

## THE WEEK AHEAD



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

**All wet:** Salem's Eric Lynn competes in the 200-yard individual medley during the Western Lakes Athletic Association league swimming meet preliminary round at Plymouth Canton High School. Salem went on to win the WLAA title. /C1

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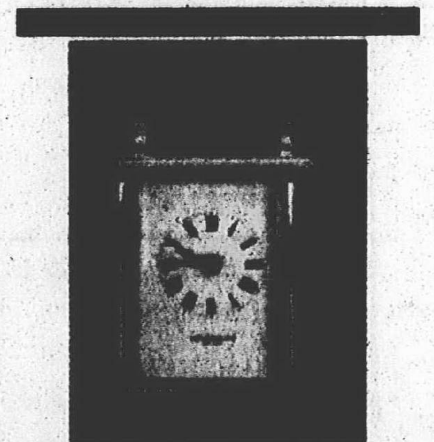
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## Forum 'dances' around issues

■ The Plymouth Youth Forum feels the city needs more for kids to do, and has suggested weekly dances as a way to get around the "generation gap" it feels the city has with its youth.

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Dancing in the streets just may be what teens are looking to do this summer. At least the Plymouth Youth Forum hopes so.

In a meeting scheduled for later this month, the group hopes to develop plans for a number of teen dances to be held at the end of the school year.

The Youth Forum is composed of teens and adults who want to develop alternative activities for youth, to avoid problems between teens and adults. The group came into existence

after last summer's so-called sidewalk ticket cases in downtown Plymouth, in which four teens were ticketed for sitting on and blocking sidewalks.

"Dances at schools usually have really big turnouts," said Katie Welch, 13, of Plymouth Township and a Youth Forum member. "They're easy activities to put on. And, there are lots of places we could have them ... indoors in a gym or outdoors, like in Kellogg Park or a parking lot."

Welch said the thought was to have dances every Friday, alternating between the middle school and high school age groups.

"It's not a good idea to mix the age

groups," said Welch. "We'd like to begin the dances as soon as school lets out in June."

Welch said the Youth Forum would like to put on additional activities, and eventually have a building of its own for area youths to call home.

"I feel it's up to the three communities (Plymouth, Plymouth Township and Canton Township) to reassess their stand of safe, fun and inexpensive activities for teens 12 to 18 years old," said Sally Welch, Katie's mother. "They should have a place to continue the same activities they have in school, like physical activities, dances and quiet areas to study and interact with other teens."

A large percentage of results from a survey taken at the middle and high schools indicates that teens want a place with music, food and activities during the summer and school vacations.

■ 'It's up to the three communities to reassess their stand of safe, fun and inexpensive activities for teens.'

Sally Welch  
—Parent

"We would like to see some kind of youth center in Plymouth or Canton," said Mary Novrocki of Plymouth, another member of the Youth Forum. "We want something where teens will feel welcome, not be bored and stay out of trouble."

Downtown Plymouth attracts students to Kellogg Park and cruises up and down Main Street, and there appears to be a generation gap creat-

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### Hair raising hockey



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

**Hair today, gone tomorrow:** While her brother, Jeremy, skates for the Plymouth Canton Chiefs, Rebecca Majszak of Canton, 7, spends her time practicing the art of cosmetology on her captive subject, Jessica Baker of Plymouth, 17, at the Kilpatrick Ice Arena in Dearborn. Jessica, who at times had more than a dozen barrettes and scrunchies in her hair while Rebecca played, also just happens to be Jeremy's girlfriend. Rebecca's mom, Rosanna, says she often is the subject of her daughter's passion for hair. Canton lost its first regional hockey game 6-0 to Livonia Churchill.

## Gas prices wreak havoc on budgets

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As gas prices climb upward with no end in sight, school district and municipal administrators are carefully watching their budgets. While they need to use gasoline and diesel for various vehicles, the more money used for fuel can mean less money for other programs.

"It's sure a big hit to our budget," said Marv Bartal, director of trans-

portation for Plymouth-Canton Schools. "We're projecting a significant increase in fuel costs until the end of the school year."

Luckily for Bartal, he buys in volume and doesn't have to pay taxes on his fuel purchases. However, the increases in costs are still coming his way.

For example, in January the diesel fuel for more than 100 school buses cost 76 cents per gallon. In February, it's been as high as 88 cents. Bartal said he's also seen an increase of nine cents in gasoline costs over the same

monthly period.

"We've seen our total fuel costs jump up by \$5,500 from January to February," said Bartal.

The school district budgeted \$170,000 this budget year for transportation costs. If fuel prices stay where they are today, Bartal said it will cost the district nearly \$30,000 more than originally estimated.

"Other than salaries, fuel costs are one of our biggest expenses," said Bar-

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## Observer picks up three awards in annual contest

The Plymouth Observer has been recognized for its journalistic efforts with three awards in the 1999 Suburban Newspaper Association Editorial Contest.

The Observer won awards in editorial writing, front-page design and breaking news. The awards were among 21 awards won by Observer & Eccentric newspapers in the

contest, sponsored annually by the SNA, a 2,000-member non-profit, professional trade association specifically serving the suburban newspaper industry.

The Plymouth Observer earned a second-place award for its editorial writing; a third-place award for its breaking news story by staff writer Tony Bruscatto on the explosion at the Glassline

plant; and a third-place award for its front-page design.

The Observer group, which publishes primarily in Wayne County, finished with 15 of the company's 21 awards. Among its wins were first-place awards for its Arts & Leisure section and its in-depth reporting on the case load at the district court level. Observer writers Sue Mason and

Christina Fuoco also won first-place honors for Best Young People's Coverage.

"We are proud of the recognition we receive from the SNA, a competition with our peers in the suburban newspaper business," managing editor Hugh Gallagher said. "It affirms we are doing a good job in serving our readers with

the kind of community news they need.

"The judges have recognized our editors, writers, photographers and artists for outstanding work in features, hard news, photography and editorial leadership. We'll use these awards as an inspiration to do even better work in the year ahead."



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### Correction

A story about the synchronized figure skating championships, which started Wednesday at Compuware Arena in Plymouth Township, shouldn't have said the Plymouth club was the only one that had teams earn their way into three divisions. All teams present at the competition were required to place in the top four places at a sectional competition. The Dearborn Figure Skating Club, for instance, qualified four teams.

### Senior party

The parents of P-CEP seniors are planning for the 2000 Senior Class Party, scheduled for June 11 at the educational park. According to Linda Nimmerguth, publicity chair for the party committee, the help of senior and junior parents is "actively solicited," but any interested adult is "wel-

come" to help.

### Help is needed in several areas:

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- People or businesses wishing to donate to the prize committee should call Jim or Maureen Murray, 459-0403.
- People or businesses wishing to donate to the refreshment committee (beverages, baked goods, food, paper products, etc.) should call Martha Grau, 459-8413.

For more information, call Nimmerguth, 453-3502.

### Honor roll

Thomas Botwinski, a financial advisor with AXA Advisors/Equitable office in Plymouth, has qualified for the Million Dollar Round Table's Honor Roll.

The Honor Roll, which numbers more than 5,000, recognizes members who have qualified for MDRT by meeting or exceeding the Round Table's production requirement 15 or more times. Botwinski is a 15-year MDRT member.

THE MDRT is an international, independent association of about 21,000 sales professionals in the life insurance-based financial services business. MDRT members represent about 450 life insurance companies from nearly 60 nations and territories.

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tal. "There's not much you can do. We still have to run the routes."

In reality, the school board could vote to cut down on transportation services. Bartal said it's a step he hopes will never come and one he wouldn't endorse.

Meanwhile at 201 S. Main in Plymouth, officials at City Hall watch as more and more money is being spent on fuel costs as a result of rising gasoline prices.

"In December we paid about \$2,300 in diesel fuel costs," said

Paul Sincock, assistant city manager. "The next month it went up to \$2,900. And, if the costs continue to skyrocket, we'll see it go higher."

Most of the city's fuel costs go for Municipal Services trucks and heavy equipment, as well as the police department's patrol cars.

"A nickel a gallon jump makes a significant impact on our budget," said Sincock. "We use a lot of fuel for equipment that is not very fuel efficient, like snow plows and front-end loaders."

Fortunately, the increase in fuel prices have been somewhat offset by a mild winter.

"That's been our balance, at least for this year," added Sincock.

The city of Plymouth, as well as Plymouth Township, participates in a cooperative purchasing plan with the school district. Instead of having its own fuel pumps, both municipalities buy fuel from the school district, paying a 5-percent surcharge. Buying cooperatively allows for the school district to buy larger volumes at bigger price discounts, thereby keeping the cost down.

"We would never be able to get the volume discount per gallon the school district can, and we don't have to produce the paper-

work needed to have our own pumps," said Sincock. "It works out well for us."

According to records from the Plymouth Township accounting office, gasoline purchased for township-owned tanks went up 21.6 percent in cost from December to February, while diesel prices increased 19.2 percent during the same time frame.

And even more dramatically, Plymouth Township reports that from Feb. 1999 to Feb. 2000 gas prices increased 116 percent, while diesel prices were up 112 percent.



by Steve Mansfield

### TOUCHING UPON TULIPS

A vase full of tulips provides a dramatic focal point for any room, in terms of both colorful petals and graceful foliage. While their fragrance may be barely noticeable outdoors, their scent may be surprisingly pronounced in a warm room. And, tulips make such a strong statement on their own that they require little fussing from us. Simply place a monochromatic collection of tulips of your favorite color in a clear vase and enjoy the beautiful blend of long stems and gorgeous color. Cut tulips can open over a three- or four-day period and remain fresh up to an additional seven days. Tulip blossoms also bend toward light sources and may expand in size up to 50 percent.

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HINT: Tulip stems may elongate while sitting in a vase.

Plymouth Township Police arrested a Hamburg, Mich., man, 48, for possession of marijuana paraphernalia about 4:48 a.m. Feb. 25 at Five Mile Road and Sheldon.

Police stopped the man

because the drivers' side headlight wasn't operating.

They found roach clip tweezers, rolling papers and a marijuana container.

The driver's front-seat passenger, 47, from Plymouth was listed as a witness, according to the police report.

