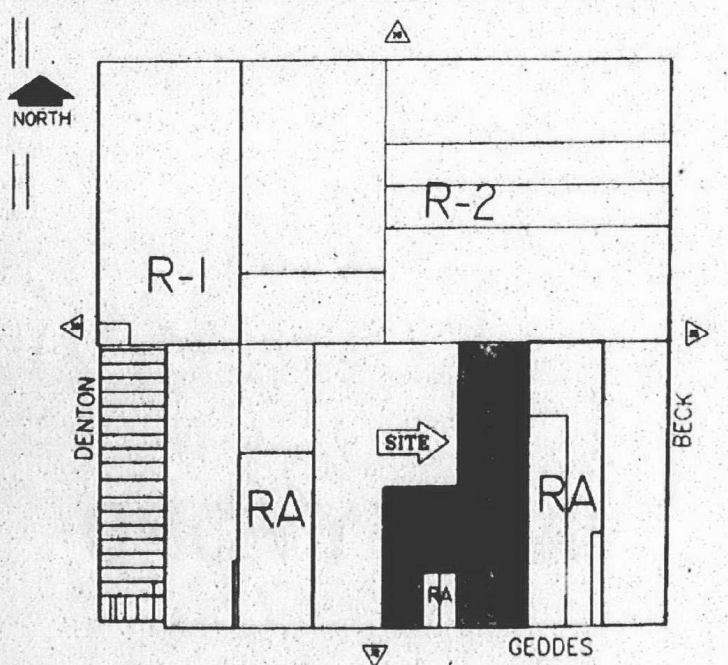
VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

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**FOWLER CREEK SUBDIVISION SPECIAL LAND USE** - CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR SINGLE-FAMILY DETACHED CLUSTER DEVELOPMENT AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 11.02B.13 FOR PARCEL NO. 116 99 0002 000. Property is located on the north side of Geddes Road between Beck and Denton Roads.



Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the above address prior to Thursday, March 2, 2000, in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

Publish: February 24, 2000

### LEGAL NOTICE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2000 PROGRESSIVE TOOL & INDUSTRIES CO.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: that a Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, February 29, 2000, during a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth to consider the request of Progressive Tool & Industries Company for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for their new facility located at 46201 Five Mile Road, Parcel C, Metro West Industrial Park Phase VI. The request includes new machinery and equipment; furniture and fixtures.

The request of Progressive Tool & Industries Company is on file in the Clerk's Office at Plymouth Township Hall where it is available for public perusal from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. During the public hearing any resident of Plymouth Township or members of the Legislative Board of any affected taxing unit in the Township shall have the right to appear and be heard. Written comments addressed to the Clerk will be considered.

The public hearing, commencing at 7:30 p.m., will be held in the Meeting Room at Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, on Tuesday, February 29, 2000. Phone Number 734-364-3224. Following the public hearing, the Board may decide on the request by resolution.

MARILYN MASSENGILL, OMC  
Plymouth Charter Township

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# Rouge panel wants floodplain action

BY RICHARD PEARL  
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A River Rouge advisory council leader is hoping the organization's first meeting of 2000 will stimulate the group's efforts to get floodplain ordinances updated at the grassroots level.

"It's the local units of government that can make the first changes," said Bill Craig, vice chairman of the River Rouge Remedial Action Plan Advisory Council, which oversees the river's clean-up and suggests ideas for improvement.

Newer, tighter ordinances by communities "might stimulate new (state) legislation to catch up with" the new laws.

Craig spoke in the wake of the council's meeting Feb. 16 at Westland's Bailey Recreation Center, during which two representatives of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality suggested council mem-

bers push locally for stronger ordinances regarding developments in the floodplain.

"Nothing stops a community from adopting more stringent requirements" than are called for by existing state law, said Jerry Fulcher, chief of MDEQ's transportation and flood hazard management unit in Lansing.

"Our hands are tied" by existing state ordinances, said Ashok Punjabi, the agency's land and water management district representative based in Livonia.

The discussion resulted from a motion last year by Craig's habitat and headwaters committee calling for floodplain permit restrictions.

The motion sought to get communities to further control construction of new buildings and parking lots, runoff from which Craig and committee members claim will cause "more floods, higher floods and longer (lasting) floods."

In their presentation to the council, Fulcher and Punjabi said, for example, that:

■ Michigan has tighter standards in gauging floodwater levels than does the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) — Michigan measures in tenths of a foot, FEMA in feet; and

■ that the floodplain maps in use are 10 to 20 years old and that funding is not currently available to FEMA to re-map.

To make matters worse, "Sometimes cities" in the floodplain "don't know they have ordinances" controlling development, Punjabi said.

From what the MDEQ representatives said, it's obvious "They're using existing regulations which might not be adequate for current land-use decisions," Craig commented.

"They can only use the regulations on the books, but we have a higher expectation of what can be done," he said.

He said his committee — which has been renamed the habitat and wildlife committee, in keeping with a council reorganization proposed by new president Kurt Heise — "was pleased that this discussion took place."

"Now more people will have a better understanding of our concern," Craig said. "Maybe there could be some movement. The most significant needs now may be in updating that information, getting new data."

Heise, whose purpose for reorganizing is to stimulate more member participation as the council moves toward its 2001 deadline for revising the Rouge advisory plan, said the six committees — down from nine — are to be approved at the next meeting, tentatively scheduled for April 19 in Troy.

"I used to think 2001 sounded kind of futuristic," said Heise. "But it's next year, it's real and it's almost here."

# County seeks fee from 9-1-1 calls made on cell phones

BY RICHARD PEARL  
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Wayne County and its municipalities are moving closer to qualifying, by the May 31 deadline, for new 9-1-1 emergency telephone revenue.

That is the date by which existing 9-1-1 plans must be modified to include the servicing of calls received from cellular phones.

A county commission resolution passed last week adopted tentative plan-amendments from each of the four 9-1-1 districts in the county — including the Conference of Western Wayne — and set up the requisite public hearing in 90 days.

If the plans are approved by the commission at the May 10 hearing, the county and participating municipalities will be able to share in revenue which a new 55-cent fee on cell-phones has been generating since November, according to Sam Washburn, county commission counsel.

The new revenue and equipment it will buy will "improve public safety and compliance," he said.

Cell-phone usage has mushroomed and "More and more emergency calls are coming in" from them "because people are out and around, see things and report" via the phones, Washburn said.

"The problem with the cell-phone is there is no caller ID and so no knowledge of where the call is coming from, so the

quick-fix placed on (a land-line call) is lost," Washburn said.

He was referring to the prank false-alarm calls that flooded public safety departments before the advent of 9-1-1 and caller ID, but which "evaporated" afterwards.

"It became hard for a person" to make such calls from land lines, "but cell-phones have made it possible again," the attorney said.

The public hearing will afford county commissioners the chance to approve the amended plans and notify the state before the May 31 deadline.

Communities choosing not to participate in the revenue-sharing can be withdrawn then, but any other changes will force adoption of a new tentative plan and scheduling of a new public hearing, according to County Clerk Teola P. Hunter.

Until last November, only land-line phones were assessed a 9-1-1 service charge. But since then, a 55-cent fee has been imposed on cell phones by federal and state law.

Washburn said 25 cents goes to the telephone service provider, five cents to the state and the remaining 25 cents to the counties and municipalities.

He added that a federal act passed in 1996 requires cell-phone manufacturers to begin installing identifiers on the units so that the caller's location is transmitted automatically.

# Bush defeat may doom open primaries

BY PAT MURPHY  
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Don't be surprised if Republican lawmakers move to end open primary elections in Michigan.

"Open primaries are an open invitation to disaster," Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson said Wednesday after underdog John McCain — on the strength of crossover votes from Democrats and independents — upset establishment-backed George W. Bush.

Patterson along with Gov. John Engler and other high-visibility Republicans were at the Westin Hotel in Southfield Tuesday for what was expected to be a victory party for the Texas governor.

But the party in the cavernous atrium never materialized. McCain got an early lead, according to radio and television reports. And the Arizona senator held on to win by more than 5 percent of the record turnout, according to uncertified tallies.

"I'm not going to bad-mouth McCain," said Patterson. "He ran a good campaign, appealing to the voters he needed to win."

"But it's pretty obvious what happened. McCain won because he appealed to Democratic and Independent voters who could

crossover and vote in the Republican primary. That's gotta be fixed, and a number of state legislators there last night agreed."

Let's see what happens in states where only Republicans can vote to nominate the Republican candidate, said Patterson, who said he remains confident Bush will win the GOP nomination as well as the presidency.

Patterson said he disagrees with those — especially Epic-MRA, the Lansing based research firm — who contend McCain's victory was an indication of deeper problems with the candidacy of Bush, the governor of Texas and son of a former President.

John Cavanagh, a partner with Epic-MRA, Wednesday said McCain's victory was not the result of Democratic mischief, but his moderate message. "Our polling indicates McCain has an appeal that transcends party affiliation," he said. "About 80 percent of those (questioned) who voted for McCain Tuesday said they were certain they'd vote for him in November."

Cavanagh agreed with his partner, Ed Sarpolus who said Republicans who blame Democrats for Bush's loss are trying to protect their image by blaming somebody else.

Mitchell, however, disagreed. "Democrats played the spoilers. They were out to stick it to John Engler," he said.

"Because of the crossover vote, this was a Republican primary that wasn't Republican," said the president of Mitchell Research & Communications, Inc. "I agree with Gov. Engler, McCain rented a few Democrats for awhile. But they'll go back to the Democratic Party in November."

Mitchell attributed Bush's loss to:

- Democratic and Independent crossover voters.
- The candidacy of Alan Keyes, who garnered about five percent of the vote — most of which Mitchell said would otherwise have gone to Bush.
- Negative phone calls against Bush, including some claiming he is anti-Catholic.

Asked if he was certain those

calls came from the McCain camp, Mitchell said. "Those negative calls were the handiwork of Mike Murphy (former Engler strategist now supporting McCain). There's no doubt they came from him."

At the Westin Tuesday, Bush supporters were clearly disappointed by the results. Occasionally, a few would wave signs and begin chanting, "Bush, Bush, Bush..." But the chant never caught on and quickly died.

Disappointment, however, never turned to despair.

Jonathan Farley of Plymouth confidently predicted Bush would win. "Maybe not tonight," he said, "but he'll win the GOP nomination."

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# The census

## Let's help get accurate count

The fight to keep personal details private has become a huge issue in the Information Age. With every mouse click, every swipe of bar code at the supermarket checkout, someone is gaining access to part of your life, often with the intention to profit from it.

So it's understandable that Plymouth residents would approach the 2000 census with apprehension and even a certain degree of suspicion. We're really not sure what to do about that. The Observer can't force you to fill out the forms that will arrive in your mailbox next month or talk to a census enumerator if he or she appears at your door.

What we can do is present facts about the census. And we can point out the reality that much about the quality of life in Plymouth — from the education children receive to housing for senior citizens — depends on turning in an accurate count. That's because in communities where the population is growing rapidly, federal and state dollars that funnel down through revenue sharing programs are stretched proportionately tighter than in towns where the population is stable or declining.

The official U.S. census is taken every 10 years, as mandated by the Constitution. The first attempted head count of every American was in 1790. Of course, the technology has improved since then, although controversy still exists about undercounts, particularly among homeless people and those who have

less-than-permanent addresses. While the count is essentially non-partisan, the numbers are used to fix congressional and state house districts, which often leads to wrangling between Democrats and Republicans.

Information provided by residents on census forms is confidential. On both the short and long forms, questions are detailed but don't ask for names, Social Security Numbers or any other identifying factors of people living in the household. While the information isn't sold by the government to marketers or other agencies, the statistics are considered public information and are widely available.

Your best bet is to fill out the form as completely as possible and mail it back to the census bureau. Enumerators will begin their "house calls" in April, visiting homes where forms haven't been returned.

The 1990 census showed Plymouth Township with 23,648 residents, the City of Plymouth with 9,560. Those numbers will obviously go up with the 2000 census, meaning the amount of state-shared revenue goes up, as well. That's extra money for the general funds.

Besides state shared revenue, federal money for things like the Community Development Block Grant program is determined from census counts.

Anyone with questions about the census may call the township clerk's office at (734) 453-3840.

# Counties right to fight ruling

In November, the Michigan State Tax Commission implemented new personal property depreciation tables for electric and gas utilities.

The commission changed the multiplier to be used by local assessors to value electric and gas utility personal property (equipment, transmission and distribution lines, not land). Under the new system an assessor uses the "net book value" of the property, the cost of the property when purchased or installed, instead of current day replacement costs.

This decision results in a windfall for the utilities that could amount to up to \$116 million and a severe burden in lost taxes for local governments.

Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties sought an injunction to stop implementation of the new system, but on Jan. 28 Chief Circuit Court Judge Michael F. Sapala ruled against the injunction allowing the commission to proceed.

The counties will now pursue their complaint with the Michigan State Tax Tribunal. Several local communities, including Livonia, Farmington and Farmington Hills, have joined in the suit. The Michigan Chamber of Commerce has joined in supporting the position of the tax commission and the utilities. Chamber President Jim Barrett has called the suit "frivolous."

We believe that the counties should pursue their complaint. A suit which seeks to preserve millions in tax dollars and opposes special treatment for the utility companies is anything but "frivolous."

In a press release from Wayne County, the position taken by the counties is clear: "The counties sought to maintain the status quo, until further evidence suggesting an improved method of valuation could be presented. Assessed values historically have been based on the current value of the property, minus depreciation and are the foundation for tax

revenue by every city, county, township and school district."

This seems to be a reasonable request. Perhaps the utilities do need some tax relief, but this isn't the way to do it and the tax shortage it will cause could be devastating, resulting in cutbacks in programs when they are most needed.

Several of our communities have experienced an unusually high number of power outages in the last few years, but we aren't hearing any guarantee that the money saved in taxes will be used to upgrade the equipment being taxed.

Instead, it seems like another example of the state rewarding big business at the expense of local communities, and if it works for the utilities maybe other big businesses will do the same.

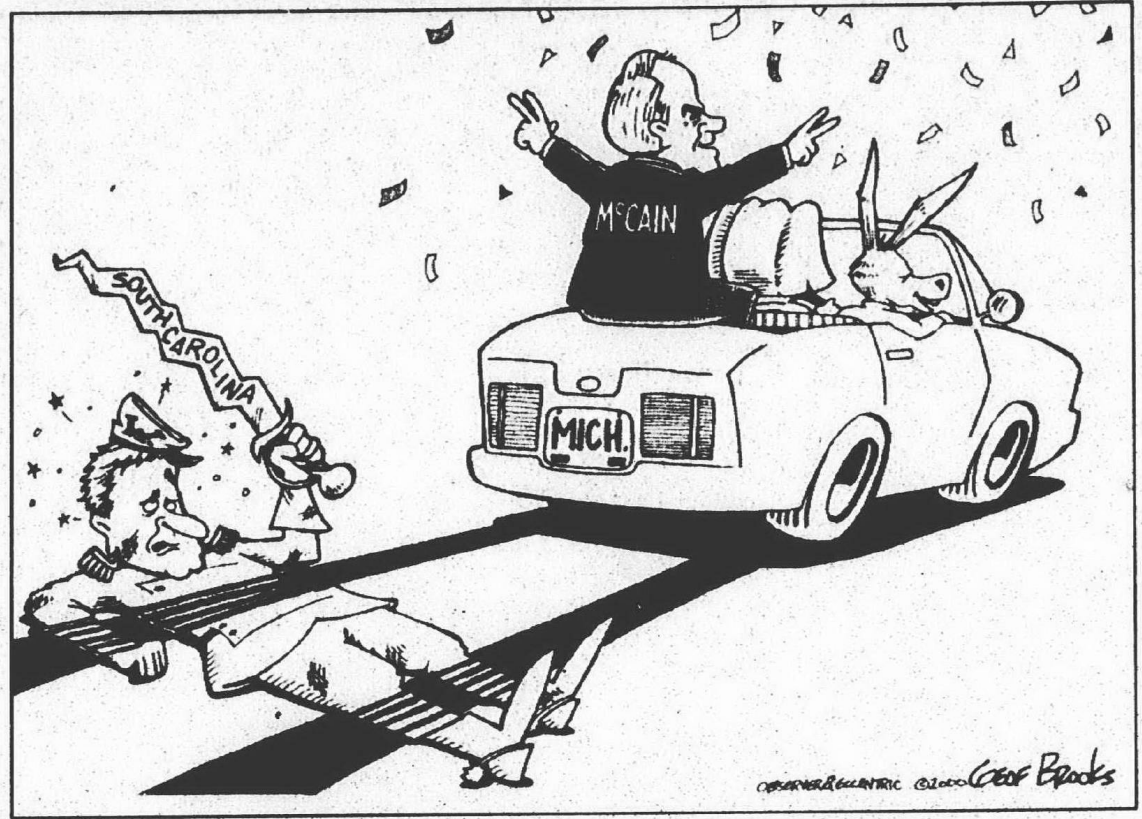
Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara warns, "Aside from the current loss in tax base and revenue, my concern is the precedent being established. It won't take long before other large taxpayers ask the state for the same treatment."

But that doesn't mean the majority of businesses will benefit.

We question the Chamber's standard anti-tax position as being in the best interests of most businesses. Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson makes a better case for the business community when he says, "The Michigan Tax Commission is using sleight of hand to give gas and electric companies a whopping tax break that will provide them with an unfair competitive advantage over other businesses. Not only is this unfair to the other businesses, it will also negatively impact the tax bases of out local communities and could result in a severe cutback for our citizens."

We urge McNamara and Patterson to continue their fight.

GEORGE BROOKS



### LETTERS

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### Complain sounds off-beat

As regular customers of Three Brothers' restaurant, we were surprised by the letter from Iva Kaminsky. If Iva felt rudely treated, it must have been very extenuating circumstances.

Three Brothers' restaurant is a small family business. We find it difficult to believe that the owner or the staff would go out of their way to treat a customer rudely. It doesn't make sense.

They, as all small business owners, value each customer. A satisfied customer creates other customers. The waiting lines serve as witness to the fact that many people enjoy the food and the friendly atmosphere.

Perhaps Iva Kaminsky reaped what was sown.

John and Pat McCombs  
 Plymouth

### Symphony inspires pride

The community of Plymouth can feel very proud of its symphony. Saturday's performance at Our Lady of Good Counsel was outstanding.

The event drew me as audience because the "All That Jazz" program featured Pete Siers, jazz drummer, a performer I had heard many times playing in several musical organizations. Most often I had listened to Siers playing the drums with the Bird of Paradise Orchestra in Ann Arbor on Monday nights. Siers drumming Saturday was excellent as always.

An added pleasure was the accompanying performance of the Plymouth Symphony.

It seems I have been in error believing that a small city or community could not sponsor any large musical ensemble of excellence approaching that of a symphony of the large city.

But Saturday night I experienced a very good performance by the small community orchestra calling Plymouth its home.

Nan Washburn, music director and conductor, was impressive. So was the violin concertmaster, Juliana Athayde.

It was a very special evening. Even the

audience was special, eschewing talking and interfering with the Symphony's performance otherwise.

Neil Goodbred  
 Livonia

### School site is the problem

This letter is in response to K. Suzanne Rodenback's letter to the editor. She is disappointed the Canton Township Planning Commission denied special land use to National Heritage Academies (NHA) for the construction of a charter school at the northwest corner of Warren and Ridge Roads.

We believe her disappointment is misdirected. She blames the planning commission; her frustration should be directed towards NHA.

She asks why are our children to be denied the opportunity to attend a new charter school in Canton. That is not the issue. It is not the school. She should be asking NHA why they did not do a better job in selecting a site.

There are many other sites in and near northwest Canton that can meet NHA requirements, without so many negative drawbacks. She should ask what did NHA expect after being denied special land use last year for the Beck/Hanford site when the Ridge/Warren site had even more of those same negative drawbacks, plus an even more obvious one — the fact that Ridge Road starting at Warren Road has state Natural Beauty Road status.

The site location of Canton's first charter school should have at least some support of nearby residents, maintain the status of our Natural Beauty Roads, be serviceable by existing major thoroughfares and be compatible with adjacent uses.

The Northwest Canton Homeowners Association has given a list of other potential sites to NHA. I believe it would be in the best interest of all Canton residents for NHA to look into other more appropriate sites, even if it means the school can't open in August 2000.

This school will be with us for a long time. Why the big rush? If those at NHA do their homework now, they may still be open this August.

Chuck Supnick,  
 vice president, NCHA

### COMMUNITY VOICE

#### QUESTION:

Has TV gone too far with "Who Wants to Marry a Multi-Millionaire" and other game shows?

We asked this question outside the Canton post office.



"Absolutely. We all have a dream of being a millionaire, but who cares if it isn't me or you."

Margaret Mayleek  
 Canton



"They're OK. Sometimes I watch. It's good entertainment."

Ashwin Asher  
 Canton



"Yes. It's too much emphasis on greed."

Ron Case  
 Westland



"I don't think (that last show) is giving marriage a good name."

Michele Burkmyre  
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— Philip Power



POINTS OF VIEW

# Licensing may be only way to fight porn industry

House speaker Chuck Perricone was nervous when he unveiled a new plan for regulating "adult entertainment" establishments last fall.

He was not concerned with how those in the industry or free speech advocates would respond. It was the reaction of other conservatives and local officials that had him worried.

Licensing adult book stores, massage parlors and strip clubs, Perricone took pains to explain, does not equate to condoning them.

Because prohibitions haven't worked, because zoning restrictions aimed at limiting their numbers and restricting their locations haven't worked, Perricone was proposing a system of licensing.

Issuing licenses would give the state, and along with it municipalities, an additional measure of control. If a porn shop became a nuisance in a

community, revocation of the license would give the government an additional tool in attempting to bring it into compliance.

It turns out, that approach may have more benefits than expected.

Rep. Mike Bishop, R-Rochester, says the members of his Committee on Constitutional Law and Ethics are getting quite an education.

The committee is conducting a series of hearings on the 12-bill package in preparation for sending it to the House for a vote in a few weeks. Besides Bishop, local lawmakers



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sponsoring portions of the package include Reps. Eileen DeHart, D-Westland, Susan Tabor, R-Delta Township, and Laura Toy, R-Livonia.

It turns out, that "adult entertainment" is not just good clean, if ribald, fun, as the owners of the establishments would have you believe it is. In fact, it's pretty disgusting.

For one, the facilities themselves are often unsanitary, with multiple health code violations. And if crime seems to be attracted to the vicinity of porn shops, it may be because the owners encourage it, Bishop said.

For another, the adult industry exploits the people, the women, who work in it. An example is "Susan" (not her real name) who lives in the Flint area. Bishop allowed her to testify anonymously before the committee recently.

Tossed out of the house by her

father at age 14, Susan was taken under wing by the folks who run a local "gentlemen's club." She was quickly put to work as a dancer, paid under the table. But what started out as a helping hand quickly became exploitative as she got addicted, not just to drugs but to "the lifestyle" and "various forms of promiscuity."

Now 18 and out of the industry, Susan is speaking out because she still has friends trapped in the lifestyle.

What allowed her to be taken advantage of in that manner, Bishop argues, is the fact adult establishments often do not count their dancers or "massagists" as employees. They're paid on the side, in cash, so W-2s aren't issued to them.

Often, the committee has also learned, those dancers and massagists are also able to collect welfare

because all that income goes unreported, Bishop said.

Licensing begins to address that, he said. In doing so, it will be quite clear to the owners of these establishments whether their employees are of legal age, Bishop concluded. And if the owners don't get the information, or their employees aren't old enough, the licenses will then be in jeopardy.

Those who disapprove of porn shops may be uncomfortable with the solution. But it would seem we are going to have "adult entertainment" anyway. Attempts to ban it haven't worked. Licensing might just get rid of the worst of the abuses found in that industry.

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# State should quickly close charter schools that are failing

Michigan's Gov. John Engler, who professes to admire presidential candidate George W. Bush, should learn a lesson from Bush's home state of Texas.

The same day that Engler asked for unlimited numbers of new charter schools in his State of the State message, the Texas Board of Education ordered the closing of Ramses School of San Antonio - the fifth charter school Texas has shut down. "Gov. Bush believes charter schools need to be accountable fiscally and academically," a Bush spokesman told the Houston Chronicle.

Bush believes that, but Engler doesn't.

Michigan has chartered 173 "public school academies." Engler packed the Capitol gallery, with many charter school students, a Napoleonic stunt to intimidate lawmakers. He intoned, "Those who are fearful build walls. For the sake of our children, tear down those walls. Abolish the cap on charter public schools. The cap must go!"

No, the cap must not go. There is plenty of room to charter new academies if Engler will but follow Bush's lead and shut down bad charter schools. But Engler, while preaching "accountability," won't practice the obvious.

Consider: A year ago, Engler got the Legislature to remove the Detroit district's school board, citing, among other reasons, poor academic performance. Oak Park also was reportedly on the short list of districts to be taken over, but the ax didn't fall.

So what happened in last fall's 11th-grade social studies state proficiency exams?

■ Detroit public schools had a 76.3 percent failure rate.

■ Douglas Academy, with just 18 students taking the test, had a 100-percent failure rate.

■ Ferguson Academy, with 21 students, had a 90.5-percent failure rate.

■ Academy for Business, with 11 students and lots of chance for personal attention, had a 91-percent failure rate.



TIM RICHARD

Do you see the pattern? The charter schools - that Engler wants to multiply - did worse than the Detroit public schools.

Oak Park High had a 73.5-percent failure rate, but the charter school called Academy of Detroit Oak Park topped it with an 83-percent failure rate.

And here's Engler's idea of accountability: Nah Tah Wahsh PSA, New Directions Institute, North Star Academy and the AGBU Alex and Marie Manogian School reported no results at all - each had fewer than five students. If, as Engler would have us believe, charter schools are so popular

with parents, why do so many have such minuscule enrollments? If they are losing the competition, shouldn't the state reclaim their charters?

Nationally, charter schools are seen as methods of offering specialized curricula, such as the performing arts or science, and as laboratories for experimental teaching methods.

Not in Michigan. The zealots on the religious right have a different view of the purpose of schooling - to satisfy the whims of parents who seek indoctrination, not the advancement of knowledge, for the young.

Consider the recent Associated Press story: Michigan State University professor Michael Mintrom, who has studied them, says charter schools aren't bringing innovative teaching methods and have no plan to spread their workable ideas to other schools. "There's not a whole lot of innovation going on," he said.

What's interesting was the response from the president of the Michigan Association of Public School Academies. "Parents are not telling us

that they want innovation or experimentation with their kid," said Dan Quisenberry.

So much for the big promises made by charter proponents in 1993. They hollered about "failing" public schools and "declining test scores" from the 1960s through the 1980s. Now that public schools are outscoring many charter schools, they change the rules so their badly performing charter babies are judged by uninformed "parents."

I now repeat what I have written many times in this space. Not all charter schools are bad. About one-third are excellent, judging from tests scores.

But before we charter any more academic humbugs, Engler should follow Bush's lead and let our elected State Board of Education, not the Treasury, lift the charters of the many bad schools with bad test scores.

Tim Richard is retired from this newspaper to the land of Kabibonoka, the north wind.

# Taxing farmland more fairly would address sprawl issue

One of the largest contributors to "sprawl" - low density, uncontrolled, wholesale development, often in rural areas - is a perverse part of the Michigan tax code that requires land to be assessed at its "highest and best use." In practice, this means that rural land that has been farmed for years is often assessed as though it were going to be sold for residential development tomorrow.

This has saddled Michigan farmers, already facing the worst economic times in a decade, with unfairly high taxes that can force them to sell their land and quit farming. Result? Development; sometimes sprawling.

This is not a problem encountered by only a few agricultural malcontents. Over the past 15 years, something like 1.2 million acres of farmland has gone out of production in Michigan, a not insubstantial blow to agriculture, at \$4 billion per year the second largest industry in Michigan.

Of all politicians presently on the scene, Gov. John Engler, who grew up on a farm, is the best qualified to address this problem.

In a plan announced last week at the Michigan Farm Bureau convention, Engler proposed:

■ Farmland would be assessed on the land's present economic value for farming, not on its potential value if developed.

■ Enacting this proposal would require amending the Michigan Constitution, and so would need a two-thirds vote in the Legislature to get on the statewide ballot.

■ If farmland under production but with reduced taxes were to be sold for development, the selling farmer would pay back the tax break he had received for the past seven years.

■ This money would go into an Agricultural Preservation Fund, to be used to buy development rights from farmers willing to sell them. In effect, farmers who choose to sell development rights would continue to own and farm their land, but would have sold off the option of developing it.

A key part of the plan is repayment of the tax break if farmland is developed. Otherwise, all the tax break would do is encourage land speculation schemes: In some states where farmland is taxed at a reduced rate, developers reap the tax break for themselves by renting land to farmers, thereby reducing the carrying cost of land fated for ultimate development.

As is the case with most sensible proposals, Engler's farmland preservation proposal has a cost. Taxing agricultural land at its actual value



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■ Engler's proposal deserves passage by the Legislature and adoption by the voters of Michigan.

as a farm would cost state and local governments something like \$90 million each year. The Senate Fiscal Agency estimates that local governments and school districts would be hardest hit, absorbing \$67 million of the reduced revenue stream.

And you may expect to hear from various folks - the Michigan Townships Association in first place - who consider their particular ox a target for goring.

Others, however, are saner in their reactions. "It's a good way to go," said a spokesman for the Farm Bureau. "Sprawl ends up paying to protect farmland." And Lee Schwarz, a lobbyist for the Michigan Association of Homebuilders, argues the program would save farmland by making farming profitable. "It's idiotic to tax farmland as though you were building condominiums on it," he says.

At the end of the day it's plain that serious distortions in land use have arisen from the ways in which agricultural land in Michigan is assessed. Right now, all the incentives favor converting perfectly productive farmland into subdivisions.

Engler's proposal deserves passage by the Legislature and adoption by the voters of Michigan.


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# McCain supporters say it was 'message over money'

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"We knew we were taking on the most powerful political machine in America, the Engler machine," John McCain said in a congratulatory phone call to his supporters who were gathered at the Novi Hilton Tuesday evening to watch the results of the presidential primary balloting come in. "But we won."

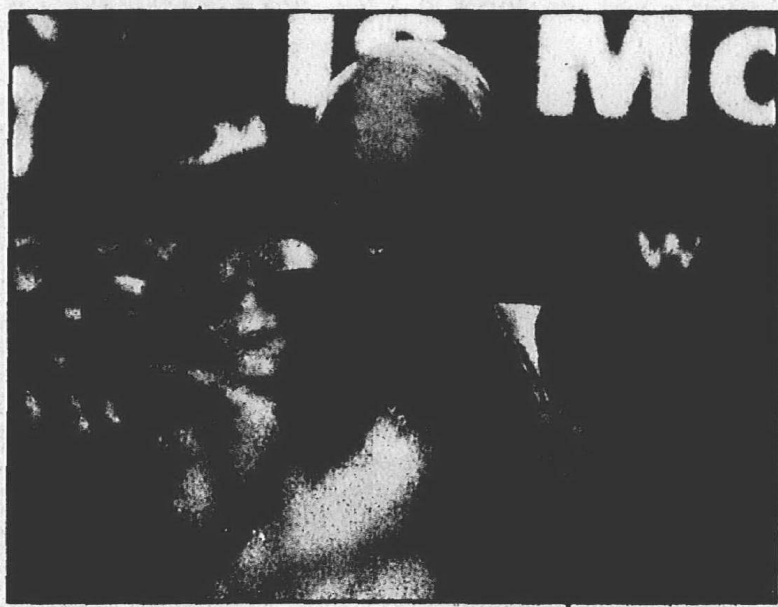
The phone call, from Arizona to state Sen. John Schwarz, R-Battle Creek, but broadcast over loudspeakers for all to hear, was to celebrate McCain's seven point victory over Texas Gov. George W. Bush in the presidential primary here.

Gov. John Engler had been a vigorous campaigner for Bush, as had most of the state Republican party faithful.

But that backfired, according to McCain and his advocates.

"I don't want Engler telling me how to vote," Plymouth resident Sandy Kosky said. And it was a theme sounded again and again Tuesday evening at the Hilton.

"This is message over money. And message won," Mark Kelley



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

**Happy warrior: John McCain gives a thumbs up at a rally Sunday in Livonia on his way to a big win in Tuesday's Republican primary.**

Schwartz, McCain's 11th Congressional District chair, said. Schwartz, a West Bloomfield resident, contended it was the Ari-

zona Senator's "message, character and integrity" that carried the day. "And that was after Michigan voters were subjected to \$6 million-plus worth of negative advertising."