### Broken windows

Two more Plymouth Township residents reported their car windows broken on Feb. 22 on Litchfield and on Feb. 25 on Oregon Trail.

The township took several broken car window and broken windshield reports last week from homeowners who live on Albert Drive, Meadow Drive, Beacon Hill Drive, Winterset, Strathmore, Appletree and Canton Center Road.

The windows appeared like they were shot out by a BB gun or some other projectile.

Jamie Senkbeil, Plymouth Township community resource officer, couldn't say if the two most recent reports were related to the others.

—Sue Buck

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P.S. A vaccinated cat that bites a human being is often placed in quarantine for at least 10 days for observation of rabies signs.



# Into Africa

## Couple turns missionary effort into life's work

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Paul and Kim (Lybarger) McVety, who left Plymouth Township Monday, will soon embark on an 8-10 year commitment as missionaries in Senegal in northwest Africa.

They will be part of Mission: Moving Mountains, an interdenominational agency based in Minnesota, that specializes in community development and Christian discipleship in foreign countries.

"They are sending us and two other families to join two other families who are there already," said Paul, 34 "Our first commitment is eight to 10 years. It may be the rest of our lives. This is what we like to do."

"This is what we want for our lifetime career," Kim explained.

For the first couple of years they will get climatized by meeting the physical and spiritual needs of the Senegalese residents.

During the first decade of commitment they hope to start their own family and home school their children. "They will be a part of our lives all the time," Paul said. "When kids get to high school age some missionaries send their kids to boarding school, although that's far away."

Kim expects that their children will accompany her as she interacts with the women of the Wolof people in Senegal, who strap their babies to their backs and work in the field. "Kids as small as 2 or 3 are expected to go to the well and draw the water up," she said. "Kids know their chores."

"It's one-on-one work," said Paul who teaches agriculture. "Everything is done by hand."

Both were missionaries in Haiti — Paul for three years, Kim for one year. "The poorest people have been pushed right out to the mountains and they farmed right on the side of the mountains, right on the slopes," Paul said. "It's horrendous. There's a tremendous erosion problem."

The couple would hear stories about Haitian farmers falling right out of their fields and dying because of a steep slope. Paul taught erosion control and did a lot of tree planting. "It will be completely different in Senegal, which is on the south edge of the Sahara Desert," Paul said. "It's a different kind of erosion problem. They have cut down trees for firewood and building and over-grazed all of the shrubs for livestock. The desert is pushing its way further and further south, destroying all of the farmable land."

Kim, a missiologist, tries to get into the "world-view" of native people to understand why they do what they do. She will teach Bible and literacy.

Understanding the culture is key to progress, they said. One Haitian teacher whom Paul worked with chose not to employ the same techniques he taught others for fear that his family with be healthier than the neighbors, even though his family depended on his gardening to feed them. He feared his neighbors would go to the voodoo priest who would put a curse on them, he told Paul.

Likewise the Haitians didn't look for a scientific reason for drought but wondered what God they'd made angry, Paul said.

Paul and Kim met in 1992 in Haiti. Kim was teaching New Testament Bible classes and introductory psychology classes at a Christian College. Paul taught agriculture with the Mennonite Central Committee, a group similar to the Peace Corps.

"We would always have to come down to Port-au-Prince, the capital city, to get supplies and we met at a missionary church there through a singles-type group," Paul said. "I just stumbled across her and we got to know each other. We dated for two days and got engaged."

"I don't recommend this for most people but it worked for us," Kim said.

Kim lived in a modern Haitian house, but Paul lived in a 15-foot by 30-foot mud hut. "It was like camping for three years," Paul said. "It was neat, though. I felt like that was all I needed."

When Kim returned to the states before Paul, he drove 10-12 hours to place a phone call to Kim at \$1.50 a minute every month. They married in 1994, after Paul's term was up.

From 1994-96, they went to Minnesota to pursue more missionary and cross-cultural studies.

They moved to Plymouth Heritage Apartments on North Territorial in Plymouth Township in 1996. Paul got a job as a certified nursery man at Home Depot in Northville and Kim worked as a bank teller at Bank One, located next door to their apartment. Kim grew up in Plymouth and graduated from Plymouth Salem High School.

Though they made new friends in metropolitan Detroit, they both felt a constant tugging at their hearts to return to mission work.

They left for Enid, Okla., Monday, where they will stay for six months visiting with Paul's family until they depart for Senegal.

"Long-term change is slow, but by the time we leave Senegal, the nationals who we work with will have taken ownership and they will pick the next level



Here to help: Paul McVety (in the headband) goes about his work during a previous missionary visit to Haiti. He and his wife, Kim (below), leave for Africa later this year for a similar purpose.

of teachers," Kim said. "They will start the project in a nearby village. The work is self-replicating and self-sustaining."

By then, many will have learned preventative health. Community sanitation standards will rise because the residents will learn to use local materials, like charcoal and sand for water purification, she said.

According to mission literature, two billion people in foreign countries drink unsafe water. About 80 percent of diseases in less-developed countries are due to unsafe water. Preventable water-borne diseases cause 24,000 childhood deaths daily.

The couple still needs to increase their sponsorship. The cost is \$40,000 annually for a couple.

"Overseas life and health insurance is expensive," Kim said. "We don't need all the money up front. We'll be trying to keep costs low. We'll be sharing a vehicle with two other families when we get there."

All the money goes to the organization, which monthly wires a check for living expenses.

To sponsor the McVetys, contact Mission: Moving Mountains at P.O. Box 1168, Burnsville, MN 55337-1168 or call 1-800-545-7980. Or send an e-mail to nmm@movingmountains.org.



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Paul McVety  
—Going to Africa

## Friends remember teacher

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Teachers and administrators in the Plymouth-Canton school district are mourning the death of Bob Wiener, a social worker who died last week in his Southfield home.

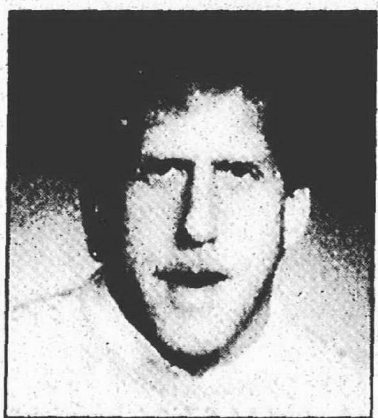
Wiener, 47, was a 21-year employee of the district, most of them as a social worker at Canton High School.

He also worked at elementary and middle schools in the district, as well as with private and parochial schools.

Wiener's sister, Ellen Stone of West Bloomfield, said autopsy results won't be known for a couple of weeks.

However, she did say her brother had been complaining of a heavy chest and difficulty breathing before his death.

The flag at Canton High



Bob Wiener

School was flown at half staff Monday as colleagues and students remembered Wiener.

"He touched the lives of many students and staff," said Patricia Patton, Canton High School principal. "He was a quiet person with a good sense of humor."

"He was a sensitive person who always tried to keep others upbeat," remembered Russell Sansbury, the supervisor of program and services for exceptional students. "He worked with children on their problems. He was very much student oriented."

High school administrators are putting together a memorial service and scholarship fund in memory of Wiener. Those arrangements are incomplete.

Funeral arrangements are being made in Florida. Wiener is survived by a sister, Ellen Stone of West Bloomfield; a brother, Mark Wiener, of Florida; and parents, Dr. and Mrs. M. J. Wiener of Florida.

Condolences can be sent to the family at 3400 S. Ocean Blvd., Apt. 15F, Highland Beach, Fla. 33487.

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ing problems. Novrocki is hoping to get some support from area government officials. She's been to Plymouth city commission meetings and believes "city officials haven't been too supportive."

Mayor Dave McDonald said he's more than willing to look at any proposals put forth by the Youth Forum. However, he doesn't foresee the city taking the lead in finding activities for teens.

"I think there are enough par-

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Dave McDonald  
—Plymouth mayor

ents looking for things for kids to do," said McDonald. "I have two teenagers and I'm interested

in youth issues. But I think there are enough people out there working on initiatives that the city could probably dovetail in. I'm not interested in reinventing the wheel."

The Plymouth Youth Forum will be discussing teen dances at its next meeting, which is scheduled for Thursday, March 16, 7 p.m. at the Salem High School Cafeteria. Anyone with questions or ideas can e-mail Sally Welch at Sally70775@aol.com.

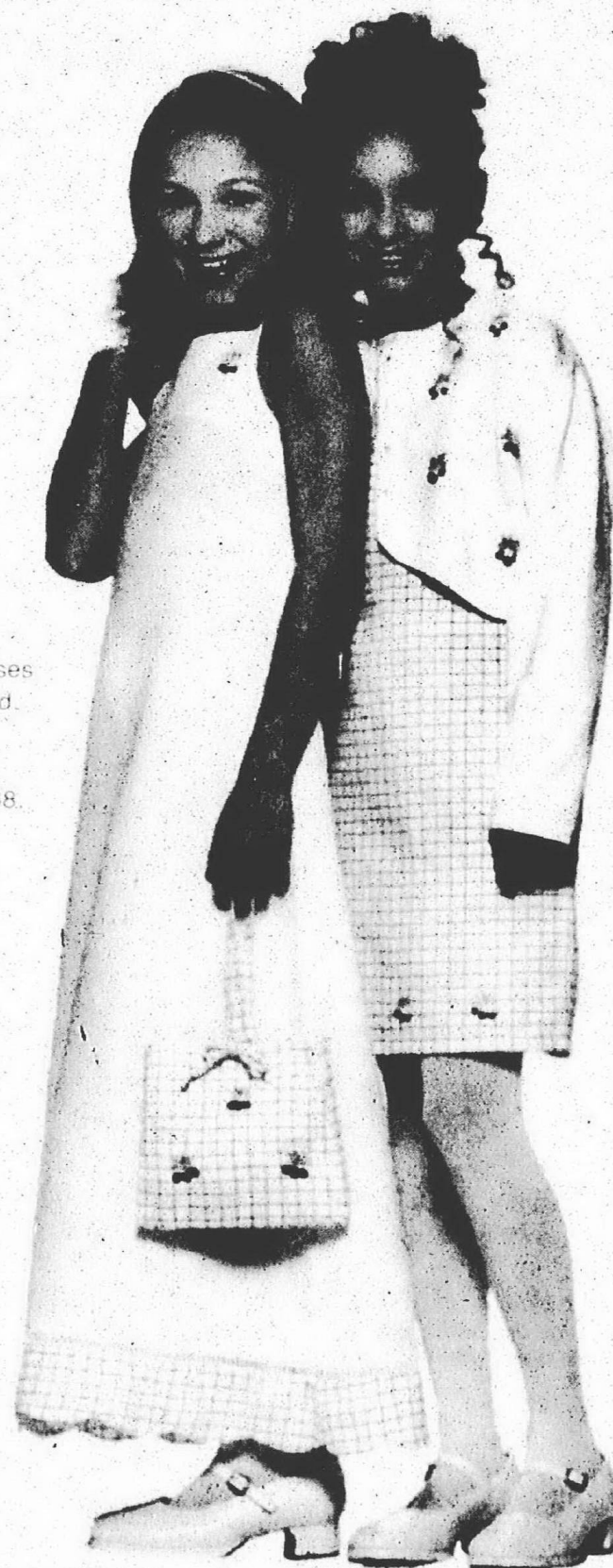
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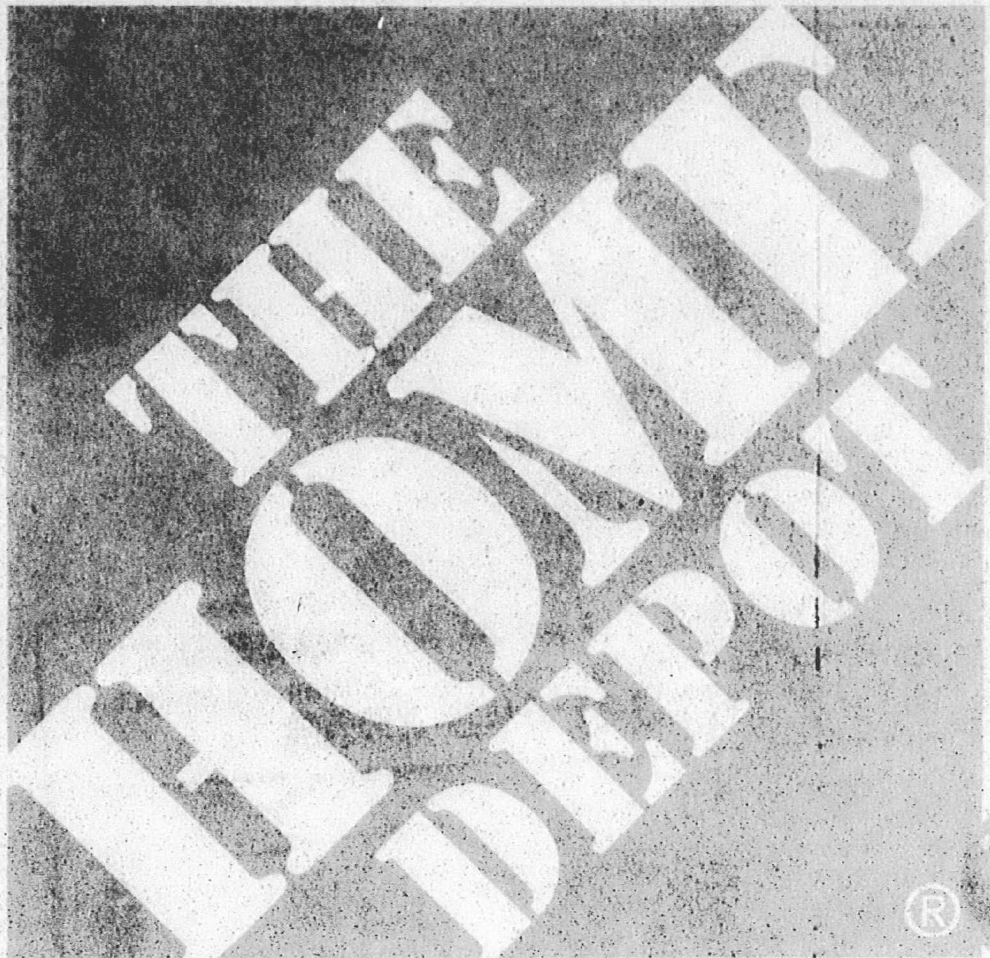
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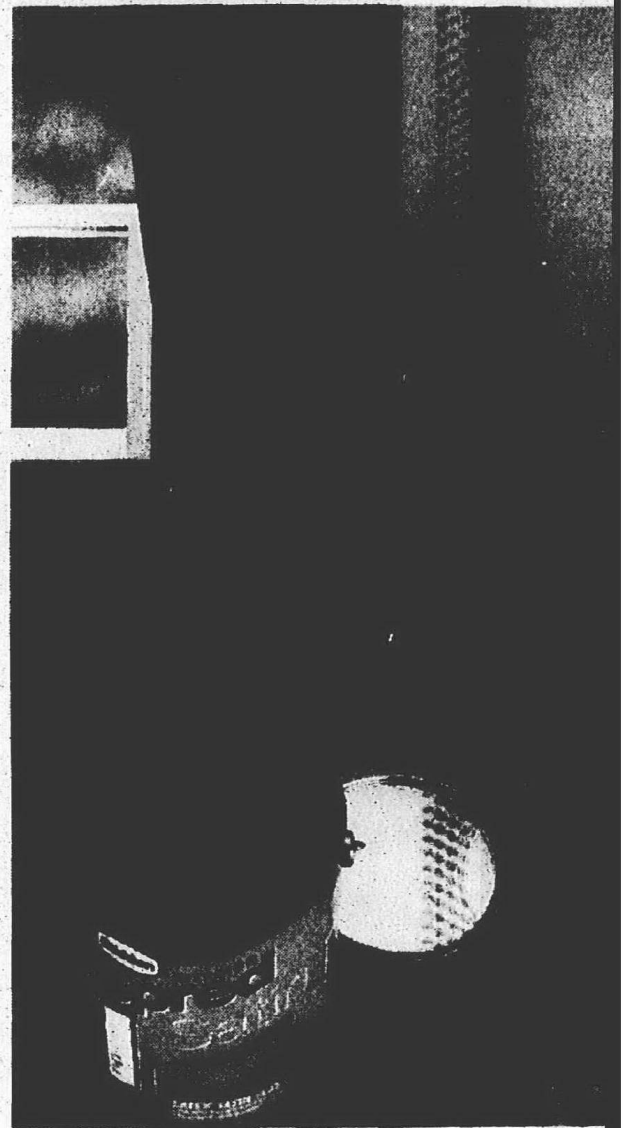
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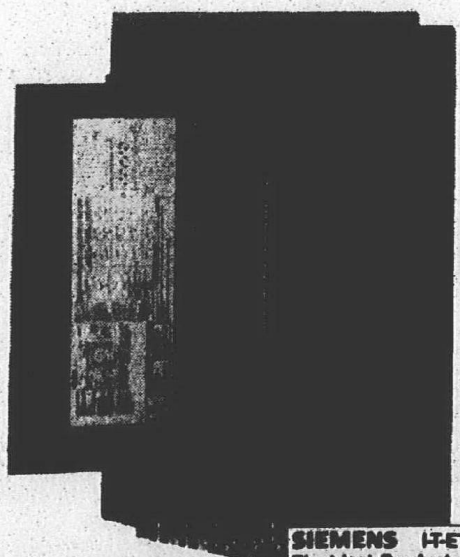
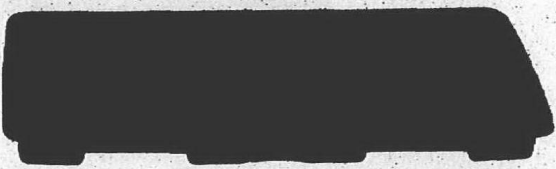
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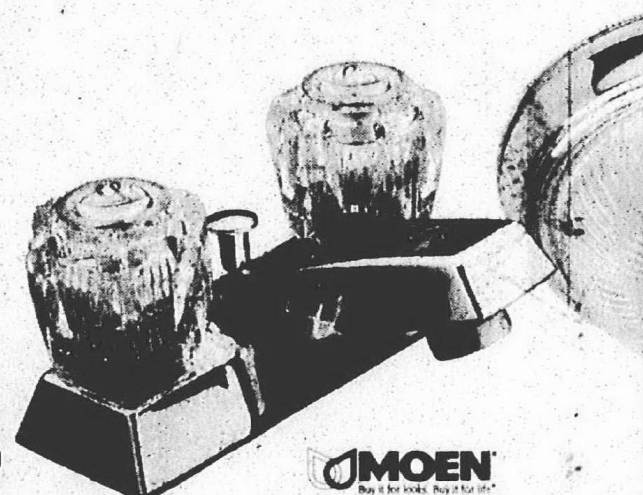
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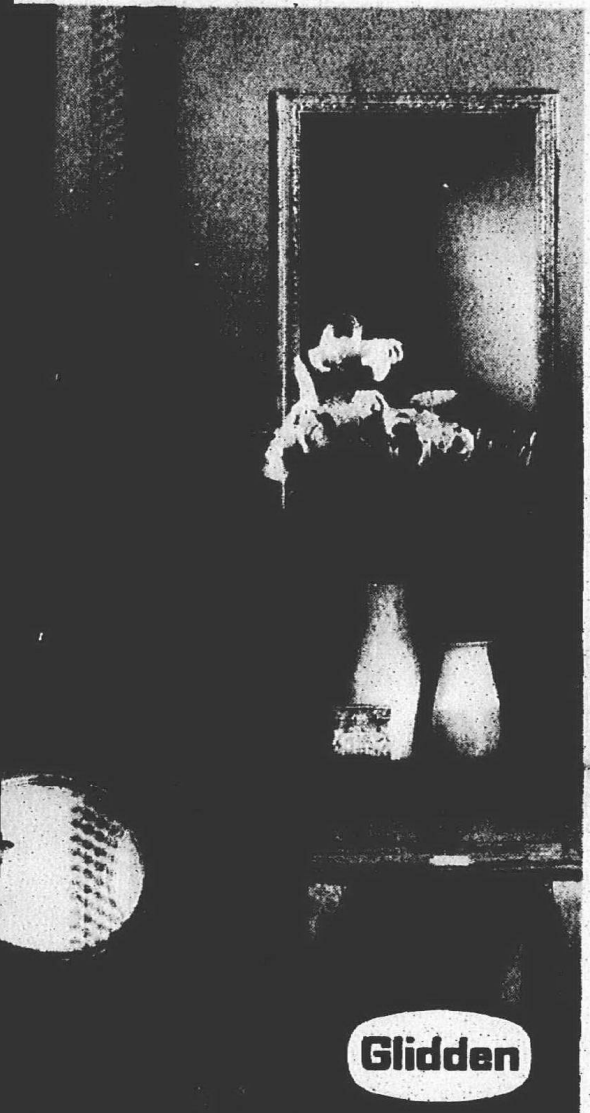
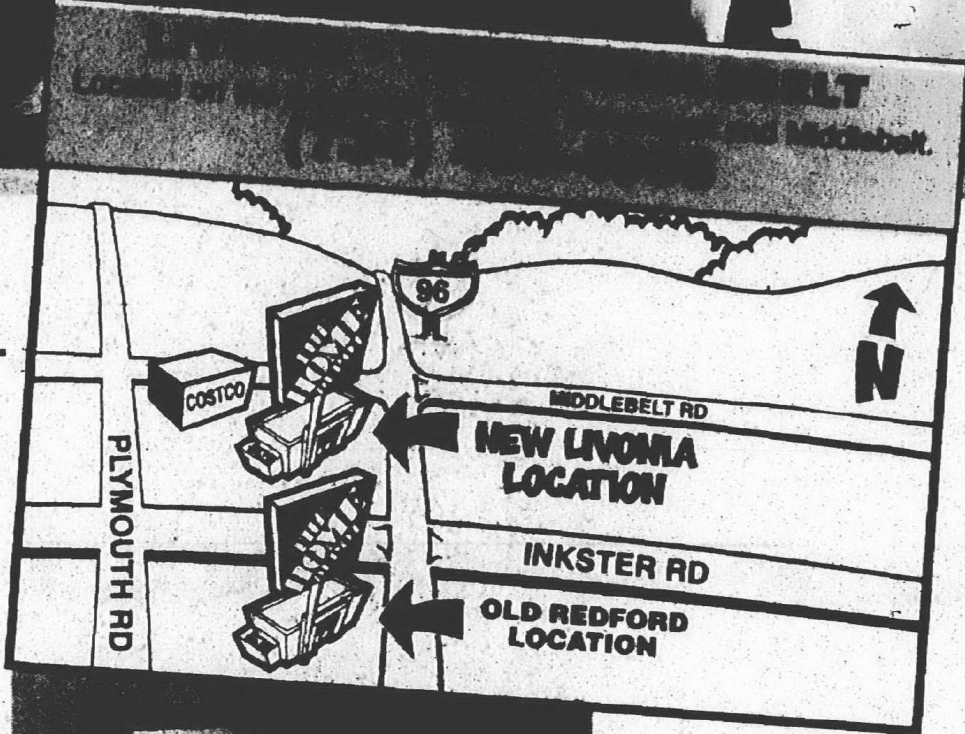
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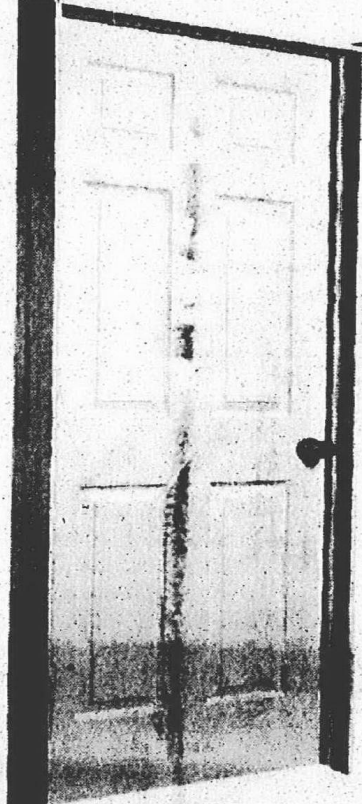
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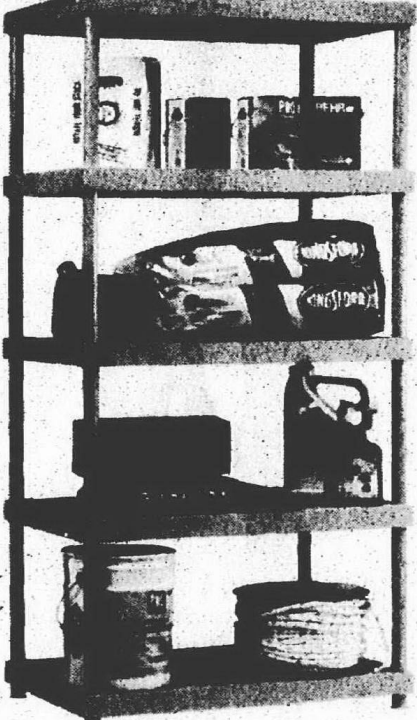
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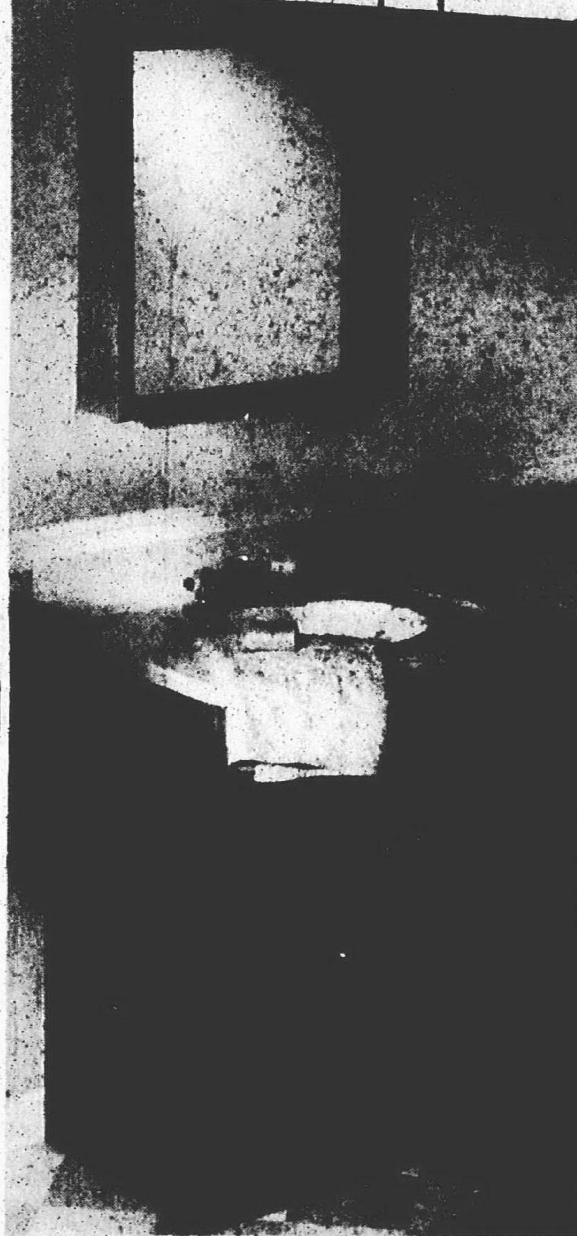