When the counting was finished at 6:30 a.m. Wednesday, McCain had tallied 646,620 votes statewide, 49 percent of the vote. Bush gathered 547,773 votes, 41.5 percent. Alan Keyes brought in 58,769 votes, 4.5 percent.

But CNN had declared McCain the victor in Michigan just 45 minutes after polls closed Tuesday. McCain was not in

Michigan Tuesday evening, but in Arizona which was also holding primaries. His phone call to the Novi reception came within moments, declaring victory over the Bush/Engler machine.

## Michigan critical

Schwartz, McCain's campaign coordinator for Michigan, had said the state was critical to win. A loss here, along with the defeat in South Carolina, would have likely doomed McCain's candidacy. Winning here gives McCain a real boost, especially since key primaries are coming up Feb. 29 and March 7. "But it's a long way to November."

"When he has his mind made up, no poll or spin doctor can change his mind. That is leadership," Schwarz said. "My conscience would allow me to do no less than support John McCain."

State Rep. John Pappageorge, R-Troy, was one of the few other party leaders who supported McCain. He sounded a slightly different note.

"People forget that we had three good Republicans in this race and the question was which of those three did we prefer," he said. "We're not opposed to the others. And this was not about beating John Engler."

Pappageorge said he was excited about the McCain campaign because it is attracting many new people to the Republican party who have not previously been involved in politics. He said the party will be stronger for it when the race is over.

And the results here give him hope for a McCain win. "I don't think momentum crosses state

lines very well. New Hampshire and South Carolina are very different than Michigan. What you have here is closer to a microcosm of America."

## Inspires support

The celebration drew supporters from around the area, including a number of families who said they'd been converted to the McCain camp by their children. Among them was Adam Jones of Northville, who was appointed National Teen Chair for the McCain campaign. He convinced dad, Jim Jones, and mom, Cheryl Jones, to vote for McCain, too.

"He has backbone. He supports campaign finance reform and tobacco legislation, even though these are not popular in the GOP," Adam Jones said. "I wrote to him (McCain) in September telling him I supported him. He wrote back saying, 'OK, if you support me, here's a job,'" he said, explaining how he had received the Teen Chair title.

Cheryl Jones said she believes McCain is inspiring young voters "the way John F. Kennedy inspired them to get politically active and model themselves after him."

Livonia's Stacey Golick, a freshman at Schoolcraft College, also converted her family members by browsing the Internet and bringing home materials over the last eight months about the candidates for them to read. She had mom Debbie Golick and sister Kristen Golick, a Churchill High sophomore, in tow at the victory party.

"He's honest and honorable,"

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- George W. Bush - 547,773 DELEGATES: 6
- Alan Keyes - 58,769
- John McCain - 646,620 ✓

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Vote totals are for the state of Michigan.  
Check mark indicates statewide winner.

Debbie Golick said of McCain. "That's the way I've raised my children, to tell the truth and never lie."

"Being an honorable person," Stacey Golick concluded, "his views seem to represent the general American population. His support is widespread and his campaign is very diverse."

The campaign is drawing on people who haven't been active before, said Scott Huntley of Novi. He's a veteran, and served on the Enterprise, as did McCain. But he said he is getting active because it matters here. Having just moved in from Minnesota, "now I'm living in a state where the presidential candidates come to my state."

Craig Freshwater, a Livonia resident, is also new to politics but was inspired enough to campaign door-to-door on behalf of McCain. "He's just the type of guy I'd like to see in the Oval Office," he said.

# McCain racks up delegate vote, too

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John McCain, barely out of the starting gate, came from behind to draw nearly even with front-runner George W. Bush Tuesday on the only score that really counts - delegates committed to support him at the Republican National Convention in Philadelphia this summer.

Despite all the hoopla about wins and losses in the previous primaries, Texas Gov. Bush had actually jumped out to a quick early lead on the delegate tote board.

Counting delegates is an inexact science because of "quirky" state rules about when delegates are considered "committed," but Michigan GOP spokesman Sage Eastman estimated that as of Monday - through the primaries in Iowa, New Hampshire, Delaware and South Carolina - Bush had run up a total of about 110. McCain had won only 15.

In Tuesday's balloting, McCain pulled in 52 of the 58 delegates available here in Michigan. Six went to Bush when he led the voting in Michigan's 2nd and 3rd congressional districts, including Grand Rapids, Muskegon and the west side of the state.

Thirty delegates were at stake in Arizona. With a solid double-digit point spread in the senator's home state, McCain was expected to walk away with all of them, according to Eastman.

That would put McCain at 97 compared to Bush's 116.

Also ran Alan Keyes has yet to win a delegate. Steve Forbes had won two before he dropped out.

To assure the nomination, a candidate will have to win 1,034 delegates, half plus one of the 2,066 who will gather at the national GOP convention in Philadelphia at the end of July to make the decision.

Next up in the contest are the Virginia, Washington and North Dakota primaries Tuesday, Feb. 29. Then comes Super Tuesday, March 7, a 12-state primary date that includes the states of California and New York with their massive numbers of delegates. This could all be over by March 8.

Michigan is a "partial winner takes all" state when it comes to the way the Republican party divides up delegates as a result of the primary voting, Eastman explained. The state has 18 "electoral votes" - 16 representatives in the House and two senators.

Based on that, the Republican National Committee allocated 58 delegates to Michigan, essentially a proportional share of the total number of delegates to be at the convention.

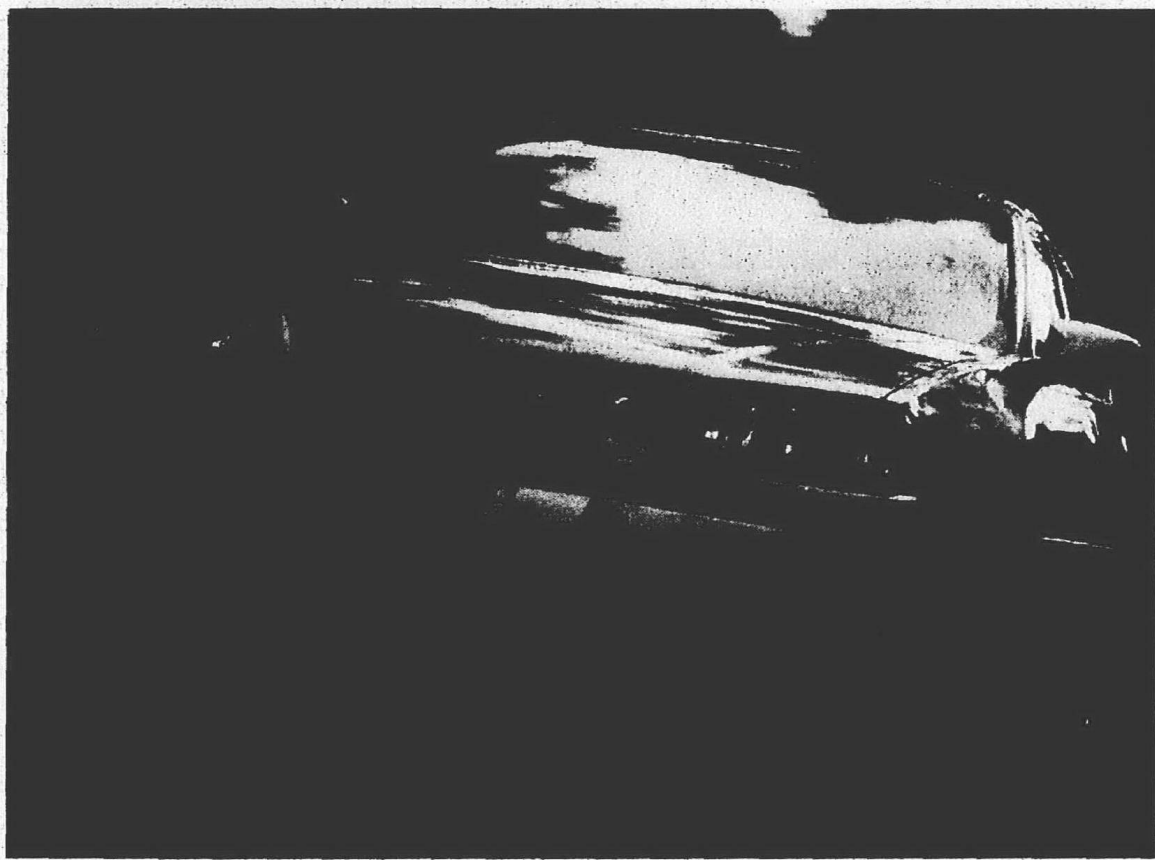
Then the state party gave three delegates to each of Michigan's congressional districts, which are awarded "winner take all" to the highest vote-getter within each district.

Ten more are "at large" delegates, awarded "winner take all" to the highest vote-getter statewide.

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## Cell phone users should make calls in 'park'

*"Beware the Jabberwock, my son!  
The jaws that chat, the claws that  
clutch!  
Beware the cell-phone junkie, and  
shun  
The lane-weaving Chatterbox!"*

**- With apologies  
to Lewis Carroll**

You've seen them. You may be one of them. They do it in the car, in the supermarket, in the parking lot on the way FROM the car TO the supermarket. They do it in restaurants and libraries. They're addicted cell-phone users. My son, The Webmeister, calls them "cell phonies." They're just soooo important.

And some people are concerned that, when they do it in a moving car, they're downright dangerous. State Sen. George Hart, D-Deerborn, is one of those people.

"Drive along any freeway and you'll see people talking on their cell phones while driving," Hart said. "They are literally accidents waiting to happen."

With that in mind Hart has introduced legislation (Senate Bill 1015) that would make such people guilty of "careless or negligent" driving.

Specifically Hart's bill would amend existing law so that operating a vehicle in a "careless or negligent manner" would include "the use of a hand-held cellular telephone that prevents the person from having both hands on the steering wheel of the vehicle." It would be a secondary offense, meaning that a motorist could be cited for using a cell phone only if he were stopped for some other infraction.

Based on similar legislation introduced in other states, Hart's bill may not have much of a chance of passing. How many of the legislators who'll be voting on it are motorized cell-phone users themselves? But the issue is more than a pet peeve.

While some studies have found that the use of cell phones at accident scenes can reduce the response time by police and EMS crews and actually save lives, other studies (often conducted by the same groups) have found that cell phone use by drivers also increases the risk of accidents.

A British study concluded that drivers who were distracted by cell phones (even hands-free models) were worse at judging safe-stopping distances, anticipating hazards or choosing when to turn in to a traffic lane.

And a 1997 study published in the New England Journal of Medicine found that distraction caused by using a cell phone while driving more than quadrupled the risk of an accident during the course of the phone call. The researchers (who also found no distinction between hand-held and hands-free phones) compared the "impairment" to that of being legally drunk.

Cell phone manufacturers oppose bills such as that introduced by Hart. (Surprise! Surprise!), and high-tech outfits like Yahoo and Microsoft are working on systems to use cell phones not just for telephone calls but for complete Internet access. That's just what we need: Daytraders on the freeway.

The debate over cell phones is starting to get as heated as that over gun control (with a lot of similarities). Proponents of the wireless gadgets claim they are no more dangerous than tuning the car radio, drinking coffee while driving or putting on makeup. They have a point.

But messages on an Internet site devoted to the topic often get raucous. And one user, who said he commutes two hours a day over a rural highway in Idaho and often uses his cell phone to report accidents or help stranded motorists, concluded his comments with: "Cell phones don't kill people. People kill people."

The bumper stickers can't be far behind: "I'M A CELL-PHONE USER AND I VOTE!"

I want one that says: "BEWARE THE JABBERWOCK!"  
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## Magic words

### Harry Potter books attract readers, debate

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For an imaginary character, Harry Potter sure can create a stir.

Derived from the imagination of J.K. Rowling, Potter is the star of a series of novels — scheduled to end at number seven — that began when Rowling was a divorced parent caring for her infant daughter and struggling to get by in Edinburgh, Scotland.

The writer, who has received awards and accolades for the series, claims she's been writing since age 6. Now it seems some of her fans are following in her footsteps. Ten-year-old Keith Brown has read all the Harry Potter books to date and is anxiously awaiting the newest in the series, due out in July. The stories have captivated his imagination and inspired him to read more and even write his own book.

"I'm writing a book called 'Fantasy,' which is about a fiction writer who finishes a book and wishes to be the lead character," said Keith, a student at Miller Elementary School in Plymouth. In his story, the writer's wish comes true. He credits Rowling with inspiring him to include an element of magic in his book. "(Magic) is kind of mysterious," he said. "You don't know what's going to happen. It's really unpredictable."

Keith got his first peek into the fantasy world of Harry Potter after a friend told him about the books. Now he's a bonafide fan.

"I think J.K. Rowling is a pretty good writer." He especially enjoys the way she creates words like "muggle" and sports like "Quidditch" in her fictitious world. Now that his mother is reading the books, he said, they have a lot to talk about. "I've always liked to read, but I think (these books) make me want to read."

#### Inappropriate subject?

While readers young and old have lauded the author, some parents still showed concern over the use of sorcery in the books. Annemarie Posh, a Livonia resident, will not let her children read Rowling's novels. Posh said it took one look at the cover to know it wasn't appropriate reading for her children.

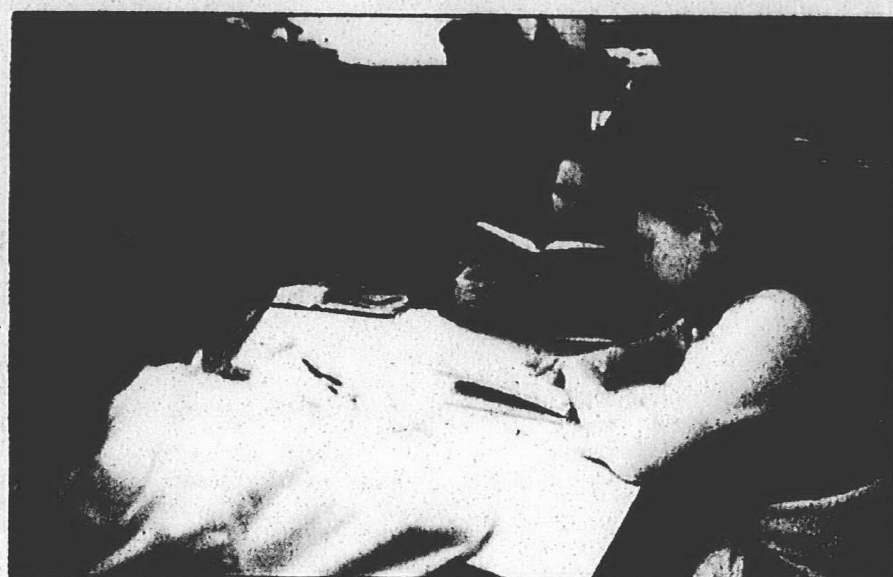
"We're always careful about what she watches on TV," she said of her daughter. "I saw that sorcery stuff. You just don't know what the agendas of different authors (may be)."

Carol Bacile of Livonia works as a first-grade teacher. She said that while she believes Rowling is a good writer, she didn't like the "slant toward witchcraft."

"I don't think witchcraft is harmless," added Bacile, who's read the first book in the series. "I just don't think witchcraft is something that needs to be introduced to children."

#### A kind of censorship

Linda Garrett, a young adult librarian, finds the discussion against the books troublesome. She considers it her duty to provide library patrons access to literary works, as well as



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All wrapped up: A group of students from Pattee Rupert's fifth-grade class at Field Elementary in Canton read their Harry Potter books recently.

acting in the best interest of the students who pass through her library. A strong supporter of the books for their ability to promote qualities like kindness, loyalty and bravery, she was disappointed in a decision made recently by her peers.

Garrett explained in a letter: "At the annual MAME (Michigan Association of Media Educators) conference last fall 'Harry Potter' was the topic of discussion at a dinner I attended with Plymouth-Canton media specialists. I'm sorry to report a number of the media specialists stated they would not purchase the Harry Potter series for their libraries because they couldn't bare to face the furor that was bound to erupt."

#### Just fantasy?

Kathy Ellison isn't as concerned with the "sorcery" side of these books that have captured the imagination of her son and daughter. "They are sorcerers, but it's more like magic," she said. "Kids aren't going to try and make a spell."

Fiona Laymon, a Redford Township

parent, agreed. She expressed the idea that if Harry Potter poses a threat because of its subject matter, any classic fantasy story — like "Alice in Wonderland" — could also be questioned. Laymon said the real issue is parent-child communication. "Too many people are too involved in other aspects of their lives, but you need to take the time to listen to your child and discuss what they are reading," she wrote in an e-mail message.

As a substitute elementary school teacher in Canton and mother of twins, Ellison knows firsthand the impact of J.K. Rowling's novels on her 9-year-old son. Max couldn't have picked up a Harry Potter book soon enough, as far as she's concerned.

"He was starting to get more into GameBoy and Nintendo than reading," said Ellison, who read one of the books before allowing her kids to open the cover. "Everything we tried to do, he wasn't really interested, until this book."

Ellison attributed the popularity of

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## Harry Potter series renews reading interest

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Don't try to check out a Harry Potter book from the library at Field Elementary School in Canton. Chances are, the waiting list is growing even longer.

J.K. Rowling's series starring the young sorcerer is the hottest book on the shelves, said Connie Kelber, school librarian. "All the books are constantly out. Students had to sign up. This is the newest big thing."

Harry Potter was also the big seller at the school's book fair; it actually sold out. Kelber, who's read all three novels so far, said that part of the appeal of the book stems from the way Harry is portrayed like a normal child — someone who makes mistakes. Kids feel for Harry. And Harry encourages students — who may be reluctant readers — to get lost in this fantasy world.

Kelber said: "When I asked a student 'What is it about the book that you like?' his eyes lit up and he said 'It's really thrilling.' That's how you describe a roller coaster, not a book. We're very happy."

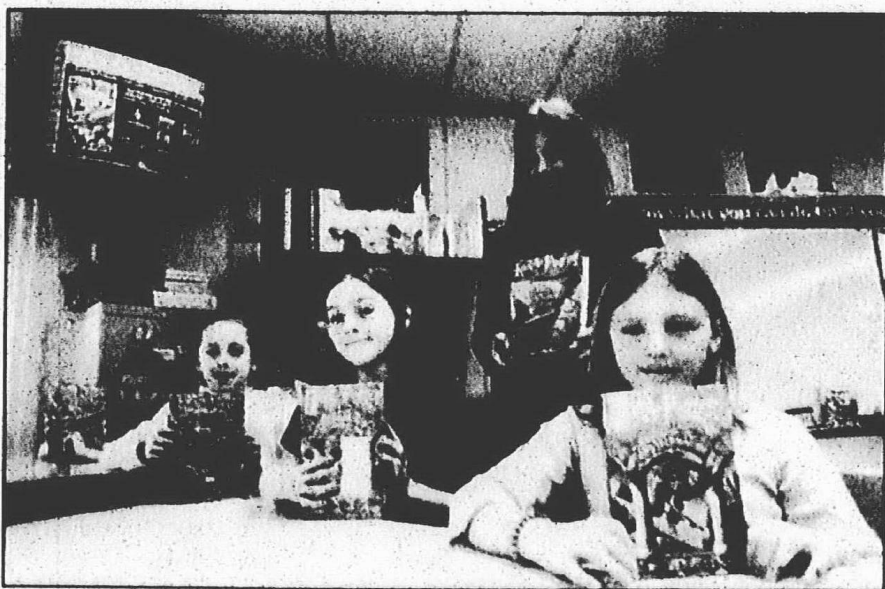
Adam Robinson, a fourth-grader, said it took time for him to get interested. "When I first read it I didn't exactly like it." Now he's almost halfway through the third book. "This is the first book I've ever read through and wanted to keep going." He's not alone.

"I think Harry Potter has surpassed 'Goosebumps,'" said Pattee Rupert, fourth grade teacher. "She makes pictures with words. Those are the authors we like." Rupert noted that teachers use the books in different ways, some read them to the class, others let the students read them by themselves. Rupert answers questions her students have when reading the books. She too is reading them chapter by chapter.

"They're the best books I've ever read," said fifth-grader Brad Way. "They're pretty exciting and action-packed." Classmate Asiri Liyanaarachchi agreed. He's read all three books. "I want to read the whole series," said Asiri.

But the class wants more than that.

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Devoted: Brad Way, from left in back, Shayna Klein, Alyssa Heller, Lisa Wizeorek and Stephanie Mifsud, all 10 and in Pattee Rupert's fifth-grade class at Field Elementary in Canton, show off their Harry Potter books, while the official Web site is displayed on a TV screen in the classroom.

## Fans speak out about Potter

J.K. Rowling's Harry Potter series of novels spurred discussion around the community. Here are additional responses from friends and neighbors who know of the young lad and his fantastic adventures:

#### It's a family affair

Cheryl Zuzo of Canton wrote: "(My daughter and I) read the books together and discuss everything that occurs — good and bad. We are a Christian family and do not advocate sorcery or witchcraft ... I must admit there were nights when my daughter was afraid to go to sleep because the chapter we may have read that evening was a bit frightening. She did come to the conclusion that good will always win over evil."

#### Play time = Potter time

Ann Wilkes, Canton resident and mother of "two (sheltered) girls," wrote: "The children are so excited about a book they are reading in their free time that they are discussing the characters at lunch, incorporating the novels in their play at recess and generally just want more."

Her daughter, Meggie Wilkes, e-mailed this statement:

"I am in the fourth grade at Cass School and I love Harry Potter! My friends and I really LOVE Harry Potter. The only problem is that one of my friends is not allowed to read Harry Potter, so she really can't play Harry Potter. One of my friends and I tried to write the eighth Harry Potter book, but failed. I love Harry Potter because they are exciting and because they are fun to read!"

#### Witchy, not evil, ways

Shellie J. Schultz, Livonia resident and mother, wrote: "Immediately I was immersed in a wonderfully imaginative tale of a boy who was unloved in the home he was living in, to find out how 'revered' he was in another community ... This isn't unlike the 'Star Wars' series — using 'The Force'

for good or evil."

#### Ready to read

Teresa Allen of Livonia wrote: "It is not pro-evil, it is definitely pro-hero. Anything that can encourage children to read, that adults can share with their kids, that excites them as this does, can't be bad ... I definitely find these books to be an asset to any library, children's or adults'."

#### Crusader for Potter

David Heater of Canton wrote: "If we start throwing around ideas that these books are somehow bad for kids we go down a very dangerous road. It harkens back to the days when certain schools banned 'Huckleberry Finn' and 'Slaughterhouse Five.' I have faith that our teachers and school officials in our area are enlightened enough to dismiss any such talk."

#### A wake-up call

Linda Korovesis of Livonia wrote: "I can't say enough good things about it in an effort to quell those people that would see it banned ... Wake up people, your children are playing at much worse on the Nintendo in your living room."

Cherie Cornick of Canton said: "It's just a good story ... I don't understand at all people's concerns. There's an element who are trying to control what people read and what people think. I think anytime we get a child to read and immerse themselves in a story, it's really valuable ... There's also an element of mystery in it. Mystery requires a child to look for clues. (That leads to) better comprehension."

#### Kids can relate

Maggie Zakem of Plymouth called to say kids, like her 12-year-old daughter Maura, can relate to the story and see the humor in it. "I think they're funny, the parallels to witch (school). They have exams, they have some teachers who are awful, some who are boring. It's a parallel."



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Focused: Lisa Wizeorek, 10, reads her Harry Potter book.



# Evening of Hope fund-raiser benefits pediatric cancer research

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Currently cancer is the number one killer disease of children ages 3-14 in the United States. The Leukemia, Research, Life, Inc. organization is hoping that the \$2.5 million research dollars they've raised since 1981 will one day soon put an end to such an alarming statistic.

"We need to find a cure. Children are our future," said Colleen Rieckhoff, LRL, Inc. board member and mother of 4-year-old Taylor who was diagnosed with Leukemia in 1996. "It's devastating to lose a mother or grandfather to cancer but seeing a child go through this ... it's like getting hit with a wrecking ball."

In an effort to get even closer to finding a cure for childhood cancers LRL, Inc. is gearing up for the 19th Annual Evening of Hope fund-raiser, Saturday, March 4 at Laurel Manor in Livonia.

According to LRL, Inc. founder, Sharon DeVore, this year's theme, "Evening of Hope," Destination: CURE Captain's Gala, is expected to draw more than 700 guests who will help to exceed their \$90,000 fund-raising goal.

"I'm proud to say 99 cents of every dollar LRL raises funds pediatric cancer research at Children's Hospital of Michigan," said DeVore, "and LRL is the largest single contributor to cancer research at Children's."

Festivities for this year's event



**Smiley face:** Taylor Rieckhoff of Plymouth was diagnosed with Leukemia at 13 months old. She's been done with treatment since May, 1997.

begin at 6:30 p.m. with cocktails and a silent auction. Honorary chairpersons Jason Hanson, Luther Ellis and Robert Porcher of the Detroit Lions along with Detroit Rockers Bryan "Goose" Finnerty will summon the main seating for dinner at 8 p.m. Notable media celebrities include "Destination: CURE Captains" Rich Fisher (WKBD-50), Mark Hayes (WXYZ-7) and Lila Lazarus (WDIV-4).

No one knows the benefit of funding pediatric cancer research more than the parent of a young cancer patient. Colleen Rieckhoff says she hopes one day her daughter, and thousands of children like her, will be able to

benefit from research funded by events such as the "Evening of Hope."

"Although Taylor has been done with treatment since May 19, 1997 it's still a daily thing for us and we thank God that we had yesterday together," said Rieckhoff.

Taylor, who will celebrate her fifth birthday in April, first showed signs of a problem at 13-months-old when her lymph nodes began to swell and she bruised easily all over her body.

"I just thought the doctor would say she had low iron and they'd give us some medicine and send us on our way," recalls Rieckhoff. The results of blood

tests however, were so alarming, that there was a message on Rieckhoff's answering machine from the doctor before she arrived home from the office visit.

Rieckhoff said the doctor told her Taylor had such a platelet deficiency that she either had blood cancer or leukemia and that they should pack a bag — a team of doctors was already waiting for her daughter at Children's Hospital.

Ten days of chemotherapy and six months of treatment immediately followed. Young Taylor however relapsed four months after her initial treatment and would have to go into remission again before a Bone Marrow Transplant was an option.

Rieckhoff said her daughter luckily went into remission and was the recipient of bone marrow from a West Virginia donor in 1997. Trying to keep her home life as normal as possible for Taylor's older brother Nicholas and twin, Ryan — Rieckhoff said it wasn't until a year after her transplant that she was able to get involved with LRL, Inc.

"It finally hit me that we need to find a cure for this disease and that I needed to go out and volunteer for myself and for Taylor. How could I look her in the face when she's older and tell her that I didn't do anything to help find a cure. That I let other people do the work for us."

So Rieckhoff began volunteering on the decorating committee with LRL, Inc. and has been devoted to the cause ever since. "Everyone in the group has

lost a child to cancer, has a child who survived, one who is still in treatment or is a friend or family member who has been touched in some way by these children. LRL attracted me and it attracts others because it's a total volunteer effort and because 99 cents of every dollar raised goes toward research," said Rieckhoff.

LRL, Inc. was established in 1981 by a few clinic parents, virtually strangers at the time, in hopes of mobilizing a fight against their children's Leukemia and improve the dwindling research funds that, at the time, were backing research. Although the initial fight was directed at Leukemia, they quickly realized that the battle was against all childhood cancers. Since incorporating as a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, LRL has been providing hope by raising dollars for research at Children's Hospital of Michigan.

### Grateful

Although it has been nearly three years since 4-year-old Taylor completed her treatment, her mom says that not for one minute does she ever take for granted the health of her little girl.

"I don't want people to think that just because it's been three years that Taylor is cured. They can't tell me that this won't come back and until we find a cure you let the little things that used to seem like big things go. They aren't important anymore," said Rieckhoff.



**Happy:** After not wanting to have her picture taken, Taylor has a change of heart and hams it up for the photographer. With her is mom, Colleen, older brother Nicholas, 10, and twin Ryan, 4.

General Fare for the Evening of Hope is \$75 per person; VIP Fare is \$1,500 per table of ten only. For information call (313) 884-0931 or Eileen Surma at (313) 581-5647 to purchase tickets. Laurel Manor is located at 3900 Schoolcraft Road (1/2 mile west of Newburgh) in Livonia. An elaborate dessert table and dancing follow dinner.

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the fantasy novels to the way they reach kids. Like the Pokemon phenomenon, Harry Potter books use a language that kids have learned by heart and parents don't always understand.

"Kids can talk to each other about it," said Ellison. The books give Ellison, who works in the Plymouth-Canton school system, a new way to relate to her students. She's witnessed kids reading these books and taking out a dictionary to look up the "big words," a good clue that they are educational.

Suitable for all ages

While inspiring children to read may be one of the benefits of Rowling's books, they have also reached beyond youngsters. At 61, Patricia Felts has read the novels and bought them for her grandchildren. The elementary school secretary in Garden City enjoys the stories of wizardry, and she's not alone. "Many members of our staff are also reading these books and are thoroughly delighted with them. These people are educators who are interested in increasing children's desire to learn," she wrote.

Felts stressed the idea that the books encourage readers to use their imagination — something she believes is important for young readers who are constantly bombarded by the distractions of television and computer games.

It isn't just for kids, added Amey Decker, assistant manager at Barnes and Noble in Northville. She has seen the popularity in "Harry Potter" books grow and feels they are suitable for any reader. "All ages come in asking for it," said Decker. "I think parents buy it for

their kids and then read it themselves."

She's not surprised the series has become so popular. The books always top the Barnes and Noble bestseller list. "She writes as if you're watching a movie," said Decker. "Her imagination is so wonderful."

### Filling a niche for young readers

Pam Lincoln of Canton is not only a fan of J.K. Rowling's Harry Potter series, she feels the author is filling a niche by catering to readers who are past the age of Dr. Seuss, but not quite ready for John Grisham. She encourages her 14-year-old daughter and 9-year-old son to read the books.

"I don't think there are a lot of good fantasy books on the market," she said. "There are a lot of mystery stories that are easy reads, but it makes it hard when you get to that intermediate level."

She noted that children are naturally drawn to make-believe and imaginative stories. "I don't see this as being all that different from C.S. Lewis' (novels like) 'The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe.'"

The difference may be that Harry Potter is ready to hit the silver screen in a big way. Not only is a Harry Potter movie in the works, Warner Brothers has purchased merchandising rights, which means Harry Potter dolls could be the hot item to come. Hang onto your sorcerer's stone.

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They want to bring J.K. Rowling to the school in person. The class even went online with the author to talk about their liter-

### 'They are exciting.'

Brad Way  
— Canton student

ary hefo, Harry Potter. But the Web site was restricted to one week of access to the author. Scott LaTulip said if he ever gets a chance to meet the author, the first thing he'd ask is where she got the idea for these stories. He'd recommend these books to anyone who likes adventure.

Classmate Jessica Cicirelli doesn't just read the books, she's taken to writing her own mysteries. Jessica said writing is something she might like to do as a hobby when she grows up. "She does a good job," said Jessica, about one of her favorite writers.

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**ENGAGEMENTS & WEDDINGS**

**Green-Harrigan**

Charles and Barbara Green of Redford announce the engagement of their daughter, Teresa A., to Lawrence T. Harrigan Jr. of Farmington Hills.

The bride-to-be is a 1992 Redford Union High School graduate. She works for Tri County Title Agency.

Her fiancé, son of Lawrence and Kathy Harrigan of Farmington Hills, is a graduate of Livonia Franklin High School who attended the University of Michigan-Dearborn. He is employed by EDS/General Motors.

An October wedding is planned at Nardin Park United



Methodist Church in Farmington Hills.

**Guzzo-Wolf**

Mr. and Mrs. Francesco Guzzo of Pinckney, formerly of Canton, announce the engagement of their daughter, Julie, to Eric L. Wolf, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Wolf of West Branch, formerly of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Northwood University. She is employed by Automotive Lighting in Wixom.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Churchill High School, and is employed by Apollo Tile and Marble in Plymouth.

A June wedding is planned at St. Edith Catholic Church in Livonia.



**Partain-Monan**

John and Phyllis Partain of Plymouth announce the marriage of their daughter, Allison Leigh, to Michael Patrick Monan of Ann Arbor.

The bride is a 1993 graduate of Plymouth-Salem High School and a 1997 graduate of the University of Michigan. She is employed by Exhibit Works in Livonia.

Her husband, son of Richard and Marilyn Monan of Batavia, Ill., received both his bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Michigan and works for Diamond Bullet Design in Ann Arbor.

An October wedding took place at Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington before Suzanne Paul. The bride's attendants include Courtney Gazlay, Kristen Monan, Kristi Partain, Samantha Partain and Rache Partain. The groomsmen includ-



ed Christopher Hailes, Robert Partain, Thomas Heikkinen, Benjamin Guidinger, Seth Klain and Richard Walicki.

The couple received guests at the Mayflower Grand Ballroom in Plymouth and later took a cruise to the Pacific Coast of Mexico. They will make their home in Ann Arbor.

**Deschaine-O'Connor**

Thomas and Nancy Deschaine of Westland announce the engagement of their daughter, Laura Rose, to Kevin Patrick O'Connor of Kalamazoo.

The bride-to-be is a Western Michigan University graduate and works as a registered nurse at Bronson Methodist Hospital in Kalamazoo.

Her fiancé, son of John and Susan O'Connor of Grand Rapids, is a Western Michigan University graduate who is currently working as a bartender at Harpo's in Detroit.



A May 2000 wedding is planned at St. Richard's in Westland.

**Kohler-Baier**

Charles and Debbie Kohler of Redford announce the engagement of their daughter, Kelly Anne, to Corey Michael Baier of Redford.

The bride-to-be is a Redford Union High School graduate who obtained her bachelor's degree at Hillsdale College.

Her fiancé, son of Ken and Debbie Baier of Redford, is a Redford Union High School graduate and now works in sales support for Zimmer Orthopedics.

A September 2000 wedding is planned at Northville Christian in Northville.



**Cordon-Thor**

Terrence J. Cordon of Northville and Kathleen M. Cordon of Garden City announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Kathleen, to Michael Robert Thor of Belleville.

The bride-to-be graduated with a bachelor's degree in International Relations from Michigan State University in 1992 and obtained her law degree from the University of Detroit School of Law in 1995. She works as a staff attorney for UAW-GM Legal Services Plan. She attended Plymouth-Canton High School.

Her fiancé is a 1993 graduate of Florida Institute of Technology, with a bachelor's degree in aviation management and



flight technology. He works as an aircraft dispatcher at Kittyhawk International.

An April wedding is planned at St. James Catholic Church in Ferndale.

**Fling-Monnette**

Richard Fling of Livonia and Ann Douglas announce the engagement of their daughter, Carrie Ann, to Jeffrey James Monnette of Pinckney.

The bride-to-be is a 1996 Mercy High School graduate and will graduate from Boston College in May.

Her fiancé, son of Richard and Elizabeth Monnette of Pinckney, is a 1996 Catholic Central High School graduate and a 1999 DePaul University graduate. He works for Price-Waterhouse-Coopers, L.L.P.

A July 2000 wedding is



planned at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Detroit.

**Gomoll-Buddie**

James and Janet Gomoll of Westland announce the engagement of their daughter, Wendy Sue, to Ronald Richard Buddie Jr. of Westland.

The bride-to-be is a 1995 graduate of John Glenn High School in Westland and attended Ford Vocational Tech Center for two years, studying data processing and computer programming.

Her fiancé is a 1989 graduate of Franklin High School in Livonia. He works at General Fastner of Livonia in shipping and receiving.

A September wedding is being



planned at St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Westland.

**AMAZING feats**

■ Neil and Deanna Cervenak of Livonia announce the birth of their daughter **Sarah Elizabeth** on Oct. 21 at Hutzel Hospital in Detroit. Grandparents are Aurel and Gilda Schryer of Dearborn Heights and Jane Cervenak of Shelby Township.

■ Helen and Kirk Martin of Livonia announce the birth of their son **Breandan Francis** born Feb. 12 at Providence Hospital in Southfield. Breandan joins sister Jessica, 14. Grandparents are Barbara and Eugene Start of Livonia and Ann Martin of Windsor.

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## WEEKEND

### PLYMOUTH THEATRE GUILD

■ The Plymouth Theatre Guild presents "Oliver" by Lionel Bart at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and a 6 p.m. Sunday Matinee, Feb. 25-27 and March 3-4 at the Water Tower Theatre on the campus of the Northville Psychiatric Hospital, 41001 W. Seven Mile (west of I-275, between Haggerty and Northville roads). Tickets are \$12 for adults, students (18 and younger) are \$8. Group rates are \$10 per person for groups of 15-29 people \$9 per person for groups of 30 or more. Tickets may be bought at Gardenviews of Northville, the Penniman Deli in Plymouth and at Evola Music Center in Canton. For more information, call (248) 349-7110.

### OPEN HOUSES

■ Plymouth Children's Nursery Co-op will host an open house 1-3 p.m. Sunday, March 5. Applications will be accepted for fall enrollment. Plymouth Children's Nursery is on Sheldon, north of Ford. For more information, call (734) 455-6250.

### SUPPORT GROUP

■ Vermeulen Funeral Homes offers free monthly grief/aftercare support group meetings for those who have recently experienced the death of a family member or close friend. Usually held on the fourth Sunday evening of the month, each meeting is led by Wes Baldwin of Pointe Care Counseling, an experienced grief counselor and former associate pastor who gives opportunities for those in attendance to express feelings of loss and grief in a comfortable and accepting atmosphere. The next meeting is set for 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27, at the Plymouth location on W. Ann Arbor Road between Sheldon and Beck. For more information, call (734) 459-2250.

### PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

■ Little Lambs Christian Preschool is having a preschool registration at 9 a.m. Saturday, March 11, at 45000 N. Territorial, west of Sheldon, Plymouth. The school has a weekly theme, monthly field trips, nursery rhymes, Bible stories, crafts, snacks, Spanish, sign language, etc. For more information, call (734) 414-7792.

## AROUND TOWN

### 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 will be provided by the Couriers. Entrées include beef tenderloin, stuffed chicken and orange roughy. Tickets are \$55. Call (734) 416-4278.

### CHORUS CALL

■ "Voices In Time," a locally based singing group, will begin rehearsals for the spring-summer season in late February. There are a limited number of openings in all voice parts. For more information, call (248) 449-6540.

### OPENINGS

■ The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools' PLUS Preschool Program has a few openings in its Head Start and MDE School Readiness programs. To be eligible for a Head Start placement, your child must

have been 3 or 4 by Dec. 1, 1999 and meet certain qualifying factors - limited income, foster child, or child with a disability. For more information or to register call (734) 416-6105. To be eligible for the School Readiness Program, your child must have been 4 by Dec. 1, 1999, and meet certain income guidelines. Call 416-6194 for more information or to register. PLUS preschool will start registering students for all programs during April.

■ Garfield Co-op Preschool has programs open for children 18 months to 5 years old. The school is 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 Kinder-musik has openings for its winter session enrollment. Call (734) 354-9109.

■ The Salvation Army Tiny Tots Preschool has openings for its 3-year-old program from 9:30-11:20 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. The school is on Main Street in Plymouth. For more information, call Peggy Blaisdell at (734) 453-5464.

### VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

■ Arbor Hospice is seeking volunteer bakers/ food preparers, greeters, fund-raisers and office workers. Arbor Hospice is also looking for volunteers interested in helping terminally ill patients and their families with activities such as meal preparation, errands, reading and eating. A volunteer orientation will take place 6-9 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 29. Orientation will take place at Arbor Hospice Residence, 2366 Oak Valley Drive, Ann Arbor. For more information, call the Arbor Hospice volunteer opportunities hot line at (734) 662-3742, Ext. 555. To register for orientation, call the volunteer training hot line at (734) 662-3742, Ext. 566.

### LECTURE

■ The Detroit Institute of Arts, in partnership with the Plymouth Community Arts Council and the Community Education Program of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, presents "Art Lecture Series and Brown Bag Lunch" from noon until 12:50 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 29. The theme is "Van Gogh: Face to Face," an introduction to the DIA's latest exhibition. Cost is \$3 per person. Bring your own lunch and friends to what promises to be an informative and entertaining lecture series. For more information, call Betsy Calhoun at (734) 416-4ART.

### TAI CHI CLASSES

■ Continuing classes in tai chi are offered under the sponsorship of the Taoist Tai Chi Society in Livonia and other locations. For more information, call the society at (248) 332-1281.

### ADOPTION

■ Oakland Family Services is looking for foster and adoptive families in this area. Foster parents provide a temporary family; adoptive parents provide a permanent family for children who do not have families of their own. Oakland Family Services is in Pontiac. There are many school-age children who are in need of families. If you have an interest in helping to provide for children in our community, call Vicki Landsman Peterson, at

## Senatorial speaker



**Bending an ear:** U.S. Sen. Spence Abraham, R-Michigan, right, listens to Canton business owner Mike Zeleji following the Canton Chamber of Commerce luncheon at the Summit on the Park last week.

Oakland Family Services at (248) 858-7215, Ext. 236.

### WORKSHOP

■ Learn the fundamentals of sumi-e painting. Students will learn and practice the four basic strokes. The workshop will be 9:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 1, at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth. The instructor also demonstrates proper loading of the bamboo brush strokes to achieve variegated coloration. Bring to the workshop, a rice paper pad, a bamboo Chinese brush equal to a size 12 watercolor brush (or a size 12 watercolor brush), sumi-e ink in a squeeze bottle if possible, green bottle if not, and a piece of flannel the size of the pad paper. For more information, call (734) 416-4ART.

### BASIC DRAWING CLASS

■ Beginning class will cover the uses of pencil, lithograph crayon, graphite, charcoal, pen and ink in still life, landscape and figure drawing. From 5:30-7 p.m., 10 weeks beginning March 2. Cost is \$150, plus small materials fee. At Charlotte Moore-Viculin Studio of Art, 887 N. Mill, Plymouth. For more information or to register, call (734) 459-1112.

### VEGAS NIGHT

■ St. Linus Men's Club is having a Vegas night from 6 p.m. until midnight on Friday-Saturday, March 3-4, at St. Linus Activity Center, west of Telegraph and north of Ford at the corner of Hass and Gully Roads in Dearborn Heights. Proceeds benefit the youth sports program. Admission is free. State law limits winnings to \$500. For more information, call the parish office

at (313) 274-4500.

### STORY TIMES

■ Story Time with Miss Karen will be held at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 7, at the Plymouth Coffee Bean, 884 Penniman, downtown Plymouth and at 4 p.m. Saturday, March 4, at Little Book Shoppe on the Park, 380 S. Main, downtown Plymouth. Parents and children may experience free interactive 20-minute programs of story telling, music and movement. Favorite children's books, simple instruments and chants highlight the story times. Registrations are suggested but not mandatory. For more information or registration, call (734) 454-0178 for Plymouth Coffee Bean or (734) 455-5220 for Little Book Shoppe on the Park.

### CANTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

■ The Canton Historical Society will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 8, at Cherry Hill School. Please note new day and location. Cherry Hill School is at the corner of Ridge and Cherry Hill. Guest speaker will be Lucy Keas, founder of the Michigan Ghost Hunter's Society. She will speak about the paranormal. Anyone may attend. Refreshments will be served.

### GED TESTING

■ GED Testing will be offered through the Plymouth-Canton Adult Education Department. Evening testing will take place 5-10 p.m. Monday, March 6, and Wednesday, March 8. The test will also be offered during the day from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 7, and Thursday, March 9. This is a two-day test. The test will be held at Starkweath-

er Education Center, 500 N. Holbrook, Plymouth. Registration fee is \$75. Please register in advance. For more information or to register, call (734) 416-4901.

### SESSION

■ The Princeton Review will sponsor a free strategy session seminar 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 14, at The Summit on the Park, 1150 S. Canton Center. This is a 90-minute seminar discussing SAT and ACT techniques, as well as helpful information regarding the college admission process. Each student must bring pencils and a calculator for the free test. Parents are welcome to attend. Students must call The Princeton Review at (800) REVIEW or (734) 663-2163 in order to register for the strategy session.

### EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

■ Arthur's Place and the Arthritis Foundation will present a free educational program, "Emotional Coping with Fibromyalgia," from 7-8 p.m. Tuesday, March 14, at Arthur's Place. Dr. Laurel A. Sills, a clinical psychologist in private practice in Franklin, will discuss how to minimize the pain and wear-and-tear on your body, reframe your thinking, be less reactive, and offer support and set limits with others to better cope with these conditions. Seating is limited. For more information or to register, call (734) 254-0500.

### CANTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

■ Teen (ages 13-17) can fend off the mid-winter blahs at an upcoming event at the Canton Public Library. There will be an origami project from 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 14. Projects will include boxes, picture frames and more.

Registration is required. Space is limited. For more information or for registration, call Stefanie at (734) 397-0999 Ext. 128, or e-mail her at stefanie@metronet.lib.mi.us

### LEGAL FAIR

■ Wayne County Neighborhood Legal Services presents a free community legal fair. The fair, paid for with a Canton Township Community Development Block Grant, features attorneys and individual consultations on legal issues such as: elder abuse, grandparents rights, family law, estate/ life planning, consumer and public benefits/ tax assistance from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. Saturday, March 25, at the Canton Human Services Building, 44237 Michigan Ave. For more information or to register, call (313) 937-8291.

### AARP TAX HELP

■ AARP will sponsor free federal and Michigan income tax preparation for elderly people at the locations listed below. Work is performed by counselors qualified by the IRS. An appointment is required. Assistance is available 9 a.m. until noon and 1-4 p.m. Tuesdays at Canton Recreation Center, 4600 Summit Parkway, Canton, by appointment at (734) 397-5444; from 9 a.m. until noon and 1-4 p.m. Tuesdays at Northville Senior Center, 215 W. Cady, Northville, by appointment at (248) 349-4140; and Wednesdays from 9:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. and 1:30-4:30 p.m. at the Plymouth District Library, 233 S. Main St., Plymouth, by appointment at (734) 453-1234.

### SERVICE CENTER

■ The Michigan Works Service Center provides the Employer/ Employee Connection for Washtenaw County. Job-seeking assistance is provided daily 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Face-to-face job fairs with instant interviews are held 9:30 a.m.-noon Thursday mornings. Free services include distribution of job position information, candidate referrals, resume preparation, interviewing assistance along with Internet access, computer use and free faxing. For more information, call (734) 481-2517.

### 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 per 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. 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.) presents guest speakers and discussions 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.

### M.I.T.I.

■ Moms In Touch International is for mothers to meet weekly, for one hour, to pray for their children and schools. The goal is to form a group for each school in Plymouth-Canton. If you are interested or have any questions, call Karen at (734) 397-2771 or Elaine at (734) 459-3896.

### 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.

### KIWANIS CLUB

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

## 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.

### COUNTERPOINT

■ Counterpoint Shelter and Crisis Center offers free counseling and respite services for people ages 10-17 and their families. Call (734) 563-5005.

### 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.

## CLUBS

### MOTHERS OF MULTIPLES

■ The Plymouth-Canton Mothers of Multiples Club meets 7 p.m. the first and third Monday of each month. Call Barb at (734) 207-5224. Play group meets every other Tuesday.

### HUMAN RIGHTS GROUP

■ The Human Rights Group meets at 7 p.m. the first Sunday of the month at the Plymouth Coffee Studio, 600 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. Call Paulette at (734) 416-9288 or Charlene at (734) 963-0649.

### COUNTY CONNECTION

■ County Connection Chorus of Sweet Adelines International, a women's chorus singing four-part harmony barbershop style, is always looking for new members. Rehearsals take place 7 p.m. every Tuesday in Ypsilanti. Call (734) 480-8843.

### STAMP CLUB

■ Meetings of the West Suburban Stamp Club begin at 8 p.m. the first and third Fridays of the month at The Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton. The Web site is www.oeonline.com/~pnj/wssc.html

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





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**BETHEL BAPTIST TEMPLE**  
29475 W. Six Mile, Livonia  
734-525-3664

Sunday School ..... 10:00 A.M.  
Morning Worship ..... 11:00 A.M.  
Evening Worship ..... 6:00 P.M.  
Wed. Family Hour ..... 7:15 P.M.

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(734) 728-2180  
Virgil Humes, Pastor

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Wednesday Praise Service 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Children, Youth & Adult Bible Study 7:00-8:00 p.m.

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**New St. Paul Tabernacle Church of God in Christ and Grandmont Rosedale Park Christian Day School**  
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First Sat. 9:30 a.m.  
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Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions Tuesdays at 7:00 P.M.

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Sundays 8:00, 10:00 A.M. and 12:00 P.M.  
5:00 P.M. Life Teen Mass

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48755 Warren Rd., Canton, Michigan 48187  
451-0444  
REV. RICHARD A. PERFETTO

Weekday Masses  
Tuesday & Friday 8:30 a.m.  
Saturday - 4:30 p.m.  
Sunday - 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

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29015 Jamison Ave., Livonia  
East of Middlebelt, between 5 Mile & Schoolcraft Rds.  
MASS: Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri & Sat 9:00 a.m.  
Tues 7:00 p.m., Sat 5 p.m.  
Sun 8:30 & 10:00 a.m. & 12:00 noon  
734-427-5220

A new Eastern Catholic parish is being formed to serve Christians residing in the far western suburbs of Detroit.  
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Services are celebrated in accordance with the Byzantine Rite. Liturgy in English is held every Sunday at 5:30 p.m. at St. Michael's Church, 585 North Mill Road, Plymouth, Michigan.  
Liturgy services are also available on all other days.

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**Mt. Hope Congregational Church**  
30330 Schoolcraft Livonia • 734-425-7280  
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9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
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"The Church You've Always Longed For"

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**First Church of Christ, Scientist, Plymouth**  
1100 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth, MI  
Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.  
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Wed. Evening Testimony Meeting 7:30 p.m.  
Reading Room - 445 S. Haven, Plymouth  
Monday-Friday 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. • Thursday 7:30 p.m.  
453-1676

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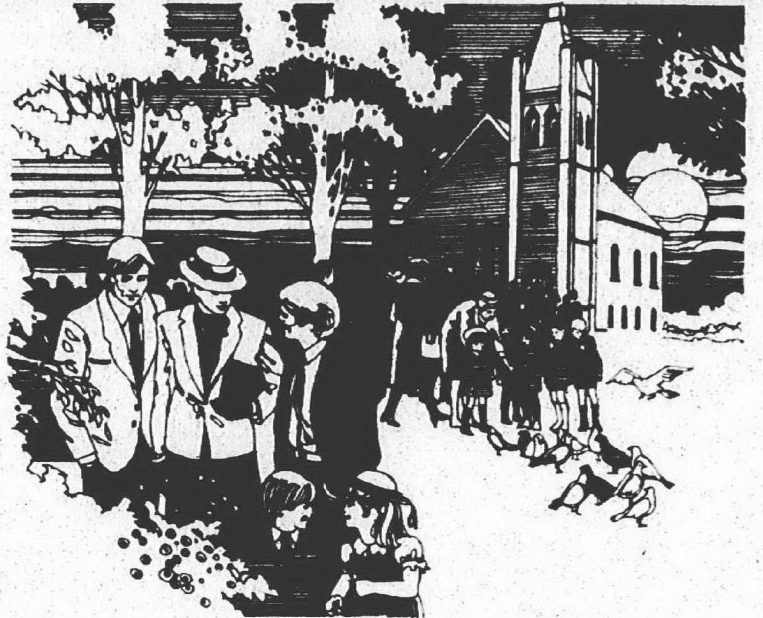
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14 Mile Road and Drake, Farmington Hills  
(248) 661-9191

Sunday Worship  
9:30 a.m. Contemporary  
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Sunday Worship 9:30 am  
Sunday School 10:45 am  
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20805 Middlebelt (Corner of 28 Mile & Middlebelt)  
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WORSHIP SERVICES  
Saturday Evening 7 p.m.  
Sunday Morning 9:15 a.m.  
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Pastor John W. Meyer • 474-0675

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46250 Ann Arbor Road  
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Worship Service 8:15 & 10:45 a.m.  
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Pastor David Martin  
Hugh McMartin, Lay Minister

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9600 Lovorne • So. Redford • 313-937-2424  
Rev. Lawrence Witto / Rev. Steve Eggers

Sunday Morning Worship 8:30 & 11 a.m.  
Sunday School & Adult Bible Class 9:30 a.m.  
Thursday Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.  
Christian School, Kindergarten-8th Grade  
313-937-2233

**St. Michael Lutheran Church & School**  
3000 Hannan Rd., Wayne (corner of Glenwood & Hannan)  
(734) 728-1950

Sunday Morning Worship Services  
Traditional Services 8 & 11 am  
Contemporary Services 9:30 am  
Sunday School Children & Adult 9:30 & 11 am  
Wednesday Night Service 7 pm  
Rev. Dr. Robert J. Schultz Rev. Merle W. Johnson

**ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN Church & School**  
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1 Blk. N. of Ford Rd. Westland 425-0260

Divine Worship 8 & 11:00 A.M.  
Bible Class & SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30 A.M.  
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Gary D. Headupf, Administrative Pastor  
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Sunday School & Bible Class 9:45 a.m.  
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(734) 422-6930

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Worship Service  
9:15 & 11:00 A.M.  
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9:15 & 11:00 A.M.  
Nursery Provided  
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Sunday Worship Services 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.  
Pastor James Hoff  
Pastor Eric Steinbranner

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9435 Henry Ruff at West Chicago  
Livonia 48150 • 421-5406

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10:30 a.m. Worship Service and Youth Classes  
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14750 Kinloch • Redford Twp.  
313-532-8655

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School Grade K thru 8

Phone for Enrollment Info  
WLQV 1500 SUNDAY 10:30 A.M.

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Livonia • 427-2290  
Rev. Carla Thompson Powell, Pastor  
9:00 a.m. Sunday School (all ages)  
10:00 a.m. Family Worship (Nursery Avail.)  
<http://www.timothyivonia.com>

**CHRISTADELPHIANS**

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Sunday School 11:30 A.M.  
Bible Class - Wednesdays 7:30 P.M.  
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734-459-9550  
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9:30  
Lifeline Contemporary Service  
11:00 Traditional Service  
SUNDAY SCHOOL (NURSERY PROVIDED)  
CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST SERVED  
8:00 - 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School for All Ages

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Sunday School & Nursery 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.  
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Senior Minister Associate Minister  
Carole MacKay  
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**Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church (USA)**  
9601 Hubbard at W. Chicago, Livonia, MI  
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10:30 a.m.

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Community Church

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28125 Orchard Lake Road  
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248-324-1700

**PLYMOUTH CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE**  
5801 W. Ann Arbor Road • (513) 659-1525

Sunday School - 9:45 A.M.  
Sunday Worship - 11:00 A.M.  
Sunday Evening - 6:00 P.M.  
Family Night - Wed. 7:00 P.M.  
NEW HORIZONS FOR CHILDREN 455-3196

**UNITED METHODIST**

**ST. MATTHEW'S UNITED METHODIST**  
30900 Six Mile Rd. (Bet. Merriman & Middlebelt)  
Chuck Songstad, Pastor

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11:15 A.M. Adult Study Classes  
Nursery Provided • 422-6038

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20100 Middlebelt Rd. • Livonia  
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# Don't take for granted the blessings God bestows upon us

Recently at our dinner table great wisdom was imparted about God's grace. We were all seated and ready to say our blessing. (Since our daughter's name is Grace, we call our table grace a "blessing to God" in order to avoid confusion.)

We hold hands around the table and then we say our blessing to God. It's the traditional "God is great, God is good" blessing.

On this night, Nick, our 4 1/2-year-old, said, "Now it is time for the blessing." Our daughter, Grace, looked confused so Nick went on to say, "This is where we thank God for all the special stuff God gives us." My husband and I inquired about what the "special stuff" was and Nick said simply, "Love and fun."

I like his definition. God's grace is the love and fun we are given in life. It is something spe-

## 'This is God's grace.'

cial. It is a wonderful blessing, or an unexpected surprise or moment in an otherwise dreary day.

It is the little moments of laughter and smiles during the day. It is the way others care for us. This is God's grace, which is a grand and wonderful gift

offered to each of us, with no strings attached. It is just God's way of loving us.

Sometimes we forget that simple but very profound message. God is there for us. God is always loving us, offering us moments of grace, moments of love and fun. And these gifts from God are what get us through and compel us to offer grace to others.

In our fast-paced lives, we

need to take a few moments each day to reflect on God's gift of love and fun. And as we reflect, let us thank God for this wonderful gift and for continuing to give it to us despite what we may do or think.

And then, as we enjoy the wonderful grace of our creator, we must also remember to pass it on. Just as God offers love and fun to us in simple, yet profound ways, we too can offer this grace

to others. It is as simple as a smile, as a kind word, or deed. Simple acts can change our community and world.

Rev. Melanie Lee Carey has served as associate pastor of Newburg United Methodist Church in Livonia since June of 1993. She grew up in Chelsea, Mich., and lives with her husband and children in Livonia. She can be reached via e-mail at [Melanielee@newburgumc.org](mailto:Melanielee@newburgumc.org)

## RELIGION CALENDAR

**Listings for the Religious News** should be submitted in writing no later than noon Friday for the next Thursday's issue. They can be mailed to 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, or by fax at (734) 591-7279. For more information, call (734) 953-2131 or e-mail [kmortson@oe.homecomm.net](mailto:kmortson@oe.homecomm.net)

### PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Women from clusters 5 and 6 will celebrate the gifts of women, share stories, sing psalms, beginning at 9:45 a.m. Wednesday, March 1, St. Timothy, 16700 Newburgh Road, Livonia. (248) 478-4742 or (734) 522-0739.

### LUTHERAN SINGERS

The Detroit Lutheran Singers, Eric Freudigman, director and Doris Hall, accompanist, will perform a concert of sacred choral music with participation by children's choirs at Christ Our Savior Lutheran at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, March 26 (14175 Farmington Road in Livonia). Tickets are \$10 (\$7 for students and seniors). Call (248) 988-0604 or visit their Web site at <http://members.xoom.com/kmirwin/dls.html>

### KEEFE CONCERT

Barbara Keefe, spiritual teacher and new thought vocalist, will be performing in concert "Tinkerbells and other light beings," at 7 p.m. Feb. 26 at Unity of Livonia (28660 Five Mile Road). The concert will be offered on a donation basis. Keefe tours extensively in the U.S. performing concerts for spiritual and private groups after many years of professional work throughout the world. Three albums will be available for purchase "Through the Open Door," "The Mayan G," and "Fly." For more information call

(734) 421-1760.

### ECUMENICAL LENTEN GATHERINGS

"Opening Our Hearts to Christ - Jubilee 2000" will begin with noon services on the Wednesdays of Lent followed by a luncheon of bread and soup. All services will be held at First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, 710 Church St. in Plymouth. Worship leaders/lunch providers are as follows: March 8, Our Lady of Good Counsel (St. Kenneth); March 15, St. John's Episcopal (St. John's Episcopal); March 22, First United Methodist (Our Lady of Good Counsel); March 29, First Baptist (First Baptist); April 5, Saint Kenneth (First United Methodist); and April 12, Salvation Army (Salvation Army). Donations to cover the cost of lunch benefit the Greater Detroit Partnership for Training (a national initiative that addresses primary health care shortages).

### GRIEF SEMINAR

A grief share seminar for adults and children will be held at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, March 12 at Family Impact Ministries the pastoral care center of Tri-City Christian Center located on Michigan Ave (one mile east of I-275) in Canton. Cost is \$25 per person, \$35 per couple and family. Scholarships available. Call (734) 326-7780 for information.

### WEIGH DOWN

A weigh down workshop orientation will be held Monday evening March 20 at Family Impact Ministries the pastoral care center of Tri-City Christian Center located on Michigan Ave (one mile east of I-275) in Canton. You must call to register. (734) 326-7780.

### SEXUAL ABUSE RECOVERY

The recovery from sexual abuse

group meets Thursday evenings beginning March 23. Registration cost is \$25 per person, however, scholarships are available. Deadline to register is March 15. Family Impact Ministries the pastoral care center of Tri-City Christian Center located on Michigan Ave (one mile east of I-275) in Canton. Call (734) 326-7780.

### DIVORCE CARE SEMINAR

From 7-9 p.m. Friday, March 10 and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 11 at Family Impact Ministries the pastoral care center of Tri-City Christian Center located on Michigan Ave (one mile east of I-275) in Canton. Cost is \$25 per person, however, scholarships are available and limited child care. Register by March 3. Call (734) 326-7780.

### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

"Talitha Kumi: Young Woman, Stand Up!" This observance now spans more than 170 countries. This year's service was written by Christian women of Indonesia, where Christians are only 10 percent of the population. Inspired by this Bible story, the Indonesian women see the hand of Jesus reaching out to them, inviting them to life in its fullness. Program will begin at 12:45 p.m. Friday, March 3 at Lola Valley Methodist Church, 16175 Delaware, Redford (1/10 of a mile east of Inkster Road and four blocks north of Five Mile). Reservations needed for babysitting only. Call Betty Stout by Feb. 29 at (313) 537-9637.

### WOMEN'S RETREAT

A women's retreat titled "Getting Real with God," is planned for Friday March 31 and Saturday April 1 through Tri-City Christian Center of Canton. Registration date is March 15. \$79

per person. For more information call Tri-City Christian Center at (734) 326-0330.

### NEW BEGINNINGS

St. Matthew's United Methodist Church in Livonia offers a year-round grief support group and this new Thursday speaker series, beginning with Del McPherson and "The Healing Power of Humor," March 2; the Rev. Kurt Stutz of Botsford Hospital with "Healing Grief" April 6; the Rev. Phil Seymour on "Dreams, Visions and Images" May 4; and Warren Gilbert's "Managing Memories" June 1. The series is free and open to the public. Call (734) 422-6038.

### CHILI COOKOFF

The Good Shepherd Reformed Church's annual Chili Cook Off will be held from 6-8 p.m. Saturday, March 11. Come and enjoy. Call (734) 722-7225.