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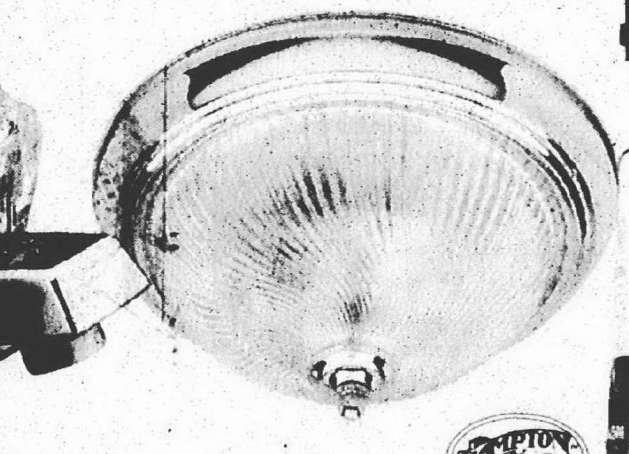


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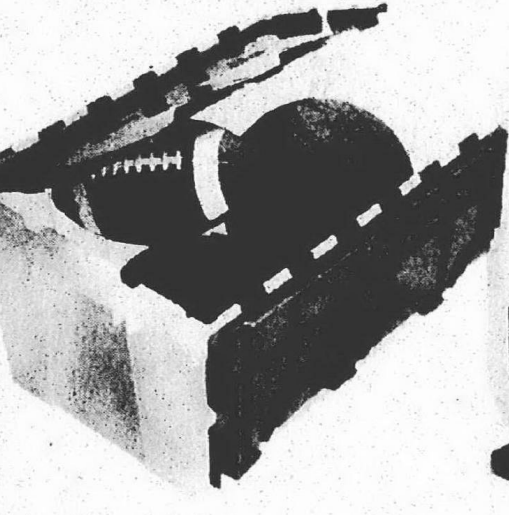
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**Hosts for an evening:** Plymouth Community Arts Council member Stella Greene shows off some of the items being auctioned off to raise money for PCAC projects.

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## Arts council hosts fund-raiser

The public is invited to a sneak preview of items to be auctioned at the Plymouth Community Arts Council's upcoming dinner and auction March 11.

"Escape to the Caribbean" has garnered donations from individuals and local businesses, including art works, jewelry, furniture, a baseball card collection, restaurant gift certificates and weekend getaways.

The donated items can be viewed at the PCAC, 774 N. Sheldon Road, in Plymouth, 5:30-

8 p.m. Friday, March 3. Bacardi has underwritten complimentary wine and hors d'oeuvres for the evening.

Maximum proxy bids for any of the items will be accepted and entered during the preview for anyone who can't attend the dinner/auction March 11.