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PERSONAL SCENE



**ATTRACTIVE WIDOW**  
Intelligent, slender, tall WF 53, ladylike, warm-hearted, elegant, seeks tall gentleman, 53-55, with traditional manners, who's intelligent, interested in sharing romantic dinners, conversation and laughter with me. Garden City area. LTR 11795

**ANY GOOD ONES LEFT?**  
Seeking romantic, affectionate, honest SWM 30-45, who would like to meet a good woman, 30, for a possible LTR. LTR 11793

**TOUCH OF CLASS**  
Soar into a LTR with classy, attractive WF 55, 130lbs, says eyes, for fun, romance and adventure. Seeking SWM tall and 45+. Sincere replies a plus. LTR 11789

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DWF, late 20s, seeking companionship of professional gentleman, for romantic dining, dancing and the like. Possible LTR 11788

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DWF 25, N/S, mom of one, seek attractive, fun, outgoing, intelligent, for dating, fun, whatever else you happen. Must have sense of humor. LTR 11785

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SWF, 36, seeks WM 32-39, 5'8", who's kind of the bar scene, likes sports, for special committed relationship. LTR 11784

**INTELLIGENT & EASYGOING**  
Sincere, caring, trustworthy SWF 25, tall, enjoys reading, traveling, hiking, travel, cooking. Seeking financially-stable SWM, 35-55, N/S, N/Drugs, N/Smoking. No games, please. LTR 11783

**HELLO MY MAN**  
African-Caribbean, tall, fit, single, employed, independent, down-to-earth, sense of humor, outgoing, positive, monogamous SWM for LTR 11782

**LOOKING FOR A GOOD MAN**  
Full-figured, healthy, attractive, 37, loves comedy, reading, long walks, animals. Seeking loving, honest, communicative SWM to help me with this broken heart. LTR 11781

**LOVES ADVENTURE**  
Sincere, easygoing, financially/emotionally secure SWF 42, 5'7", 155lbs, blonde/hazel enjoys all music. Seeking tall, athletic SWM, 30-44, 5'11", N/S, friends first, possible LTR 11780

**PLAYING YOUR BONG**  
Vivacious, romantic DWF, 46, blonde/blue, professional musician, seeks S/DWM, 40-50, N/S, with passion for life, interested in possible LTR. LTR 11779

**AMBITIOUS**  
Pretty, smart, pleasing plump, bubbly SWF 43, 5'4", blonde/blue, N/S, needs SWM age open, vibrant, fun, for true love, for a possible LTR. LTR 11778

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**BHARE GOLDEN REWARDS**  
DVM 57, medium build, HW proportionate, N/Drugs, N/S, warm, romantic, caring, financially/emotionally secure, recently retired professional. Broad interests open to pleasure, shared by healthy, able partners. Seeking compatible lady, 45-55, for LTR. LTR 11779

**SEEKING EDGE OF ADVENTURE**  
Interesting SM, 38, 5'10", 145lbs, father of one, enjoys movies, casual, basketball, deer hunting. Seeking outgoing spontaneous, fun-loving romantic SWF for friendship first. LTR 11781

**TAKE A CHANCE**  
Intuitive, educated, creative, persevering, Catholic SWM, 43, 5'8", brown/blue, no dependents. Seeking enlightened, fit, emotionally available SWFF 25-42 for trust, friendship, communication and more. LTR 11780

**LET'S DANCE AT SUNSET**  
DW dad, 41, 5'9", brown/hazel, custodial parent, homeowner, loves camping, barbecuing, Cedar Point, carnivals, motorcycles, movies, everything. Seeking DW mom with same interests, for monogamous relationship. Now area. LTR 11786

**OH, THAT'S GOOD!**  
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**LIFE IS SUBLIME**  
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**FRIENDSHIP FIRST**  
Sincere, attractive, smart, honest SWM, 38, N/S, for a lifetime romance that never ends. LTR 11781

**SACR 43, 5'7", enjoys simple and life's things in life. Seeking honest, open-minded SWFFPM, 43-50, who's fun, outgoing, for possible LTR. LTR 11780**

**DO YOU EXIST?**  
Attractive AF, 38, 5'5", down-to-earth and easygoing, looking for a kind, attractive, health-conscious SWM, 35-45, with similar interests, for possible LTR. LTR 11779

**ONE GOOD MAN**  
SBF, 49, 5'7", enjoys movies, long walks, hiking, reading, N/Drugs, N/S, honest, caring SM, 35-50, with similar interests, for possible LTR. LTR 11778

**SEEKING SPECIAL WOMAN**  
Handsome, affectionate SWM 28, 5'10", 160lbs, brown/hazel, enjoys dining out, cooking, theater, outdoor sports, traveling. Seeking beautiful, intelligent, communicative SWFF for friendship and a possible LTR. LTR 11785

**LIKES DANCING**  
DWM 46, 6'1", 200lbs, N/S, seeks SWFF, 25-45, who enjoys dancing, for friendship and a possible LTR. LTR 11784

**RETIRED AND FRIENDLY**  
Retired, affectionate, easygoing SWM, 63, enjoys golf, bowling, romantic evenings. Seeking slender, attractive SWFF, 45-55, for friendship and romance. LTR 11783

**ME BROKEN HEART?**  
SWM 48, 6'1", 185lbs, brown/brown, stocky and slim, dad of 2, loves horseback riding, camping, fishing, traveling. Seeking lady, 35-45, who's fun, outgoing, for friendship and a possible LTR. LTR 11782

**CALL ME SOON**  
Hand-woman, SWM 49, 5'8", 175lbs, well-built, seeks fun-loving, easygoing, intelligent, pretty, committed SWFF for friendship, companionship and a LTR. LTR 11781

**COMPASSIONATE EUROPEAN**  
Retired widower, WM, 66, 5'8", 200lbs, enjoys traveling, sharing, traveling, having good times. Seeking lady, 58-65, with same interests, much, much more. LTR 11780

**ESPECIALLY FOR YOU!**  
Fine, personable SWM 42 is entertaining music, dancing, having fun, yet he's also a household chore, shopping, etc. Seeking compatible, friendly female partner. LTR 11779

**YOU'VE GONE THIS FAR...**  
Don't give up now. Make one more call. Have and want honesty, trust, friendship, laughter and love. I like sports, music, books, animals. How many I'm tall, thin, 60, secure. LTR 11778

**SOUTHERN HOSPITALITY A**  
Retired, friendly, humorous DWM 47, 5'11", 167lbs, entrepreneur, enjoys traveling, dining out, spontaneous communication, and seeking a LTR. Are you? LTR 11777

**HISERY'S MY PLAN**  
Meet someone special, enjoy our times together, give her loyalty, liberty, laughs, and love. A simple plan to make it work. I'm sharp, I'm sharp, you're talented. Call N/S 64. LTR 11776

**LOOKING AT YOU**  
Attractive, sexy, outgoing, giving SWM 46, with a variety of interests, love to be romantic and seek a woman who's fun, outgoing, intelligent, for friendship and a possible LTR. LTR 11775

**MR. SUNSHINE**  
Easygoing DMM 44, love children, seeks S/DWF 38-50, who enjoys going to movies, walks in the park, holding hands, for possible relationship. LTR 11774

**LOOKING FOR SOMEONE?**  
Intelligent, yet humorous active, outgoing SWM, 40, 5'10", 190lbs, enjoys reading, writing, outdoor activities, theater, movies. Seeking friendly, outgoing SWFF, 34-40, N/S, small/petite build, for possible relationship. LTR 11773

**LET SOMEONE SPECIAL**  
FI SWM 42, 5'9", 180lbs, brown/brown, enjoys bike riding, movies, music, people watching. Seeking fit SWFF to share his life with. LTR 11772

**LET'S LOVE YOU!**  
Friendly, caring, funny, gold-oriented SWM, 62, 245lbs, dark/hazel, N/D, N/S, no kids, enjoys meeting new people, spending time with friends. Seeking humorous, caring, communicative SWFF for friendship first. LTR 11771

**WHO'S BEEN LOVED IS POOR?**  
Good-looking, fun-loving lady, fit, sprightly, reliable SWFF, 41, 5'6", who has a great sense of humor, but his greatest passion is to meet one lady, fit, positive SWF to share his life with. LTR 11770

**LET'S SHARE HOLIDAYS**  
Professionally employed, college educated, WM, 48, 5'11", 195lbs, brown/blue, no dependents, local SWM, 45, who's fun, outgoing, outdoors, music, travel, and a possible LTR. LTR 11769

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Professionally employed, college educated, WM, 48, 5'11", 195lbs, brown/blue, no dependents, local SWM, 45, who's fun, outgoing, outdoors, music, travel, and a possible LTR. LTR 11769

**ATTENTION GIVER**  
SWM 50, 180lbs, giving, affectionate, and fun to be around, please get on your face. No pretenses, just wanting to be happy. Call me. LTR 11768

**TRY THIS QUALITY GUY!**  
Sincere DWM 53, 5'10", 165lbs, handsome, SWM with a simple plan to make it work. I'm sharp, I'm sharp, you're talented. Call N/S 64. LTR 11767

**ARE YOU DRESSED UP?**  
No, when to go, enjoy casual, comedy clubs, champagne, movies, etc. Handsome, successful SWM 45, who can sing and dance. Seeking lady, 35-45, who's fun, outgoing, intelligent, for friendship and a possible LTR. LTR 11766

**GET MY ACT TOGETHER**  
Are you looking for an attractive, trouble-free, N/S, nice guy, who's down-to-earth? I'm 50+, 5'10", 155lbs, thin build. Favorite things: music, exercise, and having fun. LTR 11765

**WESTLAND AREA**  
Attractive SWM 5'10", 175lbs, nice hair, bright brown eyes, N/S, no dependents, enjoys roller skating, seeks slim attractive WF under 40. LTR 11764

**NEW BEGINNINGS**  
DWM 27, 5'10", 140lbs, blonde/blue, enjoys working with animals, motorcycling, racing, movies, dining, museums. Seeking S/DWF 22-29, for friendship, possible LTR. LTR 11763

**CHRISTIAN TO CHRISTIAN**  
FI 165#, 42, devoted, playful, father, believes in top ten, bible study, enjoys golf, walks, clear tv. Seeks gentle, kind, playful woman, HW proportionate, for friendship. All replies answered. LTR 11762

**WHY BE ALONE?**  
Caring, affectionate, loving DWM 52, 5'7", 150lbs, enjoys hiking, shopping, and quality time together. Seeking petite, mature SWF, 40-50, for friendship, possible long-term, monogamous relationship. Race unimportant. LTR 11761

**ITALIAN STALLION**  
47, attractive, muscular, tall, sensitive, Seeking classy, slim, attractive, selective SWFF under 45, for friendship and possible relationship. LTR 11760

**TRY THIS ONE!**  
Retired DWM 52, 6'1", 150, so good, gay, unemployed as a substitute teacher, 45, 45, 45, 45, and crowds like outdoors, music, golf, traveling, hanging things, get together. All calls answered. LTR 11759

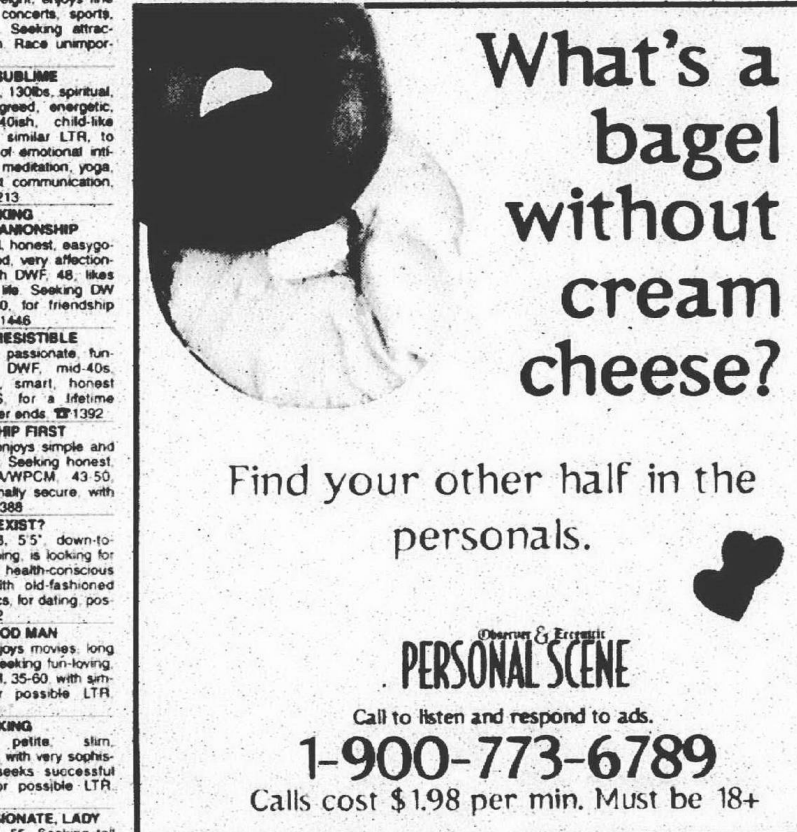
**LET'S LOOK TO THE SUMMER**  
DWM looking for widowed SWFF 38-45, N/S, ready for the warmer days and some fun loving time. If you think you are the one, let me hear from you. LTR 11758

**YOU MAY QUALIFY**  
For this friendly, charming SWM 46, who is full of love, laughter, hugs and kisses. Seeking to share happiness and security in love. Local SWFF, 35-45, like, like, like. LTR 11757

**ROMANTIC MAN**  
Very romantic SWM 49, enjoys bowling, travel, dining, dating, possibly more. Race/age unimportant. All calls answered. LTR 11756

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**SEEKING SOMEONE SPECIAL**  
SWM 33 tall, dark hair, honest sincere, caring, likes dining out, movies, and evening walks. Seeking SWFF 25-40, for dating/romance. LTR 11759

**BLACK LEATHER**  
SWM 57, 140lbs, enjoys motorcycle, movies, boaters and the lake. Seeking SWFF 25-35, for committed LTR. LTR 11758

**FIRST TIME EVER, REDDIF**  
Attractive, hardworking, honest, kind-hearted, affectionate SWM 37, 6'1", 162lbs, former tobacco smoker, social drinker, home owner, no dependents, enjoys camping, fishing. Seeking SWFF 25-35, HW proportionate. Kids ok. No games. LTR 11757

**YEAH BABY!**  
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Retired male, 37, father of 3, independent, financially secure, likes movies, fun, dancing, going out, sports. Seeking beautiful, nice, compassionate woman who likes to have fun. Possible romance, please call back. LTR 11755

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**EARTH, WIND & FIRE**  
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**HAPPY GO LUCKY**  
Handsome, witty, sweet SM 47, seeks SWFF 40-50, SWM for dating, sports, dancing, friendship, possible LTR. LTR 11767

**LOOKING FOR A GOOD WOMAN**  
DWM 46, 6'1", 200lbs, N/S, seeks SWFF, 25-45, who enjoys dancing, for friendship and a possible LTR. LTR 11784

**RETIRED AND FRIENDLY**  
Retired, affectionate, easygoing SWM, 63, enjoys golf, bowling, romantic evenings. Seeking slender, attractive SWFF, 45-55, for friendship and romance. LTR 11783

**ME BROKEN HEART?**  
SWM 48, 6'1", 185lbs, brown/brown, stocky and slim, dad of 2, loves horseback riding, camping, fishing, traveling. Seeking lady, 35-45, who's fun, outgoing, for friendship and a possible LTR. LTR 11782

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# Team shows town 'Whale' of a time

BY BRAD KADRICH  
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Four years ago, Paul Clapper suffered a stroke. His continuing recovery presented his wife, Shirley, with a new problem: Finding him something to do.

Enter the Plymouth Whalers. Before Paul's stroke, the Clappers, a Canton couple, had never really paid much attention to hockey. They'd heard the name bandied about, but weren't sure what the Whalers were. After the stroke, with Paul's recovery continuing, Shirley decided to find out.

The Clappers haven't missed a home game since.

"I needed something to get him out of the house," said a chuckling Shirley, who has

owned season tickets for three years now. "It's been great therapy for him, and now he wouldn't miss a game."

It's the kind of loyalty the

Whalers, now in their fourth season in Plymouth, seem to engender. The 4,000-seat Compuware Arena is generally brimming with fans, and the Whalers treat them to as close to NHL-style fun as a minor hockey franchise can get.

There are DARE events, a center-ice shooting contest and various other family ties that bind fans young and old to the team.

Tim Smith of Plymouth and his son Tim have been to about 15 games this season. They've had so much father-son fun, and the Whalers have played so well (they led the Ontario Hockey League's Western Conference with 73 points after Friday's 2-1 win over the fourth-place Sarnia Sting) the Smiths will add their name to the season ticket list next year.

"They're doing pretty good this season (Friday's win was Plymouth's eighth straight)," young Tim said. "I just like hockey."

The answer is simpler to his father. "It's good hockey, and the price is right," the elder Smith said. "(Season tickets) saves me the hassle of rushing over here. And the hockey is good, so it's worth the money."

Ryan Stupakis is happy to hear people are flocking to the team. The Whalers' public relations director said the team knows the hockey is good (four players from last year's team were NHL draftees), and it's good to know the fans are finding it out, too.

"A lot of people don't know what junior hockey is," Stupakis said. "We're not saying this is NHL hockey, but for the price, you can't beat it."

The quality hockey, and of the players themselves, is also trumpeted by the 300-member Whale Watchers, the team's loyal and zealous band of supporters. Many of them used to follow the team when they were the Junior Wings, playing at Joe Louis arena.

After a short sabbatical, the fan club returned three years ago. Laurie Johnson has been the club's only president.

"We've followed the team for eight years," said Johnson. "We really like the players and the host families they live with. We've been to every arena in the OHL except three. We're just hockey fans."

As is Aaron Beard of Brighton, whose attendance record is even more amazing than Paul Clapper's. Beard, who works for Kroger, hasn't missed a home game — that's pre-season, regular season and play-offs — since the 1994-95 season.

He's even taken his support to a level most fans don't reach. Sitting next to the opponents' penalty box with his family, Beard, a slightly built 29-year-old, has been taunting opposing players since 1992 with signs and gestures designed to further inflame them after they've already taken a penalty.

Beard has created more than 30 signs — with sayings ranging from "Wuss" to "Now how smart was THAT" — which he flashes at players as they enter the box.

"I get a kick out of it," said Beard, who has been spat at, squirted with water and had various four-letter words directed at him. "I do it for the fun of it. Most of the (opposing players) take it with humor, but there are some who don't react so well."

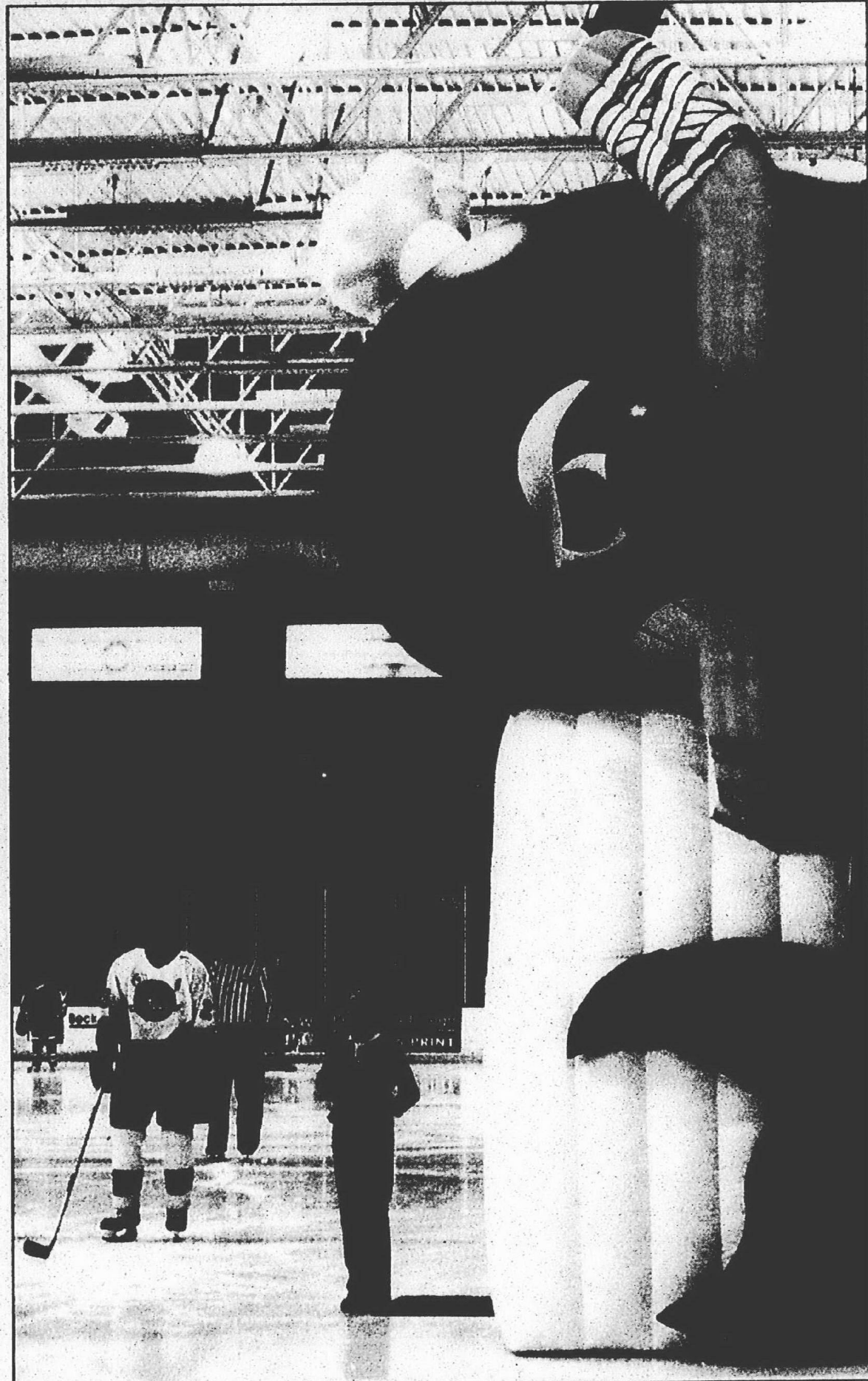
The Whalers have become a way of life for many of their fans. Paul Clapper perhaps embodies the best of the Plymouth faithful.

"I could never figure out what the Whalers were," he said. "I didn't care much for hockey until I started coming here. Now I think it's fantastic."

*Golden voice: Katrina Chizel (far right) of Plymouth, 12, belts out the Canadian and American National anthems while being dwarfed by the Whalers giant blow-up whale. (Right) Aaron Beard of Brighton holds one of his many signs while one of the Sarnia Sting players takes his time in the penalty box. The sign reads, "RAID - Flying Sting Killer."*



First-timers: Carly Ben-gry, 4 1/2, left, and her sister McKenzie, 2, enjoy their first hockey game with dad Bryce and mom Lisa. (Center, top) Katie Rose, 13, from left, Sarah Hollis, 14, and Melissa Natter, 14, all of Garden City, boogie along with the music during the second intermission. Sarah and Melissa each celebrated their birthdays earlier in the week and they were joined by a half-dozen friends to watch the Whalers Friday night. (Center, middle) Announcer Chris Butzlaff smiles after going through his nightly repertoire with the crowd. (Center, bottom) Paul Verhulst of Dearborn got the beer run duties.



## WHALERS AT A GLANCE

A few quick facts about the Plymouth Whalers:

- Home ice — Compuware Arena.
- Seating capacity — 4,300, including standing room only.
- Season tickets — \$219 (\$8 seats); \$299 (\$12 seats).
- Game-day tickets — \$12, \$8.
- Most popular souvenir — T-shirts (\$9); mini-sticks (\$5-\$6); pucks (\$5).
- Most popular concession — Pretzel & hot dog.
- Fan Club — Whale Watchers, Laurie Johnson, president. Membership: \$25 family, \$15 individual, \$10 for Junior Whale Watchers.

Staff Photos by Paul Hurschmann



## OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

### Dietrich, Miela honored

Chris Dietrich and Michelle Miela of Madonna University were recently named to the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference women's basketball team.

Dietrich, a senior guard from Monroe-Jefferson High School, averaged 15 points per game (16 in the WHAC), while shooting 80 percent from the free throw line.

Miela, a junior guard from Anchor Bay High School, averaged 13 points and two assists per game in the conference. Her season averages were eight points and two assists. She has compiled a 3.3 GPA in three years in Madonna's Dietetics program.

Dietrich, Miela and Jaelyn Kocis, a junior forward from St. Clair Shores Lakeshore, were also named to the All-Academic team in the WHAC. Kocis has earned a 3.25 GPA in Criminal Justice.

Meanwhile, sophomore guard Carissa Gizicki (Riverview Gabriel Richard) was named to the All-WHAC Defensive Team. She finished among the conference leaders in steals (four per game), while averaging six points and four assists (per game).

### All-Academic Crusaders

Redford Thurston High product Chad Putnam, a senior forward for the Madonna University men's basketball team, was recently named to the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference All-Academic team.

Putnam, a History (Education) major, achieved a 3.69 grade-point average.

Junior Mark Mitchell (Walled Lake Western) was also named to the All-Academic squad. The Business major carries a 3.41 cumulative GPA.

### College standouts

Doug Herriman scored 21 points and dished out 15 assists — a school record — in leading the University of Michigan-Dearborn to a 93-62 win over St. Clair (Ont.) University Tuesday.

Herriman, a senior, is a 5-foot-11 guard from Plymouth Salem HS. He also had six rebounds and four steals in the game.

His efforts earned him a berth on the second team of the Northeast Atlantic Conference all-conference team. Herriman is averaging 13.9 points, 6.8 assists and three rebounds a game.

Janell Twietmeyer scored a team-high 11 points, but it wasn't enough as her Alma College team fell to Calvin College 61-52 Feb. 12. The Scots are 11-10 overall, 8-6 in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association.

A freshman starter, Twietmeyer is averaging nine points and 5.6 rebounds a game.

### Pistons/Shock Clinic

Members of the Detroit Pistons and Detroit Shock will put on a basketball clinic Saturday afternoon, March 18, at Ward Presbyterian Church, located at 40000 Six Mile (west of Haggerty) in Northville.

Boys and girls in the third-to-eighth grades are encouraged to attend. Cost is \$15.

Session I (grades 3-5) will run from 2-3:15 p.m. Session II (grades 6-8) will run from 3:30-4:45 p.m. Arrive 15 minutes early to register, or pre-register at the Ward Presbyterian Church by March 10.

Parents are invited to attend (no additional charge). The clinic includes five follow-up Saturdays of open basketball practice, from 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Fundamental basketball skills will be emphasized (ball-handling, passing, shooting, defense and rebounding).

For further information, call (248) 374-5937.

### Lions at Thurston

Members of the Detroit Lions Football Team will challenge members of the Thurston High School Band and school staff in a special benefit basketball game Thursday, March 2 in the Thurston High School gym, 26255 Schoolcraft, just west of Beech Daly.

Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$5 for those age 12 and under. Tickets can be purchased from any band member or at the door. Doors open at 6:15 p.m. The Lions will sign autographs beginning at 6:30 p.m. and during halftime at the game. The game starts at 7 p.m.

## Salem jolts Falcons — again

Anyone thinking it was an upset the first time Salem upended Farmington, well — think again. The Falcons were no more successful handling the Rocks this time around, in the WLAA playoffs, than they were the first.



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Bob Brodie called it "almost a carbon copy of the last time we played."

His opposite number, Farmington coach Denny Mikel, agreed except that the time length expanded. "We can't beat those guys," Mikel said after Brodie's Plymouth Salem squad had

upset his Falcons, 65-54 Wednesday.

"In 10 years, I've never beaten them."

The win sends the Rocks to the Western Lakes Activities Association Tournament semifinals. They host Walled Lake Western, which beat Northville Tuesday, at 7 p.m. Friday.

To be fair, in that decade Salem has dominated, Mikel's Farmington squads have not been of equal caliber. This

season, however, the Falcons are.

They came into Wednesday's game with a 14-3 record. Salem was 9-8.

Now, two of Farmington's four losses have come against the Rocks, who are currently 10-8.

The challenge in their first meeting, a 52-40 win Feb. 4, was to overcome the loss of their starting guards in the last week and the death of teammate Mark Bolger the previous Friday.

All this while playing the Falcons on their floor.

But Salem managed it. And a video could have been sent for the second match-up.

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## Short-handed Chiefs still win

It was not a bright outlook for Plymouth Canton's basketball team.

The Chiefs were already facing a tough opponent in Livonia Churchill in their Western Lakes Activities Association Tournament opener. Having to do so without their top rebounder and one of their top scorers would make things very difficult indeed.

But Canton rose to the challenge.

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## Rocks wreck Canton



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What a way to get out of the gate for Plymouth Canton's volleyball team.

The Chiefs scored the first four points of the match against arch-rival Plymouth Salem Monday at Canton. Unfortunately, that's as far as they got.

Salem did not surrender another point in dispatching Canton, 15-4, 15-0. The win boosted the Rocks' record to 35-10-1 overall, 9-1 in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

Amanda Suder's eight kills led the Rocks. Denise Philips added four kills, and Jill Dombrowski had 16 assists to kills.

Beating their cross-campus rivals wasn't the end of the good news for Salem Monday. Walled Lake Central knocked off Livonia Franklin 15-8, 9-15, 15-7 Monday to forge a possible three-way tie for first in the WLAA (Salem played Northville Wednesday in a rescheduled match).

All of which should make for an interesting WLAA Tournament Saturday starting at 9 a.m. at Northville.

Central, Franklin and Salem are the favorites, but Livonia Stevenson, Livonia Churchill and Northville are all capable of upsetting that mix.

"Northville for any number of reasons," was Salem coach Tom Teeters' team evaluation. "Central has a 5-10 setter and a couple of six-footers up the middle. And Franklin has more size than us and Lindsey Sopko does a great job setting.

"Stevenson and Churchill could upset somebody. Shannon Munn gives (Churchill) great speed."

As for Salem: "We're a little less athletic and we're not that big," noted Teeters.

And yet the Rocks have succeeded. "We seem to be more consistent," he said. "Even when we don't play well, we feel we're still in the match."

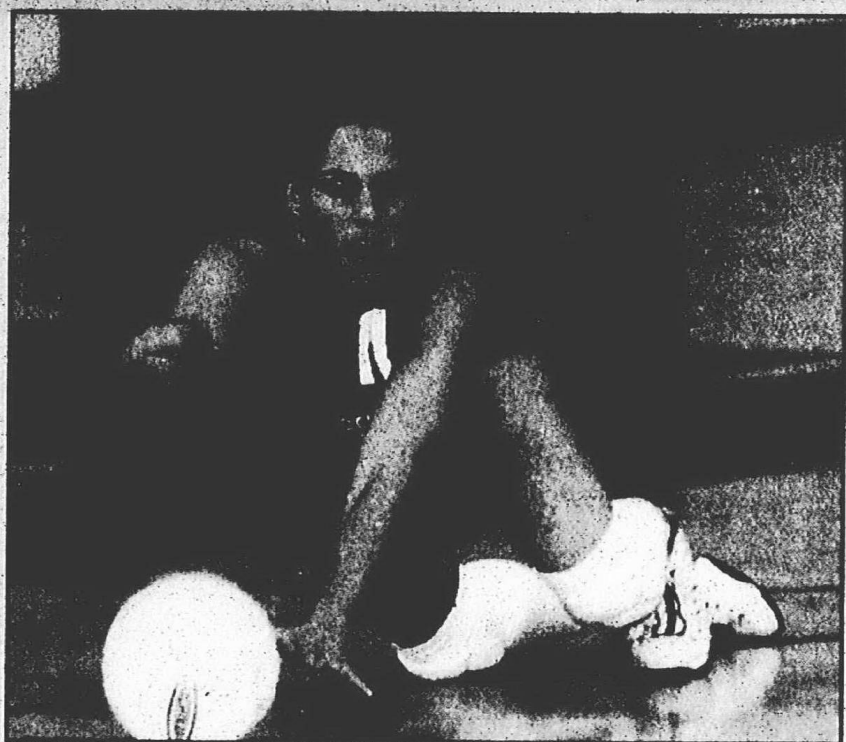
Reaching the WLAA Tournament finals won't be a simple task, but there are some factors in the Rocks favor.

"We're healthy," said Teeters. "We're coming off two ankle injuries."

"We're going to have to have a good serving day. And we're going to have to take care of

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**Pulling away:**  
Salem squandered the first four points in its match against Canton, but the Rocks — helped by Denise Philips (left) — didn't allow the Chiefs to score anything else, despite Anna Kiel's efforts (right).



STAFF PHOTOS  
BY SHARON LEMIEUX

## 9 and rising: Whalers crush Knights



This can't go on forever. Can it?

There are those who certainly hope it will. And with every game, the Plymouth Whalers create a few more doubters, a few more people who think there may not be an end in sight.

On Saturday, the Whalers combined a four-goal second period with a stingy defense in dispatching the London Knights, 6-0 Saturday at Plymouth's Compuware Arena.

A crowd of 2,468 watched the Whalers improve to 35-17-4 with their ninth-straight win; they lead the Ontario Hockey League's West Division with 75 points, six more than second-place Sault Ste. Marie. London is last in the West at 16-31-7 (42 points).

Bill Ruggiero was in goal for the shutout; he made 18 saves. Gene Chiarello faced 42 shots in goal for London, making 36 stops.

Damian Surma got things started for the Whalers, scoring 1:45 into the first period. In the second, goals by Kris Vernarsky, Stephen Weiss, Tomas Kurka and

Justin Williams pushed their lead to 5-0.

Randy Fitzgerald's short-handed goal 1:15 into the third period capped the scoring. Fitzgerald finished with a goal and two assists; so did Surma. Williams and Weiss had a goal and an assist each.

The Whalers' streak — their second lengthy one this season (they won seven in a row in December/January) — has taken them to the second-best record in the OHL, behind only the Ottawa 67's (41-13-3).

## Putnam cashes in on his chance

BY C.J. RISAK  
SPORTS WRITER

He came out of Redford Thurston as a good, but not a great, basketball player. After all, a power forward/center that stood only 6-foot-4 would not be in great demand.

And he wasn't. Chad Putnam — a third team All-Observer selection in 1996 as a senior — wasn't really recruited by anybody.

He tried out at Madonna University, a program that was still trying to get established in its third year of existence. Putnam would face those same kind of difficulties.

"I've worked hard at it," said Putnam.

### PROFILE

"It hasn't come easy."

No, it hasn't. And there's a phrase coaches love to apply to players who may not possess the most talent, but use what they have the best they can: over-achiever.

"Personally, I've improved every year," said Putnam, his senior season entering its final stages. "It's something I'm proud of. I hope I've provided some leadership (this year)."

Putnam has provided a lot of things in his career. As a freshman, he admits, "When I came here, I was the last guy

on the bench."

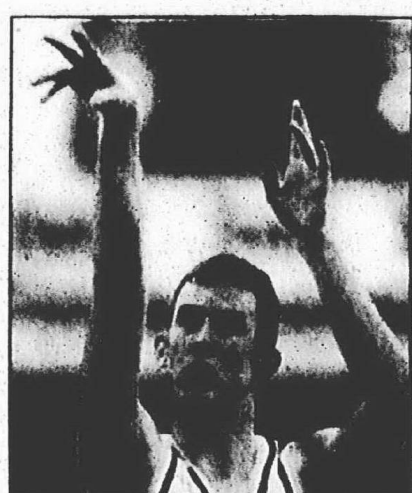
Which means he rarely played. His minutes increased gradually in his sophomore year, but not much, even last season, as a junior, he averaged less than five points in 10 minutes a game and got just a couple of starts.

This season it all changed: Putnam and Jason Skoczylas were the only seniors on a team that also had just one junior. Only three players were 6-foot-5 or taller.

It was clearly a challenge. And Putnam met it.

He has averaged 12.4 points and 5.7 rebounds in 30 minutes a game. And he

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STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HUBERTSMAN

**Increased accuracy:** As Putnam's minutes increased, so did his scoring.



# Henry Ford CC eliminates Ocelots, 63-54

It was a reversal of what happened just a few days earlier. Last Saturday at Schoolcraft College, the Lady Ocelots held off Henry Ford CC to post a 52-49 victory. On Monday, it was the Hawks who emerged with the win, topping SC 63-54 at Henry Ford. The difference in the two games: Saturday's was just the end of the regular season. Monday's was part of the Michigan Community College Athletic Association State Tournament. "In a nutshell, the game came down to our inability to make free throws," said

## WOMEN'S HOOP

SC coach Karen Lafata. "Everything else was pretty much even. We went through a stretch in the last five minutes of the game when we were stuck on 42. "We kept going to the line and missing free throws, and that's the time of the game when you can't do that." Carla Saxton's 14 points topped SC. Angelica Blakely added 13 points and 13 rebounds, and Antone Watson had 12 boards and six assists.

Katie Martin led the Hawks with 23 points and 13 rebounds. The loss left SC at 11-13 overall. Henry Ford improved to 13-14 overall. Last Saturday, the Lady Ocelots took a two-point lead into halftime and managed to hang onto it in edging Henry Ford. Blakely scored 18 points and nabbed 14 rebounds, with Janelle Olson contributing 12 points and three steals. Saxton added 10 points, Carly Wright (from Garden City) had eight points, eight boards and four assists, and Watson totaled eight rebounds, four assists and two steals. Martin paced Henry Ford with 14

points. **CORNERSTONE 64, MADONNA 60:** Despite a second half rally, Madonna University lost at home Tuesday to Cornerstone University, 64-60, in a women's basketball matchup. The game was the regular-season finale for both teams. Trailing 39-32 at the half, and by as many as 24 points, Madonna came back with a tough defensive effort, limiting Cornerstone to just 11-of-30 (36.7 percent) shooting from the field in the second half.

However, Madonna could not overcome shooting a dismal 1-of-15 (6.7 percent) from behind the 3-point line. Laura Yonders led Cornerstone with 21 points and 16 rebounds (both game highs) and Kami Main chipped in 14 points and six assists. Sarah Haney came off the bench to contribute 13 points and five rebounds for Cornerstone, which improved its record to 21-8 overall, 11-3 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference. Led by Lori Enfield's 13 points and Chris Dietrich's 10 points, the Crusaders dropped to 12-14 overall, 6-8 in the WHAC.

## SPORTS ROUNDUP

### Soccer sign-up

The Metro Detroit Soccer League is searching for teams for its spring/summer season, which gets under way April 30. Games will be played Sunday afternoons throughout the metro Detroit area. Registration is open for teams in the Premier

First, Premier Second, Recreational and Over-30, divisions until March 26. Affiliation fees and registration fees vary by division. New teams will be accepted, and individual players may register and be placed on a team. For further information, contact the MDSL Hotline at (248) 760-1481 or (313) 875-4122.

### Coaches needed


Swim coaches are needed in the Plymouth-Canton schools. East Middle School is in need of both boys and girls swim coaches. The season begins in the first week of March. Those interested should call director of athletics Brian Wolcott at (734) 416-7774.

# Cornerstone rips Madonna


The Madonna University men's basketball team faltered in its regular season finale Saturday at Cornerstone University, 109-68. Led by Luke Moord's game-high 21 points, Cornerstone converted 23 Madonna turnovers into 43 points en route to the blowout. Shooting a red-hot 35-of-57

from the field (61.4 percent), Cornerstone displayed a balanced attack, scoring 40 points inside the paint and hitting 11 3-point shots. Justin VandePol (13-of-14 from the line) and Brian Robinson (4-of-6 on 3-pointers) each scored 17 points for the Golden Eagles. Aaron Cox led Madonna with

19 points and 4 assists, while Jason Skoczylas hit for 17 points. With the loss, the Crusaders finished the season with an overall record of 4-27 (2-10 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference). Cornerstone upped its record to 20-10, 9-5 in the WHAC.



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met his responsibilities on a team desperately needing leadership. "We needed it because we're so young," Putnam said, then added, "I wanted to provide a good, solid role-model, both in the classroom and on the floor. That's important. "(Academic problems) have killed us in the past. This year we didn't lose anybody to grades. It's a small step in the right direction." Putnam's role off-court has been substantial. He was an

NAIA Academic All-American as a junior, and is on his way to matching that feat this season. On Monday, it was announced he was named to the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference all-academic team. He carries a 3.69 grade-point average, with majors in history and education. Although the academic woes that plagued the Crusaders in the past have subsided, the benefits haven't materialized on the court. Madonna is still struggling, taking a 4-27 record into Wednesday's WHAC playoff

game at Tri-State University. The Crusaders finished last in the conference. Player defections and poor academics have wrecked coach Bernie Holowicki's attempts to build a program. The corner, however, may have been reached. Holowicki is one reason Putnam decided to attend Madonna. With his playing days nearing an end, he has given a lot of thought to coaching. "I attended Coach Holowicki's camps when I was a kid," Putnam said. "He's part of the reason I came here. I thought I could learn from him." Holowicki knows he'll make a good coach. "He's really been a godsend," the Madonna coach said. "He's worked very hard to get to where he is. He's a leader, a team captain, he calls the defensive signals on the floor, and he helps the young kids a lot, he doesn't put them down.

"His progress has been phenomenal. He's improved a lot since his junior year." The on-court memories in his Madonna career aren't in abundance for Putnam. Perhaps the best came this season, when the Crusaders upset Cornerstone College, the defending NAIA champions, 82-63 on Jan. 26. "Beating Cornerstone," said Putnam, "that was great — especially after they embarrassed us up there last year." His playing days are about over; Putnam knows this. But he hopes he's helped this program grow and develop. "I'm trying to be a part of that," he said. "In the future, when these guys do well, I'll feel a part of it all." As Holowicki put it, "He's a kid you never have to worry about. He's dependable." A few more Putnams on the roster and Madonna will turn that corner of success real quick.



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# Rocks nip Vikes; Chiefs fall

It was a rare occasion for Plymouth Salem.

Monday's rescheduled game against Walled Lake Central afforded the Rocks with the chance to push their record above .500.

It's been a tough season for Salem, which has struggled to stay above the break-even mark. Monday's game was no different — for a while.

This time, however, the Rocks ended up on top, edging Central 51-50.

Indeed, the main reason the Rocks were stuck at .500 going into Monday's game — rescheduled because of Friday's predicted snowstorm — was their inability to win a close game. Seven of their eight losses had been by five points or fewer.

That changed against Central. The visiting Vikings grabbed hold of the lead quickly, building a 14-9 advantage after one quarter and increasing it to 26-12 by halftime.

Which did not please Salem coach Bob Brodie. Not hardly.

"I got on them pretty bad," he said of his halftime talk. "They came out (in the second half) and accepted the challenge I gave them."

Salem narrowed the 14-point halftime gap to 10 going into the final quarter. And then it put the game into the hands of senior center Matt McCaffrey.

He hadn't distinguished himself offensively through the first three quarters, scoring just four points. But with Central center Scott Keeler in foul trouble — he fouled out early in the fourth quarter — McCaffrey went to work.

"We just pecked away at them," said Brodie. "We've lost a

## PREP BASKETBALL

lot of close games this year. Now we finally won one."

Free throws and three-pointers made the difference. Ryan Cook and Ryan Nimmerguth each made triples down the stretch that narrowed the gap, and Salem hit 8-of-12 free throws — not great (66.7 percent), but better than Central, which converted just 8-of-21 in the game (38.1 percent). Salem was 14-of-23 for the game (60.9 percent).

McCaffrey scored 10 fourth-quarter points as Salem out-quartered Central 22-11.

"He's a force for us," noted Brodie.

The game was tied at 50-all with 6.9 seconds left when Cook stepped to the line. He missed his first try, but hit his second to put the Rocks up by one.

Andy Koccoloski provided the key defensive play, deflecting the ball away from a Viking player. He grabbed it but in doing so was whistled for traveling, giving possession back to Central with 1.3 seconds left.

However, an equally successful inbounds defense allowed the Vikings only a desperation half-court shot that banged off the backboard.

McCaffrey finished with 14 points and 16 rebounds to lead Salem, but everyone got into the act as every Rock scored. Cook was next highest with seven.

Steve Horn led the Vikings with 28 points, including four three-pointers.

Central dipped to 5-12 overall,

4-7 in the WLAA.

**W.L. Western 63, Canton 56:** With the WLAA Western Division up for grabs, Plymouth Canton battled hard, but came up short in a 63-56 loss at Walled Lake Western. With the win, Western won the division and grabbed a share of the WLAA regular season title.

Western got 13 points from Chris Howder, and 12 each from Brandon Routhier and Kip Szostek.

Canton, which had won six-of-seven coming into the game, needed a victory to tie Western atop the division.

The Warriors pushed their record to 10-1 in WLAA play (5-0 in division), and 14-3 overall, while the Chiefs dropped to 7-4 in the league (3-2 in division), and 8-9 overall.

Although Kenny Nether pumped in a game-high 16 points for Canton, it could not overcome Western's strong, physical play. Western's front-court of Howder, Routhier and Szostek dominated inside the paint.

"It was a good, tough game. They were just a bit tougher than us. They deserved to win because they outlasted us," said Canton coach Dan Young. "Their big guys got a lot of inside shots and too many points off of offensive rebounds."

Canton also got strong efforts from Dan McLean (11 points), Jimmy Reddy (10 points) and Jason Weidemann (10 points).

Western will be seeded second in the conference tournament behind WLAA co-champion North Farmington.

**PCA 58, Baptist Park 56:** Dave Carty scored just six points in this game, but he got two of the most important.

Carty, a senior guard, hit a basket with 1.3 seconds left to lift Plymouth Christian Academy to the victory Saturday at Taylor Baptist Park in a game delayed a day by inclement weather.

The victory was the ninth in a row for PCA and clinched a share of the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference title. The Eagles are now 12-4 overall.

Derric Isensee led PCA with 20 points. Mike Huntsman added 15 and A.J. Sherrill had 12.

Matt Reed's 19 points was best for Baptist Park.

**West Highland 87, Agape 71:** It was a scorefest Monday at Millford West Highland, and the host team won.

With Matt Stamm scoring 25 points and Winston Harper 22, West Highland increased a five-point halftime lead to nine entering the third quarter, then blew Agape away with a 27-20 fourth.

"We got outrebounded by them and we just didn't play very well," said Agape coach Keith Agape.

Eight three-pointers and 30 free throws (20 converted) propelled West Highland.

Agape got 17 points from Julian Wettlin. Paul Anleitner scored 13 points, dished out 10 assists and grabbed 15 rebounds, and Mike Johannes scored 12.

## WESTLING Canton's Pitt, Pocock qualify

For all but two of its wrestlers, the season is over for Plymouth Canton. But it's been a successful one.

"The Canton squad had an outstanding season," said Chiefs' coach John Demasick. "With seven wrestlers scoring more than 30 (match) wins, 11 with more than 20, and winning records in 13 of 14 weight classes."

"As a team, they finished with a dual-meet record of 19-6-1. By all standards, they have had a good season."

For most of the Chiefs, however, the end of it came a bit too quickly. A state team district title was thought to be within reach, but Canton lost to Plymouth Salem 42-29.

Last weekend, the team competed as individuals at the state district individual tournament hosted by Walled Lake Western. The field was a tough one, and only two of the Chiefs advanced to the regionals.

John Pocock placed second in the 140-pound division, edging Salem rival Josh Henderson 3-1 en route. Henderson placed third to qualify in that

division as well.

At 103, Kyle Pitt finished third to also qualify for regionals, which will be Saturday at Temperance Redford.

"We've had a great year," said Demasick. "Our wrestlers have really become a team and believe in one another. They are still young and though they are learning to believe in themselves, they still didn't believe in themselves enough to be regional qualifiers."

"Some things come with experience. We should definitely had six more (qualifiers), with a possibility of another four on top of that, but nothing comes easy at districts and we have a tougher district than most."

Salem went against Dearborn Fordson in the semifinal round of the state regional team tournament last night. The other semi featured Redford Catholic Central and Novi.

The state quarterfinals are slated for March 3, with the state semifinals and finals on March 4 at Battle Creek's Kellogg Arena.

## WEEK AHEAD

### BOYS BASKETBALL

Thursday, Feb. 24

Huron Valley at Inter City, 7 p.m.  
(CHSL Central-AA Playoffs)

O.L. St. Mary's vs. Brother Rice  
at Schoolcraft College, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 24

Agape at Det. Community, 7:30 p.m.  
Academy of Detroit at PCA, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 27

(CHSL Finals at U-D's Callahan Hall)

C-D Division final, noon.  
East-West final, 2 p.m.  
Central-AA final, 4 p.m.

### MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Friday, Feb. 25

MCCAA semis at Mott, 5:15 & 7 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 26

MCCAA finals at Mott, 7 p.m.

### WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Thursday, Feb. 24

(WHAC Playoffs)

Madonna at Siena Hts., 7 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 25

MCCAA semis at St. Clair 5:30 & 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 26

MCCAA final at St. Clair, 2 p.m.

### ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE

Thursday, Feb. 24

Ply. Whalers at Brampton, 7:15 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 26

Ply. Whalers vs. Windsor  
at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 27

Ply. Whalers at Windsor, 6 p.m.

### PREP HOCKEY

Friday, Feb. 25

Farm. Unified vs. Brother Rice  
at Farm. Hills Ice Arena, 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 26

Redford Unified vs. U.D. Jesuit  
at City Center Arena, 4 p.m.

Redford CC vs. P.H. Northern  
at Redford Ice Arena, 8 p.m.

### GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Thursday, Feb. 24

Huron Valley at Saline Christian, 5 p.m.

Ply. Christian at Cville, 6:30 p.m.

Agape at Taylor Light & Life, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 26

Ypsilanti Invitational, 8 a.m.

U.M. Dearborn Tourney, 8 a.m.

WLAA Tourney at Northville, TBA.

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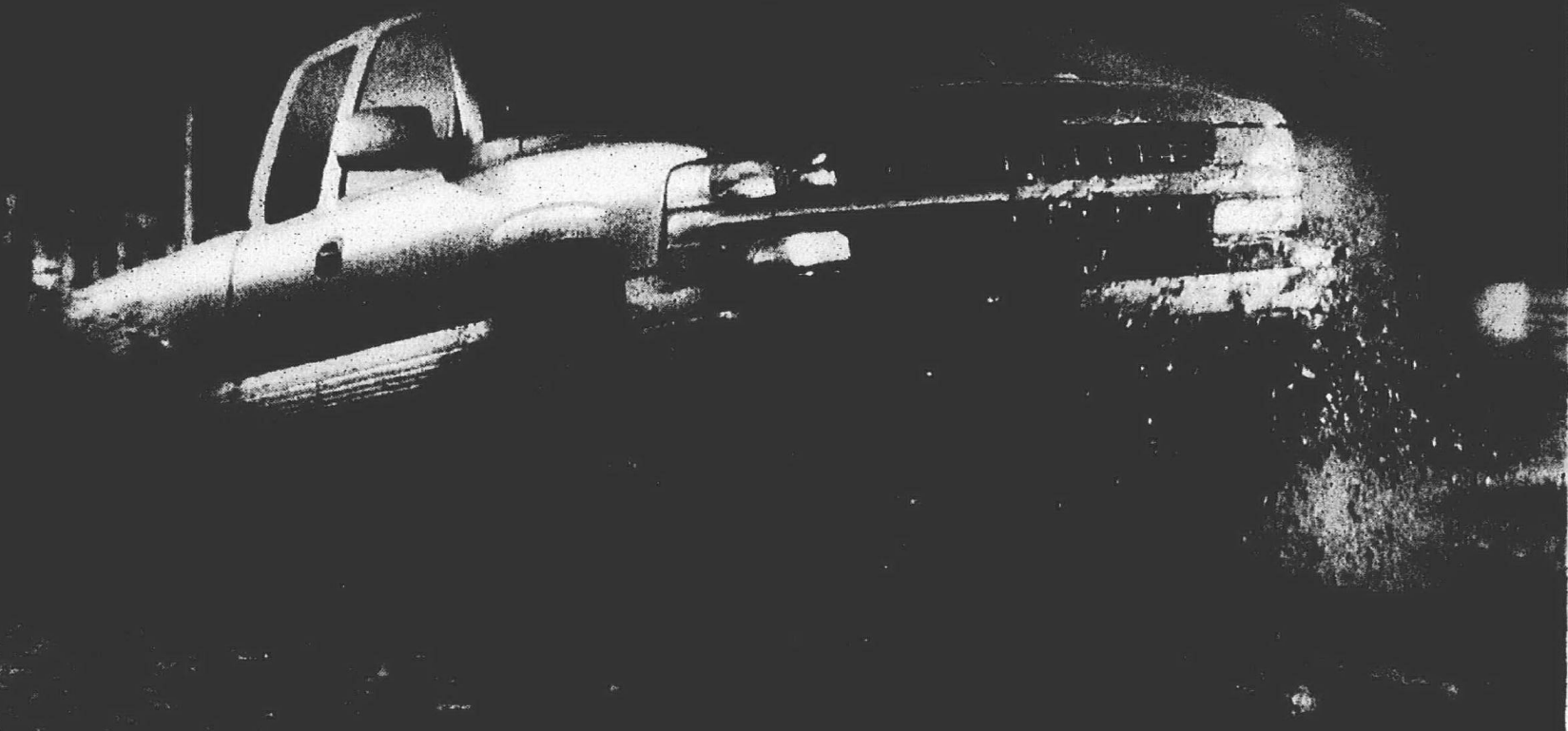
Monday, Feb. 28: (A) Dearborn Unified vs. (B) Trenton, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 29: (C) Ann Arbor Huron vs. (D) Ann Arbor Pioneer, 5:30 p.m.; (E) Livonia Churchill vs. (F) Plymouth Canton, 8 p.m.

Thursday, March 2: Plymouth Salem vs. A-B winner, 5:30 p.m.; C-D winner vs. E-F winner, 8 p.m.

Saturday, March 4: Championship final, 7:30 p.m. (Winner advances to the state quarterfinals Wednesday, March 8 at Redford Ice Arena vs. Redford Ice Arena regional champion)

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# Victory carries CC to finals

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## BASKETBALL

Sunday, they beat the No. 1 team in Class C. Wednesday, they beat the No. 1 team in the Central Division.

And next Sunday, they'll probably have another crack at the No. 1 team in the state - regardless of class.

Led by 19 points from senior guard Ryan Sparks and 18 more from senior forward Matt Lorida, Redford Catholic Central stopped Warren DeLaSalle, 50-45 at Schoolcraft College in a Detroit Catholic League semifinal game.

The win sends the Shamrocks into Sunday's 4 p.m. Central-AA final against the winner of tonight's other semifinal at Schoolcraft between Birmingham Brother Rice and the No. 1 team in Class B - Orchard Lake St. Mary's Prep.

"I think both teams played hard and both were tight," said CC coach Rick Coratti after his team improved to 9-9 overall. I think that was the first game we shot under 50 percent from the floor and won."

While the Shamrocks shot just 16 of 43 from the floor on the game, they also stopped the Pilots (11-7) cold in the third quarter - holding them to just three points.

And when DeLaSalle stalled, Lorida got hot, posting all nine of CC's third quarter points to turn a 31-25 deficit into a 34-all tie.

"I didn't know I (scored all the points)," said Lorida, as an embarrassed smile crossed his face. "I was just moving to the open spot on the block. I wasn't moving there in the first half and did it in the second. I didn't do much. (My teammates) saw me open under the basket and

they got me the ball."

Still, nothing was settled until 1:10 left when Ryan Celeskey canned a pair of free throws to give CC a 47-45 lead. Anthony Coratti and Lorida both hit free throws down the stretch to pad the lead, while CC's defensive pressure kept the Pilots coming up empty.

After allowing LaSalle's senior guard Paul Anderson to score 10 of his team-high 12 in the second quarter, Anthony Coratti turned up the defensive heat.

"(Anthony) guarded him in the first half too, but in the first half, he let (Anderson) shoot," Rick Coratti said. "The difference was not to let him set and (Anderson's) a good set shooter."

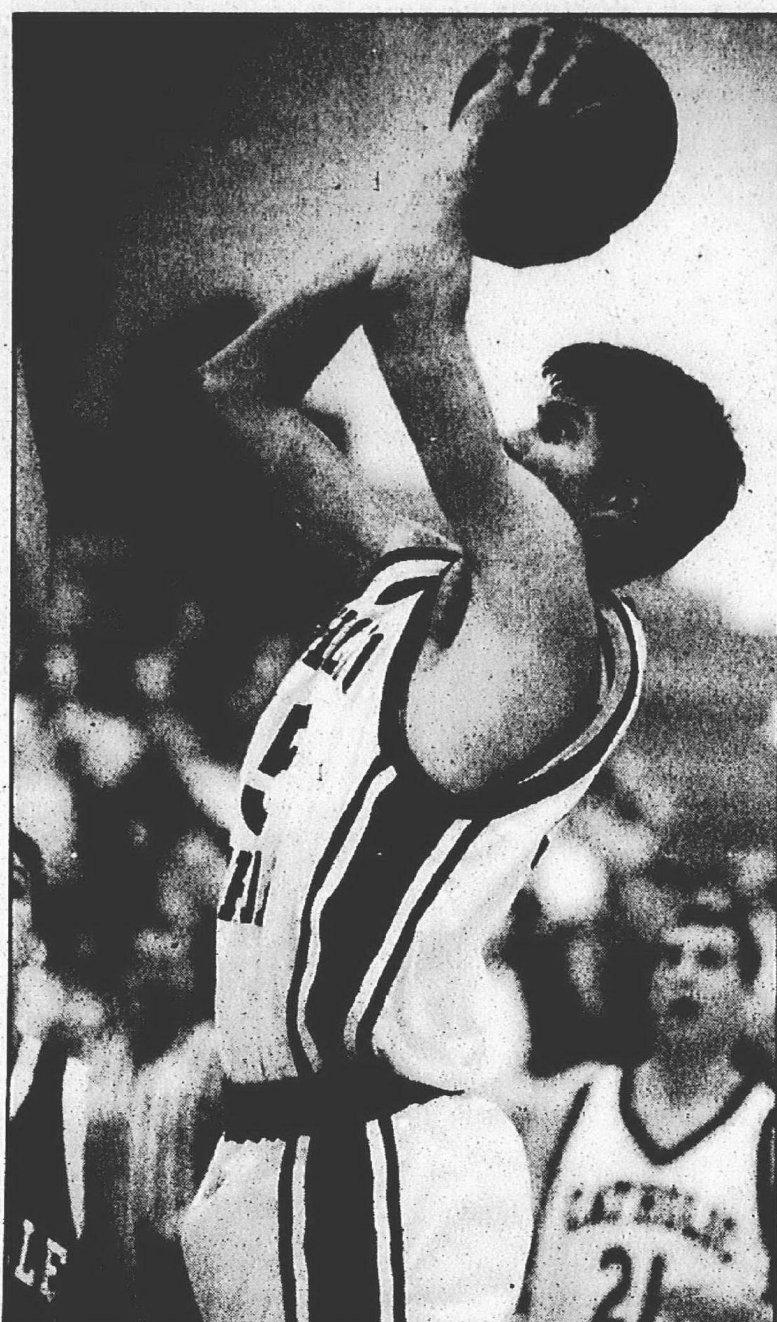
But Sparks wasn't too shabby from the outside either. And his 10 points in the second quarter helped keep the Pilots within striking distance, despite LaSalle's 24-15 advantage in the period.

And if the Shamrocks do face OLSM Sunday, they know they'll have to stay within striking distance against a team that beat them 71-40 in December.

"We were missing three starters then too - Sparks, (Mark) Willoughby and Celeskey," Lorida said. "It was early in the year. I think it will be a different game."

On Sunday, Catholic Central opened first-round action in the Catholic League's Central-AA Division playoffs with a resounding 75-49 victory over Detroit DePorres at the University of Detroit Mercy's Calihan Hall.

CC's balanced attack was led by Mark Willoughby with 21 points. Senior Rob Sparks and junior Anthony Coratti added 16 and 15, respectively.



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Sharpshooter: CC's Matt Lorida shredded DeLaSalle for 18 points, helping the Shamrocks earn a berth in the Catholic League finals.

# Ocelots rout Henry Ford, advance to state semis

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## MEN'S HOOP

Coach Carlos Briggs and his Schoolcraft College men's basketball team continues to break new ground.

On Saturday, the Ocelots captured their first-ever outright Eastern Conference title in school history with a convincing 110-63 win Saturday at Henry Ford.

On Wednesday, the Ocelots improved to 23-5 overall and opened its defense of Michigan Community College Athletic Association playoff championship with another lopsided victory, 93-55. The victim once again was Henry Ford in a game played Wednesday at Concordia College.

SC lost its homecourt advantage in the playoffs in favor of the Detroit Catholic League high school playoffs, but it didn't matter as four players scored in double figures led by 8-foot-7 reserve forward Mike Williams' team-high 18 points.

SC will take on Grand Rapids JC (16-5) in the MCGAA semifinals 6:15 p.m. Friday at Mott. Grand Rapids ousted Lansing in its quarterfinal final encounter Wednesday at home, 89-78.

SC beat Henry Ford (14-13) for the third time this season, and for the second time in four days. Henry Ford, a 68-66 first-round winner Monday over Alpena, however, could not be taken lightly by the conference's top seed.

"We knew this game would be more mental than physical," Briggs said. "We started slowly, but the guys picked it up

once we started pressing them. It got us going."

With 11:23 left in the opening half, Henry Ford was down only three, 14-11.

But the Hawks were outscored 37-13 the rest of the half and found themselves down 47-24 and the rout was on.

"Schoolcraft is a great team and I don't know who is going to beat them," Henry Ford first-year coach Abe Mansour said. "Last year they may have been a better half-court team, but this year their defense is way better. They don't have to play halfcourt when they're running up and down the court."

Rob Brown added 16 points for SC, while Wayne Memorial's Brian Williams, who has stepped up his play at point-guard, added 14. Lamar Bigby contributed 13.

James Driscoll and Daryl Mason had 15 and 12, respectively, for Henry Ford.

Schoolcraft hit 36 of 67 shots from the floor (53 percent) and outrebounded the Hawks, 47-33.

Gilbert Mitchell and Mike Williams each tallied 21 points in SC's victory over Henry Ford Saturday. Brown, the 6-foot-4 jumping jack from Oak Park, added 19 points, while Bigby, a second-year forward from Detroit Northern, had 17.

If SC wins Friday against Grand Rapids, the state championship final is 7 p.m. Saturday at Mott.

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# CC wrestlers ousted

BY PAUL SHANNON  
Staff Writer

Redford Catholic Central's wrestling team was dropped from the Division I regional dual wrestling regional Wednesday in Garden City — not because the Shamrocks lost on the mat, but by using two ineligible athletes.

"The rules were pretty black and white on this," CC athletic director Bob Santello said. "There wasn't a lot of gray area in this. It wasn't (the wrestler's) fault."

The ineligibilities came from the wrestlers exceeding the limit of 16 regular-season weigh-ins — something that wasn't discovered until after the Shamrocks competed in the Division I individual district Saturday at Troy High School.

Because the discovery came after the team had competed in district competition, including a 48-21 win last Wednesday over Livonia Stevenson, CC had to forfeit any wins they had in the state tourney.

While the team was declared ineligible for Wednesday's regional meet, it does not affect the status of the other wrestlers who qualified for Saturday's individual regional.

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# Ratigan's 5 goals lead CC to victory

Heading into Tuesday's game at Grosse Pointe North, Redford Catholic Central's Mike Ratigan had scored exactly five goals on the season.

The junior forward matched that total against the Norsemen, leading the Shamrocks to an 8-0 prep hockey win.

"It was rather an amazing performance," noted CC coach Gordon St. John, after his team improved to 20-2. "They were all great goals; all super shots, no cripples."

## RESULTS

Ratigan notched two of his goals in the first period and kicked in with all three of CC's third period goals — two of them shorthanded and two unassisted.

Brett John had a goal and two assists for CC, while Jared Ross and Brian Williams added solo goals. Brandon Kaleniecki chipped in with three assists and Dave Moss added two more.

# Canton hoop from page C1

Wednesday against the visiting Chargers, building a 10-point lead by halftime and cruising to a 69-56 triumph.

Both teams are now 9-9 overall.

Jason Waidmann, Canton's senior center, was suspended for a game after getting tossed out of Monday's game at Walled Lake Western for retaliating after he was hit in the head.

The Chiefs survived, however, getting the balance they needed on offense. Dan McLean scored a season-best 19 points; Kenny Nether added 13, Jimmy Reddy scored 11 and Oliver Wolcott got nine.

John Bennett topped Churchill with 16 points. Brandon Dzikinski got nine and Avery Jensen scored eight.

"This was a great win for us,"

said Canton coach Dan Young. "We got good play out of Dan McLean — he had an outstanding game."

Another player who had to step forward was Andrew Holmes, a 6-foot-5 junior forward. With Waidmann already sidelined, Nether — Canton's other sizable threat — got into foul trouble and sat much of the second half.

Which brought Holmes to the forefront. "He was very effective," said Young. "He hit all four of his free throws, played good defense and rebounded well."

"Without Waidmann, it was really a concern for us."

Canton expanded its 17-10 lead after one quarter to 34-24 by halftime. The Chiefs were in command going into the fourth quarter, 51-37.

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all the little things. Against Franklin (Salem's only loss in the league), we had one block. We're going to have to do better than that.

"If we don't, we're going to have to dig really well." Strong net play on defense and

a solid day serving that produces points on aces will certainly improve Salem's chances.

And a victory in the WAAA Tournament would give the Rocks a nice lift entering the state district tournament a week from Saturday (March 4).

## BOYS BEST SWIMMING AND DIVING PERFORMANCES

The following is a list of the best Observerland boys swimming times and diving scores. Coaches should report updates to Dan O'Meara by fax at (734) 591-7279 or voice mail at (734) 953-2141.