Proceeds from this major fund-raiser support programs sponsored by the PCAC.

For details on the sneak preview or the dinner/auction call the PCAC at (734) 416-4278.

## Leaders make pitch for King holiday in Plymouth Township

BY SUE BUCK  
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Three Plymouth Township residents and a member of the Western Wayne chapter of the NAACP came forward Tuesday night to attempt to persuade Plymouth Township officials to honor Martin Luther King's birthday through an observance next January.

"I would like to appeal to the leaders of Plymouth Township that we might recognize his birthday with a day off, a day of closing of township offices for a person of our age who has done much for the United States of America to bring peace and harmony to all people," said the Rev. Virgil Humes, a five-year Plymouth Township resident, who graduated from Morehouse College, the same college as King.

Plymouth Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy thanked Humes for coming and said the issue will be discussed at a board study session but gave no date. Humes asked to be advised of the meeting date. No board members offered comments.

Jim Netter, chairman of the Legal Redress Committee for the Western Wayne Chapter of the NAACP, said that his group screens all civil rights and legal matters.

Netter annually monitors municipalities to see which observe the holiday the third Monday in January and which don't. "I probably pay more attention to civil rights in Wayne County because I have to," Netter said. "I have to separate racism from non-racism. I get calls on police complaints. I call and find out it had nothing to do with racism. It had to do with the person being a criminal. We don't defend criminals but we do look at civil rights."

Netter mentioned the prolifer-

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Francisco Villaruel  
—Plymouth Township resident

ation of violent incidents that have stunned both the state of Michigan and the country. Most recently that includes the shooting death of a Mount Morris Township girl Tuesday, the slayings at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo., last year, and the beating of civil rights icon Rosa Parks in her home.

"We have to do something about this growing hate," Netter said. He also stressed that both black and white citizens need to be aware of two dates that draw those with hate to observe. They are Adolph Hitler's birthday April 20, 1889, and the date of his suicide, April 30, 1945. The Columbine incident occurred on April 20, Hitler's birthday. Last year, he said. Later, Columbine High School, "a pure Anglo-Saxon school put up a huge picture of Martin Luther King and talked about his doctrine of non-violence."

Observance of King's birthday in Plymouth Township would be, by contrast, a peaceful event that will teach young people about King, Netter said. He stressed to the reportedly Republican community of Plymouth Township, that former President Ronald Reagan, a Republican, signed the bill in 1983 that made Martin Luther King's birthday a legal holiday.

"There's a misconception that this is a black holiday specifically for black people," Netter said. "You can send a message,

Madam and gentlemen," he told the board.

George Ward, a nine-year Plymouth Township resident, and a life member of the NAACP, wants the board to consider a resolution and to form a committee to do something more to observe King's birthday.

As Chief Wayne County assistant prosecutor for 14 years, Ward believes it is his job to encourage those instincts that are the best. "Martin Luther King awakened all people to the Declaration of Independence, that all people are created equal," Ward said. "Let's not take this Nobel Peace Prize laureate's historic achievements for granted. We have to start neighbor to neighbor."

He'd like the township to close for Martin Luther King's birthday if it doesn't interfere or constrain with the township's budget or with union contracts. "Let me be the conduit to get this discussion started," Ward said. "We have to respect each other's humanity. What we are all about is raising up the next generation to be constructive adults. Dr. King had a lot to offer."

Francisco Villaruel, a Plymouth Township resident and recently named chair of the Michigan Commission on Civil Rights, serving since 1994 as a commissioner, supported comments by Humes, Netter, and Ward for the township to put aside time to consider what King was all about.

"When I drop off my child at one of our elementary schools, I see children of many faces, many colors, many backgrounds and many languages," Villaruel said. "They don't stop to think about whether the person sitting next to them should be respected for who they are or whether they ought to be put aside because of the language they speak or the color of their skin."

## Plymouth woman arraigned in hit-and-run

A 68-year-old Plymouth Township woman has been charged in connection with the hit-and-run accident involving a bicyclist two days before Christmas.

Mary McQuade was arraigned by a 35th District Court magistrate last week on a charge of failure to stop at a personal injury accident, a felony offense. She was released on a \$500 personal bond.

Police say Garrett Murray, 33, of Novi was riding south on Haggerty between Plymouth Road

and Hines Drive when he was struck by McQuade's car.

Plymouth police say McQuade's car had a broken windshield as a result of the accident, and the driver filed a false police report in Livonia. Authorities were able to track down McQuade after a Canton windshield replacement company called with a tip.

McQuade's preliminary exam will be held March 10 in 35th District Court.

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**OBITUARIES**

**MADISON ELIZABETH DONNELLY**  
 Services for Madison Elizabeth Donnelly of Plymouth were held Feb. 26 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth, with the Rev. Dean Klump officiating. Burial was in Parkview Memorial Cemetery, Livonia.

She was born Feb. 18 in Ann Arbor and died Feb. 23 in Ann Arbor.

Survivors include her parents, Thomas and Jennifer Donnelly of Plymouth; grandparents, Michael and Carmel Donnelly of Wayne and Jerry and Kathy Conroy of Plymouth; great-grandparents, Gerald and Eva Conroy of Syracuse, N.Y., and Cecile Donnelly of Tamarac, Fla.; and many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Memorials may be made to the Pediatric I.C.U. Cardiothoracic, C.S. Mott Children's Hospital, 1500 E. Medical Center Drive, Box 0288, Ann Arbor, MI 48109.

**AMAR K. SOOCH**

Services for Amar K. Sookh, 95, of Canton Township were held Feb. 29 at the Neely-Turkowski Funeral Home, Canton Chapel, with Bhai Ji Dharam Singh officiating.

He was born Sept. 18, 1904, in India and died Feb. 26 in Canton Township. He was a homemaker.

Survivors include her five children, Vir Singh (Iqbal), Shangara Singh (Pritam), Karnal Singh (Balwant), Gurdip Kaur (Bakshish) Singh and Jagir Singh; 12 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

**CHARLES JOSEPH GALEA**

Services for Charles Joseph Galea, 71, of Plymouth were held Feb. 26 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth, with the Rev. Doc Ortman officiating.

He was born Dec. 16, 1928, in Detroit and died Feb. 23 in Plymouth Township. He was a salesman for Detroit Ball Bearing (now Invetech), and retired after 22 years of service. He came to the Plymouth community in 1988 from Livonia. He served in the Air Force and played bridge at the Cultural Center in Plymouth. He played pinocle with the seniors in Plymouth Township and enjoyed fishing and boating and going up North to his cottage. He also enjoyed bowling and spending time with his children, his grandchildren and his dogs.

Survivors include his wife, Maureen of Plymouth Township; mother, Joanna Faccioli of Livonia; five children, Timothy (Nancy) Galea of Ypsilanti, Ann Moore of Plymouth, Patricia (Gary) Glass of Willis, Mich.,

Catherine (Barry) White of Pinckney and Carolyn (Michael) Chico of Livonia; one sister, Marellyn Paulen of Milford; and eight grandchildren.

**ELEANOR FLORENCE THURSTON**

Services for Eleanor Florence Thurston, 81, of Plymouth were held Feb. 25 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth.

She was born April 25, 1918, in New Brunswick, N.J., and died Feb. 22 in Livonia. She was a homemaker. She came to the Plymouth community in 1974 from Detroit and was a loving mother and an avid reader. She enjoyed cooking and sewing.

Survivors include her three sons, Norman (Sheila) Thurston of Milford, Sheridan Thurston of Plymouth and Douglas Thurston; and one brother, Samuel (Lillian) Adams of Fountain Hills, Ariz.

**NORMA ROBB**

Services for Norma Robb, 77, of Canton were held Jan. 18 in the Uht Funeral Home, Canton, with Rev. Robert Schultz officiating.

She was born March 25, 1922, and died Jan. 15 in Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center. She was a switchboard operator.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Richard. Survivors include her three daughters, Janice (Richard) Haycox, Joyce (Larry) North and Linda (Vincent) Rakstis; two sisters, Evelyn Flaxbart and Dorothy Vagler; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

**JOAN MARIE BEJMA**

Services for Joan Marie Bejma, 77, of Canton took place Feb. 26 at St. Kenneth Catholic Church with the Rev. Joseph S. Mallia officiating.

She was born June 2, 1922, in Detroit and died Feb. 23 in Superior Township. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband, Bernard Bejma of Canton; two sons, Bernard (Doris) Bejma Jr. of Plymouth and Thomas Bejma of Milford; one sister, Martha (Arthur) Chodzinski of Woodhaven; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Arthritis Foundation, 23999 Northwestern Highway, Southfield, MI 48075.

**MABELLE JUNE SARAH**

Services for Mabelle June Sarah, 79, of Chelsea (formerly of Plymouth) were held March 1 at the North Lake United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Wayne Hawley officiating. Burial was in Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens.

She was born Nov. 15, 1920, in Battle Creek and died Feb. 26 at Arbor Hospice in Ann Arbor. She lived in the Chelsea area for the past 12 years, coming from Plymouth. She was an active member of North Lake United Methodist Church and volunteered at the Chelsea Retirement Community as well as for the Chelsea Senior Citizens. Playing the piano and the violin where her favorite pastimes. She was known for her cooking and received a food and safety certification license.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Hugh Sarah; her parents; one son, Hugh H. Sarah; one brother, Max H. Toussignant; and one grandson, Brian W. Stout. Survivors include her two daughters, Elizabeth (Gerald) Graves of Chelsea and Jennifer (Joseph) O'Donnell of Falmouth, Maine; one sister, Betty Wroblewski of Garden City; five grandchildren, Debbie (Bill) Ostrander, Lisa (Walter) Langlois, Doug (Denise) Graves, David Stout and his fiancée, Connie Cooley, and Hugh Wilson; and seven great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to North Lake United Methodist Church or the University of Michigan's Cancer Center.

**LOIS MAY MCGEEHEN**

Services for Lois May McGeehen, 78, of Walled Lake (formerly of Plymouth) took place Feb. 28 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth, with the Rev. Neil Ellison officiating. Burial was in Parkview Memorial Cemetery, Livonia.

She was born May 22, 1921, in Monroe, Mo., and died Feb. 24 in Westland. She was a secretary at Burroughs Corp. in Plymouth. She was also a secretary for Northwestern Life Insurance and for various other companies. She came to the Plymouth community in 1948 from Royal Oak. She lived in Pennsylvania from 1965 to 1971 then Sao Paulo, Brazil, from 1971 to 1979. From 1979 to 1984 she lived in Southfield then moved back to Plymouth in 1984. She loved to travel, play bridge, watch TV and be with family and friends.

Survivors include her daughter, Karen L. Wiley of Walled Lake; one brother, Robert (Myrna) Stone of Fla.; one sister, Jean (Bill) Lukehart of California; two grandchildren, Shelly Goehmann (fiance Jack Fougousse) of Livonia and Scott (Barbara) Wiley of Waterford; two great-grandchildren, Ashley Goehmann and Andrew Goehmann; and several nieces and nephews.

**Plymouth man ordered to trial for falsifying permit applications**

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
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A Plymouth man has been ordered to stand trial on eight charges of putting a false address on applications for gun permits submitted to Garden City police.

A preliminary examination for Jeffrey Harris, 34, was held Monday in 21st District Court on the charges, which are four-year felonies. Circuit court arraignment is set for March 13.

Harris is charged with using the Garden City address of a Ford Motor Co. co-worker to get handgun purchase permits in 1999 after Plymouth police wouldn't issue them.

Defense attorney Marvin Blake argued that the address was not a material part of the application.

"The address is not all that important. I may give my business address or my home address," he said. "The importance is the essence of the application - it's to make sure he is qualified to own a gun."

Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Eric Restuccia said the harm done under the statute came with Harris using a false address in an effort to circumvent the law.

"Plymouth told him he wouldn't get it (a gun permit). He gave false information to the Garden City Police Department," said Restuccia. "He would not have gotten a permit there if they had the same information as Plymouth."

Agreeing with the prosecution, Judge Richard Hammer Jr. said if an address was off by a couple of digits it might be immaterial to the overall application. In this

case, he noted, the intent was to circumvent the lawful authority of the Plymouth police chief to issue or deny gun permits.

"That alone makes the address material," said Hammer.

Garden City Police Records Clerk Linda Corey testified that Harris showed her a driver's license, listing an address on John Hawk in Garden City.

"I can only give gun permits to residents of Garden City," she said.

After Harris filled out the application - which also asks about criminal convictions and mental health problems - and signed it, Corey notarized it. From June to October 1999, Harris obtained eight gun permits from the department.

Harris' co-worker, David Cichon, testified that Harris had used his address without his permission to obtain a driver's license and the gun permits.

Among the witnesses was retired Plymouth Police Chief Robert Scoggins, who said Harris had initially sought the replacement of purchase permits which he reported stolen.

"I had a meeting with Mr. Harris. It was clear that he was having problems at work," said Scoggins. "He told me he was under a psychiatrist's care. I required a letter from the doctor

that he was stable before I would issue gun permits."

Harris also had been filing reports that Plymouth detectives found "bizarre," Scoggins said, such as weapons being damaged and his being followed.

"Our department was aware of an ongoing situation at his employment, his behavior with his union," said Scoggins. "He seemed paranoid and kept buying guns. Those seemed to be red flags that someone was not stable."

Garden City police received a tip that Harris was using a false address and contacted Plymouth police. Once Harris' residency was verified, Garden City officers executed a search warrant and confiscated 14 handguns and rifles.

"Those (hand)guns were obtained under false pretenses, so I wanted the guns back," said Garden City Police Chief David Harvey.

State law gives the police chief or sheriff discretion when it comes to issuing handgun permits.

"Certainly, there are law abiding, reasonable people who want and should be allowed to own guns," said Harvey. "The law puts the responsibility on the chiefs and I will err on the side of safety."

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# 99 classes and counting

## Plymouth man sets Schoolcraft record

BY RICHARD PEARL  
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Stanley Kovacheff of Plymouth isn't kidding when he says he's "curious about everything."

Since 1992, the retired General Motors engineer has taken 99 courses through Schoolcraft College's Continuing Education program — the most of any student in the program's history.

"I just like to get information and learn about things," says Kovacheff, who starts each day by reading two newspapers and working crossword puzzles: "I like to keep learning."

Kathy Uhlich, a Schoolcraft spokeswoman, says though a few students have taken 90 or so courses, Kovacheff is "by far the leader."

His courses are "all over the curriculum," she adds: From tap dancing, guitar and piano to Spanish and Russian and from Tai Chi and typing to calligraphy and computerizing.

He's also studied investing, water aerobics, cartooning and both creative and journal writing.

Sherry Zylka, assistant dean of the college's continuing education department, calls Kovacheff's accomplishment "exciting."

"His course selection is so well-

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rounded and diverse," she says. "He's the epitome of the lifelong learner."

The 74-year-old also is a prime example of the not-very-"retiring" retiree.

The student, father and stepfather to five sons also swims and walks regularly, does folk dancing, sings in choirs and also performs in musical theater.

What's more, he's flown a glider, gone parasailing, climbed a mountain and explored a gold mine and, since last summer, has worked as a program coordinator of the Plymouth Community Council on Aging.

In the part-time position, Kovacheff helps both longtime residents and newcomers, ages 55 and up, find personal services and helpers and also senior-friendly merchants.

While he enjoys being productive and says working with seniors is "very rewarding," the job also lets him utilize some of his Schoolcraft learning: He's publisher and editor of the PCCA's monthly newsletter.

He puts in about 40 hours a month on his home computer for each six-page, legal-sized issue, in part trying to get his readers

"off their duffs" to become more "socially active" — not surprising, given his own lifestyle.

Born in Niagara Falls, N.Y., Kovacheff and identical twin Leonard, now a retired GM product engineer, came to Detroit at age 6, brought here by their Bulgarian-born parents.

Both parents had been teachers in Europe and Stan says he was "a studious youngster because I wanted to be a good student."

His "A" average got him into Cass Tech. After earning his engineering degree at the University of Detroit, he worked for GM by day and earned a master's in industrial engineering from Wayne State University at night.

Stan and first wife, Anne, who died of cancer at age 45 in 1975, were married 22 years and had four sons. In 1988, the year after he married Christine and became stepfather to her son, Kovacheff retired from GM as a senior project engineer.

It was he and Christine who tried the gliding, the parasailing and other things like watching whales at sea. "We're not dare-devils," he says. "We just like to try something different."

But it was Christine's full-time job as a senior manager at Media

One cable television that eventually got him to Schoolcraft.

"I wanted to be mentally active," he says, and there were things he'd never had time to do, like learning the guitar.

Schoolcraft is just three miles away, he says, "so it was really handy," says Kovacheff. "And, of course, they offer a discount for seniors, which in some cases is as much as 50 percent."

"So I figured, 'What the heck, they've got all these courses that are attractive to me, I might as well start taking them.'"

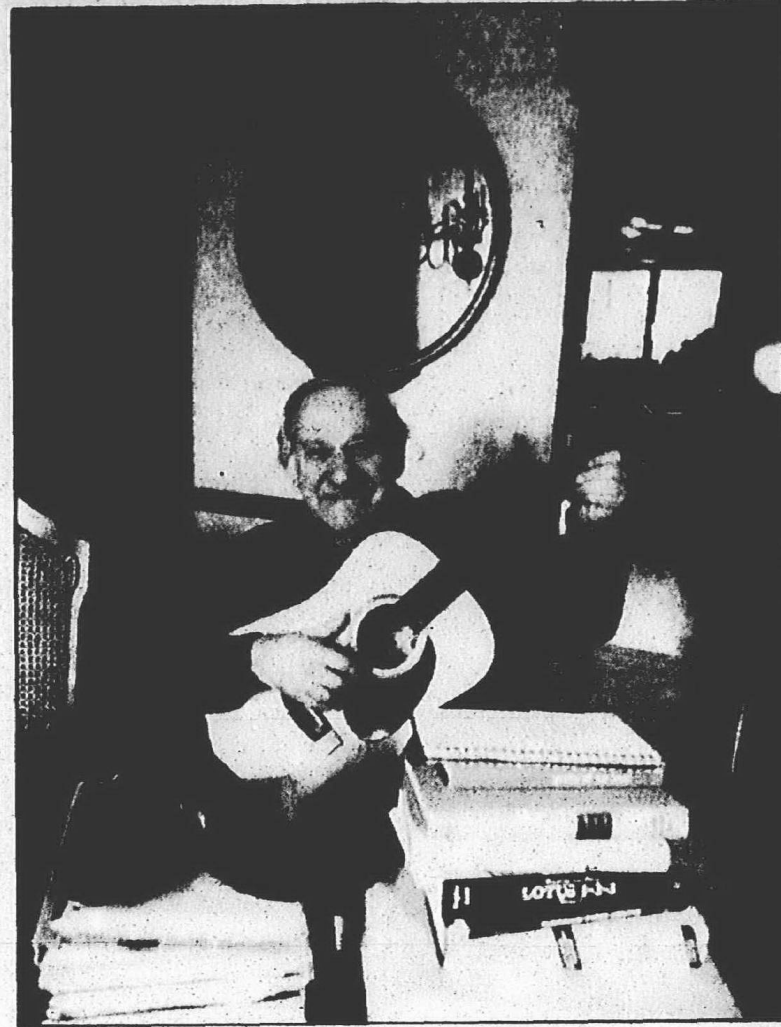
Christine's job even provided material for his cartooning.

Required to develop a comic for class, Stan created "Mort and Martha," a strip about a retired man with an employed wife.

"But I only drew five panels" before "another interest came along and the cartooning got sidetracked," he says.

Kovacheff soon will start his 100th class — tap dancing, which he's taken almost every semester. "You tap for an hour and a half, you know it's a workout," says the 5-foot-9, 190-pounder.

And Schoolcraft will honor its top continuing education student by putting No. 100 "on the house": Kovacheff will tap tuition-free.



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**O! No. 99:** If they gave numbered jerseys to Continuing Education students at Schoolcraft College, Stan Kovacheff could wear the same number as former Michigan great Tom Harmon because he's taken that many classes.