### 200-YARD MEDLEY RELAY

Plymouth Salem 1:42.01  
North Farmington 1:42.22  
Redford Catholic Central 1:42.26  
Livonia Stevenson 1:42.52  
Plymouth Canton 1:48.06

### 200 FREESTYLE

Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 1:48.36  
Brandon DiGia (N. Farmington) 1:51.84  
Nick Markou (Redford CC) 1:51.93  
Brad Nilson (Canton) 1:52.26  
Matt Wisniewski (Canton) 1:53.40  
Jim Ross (Salem) 1:53.41  
Brian Mertens (Salem) 1:53.73  
Ed Lesnau (Redford CC) 1:53.92  
Devin Hopper (Farm. Unified) 1:54.11  
Ben Dzialo (Salem) 1:54.30

### 200 INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY

Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 1:56.29  
Eric Lynn (Salem) 2:02.99  
Brad Nilson (Canton) 2:04.21  
Andrew Carlin (Redford CC) 2:05.20  
Adam Farber (N. Farmington) 2:06.54  
Aaron Shelton (Salem) 2:07.98  
Mike Nemer (Stevenson) 2:08.21

Ben Dzialo (Salem) 2:10.33  
Mike Kruszewski (Redford CC) 2:10.72  
Brett Meconis (Redford CC) 2:11.00

### 50 FREESTYLE

Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 22.31  
Ed Lesnau (Redford CC) 22.51  
Mike Johnson (Salem) 23.05  
Aaron Shelton (Canton) 23.10  
Brandon DiGia (N. Farmington) 23.11  
Eric Lynn (Salem) 23.22  
Matt Winiewski (Canton) 23.24  
Dan Zoumbaris (John Glenn) 23.29  
Adam Farber (N. Farmington) 23.31  
Bryant Steele (Redford CC) 23.41

### DIVING

Chris Totten (Garden City) 295.00  
Greg Brazunas (Redford CC) 260.80  
Chris McFarland (John Glenn) 246.15  
Dave Sutton (Redford Union) 225.60  
Greg Kubitski (Salem) 219.45  
Mark Moretto (Redford Union) 212.85  
Scott Clark (John Glenn) 207.55  
Lake Brunner (Canton) 204.50  
Joe Rohde (Redford CC) 199.25  
Derek Bell (John Glenn) 195.75

### 100 BUTTERFLY

Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 54.29  
Brett Meconis (Redford CC) 55.02  
Bryant Steele (Redford CC) 55.43  
Adam Farber (N. Farmington) 55.75  
Ben Dzialo (Salem) 55.93

Brandon Truscott (Stevenson) 57.71  
Andrew Carlin (Redford CC) 57.99  
Rob Cambridge (Stevenson) 58.33  
Devin Hopper (Farm. Unified) 58.37  
Eric Lynn (Salem) 58.47

### 100 FREESTYLE

Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 48.80  
Ed Lesnau (Redford CC) 49.76  
Brad Nilson (Canton) 50.03  
Brandon DiGia (N. Farmington) 50.39  
Mike Johnson (Salem) 51.00  
Mark Witthoff (Salem) 51.18  
Devin Hopper (Farm. Unified) 51.42  
Brad Buckter (Stevenson) 51.47  
Bryant Steele (Redford CC) 51.69  
Andrew Carlin (Redford CC) 52.79

Livonia Stevenson 1:35.87  
Farmington/Harrison 1:36.50

### 100 BACKSTROKE

Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 54.62  
Brad Nilson (Canton) 55.89  
Eric Lynn (Salem) 56.03  
Jim Gabriel (N. Farmington) 56.46  
Devin Hopper (Farm. Unified) 56.53  
Aaron Shelton (Salem) 57.30  
Aaron Reeder (Canton) 57.69  
Nick Markou (Redford CC) 58.27  
Bryant Steele (Redford CC) 1:00.07  
John Kern (N. Farmington) 1:00.45

### 100 BREASTSTROKE

Adam Farber (N. Farmington) 1:01.61  
Chris LaFond (Redford CC) 1:03.16  
Kevin VanTiem (Stevenson) 1:04.11  
Mike Nemer (Stevenson) 1:04.86  
Mike Kruszewski (Redford CC) 1:06.55  
Andrew Carlin (Redford CC) 1:07.10  
Jon Heiss (Canton) 1:07.62  
Jon Zald (N. Farmington) 1:07.64  
Ed Lindow (Canton) 1:08.01  
Jason Repachnik (Salem) 1:08.27

### 400 FREESTYLE RELAY

Plymouth Salem 3:21.59  
Livonia Stevenson 3:24.09  
Redford Catholic Central 3:26.15  
North Farmington 3:27.27  
Plymouth Canton 3:34.38

### 500 FREESTYLE

Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 4:55.41  
Brian Mertens (Salem) 4:57.12  
Ben Dzialo (Salem) 4:59.23  
Andrew Carlin (Redford CC) 5:05.44  
Nick Markou (Redford CC) 5:06.06  
Jim Ross (Salem) 5:07.68  
Justin Ketterer (Stevenson) 5:09.80  
Robert Cambridge (Stevenson) 5:09.89  
Brad Nilson (Canton) 5:10.83  
Devin Hopper (Farm. Unified) 5:13.96

### 200 FREESTYLE RELAY

Plymouth Salem 1:31.83  
Redford Catholic Central 1:32.34  
North Farmington 1:32.94

# Salem hoop from page C1

"We got behind," said Mikel. "Once you get behind on Salem, they're going to break you down one-on-one and make you pay."

"The key to playing them is don't let them get the lead on you. They're a very well-prepared, well-coached team. They don't make mistakes and they take advantage of your weaknesses."

Mikel had altered a few things for this game, but to no avail. The Rocks broke on top, leading 14-10 after one quarter and 28-20 at the half.

The Falcons threatened a comeback, but could never quite complete it. With 4:58 left, Salem's lead had grown to 11 thanks to two Matt McCaffrey free throws.

It was still at that level when the Falcons got one basket from Garlin Gilchrist and another from C.J. Whitfield, trimming that deficit to seven.

Which is where it stood entering the fourth period, Salem up

43-36. The two teams traded points for the first 90 seconds of the final period, then after Ryan Nimmérguth missed a free throw for Salem the Falcons got a three-pointer from Gilchrist to narrow the gap to 47-43.

It was as close as it would get. The Rocks scored the next eight points to build a 12-point advantage with 2:42 left, too much for Farmington to overcome.

"Right now, at this point of the season, the kids are beginning to believe in themselves," said Salem's Brodie. "We really disrupted their offense."

The Rocks also took command of the game's tempo early, denying Farmington a chance to dictate things to them. Their guards' play on defense resulted in coun'less turnovers, as they stepped into the passing lanes for interceptions.

But on offense Salem didn't force the play, instead working the ball relentlessly. "I told them

they've got to get the ball inside to be effective," said Brodie. "Get Matt a lot of touches inside and he'll score."

The strategy worked. McCaffrey had just five baskets, but he converted 14-of-16 free throws to score a game-high 24 points. He also grabbed six rebounds, dished out three assists and made three steals.

Jeff Haar added 13 points for Salem, and Andy Kocoloski netted 10. Haar also had six boards, and Ryan Cook dealt out five assists.

Farmington got 15 points from Gilchrist and 13 from Matt Mikel.

Free throws proved to be pivotal. Salem made 23-of-29 from the line (79.3 percent) compared to Farmington's 3-of-6 (50 percent); Salem was in the bonus in the second half with 1:30 left in the third quarter and in the double-bonus with 6:55 left in the fourth.

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Detroit Area Steelheaders, Inc. membership meetings are held the last Tuesday of each month at Knights of Columbus, St. Pius X, 6177 Chicago Road, in Warren. The public is welcome. Dennis Bidigare, well-known charter fisherman on Lake Michigan, is scheduled to be the guest speaker at the Feb. 29 meeting. More information can be obtained by calling Ed Wilczek at (810) 757-7365 or club President Ray Banbury at (810) 598-0310. The Detroit Area Steelheaders will

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## THE WEEKEND

### FRIDAY



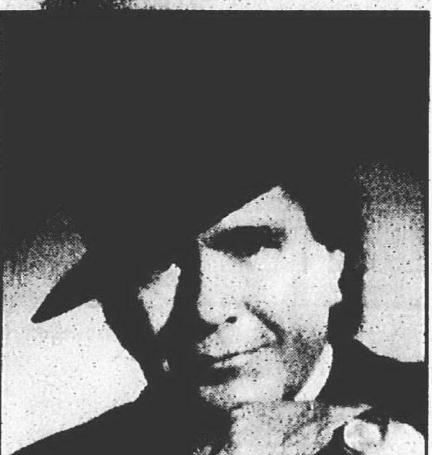
Detroit Symphony Orchestra pops concert 8:30 p.m. at Orchestra Hall in Detroit features Sandy Duncan, her partner-husband Don Correia, and Guy Stroman in a self-arranged show titled "Together." Tickets \$14-\$47, call (313) 576-5111.

### SATURDAY

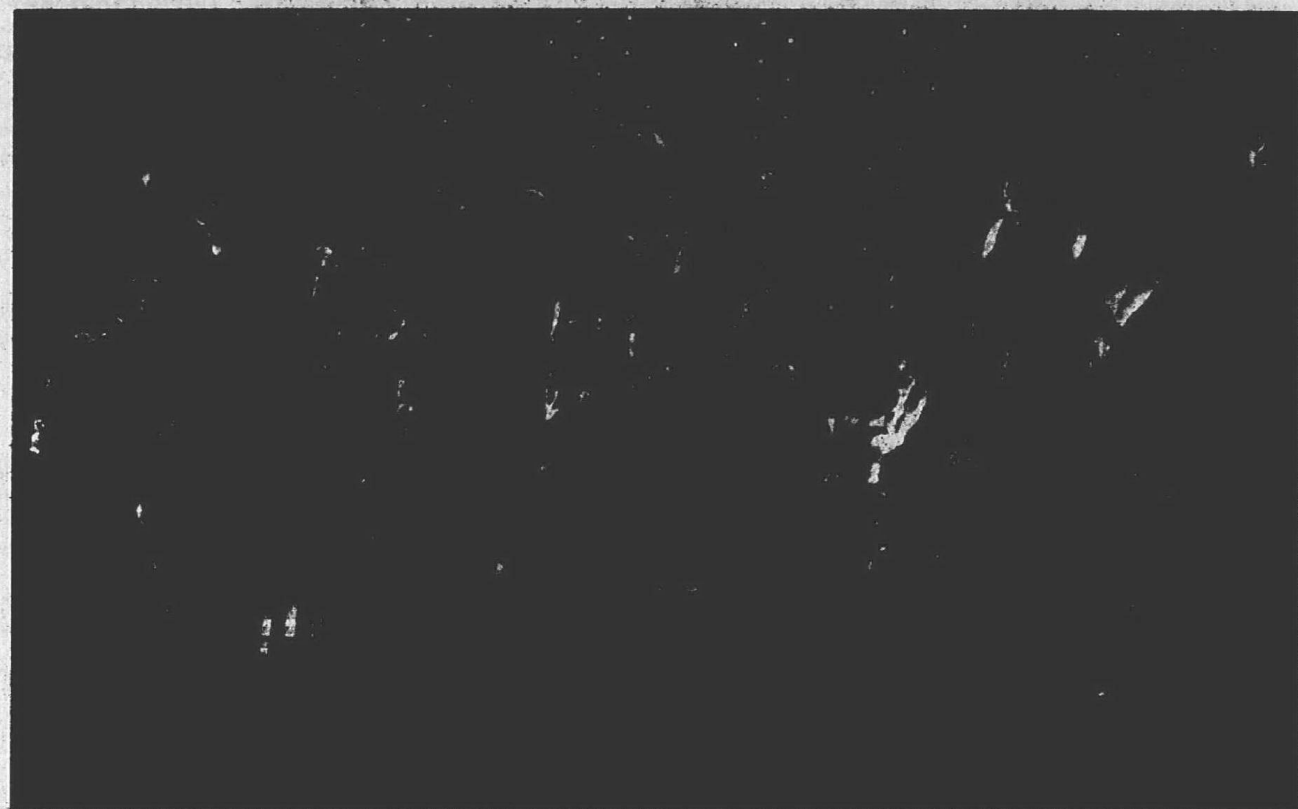


Adam Antrobus and his housekeeper, Sabina (Randy Barret Topper of Farmington Hills and Angela Hogue), battle to keep warm through the Ice Age in Thornton Wilder's "The Skin of Our Teeth," 8 p.m. at the Bonstelle Theatre, 3424 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets \$8 to \$10, call (313) 577-2960.

### SUNDAY



Canton Project Arts presents "Opera Encore!" with Dino Valle and the Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan 3 p.m. at Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton. Tickets \$15, call (734) 397-6450. Program includes a slide presentation about the history of opera and concert.



JOHN MARCUS

## Dancer ready to 'Razzle Dazzle' audience



By LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
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Gregory Reuter has a soft spot in his heart for the musical "Sweet Charity." He danced and sang his way through "Big Spender" as a student in the Creative and Performing Arts program at Livonia's Churchill High School in the late 1980s. Now he's returning to the Detroit area to "Razzle Dazzle" audiences as one of six principals in the cast of "Fosse" opening Tuesday, Feb. 29, at the Fisher Theater.

The production, a celebration in song and dance of the legendary choreographer/director, surveys 35 years of Bob Fosse's award-winning musicals, films and television specials.

Be ready to dance and sing, or at least tap your toes, if you're lucky enough to be in the audience. There are 29 musical numbers and 15-minutes of intensive dancing in the finale - Benny Goodman's "Sing, Sing, Sing" from the 1978 "Dancin'" - not to mention the two hours of high kickin' routines that precede it. Expect plenty of strutting from the 28 cast members dressed in traditional "Fosse" black and holding derbies. Each actor plays numerous roles including Reuter who shines in "From This Moment On" from

"Kiss Me Kate" and "Razzle Dazzle" from "Chicago." "Growing up I was really influenced by Gene Kelly and Fred Astaire," said Reuter. "Fosse was a contemporary, a song and dance man and one of my biggest influences."

Reuter and the rest of the cast went through six weeks of intensive rehearsals with Gwen Verdon and Ann Reinking. Verdon, for whom Fosse created "Whatever Lola Wants" in "Damn Yankees," serves as artistic adviser to the production. Reinking was a principal dancer in many of Fosse's shows. In fact, Reuter originally worked with Reinking in the revival of "Chicago" on Broadway.

"They're the keepers of the torch," said the 28-year-old Reuter, who started out in the chorus at Walt Disney World and eventually worked his way to New York where he sang at Radio City Musical Hall with The Rockettes and as a backup singer for Liza Minnelli. "They have all the original information and don't let you get away with much."

Fosse's theatrical and sensual dances earned him accolades throughout his career. In 1973, he became the first director

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**Steppin' out:** (Top photo) The national touring company of "Fosse" performs "Sing, Sing, Sing." (Above) Gregory Reuter returns to Detroit as one of six principals in "Fosse."

## Second City Touring Company

**What:** Performs 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 3-4  
**Where:** Farmington Players Barn, 32332 W. 12 Mile Road, (1/2 mile west of Orchard Lake Road), Farmington Hills  
**Tickets:** \$25 per person. Proceeds benefit the Farmington Players' building fund. Afterglow with refreshments follows performances. Call (248) 553-2955.

## Engineering comedian coming home

By KEELY WYGONIK  
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In school, Kirk Hanley was the smart, nerdy kid who did well in math and science. He graduated from the GM Institute in Flint, and became an engineer. But it was the experience he received on the stage at Farmington Players that really helped his career.



Kirk Hanley

No kidding - Hanley gave up a career in engineering to become an actor and a comedian.

"My heart wasn't in it," said Hanley a member of the Second City Touring Company performing Friday-Saturday, March 3-4 at the Farmington Players Barn in Farmington Hills. "It was very scary to walk away from a stable job."

A graduate of Troy Athens High School, Hanley started performing in plays at the GM Institute. A family friend invited him to attend a membership meeting at the Farmington Players in 1986. He was only 22, and because there weren't a lot of men in his age group, he got cast in a lot of shows.

"The stage time and experience was terrific," he said. "I always seemed to be involved in shows where I played multiple characters. I had the opportunity to work with many wonderful, patient directors, and many fine acting ensembles. I was in all of the comedies. Comedy seems to be one of my strengths. I'm pretty quick on my feet."

With encouragement from his wife Deborah, Hanley, 36, and a resident of Farmington, started working on his improvisation and acting skills. Prior to being accepted into the Second City Touring Company in 1998, he worked as an actor with the Purple Rose Theatre, Heartland Theatre, and the Gem Theatre. He performed improvisation for two and a half years with Totally Unrehearsed Theatre based out of Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle in Royal Oak.

He has done numerous industrial films, industrial stage shows, voiceovers, and a few commercials. In addition to his work with the Second City Touring Company, Hanley teaches

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## POPULAR MUSIC

### Crud debuts at Lili's, wins over new fans, old friends

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"You guys must be crazy," shouted one fan standing in a long line leading down the corridor outside Lili's 21 in Hamtramck. But the crowd of people rushing out of the club weren't leaving - they were heading for the stage door, ready to make their entrance.

In a moment made for local music history, Vinnie Dombroski, Joey Mazzola, Robby Graham and Jimmy Paluzzi debuted on Lili's stage as the newly formed Crud. These former members of Detroit-based bands Sponge and Hoarse have been rehearsing for just more than a month, but the buzz surrounding them is growing louder by the minute.

The crowd pushed and prodded its way as close to the stage as possible Friday, Feb. 11, anxious to catch a glimpse of Crud's first public performance. Four white-hot spotlights shined down - one on each band member.

Vinnie - dressed in black with his head tilted toward the light - sang with such force and conviction, it was hard to look

away. But each spotlight burned as brightly above this group of musicians who've proved themselves worthy of national attention. Paluzzi, Sponge's original drummer, and Graham had long solidified their places behind the drums and bass guitars as half of Hoarse. Vinnie and Mazzola made headlines as the voice and guitar behind Sponge. There was hardly a stranger in the club.

"It fell together really naturally," said Vinnie in a phone interview.

#### Welcome home

Debuting at Lili's seemed a natural choice. Sponge had chosen the venue for several record release parties, and even recorded "Live at Lili's" there four years ago. "It made sense to play there again," said Vinnie. "I feel welcome there."

Now it's time to put the past aside. Crud has a decidedly different sound, a far cry from the pop-driven melodies of Sponge hits like "Molly" and "Plowed." These songs

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possess more of an edge, a deeper, darker side of rock. "Dig My Own Grave" and "Meat Detination" are real, raw, rock and roll. Vinnie calls it "Zombie meets the Pilots doing a soundtrack to 'Easy Rider.'"

And it shows on-stage. It shows in the way Vinnie forcefully clutches the microphone, the way Jimmy Paluzzi grinds his teeth behind the drums. You can

see it when Joey Mazzola hops up and down with fervor and Robby Graham intensely rocks back and forth cradling his bass.

"There's a certain aspect, that heart aspect, I think can really work for you," said Vinnie of his band mates. "When you work with people you've had some kind of history with, you know their gonna give 120 percent."

With that kind of energy, the name Crud doesn't seem to do the music justice, but

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STAFF PHOTO BY GARY MALERA

Captivating the crowd: Vinnie's more than the voice of Crud, he's also a dynamic performer.

## HOT



**Hot Ticket Item:** The Gotta Catch It Pokemobile will be on display at the 48th annual Big Kmart Detroit Autorama, Friday-Sunday, Feb. 25-27 at Cobo Center in Detroit. The show features more than 800 exhibits of customized cars, trucks, vans, motorcycles, hot rods and celebrity appearances. Admission \$12.50 adults, children under 12, \$5, children under 3, free. Call (248) 650-5560.



## Crud from page E1

Vinnie admits it's "near and dear" to him. "The name was a focal point for me," he said. "When these songs started to emerge, I wanted to call them something. These songs fit so perfectly into that idea of this thing called Crud, it just seemed to work."

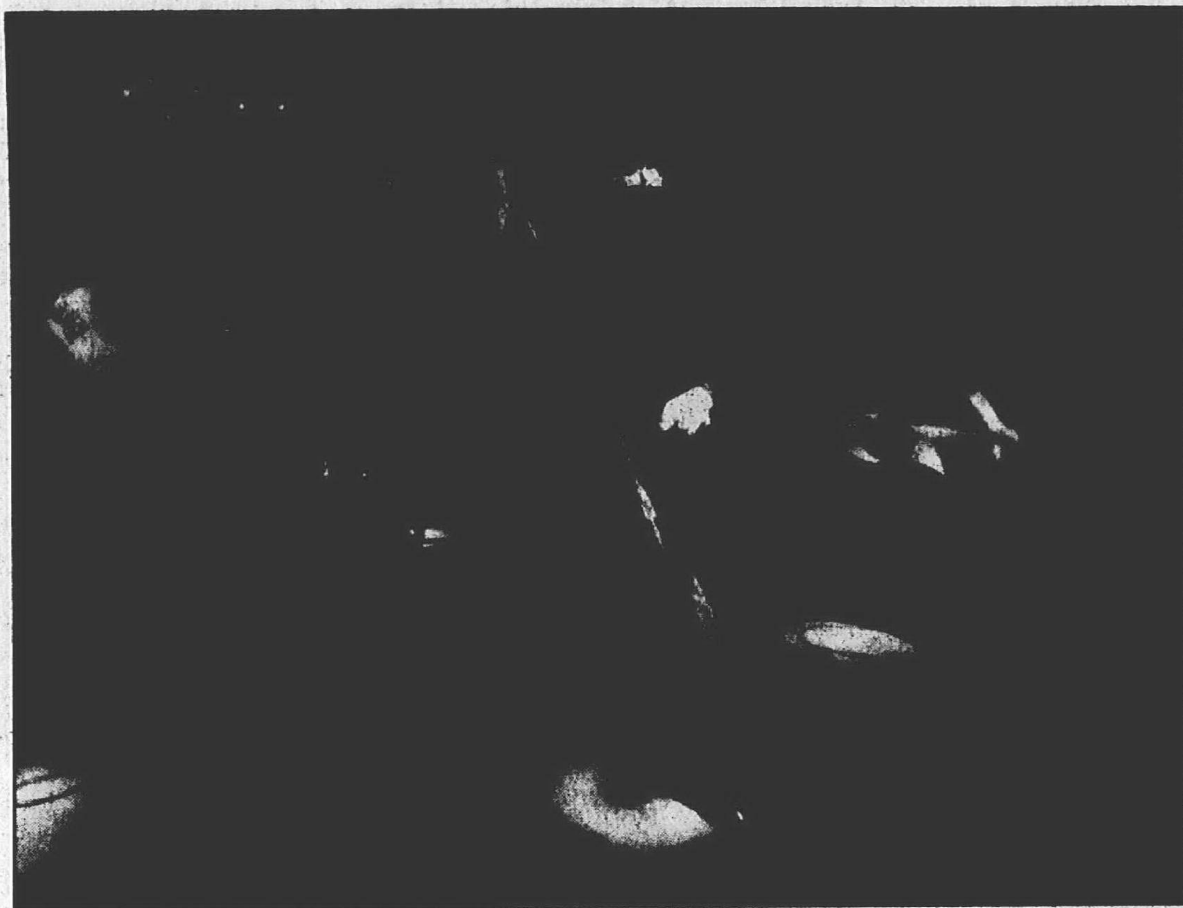
### One to watch

Crud has already been touted as the one new band to watch in metro Detroit. Greg Pawlowski came out to Lili's not knowing what to expect. He'd never heard Sponge or Hoarse before, but now he's hooked on Crud.

"It was awesome," declared the Farmington Hills resident. "I'm actually really surprised. I've never heard any of these songs. I'd come see them anytime."

Pawlowski was one of a lucky few who managed to catch the show front and center. Chris Hutt, a Bloomfield Hills native, struggled to see the show from farther back. He wouldn't have missed it. "It was rockin'," said Hutt. "I believe it was their first show. Nobody knew the songs, but the place was packed ... everyone was standing on the chairs."

That curiosity hung heavily in the air. Theresa Gallagher and Jenny Zaccaro read about the show on a message board on the Internet and trekked all the way from Chicago to catch the band. "Vinnie is the greatest," gushed Zaccaro. "Whatever band he's in, we're fans." All this attention



**New reality: Introducing Crud (left to right), otherwise known as Joey Mazzola, Jimmy Paluzzi, Vinnie Dombroski and Robby Graham — the latest, greatest musical incarnation of these longtime Detroit musicians.**

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comes long before Crud has even begun work on an album.

Vinnie said he's constantly writing new material. "The stuff never shuts off. It just happens.

"I've always used the live shows to gage the success of the music. All the songs we played worked out well."

If Crud gets its way, there will

be another show soon. For now, Vinnie's concentrating on getting the music out. "I'd love to have everything I've done recorded and mixed ... Give it a little time."

## Fosse from page E1

to win Oscar, Tony and Emmy awards in a single year for the film version of "Cabaret," the Broadway musical "Pippin" and the television special "Lisa with a Z."

More than 10 years after his death, "Fosse" premiered in Toronto in August of 1998 and subsequently opened in Broadway's Broadhurst Theatre in January 1999. The national touring company opened at Chicago's Ford Center in September.

Fosse's work continues to receive awards. Directed by Richard Maltby Jr. with choreography recreated by Chet Walker, "Fosse" won Tony Awards for Best Musical, Best Lighting and Best Orchestration in 1999. Fosse won a total of nine in his lifetime.

### Full circle

Reuter chuckles now when he thinks of playing Alexander Graham Bell in the fourth grade at Kennedy Elementary. Later he joined the Livonia Youth Choir and studied voice at the Academy of Popular Vocal Arts with Gene Grier at Oakland University in Rochester.

"I still remember the day my mother asked me to take dance class at the Northern Ballet Theater in Westland," said Reuter. "My sister danced and my mother dragged me along. I played a lot of sports. When you start dancing young, your body gets trained. Your body is built to dance."

Reuter's come full circle from seeing "Dancin'" at the Fisher Theater in 1981. He'll not only return to the Fisher to perform

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**Gregory Reuter**  
Dancer

but will give a master class for the Creative and Performing Arts students at Churchill High School and a vocal workshop for the students at Waterford Mott High School. Steve Kosinski, Reuter's instructor in the CAPA program, now teaches at Waterford Mott. Joining Reuter for the vocal workshop will be Marsh Hanson, a member of his vocal jazz group New York Bopp and a cast member of the "Irish and How They Got That Way" opening at Music Hall in March. It was while studying for a degree in music theater performance at Western Michigan University that Reuter developed a love for vocal jazz music. Today Reuter is founder and artistic director of the vocal jazz group New York Bopp.

"I'm really excited," said Reuter. "Even though I toured nationally with 'Joseph (and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat)' and 'Chicago,' this is my first time playing in Detroit. I love working in theater and the excitement of live theater every night."

## Comedian from page E1

beginning improvisation classes at Second City, and performs for corporations as part of his work with Second City Communications.

"I pretty much act full-time now," he said.

Hanley also enjoys working with youngsters and believes theater can make a positive impression. He does outreach programs on drug and alcohol abuse and divorce for middle schools with the National Council of Jewish Women.

### Satire

On stage with Second City, Hanley and the cast use satire to make their audiences think about prejudice, the workplace, violence and relationships. "Some of our scenes might change people's attitudes," he said.

Sometimes Hanley gets to perform in mainstage productions at Second City Detroit. Some of his biggest fans are members of the Farmington Players.

The six members of the Second City Touring Company will make their audience laugh, and possibly give them something to think about. Part of Second City's mission is to "put on stage what the audience is thinking."

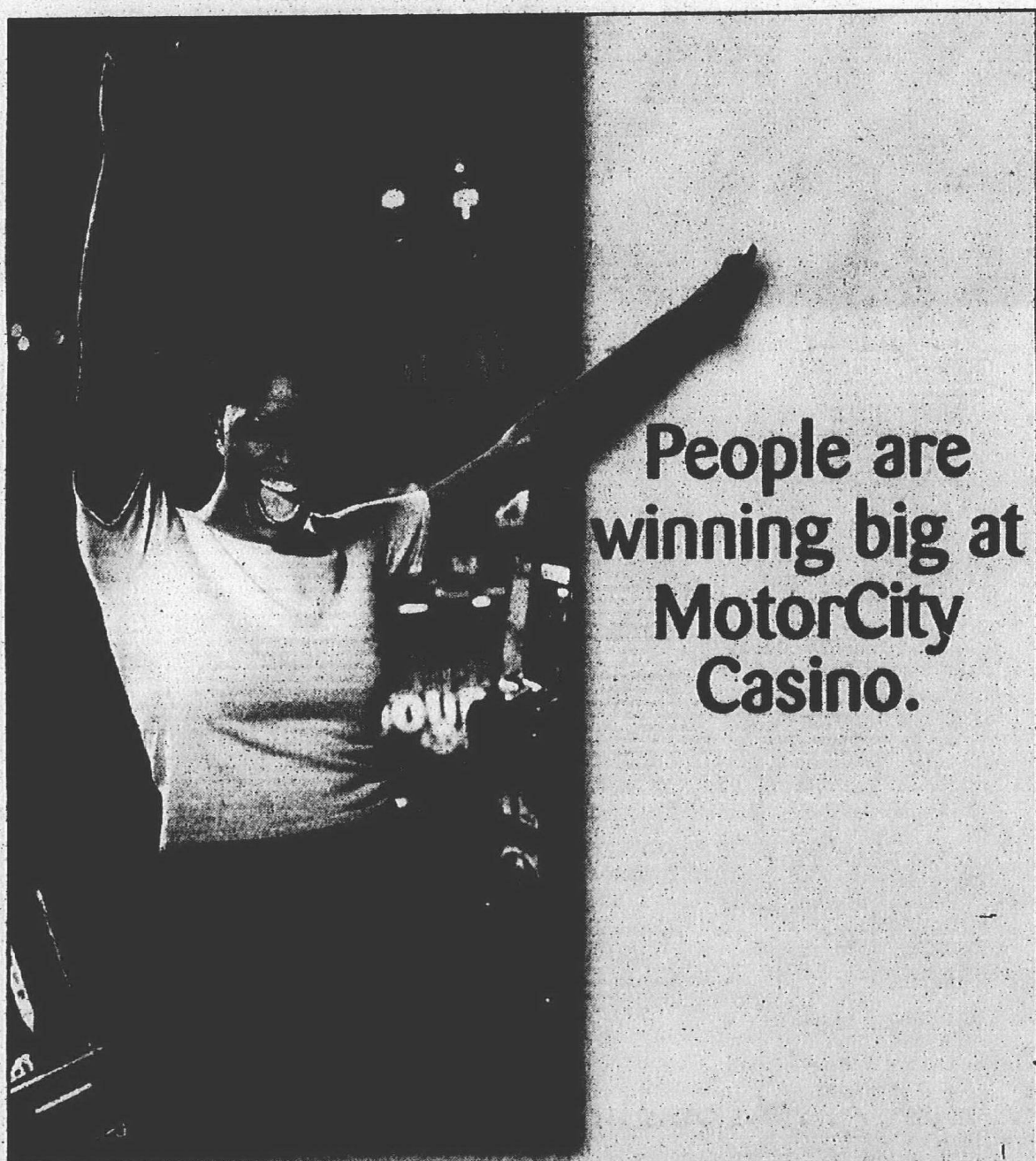
"We try to cover just about everything," said Hanley. "We do social/political satire. The show we will be doing for Farmington Players is usually called 'The Best of Second City.' It is a combination of scripted material along with improvisation. It's a full two-act show, we do some musical numbers too."

Hanley is looking forward to returning to the Farmington Players stage. "The place holds a lot of memories," he said. "I'm still a member of the group, I never let my dues lapse."

### Fund-raiser

Proceeds from the special Second City performances will benefit the Farmington Players' building fund. The Players are working to raise money to build a new barn-like theater at the same location. Construction is expected to begin this summer.

Hanley hopes to move up to the main stage at Second City. He and the rest of the touring company will be performing on the mainstage at Second City Detroit the first two weekends of April. They're working on the show that's about hockey now.



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delivered a delightfully clever, lecherous, yet likable Fagin, making him the bad guy you want to cheer. He dedicated his performance to his father, the director of this show, who played the same role 25 years ago.

The talented husband-and-wife team of Ariana and Keith Prusak teamed up once again to play lovers, albeit deeply dys-

functional ones. Ariana brought energy and enthusiasm to the role of Nancy. Keith was consistently, and unrelentingly angry and evil, traits critical to the twisted Bill Sykes.

Instead of taking advantage of the youthful cast's vigor and enthusiasm, Barbara Bloom often had them standing stiffly like statues until it was time for

them to perform a movement. The train made of pickpocket children during the "I'll Do Anything" number was clever.

The two-level set, with a dual staircase and raised walkway upstage, was functional and versatile.

The costumes were generally good, with a few notable exceptions: Mr. Bumble nearly loses

his bulbous belly stuffy in a brawl with his wife, and the workhouse's Widow Carney wears the same clothing as a chorus member, which is confusing. And what was Fagin doing with a modern wristwatch? He may be a good thief, but not a time traveler.

The Artful Dodger's costume was delightfully eccentric and

added to his talented performance. The make-up was generally well done. Fagin's character make-up and wig were tremendous.

Sue Suchyta is a Dearborn resident and reviews community theater for the Observer Newspapers.

The Plymouth Theatre Guild's production of "Oliver!" offers a delightful score, an enthusiastic cast and some talented leads.

Director Ralph Rosati of Wixom assembled a talented and enthusiastic cast, with a talented and enthusiastic children's chorus. Stacie Guerreso of Farmington Hills lent a beautiful soprano voice to the role of Oliver. Paul Luoma of Farmington Hills was a standout as the Artful Dodger, filling the stage with his charisma and talent, and moving with a confident, self-assured manner.

Marc Rosati of Walled Lake

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ingredient the producers insist upon in every show. Even with much-anticipated and highly-publicized exhibits like "Van Gogh: Face to Face," which opens March 12 at the Detroit Institute of Arts, there are important stories that

can go untold.

In an edition that airs at 7:30 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 27, the producers could have chosen to do a segment on the magnificence of the art (hey, it's Vincent!), or the significance of the exhibit (the first anywhere with such a collection of van Gogh portraiture).

Instead, the focus will be on how the DIA was able to pull off such a coup. Viewers will get a behind-the-scenes look that provides insight into the process of attracting such a major event. It's a story of ingenuity that offers much promise for bringing in future exhibits of this magnitude.