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Jessica Lopez  
—Marathon marvel

## Ready to run

### Plymouth native takes to the road to benefit leukemia

BY BRAD KADRICH  
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Jessica Lopez never really had the time, nor any real reason, to take up running as a youngster.

But since the 1994 Plymouth Salem High School graduate finished at the University of Michigan, she's found the time.

And the cause. The 23-year-old Plymouth native is preparing for the longest run of her life, the June 17 Mayor's Midnight Sun Marathon in Anchorage, Alaska. The run benefits the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society of America, but Lopez is getting something out of it, too.

"I've been wanting to do something for a long time, but I never really found the time," said Lopez, the daughter of Anna and Armando Lopez of Plymouth. "I'm really glad I found this. It's gotten me interested in doing more. It's one of the best things I've done ever."

Lopez has been working with Team in Training, a program that personalizes each person's fitness program to get them ready to do one of four things: walk or run a 26.2-mile marathon; cycle a 100-mile century ride; skate a 38-mile road skate or run an Olympic-dis-

■ 'It's kind of cool to accomplish something like this for myself.'

Jessica Lopez  
—Plymouth runner

tance triathlon.

Lopez has chosen the marathon, and began training in January. She actually started running a year ago, and recently competed in a 10k run in Ann Arbor.

All of that is probably news to Mark LaPointe, a physical education teacher at Central Middle School who had trouble getting Lopez to do much of anything athletic when she was in his class.

"I used to get so mad because he'd make me do things," Lopez recalled with a smile. "He's one of those teachers you look back and think, 'He really did a good job.' I think he'd be proud. I don't think he'd believe it, but I think he'd be proud."

Lopez is trying to raise \$4,500 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, and she's about a third of the way there. Though raising the money has been a challenge, the bigger obstacle for Lopez has been the training

itself. Her coach sets up the program, and the team carries it out, partly by engaging in weekly group runs.

After watching her brother play sports as kids, Lopez is having a ball all on her own now.

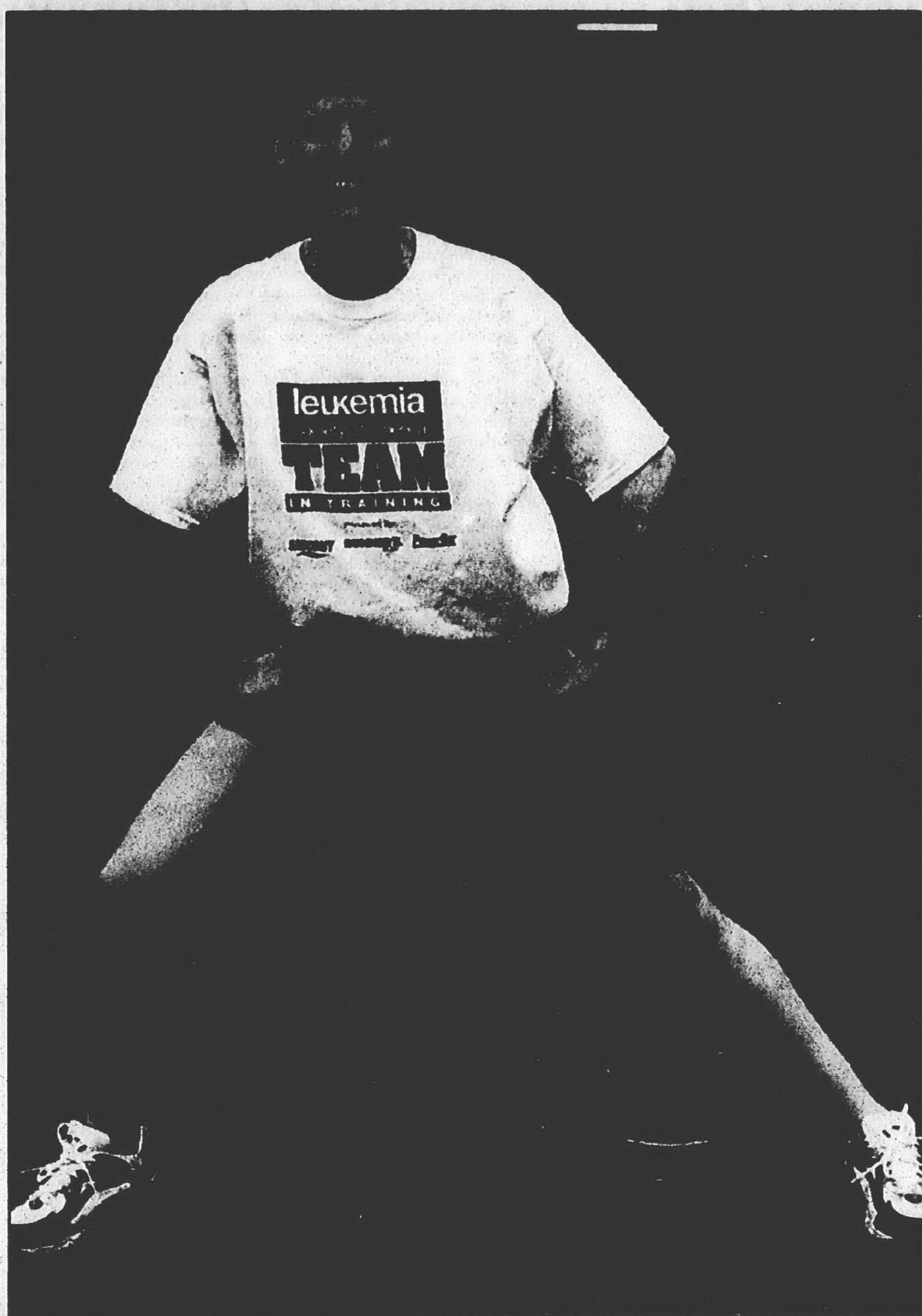
"I was never athletic," she said. "My brother was the one who played the sports, and I never was. It's kind of cool to accomplish something like this for myself."

The money's the important part, though. The funds go toward research for leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma. In 1999, Team in Training raised millions of dollars. The Michigan chapter trained more than 2,500 volunteers and has raised \$5.5 million since its inception.

"It's very challenging to raise the money," Lopez said. "And to train physically has been the biggest thing."

Lopez has a June 2 deadline for raising the \$4,500, and has to have at least half of it by mid-April.

Anyone who wants to help her can make out a check payable to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society of America and send it to Lopez, 41181 Crabtree, Plymouth, MI 48170.



On the road: Plymouth's Jessica Lopez is trying to raise \$4,500 and run in a marathon to benefit research for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

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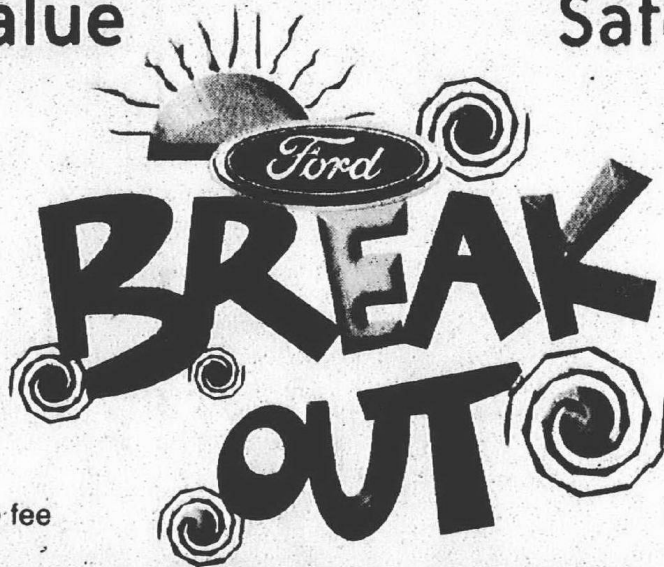
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# Township eyes sidewalk inspection program

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Plymouth Township officials want to start a sidewalk inspection, repair and replacement program using a one-inch gap separation or discontinuity defect guideline between sidewalk sections.

The one-inch requirement is tougher than the state's two-inch repair guideline. The issue is expected to be discussed at a future board meeting.

"We will pass the ordinance that says one inch," said Plymouth Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy. "Our inspection program is designed to cover the township in five years. You can't physically do the entire township in one year. The section being inspected will fall under the one-inch rule while the other sections of the township waiting to be inspected will continue under the two-inch rule. I'm hopeful that we will start in April or early May."

The township will mark the slabs that need to be repaired and then notify the homeowner.

"The homeowner can go ahead and get them replaced," Keen McCarthy said. "If

they don't, we will then come in and replace it and charge the homeowner by putting it on their tax bill. We don't want to get in the business of replacement, so hopefully the homeowners will get it done themselves."

The township will ask contractors to bid on a per-slab price rate after inspection of the first section. "We can say to the contractors, for example, that this fifth of the township has 300 slabs and 'X' number of corners, bid a price per slab," Keen McCarthy said.

The homeowner can use his or her own contractor or one the township uses, possibly getting a better price on sidewalk replacement, she said.

"The wisdom would be to have a repair ordinance," said Township Attorney Tim Cronin, who reviewed legislation concerning sidewalks. "Should a slip-and-fall-injury occur, it's important to show a jury the township has been reasonably diligent by putting a repair program in place," he said at a recent meeting.

Taking Cronin's advice, board members decided to better address safety and liability concerns. They believe a defect of less than two inches would suggest the township is reasonably maintaining the sidewalk. It's also possible there could be some savings in

insurance premiums and in the cost of defending sidewalk-related lawsuits.

Keen McCarthy said that "court-made law" makes townships responsible for sidewalks in the right-of-way even though townships don't own the roads or the right-of-way. Counties own the roads.

"I would go and stand up in court for a one-inch rule," said Trustee Ron Griffith. Trustee K.C. Mueller suggested a less than one inch rule.

"A lot of people want to replace and are just waiting for us to bid out so that they can get the best prices," Keen McCarthy said.

Some residents in the Lakepointe subdivision located in the Haggerty/Five Mile/Schoolcraft Road area - one of the older sections of the township - have expressed concern about the conditions of their sidewalks, she said.