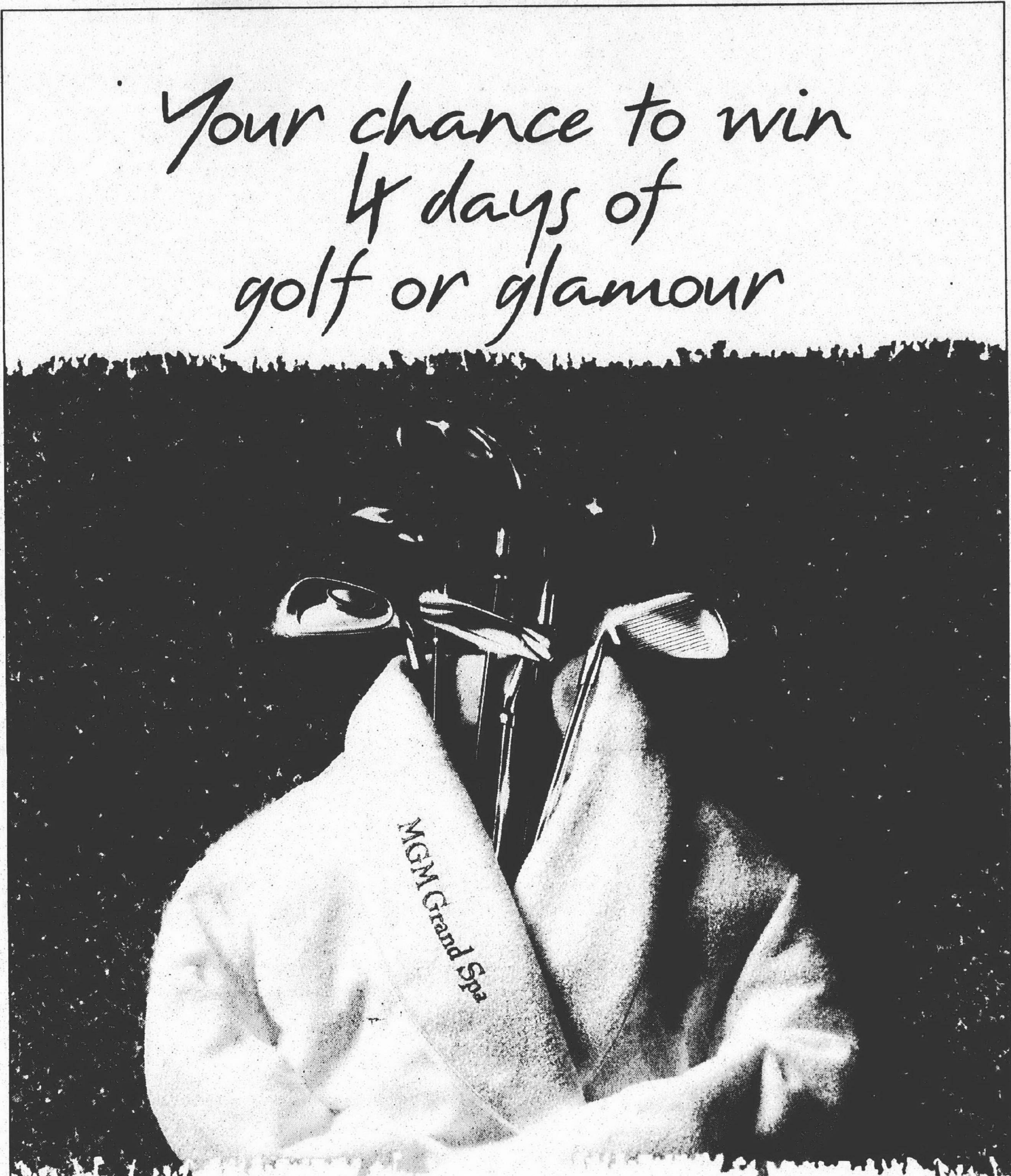
Sometimes, freshness involves a new sound for a musician who has been around for a while. As the frontman for the band Gov't Mule, Warren Haynes has drawn on his stint as a member of the Allman Brothers in developing a distinctive blues/rock thrust to his music.

"Fans over the years have come to expect music from Warren that bridges the narrow gap between the Grateful Dead and Phish. Here, it will be a very rare acoustic performance with just his voice and a guitar," says BACKSTAGE PASS music producer Ron Pangborn of Haynes' appearance on the Feb. 27 show.

Having toured with Was/Not/Was during the band's influential period in the 1980s, and subsequently performing solo as an opener in such diverse concerts as Marvin Hamlisch and the Squirrel Nut Zippers, no one will ever suggest that Kathy Kosins is reluctant to try something new.

The Birmingham-based jazz vocalist made a transition from rhythm & blues to straight ahead jazz in the early 1990s. Her 1996 release, "All in a Dreams Work," was a bold, widely-acclaimed collection of nine originals and just one cover.

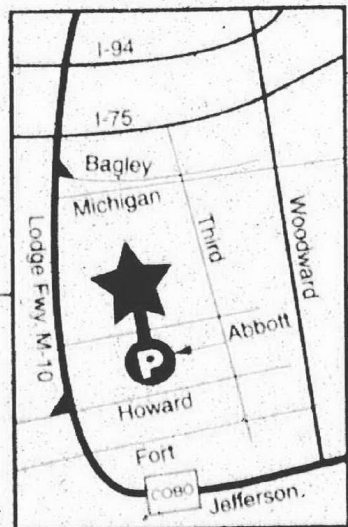
Kosin's open mind and broad musical experiences helped her develop exceptional skills as a songwriter and producer. It also takes drive and confidence to turn a debut album into a fresh, personal statement. It shows in her performances, including a Feb. 27 appearance of BACKSTAGE PASS.



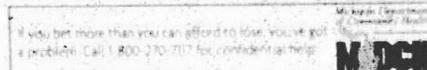
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# 8 days a week

A Guide to entertainment in the Metro Detroit area

## THEATER

**CENTURY THEATRE:** "Always...Patsy Cline" continues at the theater, Detroit. \$12.25-\$17.25 through Tuesday, March 7, \$24.50-\$34.50 beginning Wednesday, March 8. (313) 963-9800/(248) 645-6666

**DETROIT REPERTORY THEATRE:** "Valley Song," through Sunday, March 19, 8:30 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, 3 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sundays, at the theater, Detroit. \$15. (313) 868-1347

**FOX THEATRE:** "Smokey Joe's Cafe" starring Gladys Knight opens Tuesday, Feb. 29 and continues through Sunday, March 5, at the Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$20-\$45. (248) 433-1515

**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

**MEADOW BROOK THEATRE:** "All My Sons" continues to Sunday, March 5, at the theater, Rochester. \$24-\$35. (248) 377-3300

## COLLEGE

**UD THEATRE COMPANY:** "The Dumb Waiter and More" continues to Feb. 27, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday, in the OnStage Theatre on the University of Detroit campus. \$10, \$2 discount for seniors/students with ID. (313) 993-1130

**WSU BONSTELLE:** "The Skin of Our Teeth" Friday-Sunday, Feb. 25-27 and March 3-5, at the theater, Detroit. (313) 577-2960

**WSU HILBERRY:** "Five by Tenn" opens March 10 continues to May 6, at the theater, Detroit. (313) 577-2972

## COMMUNITY THEATER

**FARMINGTON PLAYERS:** Perform John Steinbeck's "Of Mice and Men" 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 24-26, at the Farmington Players Barn, Farmington and Orchard Lake roads. \$12. (248) 553-2955

**PLANET ANT:** "Comedy of Errors," 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, Feb. 25-26, March 3-4, March 10-11 and March 17-18, 8 p.m. Thursdays March 2, 9 and 16, and 7 p.m. Sundays, Feb. 27 and March 5, 12 and 19, at the theater, Hamtramck. \$10. (313) 365-4948

**PLAYERS GUILD OF DEARBORN:** "Nightwatch" 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 3-4, 10-11 and 17-18, and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, March 12, at the theater, Dearborn. \$11. (313) 561-TKTS

**FLOWSHARES THEATRE COMPANY:** "A Soldier's Play" continues through Sunday, Feb. 27, 7:30 p.m. Thursdays-Fridays, 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturdays, and 6 p.m. Sundays, at Detroit's Holistic Development Center. \$15-\$18. (313) 872-0279

**PLYMOUTH THEATRE GUILD:** "Oliver," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 25-26 and March 3-4, and 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27, at the Water Tower Theatre, Northville. \$12, \$8 students. (248) 349-7110

**STAGECRAFTERS:** "Forever Plaid," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 25-26, March 3-4 and 10-11, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27 and March 5, and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 12, at the Baldwin Theatre, Royal Oak. \$9. (248) 541-6430

**THEATRE GUILD OF LIVONIA**

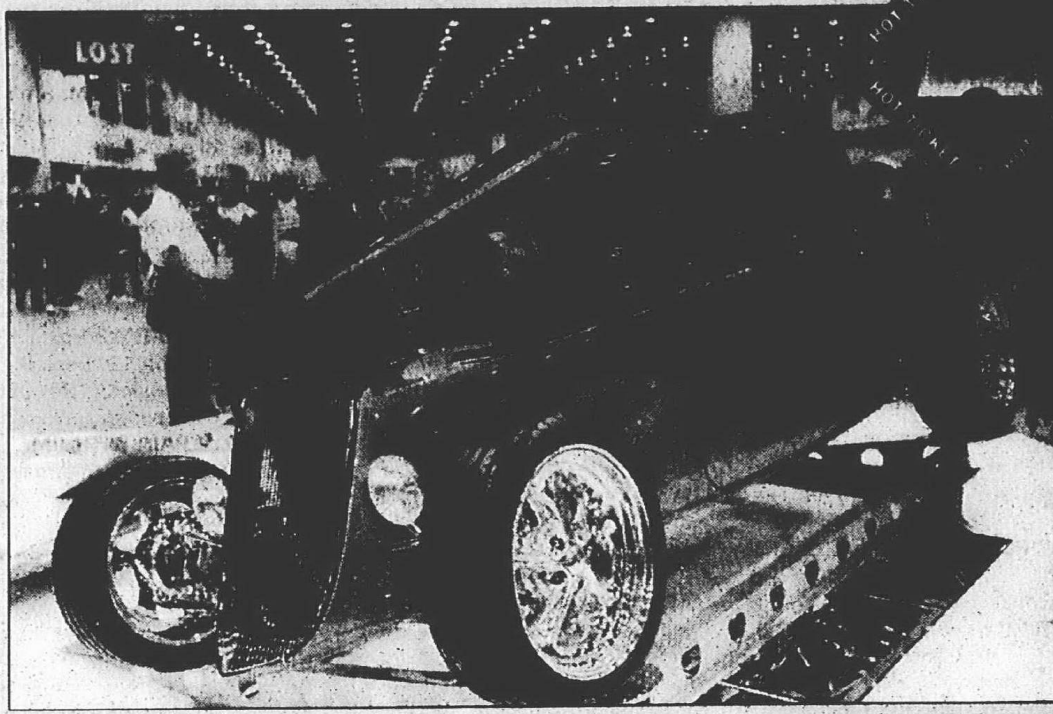
**REDFORD:** "Godspell" continues through Saturday, March 11, 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays, at the theater, Redford. \$12. (313) 531-0554

**TINDERBOX PRODUCTIONS:** "A Chorus Line," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 25-26 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27, at Scottish Rite Cathedral Theatre in Masonic Temple, Detroit. (313) 535-8962.

## 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

**FOX LAIR DINNER THEATRE:** Presents "Murder at the Howard Johnson's," a hilarious comedy



**Hot Rod Heaven:** Custom cars like this 1934 Ford Highboy Coupe are among 800 exhibits on display at the 48th annual Big Kmart Detroit Autorama, Friday-Sunday, Feb. 25-27 at Cobo Center in Detroit. The show features customized cars, trucks, vans, motorcycles, hot rods and celebrity appearances. Admission \$12.50 adults, children under 12, \$5, children under 3, free. Call (248) 650-5560.

runs Saturday nights only, 6 p.m. cocktails, 7 p.m. dinner (show follows), at Fox Hills Golf Club, Plymouth. \$29.95. (734) 453-7272

**RAMADA HOTEL DINNER THEATRE:** "Fools," a comic fable by Neil Simon, opened Thursday, evening Feb. 3 and continues on alternate Thursdays, 7 p.m. dinner, show follows, at the theater, Southfield. \$25. (248) 544-0283

## YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

**PUPPETART:** "Kolobok," the Russian version of "The Gingerbread Man," 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, at the Detroit Puppet Theater. \$7, \$5 children. (313) 961-7777

**YOUTH THEATRE:** "Ishangi African Dancers" 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27 at Music Hall, Detroit. \$8 advance, \$9 at door. (313) 963-2366

## SPECIAL EVENTS

**CABARET EVENING:** Features Grosse Pointe Memorial Church soloists singing music from Broadway and movie scores 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, in the Crystal Ballroom of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. \$35, includes dinner. Must be purchased by Sunday, Feb. 20. (313) 882-5330

**JAZZ JAMBALAYA:** New Orleans style with jazz by the Ron English Trio 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, at the Rochester Community House. \$15. (248) 651-0622

**MARDI GRAS CELEBRATION:** "Put a Little Jazz in Your Life," 7 p.m. Saturday, March 4, dance the night away to the sounds of Tom Saunders and the Detroit All-Stars Band and enjoy delicious New Orleans cuisine, vocal choir Scool Jazz will also perform, in the Waterman Center on the Schoolcraft College campus, Livonia. \$30 if purchased before Friday, \$35 afterwards. (734) 462-4417/(734) 462-4435

**MOTOR CITY EXTRA CON:** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27, at the Knights of Columbus, Livonia. \$2. (248) 426-8059

**OUTDOORAMA:** 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturdays, Feb. 26 and March 4, until 6 p.m. Sundays Feb. 27 and March 5, 3-9 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, Feb. 28-29 and Thursday-Friday, March 2-3, and noon to 9 p.m. Wednesday, March 1, at the Novi Expo Center. \$6.50, \$3 ages 12 and under. (800) 777-6720

## FAMILY EVENTS

**YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONCERT:** The Detroit Symphony Orchestra performs Beethoven, Dvorak, Sousa, Tchaikovsky and Berlioz, 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, at Orchestra Hall. (313) 576-5111

## BENEFITS

**JAZZ DANCE THEATRE:** A dance concert featuring established repertory works and a recent premiere 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24, at the Power Center for the Performing Arts, Ann Arbor. \$12, \$8 students/seniors. (734) 995-

4242

**RACKHAM SYMPHONY CHOIR:** Present "Hearts & Voices for the Homeless" concert to benefit Doorstep Homeless Shelter, 8 p.m. Friday, March 3, at St. Lucy Catholic Church, St. Clair Shores. \$10 recommended donation. (313) 341-3466/(810) 447-4221

## CLASSICAL

**DEARBORN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA:** "Hocus Pocus" concert features flutist Marianne Gedigian 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25 at Edsel Ford High School, Dearborn. \$16, \$2 students. (313) 565-2424

**DEBUSSY QUARTET:** 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27, at the Henry Ford Estate at Fair Lane, Dearborn. (313) 593-5330

**DETROIT SYMPHONY CIVIC ORCHESTRA:** Perform Mozart, Haydn and Beethoven 8 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. \$4. (313) 576-5111

**DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA:** Violinist Elmar Oliveira performs 8 p.m. Thursday, March 2, 10:45 a.m. Friday, March 3, and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, March 4, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. \$14-\$50. (313) 576-5111

**JOEL HASTINGS:** The pianist performs 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25, at Metropolitan United Methodist Church, Detroit. (313) 875-7407

**MADONNA UNIVERSITY:** The faculty performs a recital 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27, in Kresge Hall on campus, Livonia. \$5, and supports the music scholarship fund. (734) 432-5709

**T'ANG STRING QUARTET:** 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25, at Kerrytown Concert House, Ann Arbor. \$10-\$25. (734) 769-2999

## OPERA

**CANTON PROJECT ARTS:** Presents the Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27, a special presentation of the history of opera in America precedes the concert at 2:30 p.m., an artists reception follows the concert, at Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton. \$15. (734) 397-6450

**COMIC OPERA GUILD:** "Carmen" 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 24-26 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27, at the Lydia Mendelssohn Theatre, Ann Arbor. \$18, \$16 seniors, \$7 students/children. (734) 973-3264

## POPS/SWING

**DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA:** Pops with Sandy Duncan, 10:45 a.m. and 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24, 8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 25-26, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. \$14-\$47. (313) 576-5111

**JIM PARAVANTES & COMPANY:** "Frank Sinatra Tribute," 8:30 p.m. to midnight, Fridays-Saturdays through February, at Andiamo Italia West, 6676 Telegraph Road at Maple, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 865-9300

## AUDITIONS

**AVON PLAYERS:** "Moon Over Buffalo" 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 3-4, 10-11 and 17-18 and Thursday, March 16, and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 5 and 12, at the

Theater, Rochester Hills. \$13. (248) 608-9077

**BROADWAY KIDS 2000:** Open auditions for boys and girls ages 8 and up, 3-6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27, proper dance attire required, in room 107A of Jewish Community Center, West Bloomfield. For performances April 16 and 30 and May 7 and 14. (248) 354-0545/(248) 352-2797

**DESTINATION EARTH LLC:** An independent production company is seeking extras for the science fiction film "Nobody Knows." Filming will take place in Detroit and surrounding cities in late February and early March. The film is about a man from the year 2039 who appears in Texas on the day of the Kennedy assassination, Nov. 22, 1963. He is able to prevent the murder of the president and as a result, history changes in surprisingly different ways. For more information, call Nicole Sylvester (248) 980-8504

**NOVI THEATRES CHILDREN'S ANNEX (AGES 10-13):** "Charlotte's Web," 4 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24, Novi Civic Center. Production dates May 19-21; actors must pay \$125 participation fee once cast. (248) 347-0400

**RIDGEDALE PLAYERS:** Auditions for "Moon Over the Brewery" 7 p.m. Monday, March 6, at the playhouse, Troy. For performances May 5-21. (248) 549-8553

**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 CoufLinks@aol.com

**STAGECRAFTERS:** Auditions for "The King & I" noon Sunday, Feb. 27 (registration at 11 a.m.), at the Baldwin Theatre, Royal Oak. For performances May 12-4, 18-21, 25-28, and May 31-June 4. (248) 541-4832

**THEATRE GUILD OF LIVONIA**

**REDFORD:** Is searching for directors, choreographers, musical directors, and all others interested in musical comedy theater. Call (313) 531-0554 for information, or deliver resumes and letters of interest to the Theatre Guild, 15138 Beech Daly, across from the Township Hall in Redford.

**VILLAGE PLAYERS OF BIRMINGHAM:** Auditions for "Forever Plaid," requires 4 strong male vocalists, 7:30 p.m. Sunday and Tuesday, March 5 and 7, at the theater. For performances May 12-27. (248) 540-6950

**VOICES IN TIME:** Has a limited number of openings in all voice parts, rehearsals for spring/summer season begin in late February. (248) 449-6540

## CHORAL

**CANTATA ACADEMY:** 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, at the Southfield Centre for the Arts. \$15, \$12 seniors/students. (248) 358-9863

**RENAISSANCE CHORUS:** "Through the Years," a performance of barbershop harmony 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, March 4 at Clarenceville High School Auditorium, Livonia. \$12 at the door, \$11 adults and \$10 students in advance. (734) 421-1425

## JAZZ

**ALMO:** 8:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25, at Edison's, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

**BROTHERS GROOVE:** 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24, at Edison's, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

**TODD CURTIS:** Thursdays, at "Elle's," Birmingham. (248) 647-2420

**KENNY GARRETT QUARTET:** With Kurt Elling Quartet 8 p.m. Friday, March 3, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. \$16-\$62. (313) 576-5111

**GEN JAZZ TRIO:** Performs 7-11 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, at the Century Club Restaurant, Detroit. (313) 963-9800

**MATT MICHAELS TRIO:** With vocalist Sunny Wilkinson 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 23, at Ron's Fireside Inn, Garden City. \$5 cover. Reservations recommended for the Jazz Room. (734) 762-7756

**MARK MOULTROP:** 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, at Edison's, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

**ROCK N' TRIO:** 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, at Big Fish, Dearborn. (313) 336-6350

**JANET TENAJ TRIO:** 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25, at Tom's Oyster Bar, Southfield. (248) 356-8881

## FOLK/BLUEGRASS

**JACKIE ROUSH:** The punk-folk artist performs Friday, Feb. 25 at the Grand Cafe, Farmington. Free. www.JackieRoush.com

## POETRY/SPOKEN WORD

**POETRY NIGHT:** Presented by Third Eye Production 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25, at Truth Bookstore, Southfield. (248) 557-4824

**POETRY SOCIETY OF MICHIGAN:** 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

## DANCE

**ADVANCED CONTRA DANCE:** 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25, at the Pittsfield Grange, Ann Arbor. \$7. (734) 665-8863/(734) 426-0241

**STARDUST BALLROOM:** Dance parties 9 p.m. Fridays, lessons also available, at the dance studio, 28651 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield. \$8. (248) 356-5678

**SWING DANCE CLASSES:** 5-9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, at Wonderland Mall, Livonia. (734) 522-4100

**WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY DANCE:** "Approaching Extremes," the 71st annual Spring Dance Concert features works by the Detroit Dance Collective, Alan Danielson & Dancers, Erica Wilson-Perkins, and King/Chavez/Parks, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 25-26, at Music Hall for the Performing Arts, Detroit. (313) 577-4273

## COMEDY

**ELDONADO COUNTRY CLUB:** Jim Mclean with Gary George and Dee Proffitt 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 25-26, at the club, Commerce Twp. (248) 624-1050

**JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB:** Brad Lowrey Wednesday-Saturday, Feb. 23-26, also Randy Eply and Rich Higginbottom; Steve McGrew, also Kirk Noland Wednesday-Saturday, March 1-4, at the club above Kicker's All American Grill, Livonia. 8 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Third Level Improv and new talent nights, 8 p.m. Sundays (\$5). (734) 261-0555

**JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAINBAND'S:** Victoria Jackson Friday-Sunday, Feb. 25-27, at the club, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

**MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE:** Brad Upton Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 24-26, at the club, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9900

**SECOND CITY:** "Paradigm Lost" 8 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday; additional shows 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday at 10:30 p.m. The 10:30 p.m. shows, and 8 p.m. shows Wednesday-Thursday, and Sunday, are followed by an improv set at no additional cost. \$10. Wednesday-Thursday, and Sunday; \$17.50 Friday, \$19.50 on Saturday. (313) 965-2222, (248) 645-6666 or online at www.ticketmaster.com

**SECOND CITY TOURING COMPANY:** 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 3-4, at the Farmington Players Barn, Farmington Hills. \$25. (248) 553-2955

## MUSEUMS AND TOURS

**ANN ARBOR HANDS-ON MUSEUM:** Offers more than 250 interactive exhibits intended to make science fun, at the museum, 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

**DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM:** "On the Air! Michigan Radio & Television Broadcasting 1920-2000" exhibit continues through Sunday, April 30, at the museum, Detroit. Museum hours are 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. Free admission Wednesdays; \$3 for adults, \$1.50 seniors and children aged 12-18, free for children ages 11 and younger Thursdays-Sundays. (313) 833-1805 or <http://www.detroithistorical.org>

**DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER:** 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 the center, 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 Theatre; the exhibit, "Inside/Outside: The Art of Caring" continues through Jan. 2, in the Wildlife Interpretive Gallery at the zoo, 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 the museum 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:** Celebrates Black History Month, at the museum, 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

**ROCHESTER HILLS MUSEUM:** "A Stitch in Time" quilt exhibit continues through Saturday, Feb. 26, at the museum at Van Hoosen Farm, Rochester Hills. \$3, \$2 seniors/students. (248) 656-4663

**SPIRIT OF FORD:** Interactive automotive science and technology experience with exhibits and theaters for all ages, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday through February, open Mondays beginning in March, across from Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village, Dearborn. \$6, \$5 seniors, \$4 ages 5-12. (313) 317-7474

**U-M MUSEUM OF ART:** "The Orchid Pavilion Gathering," an exhibit of 60 Chinese works spanning nearly 900 years continues to Sunday, March 26; Chinese Lantern Festival features hands-on activities and performances to celebrate Chinese art and culture 1-5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 20, at the museum, Ann Arbor. Free, but a \$5 donation is suggested. Call (734) 764-0395 or visit the Web site at [www.umich.edu/~umma/](http://www.umich.edu/~umma/)

**LIVE MUSIC**

**ALBERTA ADAMS:** 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 10-11, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800

**BRYAN ADAMS:** 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 3, State Theatre, Detroit. \$29.50-\$39.50. (313) 961-MELT.

**THE ALLIGATORS:** 10 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24, Memphis Smoke, Royal Oak. (248) 543-4300 (blues)



# Guays a week

**Making Contact** Please submit popular music items for publication to Stephanie Casola; all others to Linda Chomin, two weeks in advance to the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150 or by fax (734) 591-7279. Items must include the date, time, venue, admission price and a telephone number.

**AMERICAN HI FI:** 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 8, The Shelter, Detroit. All ages. \$6. (248) 645-6666

**LORI AMEY:** 8 p.m. Friday, March 3, Borders Books and Music, Novi. (248) 347-0780.

**FIONA APPLE:** 7:30 p.m. showtime, Friday, March 10, State Theatre, Detroit. All ages. Ticket price to be announced. (248) 645-6666.

**APOLLO FOUR FORTY:** 8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 28, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. \$8.50 advance/\$10 day of show. (248) 645-6666.

**BANG 12 RECORD RELEASE PARTY:** With DJ Greg Montgomery, DJ Seoul, DJ Moore vs. DJ G-Major, MC Subverse, 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, Science, Redford. 18 and over. \$10 for 18-21. (313) 438-4146.

**BARBARA BARRETT:** Saturday, March 18, Coyote Club, Pontiac. (248) 332-4695

**BUGS BEDDOW BAND:** 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 3-4, Beale Street Blues and BBQ, Pontiac. (248) 334-7900

**MARCUS BELGRAVE:** Headlines 10th annual Mardi Gras Masquerade Party with a tribute to Louis Armstrong, 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 7, Fishbone's Rhythm Kitchen Cafe, Greektown, Detroit. (313) 965-4600.

**BETTER DAYS:** Saturday, March 4, 25, Coyote Club, Pontiac. (248) 332-4695

**BLACK OCEAN DROWNING:** Featuring Dead By 28 and Degenerative Velocity, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, The Shelter, Detroit. All ages. \$7. (248) 645-6666.

**BLACK SHEEP:** Featuring Das Efx, Mountain Climaz, 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. \$15 advance/\$18 day of show. (248) 645-6666.

**BLACKTHORN:** Noon Friday, March 17, Cowley's Old Village Inn, Farmington. (248) 474-5941

**BLUE HAWAIIANS:** 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 3-4, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800

**THE BOTTOM FEEDERS:** 10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25, Music Menu, Detroit. (313) 964-6368

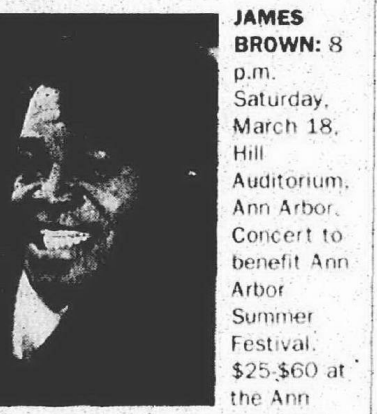
**CHUCK BRODSKY:** 8 p.m. Friday, March 3, Green Wood Coffee House, Ann Arbor. (734) 665-8558

**BROKEBACK:** Wednesday, March 8, Gold Dollar, Detroit. (313) 833-6873

**BROKEN HALO:** Saturday, March 11, Boulders, Plymouth. (734) 459-4190 (classic rock)

**THE BROTHERS CREEGAN:** Features current and former members of Barenaked Ladies, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 11, 7th House, Pontiac. All ages. \$10. (248) 645-6666.

**BROTHERS GROOVE:** 10 p.m. Mondays, Music Menu, Detroit. (313) 964-6368; Thursday, Feb. 24, Edison's, Birmingham. (248) 645-2150; Friday, Feb. 25, Woodruff's, Royal Oak. (248) 586-1519.



**JAMES BROWN:** 8 p.m. Saturday, March 18, Hill Auditorium, Ann Arbor. Concert to benefit Ann Arbor Summer Festival. \$25-\$60 at the Ann Arbor Summer Festival Box Office, Burton Memorial Tower Ticket Office, Michigan Union Ticket Office or Ticketmaster outlets. (734) 764-2538 or (248) 645-6666. A pre-concert dinner will be held at Rackham Auditorium. Tickets \$150. (734) 647-2278.

**THE BUSINESS:** Featuring Beer Zone, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27, The Shelter, Detroit. \$10 advance. All ages. (248) 645-6666.

**RICK C AND THE X BAND:** Thursdays in Feb. and March, Boulders, Plymouth. (734) 459-4190 (Top 40)

**SCOTT CAMPBELL:** Will host an acoustic open mike jam every Thursday at 8 p.m. at Carbon, Joseph Campau just north of Caniff in Hamtramck. Free admission, free parking. 18 and over. (313) 366-9278 or www.scottcampbell.net.

**CASH MONEY MILLIONAIRES:** Featuring Juvenile, The Hot Boys, Lil Wayne, B.G. and The Big Tymers; Ruff Ryders with Eve, DMX, Loxx and Drag-On, 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, The Palace,

Auburn Hills. (248) 645-6666.

**CJ CHENIER & RED HOT LOUISIANA BAND:** 7 p.m. Sunday, March 5, The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$12. (248) 645-6666

**BRUCE COCKBURN:** 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 4, Royal Oak Music Theatre, Royal Oak. \$26.90. (248) 645-6666.

**PAULA COLE:** 8 p.m. Thursday, March 23, Clutch Cargo's, Pontiac. All ages. \$15. (248) 645-6666.

**COMMANDER CODY:** 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 29, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$13. (248) 544-3030.

**COMPANY OF STRANGERS:** 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 10-11. 5 p.m. Friday, March 17, Cowley's Old Village Inn, Farmington. (248) 474-5941.

**LISA CUNNINGHAM:** 10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, Oxford Inn Tavern, Novi. \$5. 21 and older. (248) 305-5856

**DEEP BANANA BLACKOUT:** 9:30 p.m. Friday, March 17, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 or www.blindpigmusic.com

**JOHNNY DILKS:** Thursday, Feb. 24, Velvet Lounge, Pontiac. (248) 334-7411

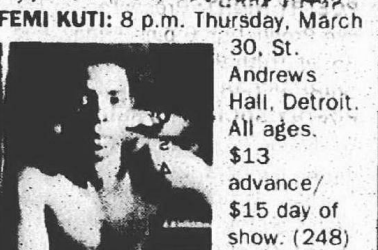
**DJ CASH MONEY:** 10 p.m. Friday, March 17, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. 18 and older. \$6. (248) 645-6666

**THE DONNAS:** With The Snugglers and The Plus Ones, 7 p.m. Thursday, March 23, Magic Stick, Detroit. \$8 advance. All ages. (313) 833-9700.

**E TOWN CONCRETE:** 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 7, Shelter, Detroit. \$7 advance. All ages. (248) 645-6666.

**FACE:** Saturday, March 4, Boulders, Plymouth. (734) 459-4190 (rock)

**FEMI KUTI:** 8 p.m. Thursday, March 30, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. \$13 advance/\$15 day of show. (248) 645-6666.



**FIGHTING GRAVITY:** 8 p.m. Thursday, March 2, 7th House, Pontiac. All ages. \$7. (248) 335-3540.

**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.

**LESLIE FREDERICK:** 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25, Borders Books and Music, Auburn Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 335-5013 (folk).

**SUE GARNER AND RICK BROWN:** Thursday, March 9, Gold Dollar, Detroit. (313) 833-6873

**GHOSTFACE KILLAH:** With Inspecta Deck and Cappadonna, 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 8, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. \$20 advance. All ages. (249) 645-6666.

**GIVE:** Saturday, March 11, The Attic, Hamtramck.

**G LOVE AND SPECIAL SAUCE:** 8 p.m. Sunday, March 12, Michigan Theater, Ann Arbor. \$11.50-\$16.50. (248) 645-6666

**JEFF GRAND AND JIM MCCARTY:** 10 p.m. Tuesdays: The Music Menu, Detroit. No cover for a limited time.

**GRUESOMES:** With Soot and the Sex Machines, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 996-8555 or www.blindpigmusic.com

**HARRINGTON BROTHERS:** 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 29, March 7, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800

**WAYNE "THE TRAIN" HANCOCK:** With Big Barn Combo and Driftweed, 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, Majestic Theatre, Detroit. \$12.50 cover. (313) 833-9700.

**AL HILL AND THE LOVE BUTLERS:** 9 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, March 7-9, Weber's, Ann Arbor. (734) 665-3636; 10 p.m. Saturday, March 11, The Cavern Club, Ann Arbor. (734) 332-9900.

**INDIGO SWING:** 9:30 p.m. Friday, March 10, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 or www.blindpigmusic.com

**THE JAZZ BUTCHER:** Featuring Pat Fish, Max Eider, Kevin Haskins and Owne Jones, 9 p.m. Wednesday, April 19, Magic Stick, Detroit. 18 and over. \$12. (248) 645-6666 or (313) 833-9700.

**JAZZHEAD:** 10 p.m. Sundays, Music Menu, Detroit. (313) 964-6368

**JC BAND:** 10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 25-26, The Village Bar and Grill, Wayne. (734) 729-2360 (classic, modern rock)

**JODY AND COMPANY:** 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25, Oxford Inn Tavern, Novi. \$5. 21 and older. (248) 305-5856

**JOLLY RANCHER ROCK TOUR WITH PETER SEARCY:** Guests Neve and Frankie Machine, 7 p.m. Saturday, March 18, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. Free. (313) 961-MELT.

**JORMA HAUKONEN:** 8 p.m. Saturday, March 25, The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$15. (248) 645-6666

**KGB:** 9 p.m. Wednesday, March 1, Oxford Inn Tavern, Novi. \$5. 21 and older. (248) 305-5856

**KILLER FLAMINGOS:** Friday, March 3, Friday-Saturday, March 17-18. 31-April 1, Boulders, Plymouth. (734) 459-4190 (top 40)

**KINA:** 7 p.m. Friday, March 10, The Shelter, Detroit. All ages. Free. www.961melt.com

**KINSEY REPORT:** 10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, Sisko's, Taylor. (313) 278-5340 (blues-funk).

**DJ KLIPROCK:** With DJ B Minor, DJ Katalist, 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25, Science, Redford. "Science" 18 and over. \$10 for 21 and older. \$15 for 18-21. (313) 438-4146.

**KNEE DEEP SHAG AND 60 SECOND CRUSH:** Spring Breakout 2000 with Soot, Eliza and Face, 7 p.m. Saturday, March 4, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. (248) 645-6666

**ROBBIE KRIEGER:** 8 p.m. Saturday, March 11, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$17. (248) 544-3030.

**DONNA KRALL:** 8 p.m. Friday, April 14, Michigan Theater, Ann Arbor. \$35, \$25. (248) 645-6666.

**KRUST:** With Morgan, Dynamite MC and Yuval Gubay of Soule Coughing, 9 p.m. Saturday, March

## CLUB CIRCUIT

**ALVIN'S:** 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. 18 and older welcome. (313) 832-2355 or www.alvins.tcom.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

**THE ARK:** 316 S. Main, Ann Arbor. (734) 763-8587

**ANDIAMO ITALIA WEST:** 6676 Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 865-9300

**BEALE STREET BLUES:** 8 N. Saginaw Street, Pontiac. (248) 334-7900.

**BIRD OF PARADISE:** The Bird of Paradise Orchestra performs Mondays, cover \$5; Ron Brooks Trio performs Wednesdays and Thursdays, cover \$5; Paul Klinger's Easy Street Swinglet 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

**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.blindpigmusic.com

**BULLFROG BAR AND GRILL:** 15414 Telegraph, Redford. (313) 533-4477

**CARBON:** Joseph Campau just north of Caniff in Hamtramck. (313) 366-9278

**CAVERN CLUB:** 210 S. First Street, Ann Arbor. (734) 332-9900

**CLUTCH CARGO'S/MILL STREET:** 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

**COBO ARENA:** 301 Civic Center Drive, Detroit. (313) 983-6616

**COWLEY'S:** 33338 Grand River Avenue, Farmington. (248) 474-5941

**THE DECK AND THE FIVE HOLE:** 2301 Woodward Avenue, Detroit. (313) 965-9500

**EDISON'S:** Downstairs from 220 at 220 Merrill Street, Birmingham. (248) 645-2150

**ELIE'S:** 263 Pierce Street, Birmingham. (248) 647-2420

**FIFTH AVENUE BILLIARDS:** 215 W. Fifth Avenue, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9922

**FLYING FISH TAVERN:** 17600 W. 13 Mile, Beverly Hills. (248) 647-7747

**FORD ROAD BAR AND GRILL:** 35505 Ford Road, Westland. (734) 721-8609

**FOX THEATRE:** 2211 Woodward Avenue, Detroit. (313) 983-6611

**FOX AND HOUNDS:** 1560 Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 644-4800

**GOLD DOLLAR:** 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 833-6873 or www.golddollar.com

**GROOVE ROOM:** 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

**HILL AUDITORIUM:** 825 N. University, Ann Arbor. (734) 764-2538

**JOE LOUIS ARENA:** 600 Civic Center Drive, Detroit. (313) 983-6606

**JD'S KEY CLUB:** 1 North Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 338-7337

**KARL'S CABIN:** 9979 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. (734) 455-8450

**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. (248) 926-9960

**LONELY HEARTS CLUB:** 211 E. Washington, Ann Arbor. (734) 913-5506

**LOWERTOWN GRILL:** 195 W. Liberty, Plymouth. (734) 451-1213

**MAGIC BAG:** 22920 Woodward Avenue, Ferndale. (248) 544-3030.

**MAINSTREET BILLIARDS AND THE ALLEY:** Main Street, Rochester. (248) 652-8441

**MAJESTIC THEATRE CENTER:** (313) 833-9700

**MEMPHIS SMOKE:** 100 S. Main Street, Royal Oak. (248) 543-4300

**MICHIGAN THEATRE:** 603 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 668-8397

**MOTOR LOUNGE:** 3515 Caniff, Hamtramck. (313) 396-0080 or www.motordetroit.com

**MR. O'S BARN:** 24555 Novi Road, Novi. (248) 349-7038

**THE PALACE:** 2 Championship Drive, Auburn Hills. (248) 377-0100 or www.palacenet.com

**PHOENIX PLAZA AMPHITHEATRE:** 10 N. Water Street, Pontiac

**PINE KNOB MUSIC THEATRE:** I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacenet.com

**PURE BAR ROOM:** 1500 Woodward Ave., Detroit. 21 and older. Cover charge Friday-Saturday. (313) 471-PURE

**ROCHESTER MILLS BEER COMPANY:** 400 Water Street, Rochester. (248) 650-5080

**ROOKIE SPORTS CAFE:** 3632 Elizabeth, Wayne. (734) 729-7337

**ROYAL OAK MUSIC THEATRE:** 318 W. Fourth St., Royal Oak. (248) 546-7610

**THE SCARAB CLUB:** 217 Farnsworth, Detroit. (313) 831-1250

**ST. ANDREW'S/THE SHELTER:** 431 E. Congress, Detroit. (313) 961-MELT or www.961melt.com

**7TH HOUSE:** 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 335-3540

**STATE THEATRE:** 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 18 and over. (313) 961-5451 or www.statetheatre.com

**24 KARAT CLUB:** 28949 Joy, Westland. 21 and older. (734) 513-5030

**313 JAC:** Unstairs from Jacoby's, 624 Brush, Detroit. (313) 962-7067

**TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE:** 38840 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia. Discount for members. (734) 464-6302

**US 12 BAR AND GRILL/WAYNE BREWERY:** 34824 Michigan Ave. West, Wayne. (734) 722-7639

**VELVET LOUNGE:** 29 S. Saginaw St., Pontiac. (248) 334-7411

**VILLAGE BAR AND GRILL/BEENY'S CUE AND BREW:** 35234 Michigan Ave. West, Wayne. (734) 729-2360

**WAGON WHEEL TAVERN:** 102 S. Broadway, Lake Orion. (248) 693-6789

**WOODRUFF'S SUPPER CLUB:** 212 W. Sixth Street, Royal Oak. (248) 586-1519

**XNEDOS CAFE:** Sista Otis performs 8-10 p.m. Sundays, 240 West Nine Mile, Ferndale. All ages. Free. (248) 399-3946

**ZIM'S IRISH TAVERN:** 1350 Lapeer Road, Oxford. (248) 969-9467

March 31, State Theatre, Detroit. \$30 advance. All ages. (248) 645-6666.

**METHODS OF MAYHEM:** 8 p.m. Thursday, April 6, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. \$16.50 advance/\$18 day of show. On sale Feb. 19. www.ticketmaster.com or (248) 645-6666.

**MBOS:** 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$6. (248) 544-3030.

**MUSTARD PLUG:** 9:30 p.m. Saturday, March 11, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 or www.blindpigmusic.com

**MYSTERY TRAIN WITH JIM MCCARTY:** 10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, Music Menu, Detroit. (313) 964-6368

**STEVE NARDELLA BLUES BAND:** 9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24, Arbor Brewing Company, Ann Arbor. Free. 21 and over. (734) 213-1393.

**NICE ONION:** Saturday, Feb. 26, Coyote Club, Pontiac. (248) 332-4695

**ORBIT:** 8 p.m. Saturday, March 11, The Shelter, Detroit. All ages. \$6. (248) 645-6666

**ORIGINAL BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF LOVE:** 9 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27, Arbor Brewing Company, Ann Arbor. Free. 21 and over. (734) 213-1393.

**ORIGINAL HITS:** 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 28, March 6, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800

**ORIGINAL P:** Featuring members of Parliament Funkadelic, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 20, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. \$20. (248) 645-6666

**JIM PERKINS WITH FINARRAS WREN:** 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 3-4, Cowley's Old Village Inn, Farmington. (248) 474-5941

**PERPETUAL HYPE ENGINE:** CD Release Party with Forge, 500 Ft. of Pipe and Riot in Progress, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$6. (248) 544-3030.

**POD:** With Factory 81, 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, Clutch Cargo, Pontiac. All ages. \$10 advance. (248) 645-6666

**POWERMAN 5000:** With Chevelle, Friday, Feb. 25, Harpo's, Detroit. (248) 645-6666.

**THE PRETENDERS:** 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 29, The State Theatre, Detroit. All ages. Ticket price to be announced.

**PT'S REVENGE:** With Few & Far Between. Out by Tuesday, Wrist Rocket, Crutch, 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25, Magic Stick, Detroit. (313) 833-9700 (rock)

**RUSTY LUNCHBOX:** 10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 25-26, US 12 Bar and Grill, Wayne. (734) 722-7639 (alternative)

**STEPHANIE SCHINDLER:** 8 p.m. Friday, March 10, Borders Books and Music, Auburn Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 335-5013 (jazz).

**HARMONICA SHAW:** 10 p.m. Friday, March 3, Music Menu, Detroit. (313) 964-6368

**KENNY WAYNE SHEPHERD:** 7 p.m. Saturday, March 25, Michigan Theatre, Ann Arbor. \$17.50 advance. All ages. (248) 645-6666.

**SMASHMOUTH:** With Luscious Jackson, 22 Jacks, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24, EMU Convocation Center, Ypsilanti. (248) 645-6666 (alternative).

**STEVE SOMERS BAND:** Featuring Valerie Barrymore, 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25, Ford Road Bar and Grill, 35505 Ford Road, Westland. Free 21 and older. (734) 721-8609

**BRITNEY SPEARS:** With LFO, Bosson, 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. Thursday, March 2, Karl's Cabin, Plymouth. (734) 455-8450; 10 p.m. Saturday, March 4, Music Menu, Detroit. (313) 964-6368

**STEEL PULSE:** With Rustic Overtones, 9 p.m. Saturday, March 11, Majestic Theatre, Detroit. 18 and over. \$20 advance. (248) 645-6666 www.steelpulse.com

**STROKE 9:** With Vertical Horizon, Radford, 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. \$10 advance. All ages. (248) 645-6666

**SUBLIMATION:** With Strut and Rhudabaig, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. \$4. (734) 996-8555 or www.blindpig-

music.com

**SUICIDE MACHINES:** With Antiflag, Pilfers, Bump-n-Uglies, 4:30 p.m. Saturday, April 22, State Theatre, Detroit. \$10. All ages. (248) 645-6666.

**SUN MESSENGERS:** 9:30 p.m. Thursday, March 23, Karl's Cabin, Plymouth. (734) 455-8450.

**THE SWEETEST DROP:** Featuring Peter Murphy, 8 p.m. Thursday, March 16, Clutch Cargo, Pontiac. All ages. \$21 advance/\$23 week of show. (248) 645-6666.

**THE TEMPTATIONS:** With The Spinners, Sunday, Feb. 27, Fox Theatre, Detroit. Tickets on sale \$32.50-\$40. (248) 433-1515 or www.ticketmaster.com

**THIRD EYE BLIND:** With Tonic, 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 24, State Theatre, Detroit. All ages. \$23.50. (248) 645-6666.

**3 SONGWRITERS, 3 STOOLS, 1 STAGE:** Ani DiFranco, Gillian Welch and Greg Brown, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 16, Hill Auditorium, Ann Arbor. \$25. (734) 763-TKTS or (248) 645-6666.

**THOSE BASTARD SOULS:** With Euphonia, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, March 9, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 or www.blindpigmusic.com

**TINA TURNER:** With Lionel Richie, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, March 26, Thursday, June 1, The Palace, Auburn Hills. Tickets on sale for June show \$85.25, \$55.25, \$35.25. Eight ticket limit per person. (248) 645-6666.

**TWISTIN' TARANTULAS:** Friday-Saturday, Feb. 25-26, March 24-25, Boulders, Plymouth. (734) 459-4190; Sunday, Feb. 27 will be the band's last weekly show, Fifth Avenue, Royal Oak. (rockabilly)

**TWITCH:** 10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25, 313.JAC, upstairs from Jacoby's, Detroit. (313) 962-7067

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**UNDER CONSTRUCTION:** With Half Looking, Simple Neptune, Lon Amey, 8 p.m. Friday, March 10, 7th House, Pontiac. \$7. All ages. (248) 335-3540.

**VAN AND CRISTINA:** Top Dueling Piano Team from Las Vegas. Thursday Saturday, Feb. 24-26, J.D.'s Key Club, Pontiac. (248) 338-7337

**VISIONEAR:** 9:30 p.m. Saturday, March 11, Zeitgeist Theatr, 2662 Michigan Ave., Detroit. (313) 965-9192

**THE VOLCANOS:** 9 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 29, Magic Stick, Detroit. Free performance follows War of the Four bartender competition, open to public. (313) 833-9700

**RANDY VOLIN AND THE SONIC BLUES:** 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 25-26, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800; 9 p.m. Friday, March 3, Ford Road Bar and Grill, 35505 Ford Road, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (734) 721-8609

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**THE WHITE STRIPES:** With The Lollitas, 9 p.m. Friday, March 3, Magic Stick, Detroit. 18 and over. \$8. (313) 833-9700.

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**HANK WILLIAMS III:** With Reverend Horton Heat, 8 p.m. Thursday, June 8, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. \$15 advance/\$18 day of show. www.ticketmaster.com for details.

**MARTY WILSON-PIPER OF THE CHURCH:** 9 p.m. Saturday, April 22, 7th House, Pontiac. 18 and older. \$15 on sale March 11. (248) 645-6666.

**DAVID WOLFENBERGER:** 8 p.m. Saturday, March 4, Khodos Cafe, Ferndale. \$3. All ages. (248) 399-3946.

**YO LA TENGO:** With Lamb Chop, 8 p.m. Friday, March 3, Majestic Theatre, Detroit. \$12. 18 and over. (313) 833-9700 or mtcdetroit@earthlink.net

**BUCKWHEAT ZYDECO:** 8 p.m. Friday, March 17, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$18. (248) 544-3030.

**20 MINE:** With Landstrider, 10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, 313.JAC, upstairs from Jacoby's, Detroit. (313) 962-7067 (pop).



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# 'Reindeer Games' won't win over movie-goers

BY JON KATZ  
SPECIAL WRITER

When a studio bumps the release date of a motion picture from crowded Christmas Day to the limbo of late February, that's like a platoon leader volunteering one of the soldiers for a suicide mission. "Reindeer Games" has been sent to the front, and it won't be coming back.

Stars Ben Affleck, Charlize Theron and Gary Sinise are three of the more appealing performers on the big screen today. Playing, respectively, an ex-con and two sleaze buckets, their appeal in crime-thriller "Reindeer Games" is whittled down so extensively that only their biggest and most forgiving fans

won't miss the money spent on seeing it.

Awaiting his impending release from a five-year prison sentence for grand theft auto, Rudy Duncan (Affleck) is envious of cellmate Nick (James Frain). Nick has been exchanging letters and life stories with a woman named Ashley (Theron), whom he has never met. Pictures of the gorgeous pen pal adorn their cell wall.

Just before their parole, Nick is killed in a prison riot. When Rudy is released and Ashley mistakes him for Nick, Rudy takes one look at the girl in the flesh and doesn't argue. You don't have to have been a prisoner for five years to go along with him on that one.

But to enjoy the benefits of Nick's future, Rudy must also assume the burdens of Nick's past. Having learned that Nick had worked at an Indian casino in northern Michigan, Ashley's brother Gabriel (Sinise) has been planning for months to rob the place using Nick's inside information. In too deep by now, Rudy is forced to continue the identity switch, despite having almost none of Nick's knowledge of the casino.

There are more twists and turns in "Games" than on the snowy state roads they take to the casino. Who can Rudy trust, and how long can he stay one lie ahead of those he can't? Oddly enough, the "surprise ending" may not be as surprising to some

as those in the film's middle. Once you've got the rhythm of the thing, you may just nod your head knowingly when the plot plays out.

Affleck is more than capable of playing the boob caught in his own deception. Wanting only to return home for some of mom's hot chocolate, he finds himself locked in a motel room, trapped under a frozen pond and on the wrong end of a few million rounds of machine gun fire.

Through it all, his Steve McQueen-like charm and charisma get him out of trouble both within the movie and in being in the movie in the first place.

Sinise and Theron don't fare as well. Scraggly haired Gabriel is an insult to scum everywhere; as a villain, his one-note character seems an unnecessary and ill-advised pit stop for the overly qualified Sinise. Theron is cute and convincing in her first scenes as the dupe in the story.

When her motives emerge, however, Theron can't pull it off as a leather-tough moll. Her South African accent comes out clearly during her few emotional moments.

Veteran director John Frankenheimer ("The Manchurian Candidate," "Ronin") is at his best choreographing the multiple chases and gun fights. When the characters have to speak, one waits for the Uzis to drown them out again.

## Film blends horror, realism

BY GREG KOWALSKI  
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### VIDEO

Here's the plot: A group of young filmmakers goes into the wilderness to investigate a terrifying local legend. They disappear and the only record of their fate is found on the videotapes they made that are unearthed later.

"The Blair Witch Project," right?

Wrong. This is the plot of "The Last Broadcast," a film made a year before "Blair Witch" began its runaway success and which has been causing some rumblings among the horror film community (yes, there is such an entity) that "The Blair Witch" is nothing more than a royal ripoff of the obscure "The Last Broadcast." Is it?

Yes and no. Consider this plot: A group of young filmmakers goes into the wilderness to investigate a terrifying local legend. They disappear and the only record of their fate is found on the film that they took that is unearthed later.

Nope. It's the plot of "Cannibal Holocaust," a notorious Italian horror film made in 1978.

So everyone steals ideas. The key is how well you do it. "The Blair Witch Project" folks were

master thieves. "The Last Broadcast" gang were petty criminals.

"The Last Broadcast" has its moments, but ultimately fails to deliver the chills with the style or sheer horror factor of Blair Witch. But it's still worth checking out, especially if you want to make comparisons. And "The Last Broadcast" invites comparison.

The similarities are abundant. In "Last Broadcast," which announces up front that none of the persons depicted are actors, filmmaker David Leigh binds the story together.

He leads us on a bumpy path as he chronicles the vicious murders of two hosts and the engineer of a local cable show called "Fact or Fiction," which leans towards the sensational.

To boost sagging ratings they hook up with a supposed psychic and go on location in the wilderness Pine Barrens of New Jersey to do a live broadcast about The Jersey Devil, a murderous local legend. Only the psychic survives and is pinned with the bloody murders of his three companions.

But some videotape mysteriously turns up, which prompts Leigh to piece together their

story and what happened to them.

"The Last Broadcast" is strung together with interviews of doctors, police and film makers as it documents events leading up to the horrific finale. The photography is appropriately shaky, at times out of focus and complete with flubbed takes. The dialogue appears to be off the cuff and the scenes of the crew trudging through the woods could be outtakes from "The Blair Witch Project."

There is a sense of realism about the film that is admirable — until about the last 10 minutes.

Then everything falls apart as the plot takes a disastrous turn and completely undoes the tension so carefully crafted to that point.

And that is the biggest distinction between this film and the far more effective "Blair Witch Project." That movie left you hanging. This one drops you off a cliff.

On its own, "The Last Broadcast" is still interesting and at least somewhat original. But "The Blair Witch Project" shows what it could have been.

"The Last Broadcast" was written, directed and produced by Stefan Avalos and Lance Weiler. It is available only on video. Check your neighborhood video store.

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# Mellow out with Yo La Tengo live

There are two things James McNew knows well — good music and good fried chicken.

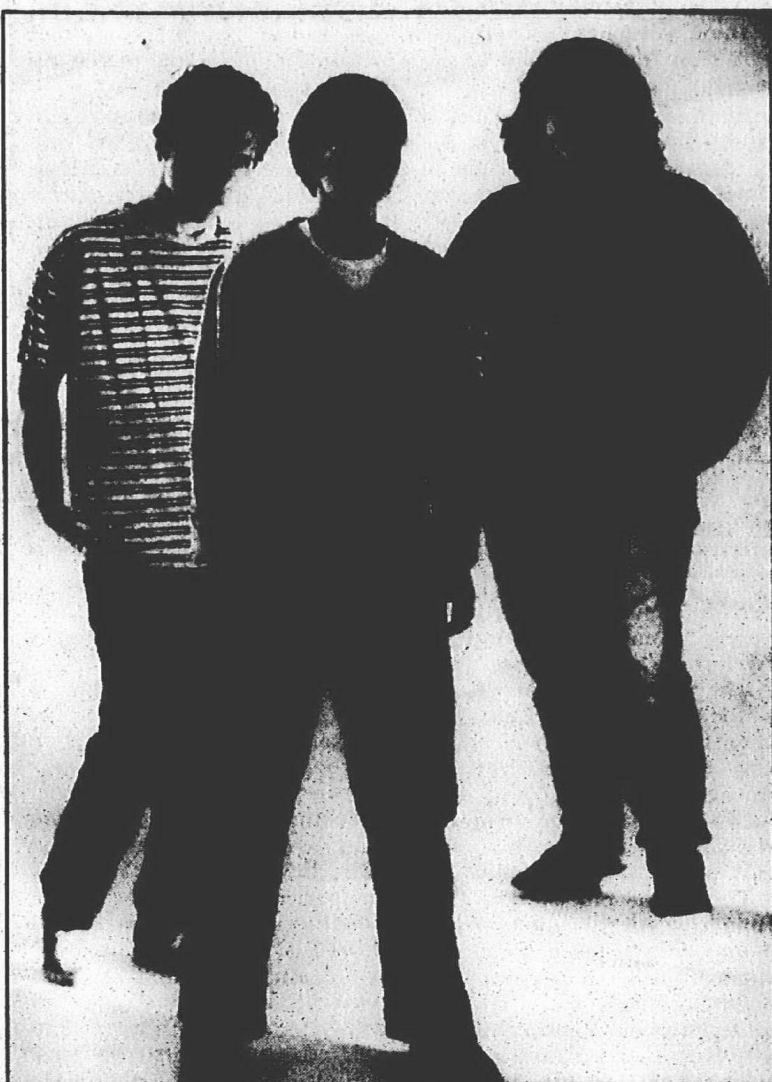
That's easy to see that with one listen and one look at the new album by New York's treasured indie rock trio, Yo La Tengo. "And Then Nothing Turned Itself Inside-out" is the band's 12th album, and the fifth to be recorded in Nashville, Tenn.

For the bassist, Nashville is synonymous with long hours in the recording studio and the best fried chicken around — Prince's Hot Chicken Shack. "It's beyond red hot," he said with a tinge of excitement in his voice. "We eat there once a week when we're in Nashville. You really can only eat it once a week."

"When you're on tour that's the one thing that really makes you remember where you are. Not to speak ill of tour life." He prefers to remember a city by its restaurants, record stores and the people he meets there. "By Friday, Feb. 25 it'll be back to the road for McNew and Yo La Tengo."

"I'm totally looking forward to it," he said, on the telephone from his Brooklyn home. This time around the band is bringing two special guests to make it a five-piece: Mac McCaughan of Superchunk and David Kilgour of Clean. "David Kilgour is staying at my house. We were talking last night after rehearsal, in a way it's like we've never toured before. It's so completely different. We're playing seated theaters. I'm looking forward to it."

"Different" may be hard to



From Hoboken to here: Yo La Tengo is Ira Kaplan, Georgia Hubely and James McNew. Listen to their latest album "And Then Nothing Turns Itself Inside-Out" and then see them live March 3 at the Majestic Theatre.

come by when a band's been together since the mid-1980s. With the release of the ultra-subtle "And Then Nothing Turned Itself Inside-out,"

McNew, along with founding members Ira Kaplan and Georgia Hubely, are taking their free-form, lo-fi sound to new levels. With songs like "The Crying of

Lot G" and "Cherry Chapstick" Yo La Tengo casts a musical spell complete with romantic visions and soul-stirring moods. "It's a wide open approach to writing music and playing it," said McNew. "I think it comes from playing together. The longer you do it, the more comfortable you are. You are more confident to try stuff."

That translates into musical courage, like asking one of their favorite musicians, Susie Ibarra, to play on the record or taking friends like the band Lambchop, out on the road, and even inviting McCaughan and Kilgour to join the band on-stage. It's a whole new perspective for Yo La Tengo — one developed over years of creating music together.

"I do think this record really reflects confidence in ideas, in the idea to make kind of a consistent, sustained mood. I am really happy with it." It's been three years since Yo La Tengo's "I Can Hear the Heart Beating As One" was released. For this album, there were no deadlines, no real pressures. McNew said that sense of control and ability to approach the project without a specific destination in mind allowed the music to flow freely from them.

"The hardest song to record was 'Night Falls on Hoboken,'" he said. "It was recorded live in the studio. It took the better part of two days to get it on tape." The song happens to be the longest on the CD at a whopping 17 minutes and 41 seconds. And McNew said that was the shortest take.

"And Then Nothing Turns Itself Inside-out" was produced by Roger Moutenot. There's no telling yet how that dreamy tone will go over at a live show. Though Yo La Tengo did perform

in London recently, the band hasn't played much of the new material in concert just yet. "I hope it'll go great," added McNew.

He couldn't be happier. "I don't think a days goes by that I don't think how lucky I am. Music is all I ever thought about. I'm so psyched."

Get psyched and see Yo La Tengo, with Lambchop, 8 p.m. Friday, March 3, Majestic Theatre, Detroit. \$12, 18 and over. (313) 833-9700 or mtdetroit@earthlink.net.

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# Eating at Luigi's is just like eating at home

BY MARY QUINLEY  
SPECIAL WRITER

Debbie Brush admits to having an occasional craving for a rich, sweet entree. And she knows just the place to satisfy her urge.

"A co-worker suggested we have lunch at Luigi's," said the Farmington dental assistant. "I had angel hair pasta with Alfredo sauce. It was great! The portion was generous, and I even had leftovers to take with me."

Luigi's, located in downtown Farmington, appeals to a variety of taste buds.

As diners enter the eatery via the east door (there are two entrances), they are welcomed by an Italian greeting, Buon Venuti, painted on the wall above their heads. Once you're inside, breathe in deeply. Waves of simmering sauces seep from the kitchen.

"We serve more southern Italian dishes than northern dishes," said Domenic Belcastro, vice president and manager.

"But we're a mixture (of the two styles). We do a lot of blending."

What's the difference?

Southern Italians, said Belcastro, who was born in Italy, like more spice.

Patrons who prefer a southern flavor might choose eggplant Parmesan with a side of penne, the chicken, sausage and peppers tossed with linguine and marinara sauce, or the veal Parmesan. Stuffed eggplant filled with three cheeses and fresh spinach is another alternative.

**Luigi's**  
Where: 23360 Farmington Road, in the Downtown Shopping Center, across from CVS/Pharmacy in Farmington, (248) 477-1880  
Open: 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., Monday-Friday; 4-10 p.m., Saturday; closed Sunday  
Menu: Italian cuisine (a mix of northern and southern dishes), appetizers, soups, salads, sandwiches, pasta, seafood, and chicken, beef and veal entrees. Desserts, vegetarian meals and daily specials. Wine, beer and liquor served.  
Non-smoking: 100 percent  
Reservations: Yes, for parties of five or more.  
Cost: Entrees range in price from \$6.95 to \$15.95. Burgers and sandwiches are \$3.95 to \$5.95.  
Credit cards: All cards except Diners Club

Northern options include polenta, an appetizer of fried cornmeal topped with marinara and Alfredo sauces. Customers can also order pasta specials of fettuccine primavera or the fontinella or gorgonzola cheese with angel hair.

Doc Sloan ranks Luigi's as one of his favorite meeting places for Italian cuisine.

"The chefs at Luigi's will fix anything I want," said the Milford resident, who eats at the restaurant with his family at least once a week. "It's like eating at home!"

Sloan enjoys the angel hair pasta, chicken Parmesan and the barbecued chicken. "I've never had a bad meal," he said. "The service is good, it's clean, and the owner has a hands-on feel. I keep telling friends of mine about the restaurant."

Almost five years ago, Belcastro and his wife, Vivian J., purchased Luigi's.

"I have always been intrigued by the restaurant business," said

Belcastro. Though, he admits, he never had any restaurant experience prior to Luigi's.

When the former owners wanted to sell the property, Belcastro's uncle offered some advice: "He told me to work at Luigi's before I decided (whether or not) to buy it."

So, Belcastro worked for several months at no charge.

"I had a vision while I worked," he said. "If we had the restaurant, I would fix it up and make it family-oriented."

And he did.

"It took two to three years to get the people to come back and give (the restaurant) a chance," said Belcastro. "I'm happy. We came a long way. We could always do more, which I'm looking into."

Who does the cooking? Not Belcastro.

"I can't boil water!" he laughed. "I have two cooks. James McNulty, a graduate of Schoolcraft College's Culinary



Pass the pasta: Domenic Belcastro presents pasta with meatballs, just one of the dishes you'll find on the menu at Luigi's.

Arts program, came with the restaurant. And the other one is my nephew, Michael Namin."

Specials change daily. Vegetable lasagna, veal, chicken or a pasta entree are possibilities.

At lunch, patrons have an option of ordering the buffet for \$9.95 - a mixture of everything on the menu," said Belcastro.

Minestrone soup is made fresh

every day. The "other" soup could be cream of cauliflower, cream of garlic, lentil or barley. The kitchen staff is constantly introducing new sauces to the menu.

Restaurant employees, said Belcastro, are encouraged to be independent. "If a customer has a problem, (I prefer) if my employees take care of it."

Belcastro describes himself as a working manager: "I clear tables, I bus, I talk to customers."

"It has been a wonderful experience. I've learned a lot and I'm still learning. I treat people the way I want to be treated."

Future plans for Luigi's?

"I envision a bigger restaurant (that we'll) keep family-friendly," said Belcastro.

## CELEBRATE MARDI GRAS

**Mardi Gras Brewers Dinner** - 1 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27 at Bonfire Bistro & Brewery, 39550 Seven Mile Road, Northville. The cost is \$40 per person, all tables reserved, call (734) 735-4570.

Chef David Platzer and brewer Ron Jeffries are teaming up to present a five course meal and a pre-selected beer per course. The entree is Rotisserie Cornish Game Hen served with andouille sausage and crawfish corn bread stuffing over ed and yellow pepper coulis.

**Mardi Gras Celebration at Schoolcraft** - celebrate the

end of winter and the coming of spring in true New Orleans style at a gala Mardi Gras celebration 7 p.m. Saturday, March 4 in the Waterman Campus Center at Schoolcraft College. Tickets are \$35 a person, and may be ordered by calling (734) 462-4417. VISA, MasterCard or Discover cards are accepted. Proceeds support student scholarships.

Join fellow revelers as they dine on a traditional New Orleans

meal, listen to the SCool Jazz singers' mellow tones and dance

to music of Tom Saunders and the Detroit All-Stars.

The dinner menu includes andouille sausage with chicken gumbo, salad and sweet potatoes, Bourbon Street pork over jambalaya, corn with peppers, cornbread and southern pecan pie. Schoolcraft College's vocal ensemble, SCool Jazz, will harmonize on jazz standards and the Detroit All-Stars will inspire dancers to fill up the floor.

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