Jim Anulewicz, Plymouth Township director of public services, says that now when the township gets a phone call, the policy has been to go out that day or the next to investigate and take immediate action. "The ordinance would spell out that we are following the law," he said.

# Hilltop to raise rates

By Sue Buck  
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American Golf Inc., which manages Hilltop Golf Course, Plymouth Township's municipal course, has announced proposed Year 2000 rate increases.

The 18-hole course is located at 47000 Powell. The course opened Monday.

"The new rate submitted by American Golf Inc. follows the guideline set forth in the contract signed Feb. 27, 1996," said Charles Mellhargey, chief building official told the township board. "No action is required by the township board."

Some rates are expected to increase \$1 this year. These categories with the new rates are: league rate, \$18; the weekday resident 18-hole rate, \$25; a weekday non-resident, 18-hole rate, \$28; a weekend resident 18-hole rate, \$27; and a weekend non-resident, 18-hole rate, \$30.

Carts per rider, with tax, for 18 holes will be \$14, an increase of 75 cents, and \$9 for nine holes, an increase of 50 cents.

A Hilltop Golf Course representative said Wednesday they are still charging 1999 rates pending notification of

the starting date for the new rates.

Mellhargey also enclosed a comparative market analysis of Hilltop Golf Course that compares it to Stone Barn, Fox Hills, St. John's, Fellows Creek, Whispering Willows, Salem Hills and Hickory Creek Golf Courses.

Among the strengths listed for the club were a challenging course layout with a loyal customer base of senior citizens and returning leagues, along with strong demographics in the Plymouth, Canton and Northville area.

The material also listed weaknesses that included design flaws creating some safety issues, poor drainage in certain areas of the course and some greens that are too severe and inhibit pace of play.

Hilltop has lost two leagues to St. John's Golf Course, which has expanded to 27 holes. These additional nine holes will impact Hilltop's open play during high demand times.

Golfers at Hilltop, a 5,018-yard course, play 48,000 annual rounds and produce a 55 percent cart ridership.

## 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 16, 2000 for the following:

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## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS March 9, 2000

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals THURSDAY, March 9, 2000 AT 7:30 P.M. The meeting will be held in the First Floor Meeting Room in the Township Administration Building located at 1150 S. CANTON CENTER ROAD. The following Agenda will be discussed:

- Pledge of Allegiance to the flag
- Roll Call: Blaylock, Cisek, Demopoulos, Johnson, Redfern
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- 1. Patis Enclosures, Inc. 40480 Grand River, Suite-A, Novi, MI. 48375 (248/478-3980) Representing Otha & Josephine Harris 43111 Lombardy Dr., Canton, MI. 48187 for property at same address are requesting a variance of Zoning Ordinance Article 26 Schedule of regulations for rear yard setbacks.
- 2. Scott Gardner Gardner Signs, Inc. 3800 Airport Hwy Toledo, Ohio 43635 1-800-637-2236 representing Standard Federal Bank Home Lending Center 8886 Canton Center Rd., Canton, MI 48187 for property at same address are requesting avarice of zoning ordinance 190 section 7.4 schedule of regulations for additional sign

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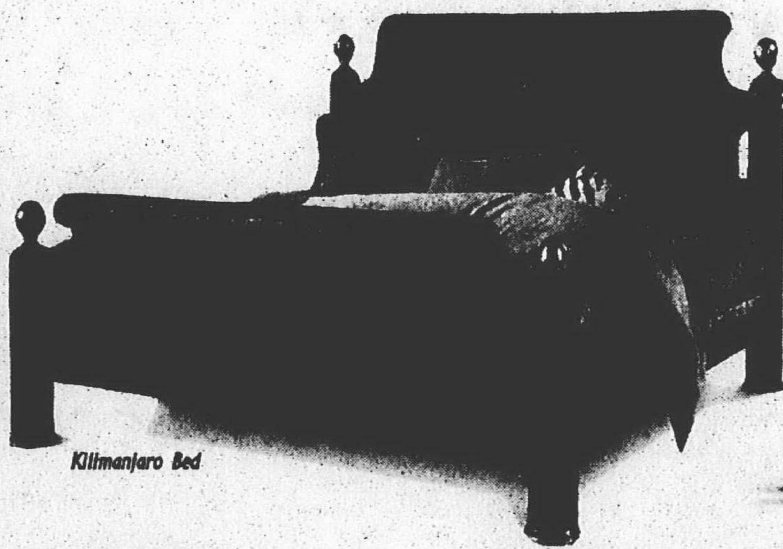
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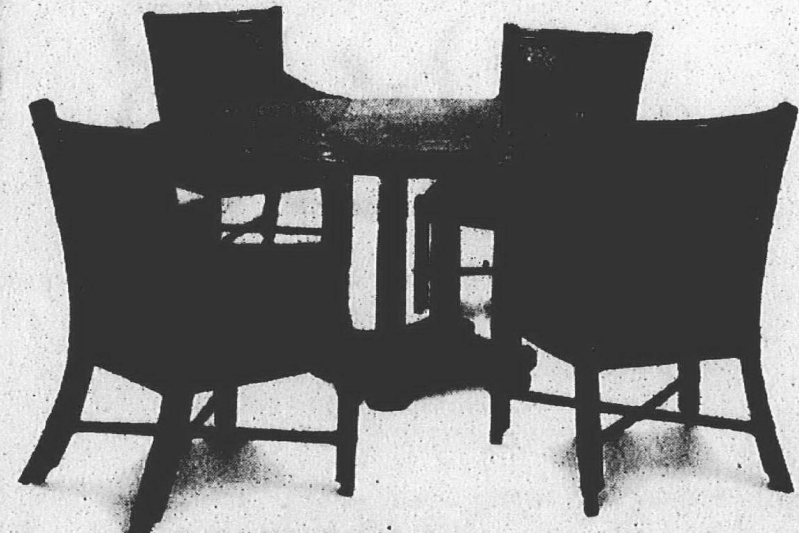
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# Schoolcraft helps residents handle information deluge

BY RICHARD PEARL  
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The virtual flood of information created by the computer age has given rise to a simple truth: When it comes to continuing your education and personal growth, you can't do it all yourself.

And that, says a Schoolcraft College official, is where the school's Continuing Education program comes in.

"In the last 10 years, people have come to recognize (that) with all the information out there, they can't sometimes learn it all on their own and they need to be updated" by those with specialized knowledge and training in their subject matter, says Sherry Zylka, assistant dean for Continuing Ed at Schoolcraft.

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*Sherry Zylka*

*Assistant Dean, Schoolcraft Continuing Education*

just another option for them" in getting the needed information.

"It's a way for people to learn something now and apply it now," says Zylka.

In fact, she says, continuing education is "a good example of Schoolcraft's new motto: "An education that works."

Schoolcraft seems to be doing something right: From just over 12,000 students at the beginning of the 1990s, its enrollment reached 16,000 by 1998.

And, according to an informal survey by Continuing Education

Dean Ron Griffith, that makes Schoolcraft's program the largest among Michigan community colleges.

In 1996 and '99, more formal surveys asking why students chose the Livonia main campus on Haggerty Road north of Six Mile or the Radcliff campus in Garden City for such classes both returned the same results, says Zylka: No. 1 - location; No. 2 - cost.

"We're very good at what we do in continuing education," she says, with not a little pride.

Zylka, who began her association with Schoolcraft 20 years ago as a student manning the switchboard, notes Continuing Ed isn't just "underwater basket-weaving" anymore - far from it.

"Formerly, it was just arts and crafts," she says, "but now a lot more professions" and services - from teaching, law enforcement, firefighting and real estate to pesticide application and food service - "are requiring continuing education as a means to maintaining certification."

In fact, Schoolcraft works with a Grand Rapids company to offer pesticide classes there, Zylka says.

Continuing Ed also complements regular college, she says.

In Schoolcraft's nursing program, for example, cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) class is required to get into the program, she says, and it's also required to keep one's license.

But Schoolcraft also offers leisure-time classes "for people that just want to have fun," she says.

Offerings range from the traditional, such as fine arts, crafts, music and dance classes and foreign languages, to sports offerings such as golf, fencing, ice skating and skin-diving and such modern, New Age-type subjects as Tai Chi and Developing Your Intuition.

There also are classes on Michigan boating basics and motorcycle safety and even Schoolcraft's unique equine arts and sciences program, which teaches proper horse-care. There's even a summertime "Kids on Campus" program.

Zylka, who took the motorcycle class 10 years ago and plans to

update her knowledge with it this year, says what's frustrating is the wide range of course offerings: "I can't take all the classes" because "there just aren't enough hours in the day."

A graduate of the old Cherry Hill High School in Westland and of the University of Michigan who now lives in Wixom, Zylka was officially named associate dean to that position last Friday after 10 years as a C.E. program coordinator.

She couldn't be happier.

Continuing Education, she says, "is really an exciting field that's finally coming into its own."

And Schoolcraft "is a great place to be. We wouldn't trade it for anything."

## Local drivers seem aware they have to buckle up

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Driver-awareness of the new seatbelt law seems pretty strong in both Wayne and southern Oakland counties, according to law officers who conducted stepped-up enforcement efforts last month.

Tickets issued Feb. 6-19 for not "buckling up" - a secondary offense now, but a primary one as of Friday, March 10, and thereafter - were down in some jurisdictions from previous periods with extra traffic patrols, according to an Observer survey.

Officer Steve Hundersmark of Plymouth, whose city issued no tickets or warnings Feb. 6-10, said, "I think it is a good sign that people in the Plymouth area are buckling up their children on their own."

"I would rather see these numbers as opposed to high numbers in which violations were issued," he said.

In Redford Township, where 67 seatbelt and 27 speeding tickets were issued, Traffic Officer Scott Corso said it "sounds like more people are coming around to the idea."

"There are some people who don't like the idea" of mandated seatbelt usage, he said. "But the fact is, it just cuts down on injuries."

Citations issued in Farmington Hills "were down a little bit from last time," said Traffic Bureau Lt. Gary Hawald, who reported a total of 46 adult and child seatbelt violations and 29 for speeding.

"People are starting to hook up the seatbelts, which is the right way we want to go," he said: "Bring speed down and seatbelts up."

In Livonia, where officers issued 77 violations to drivers

and vehicle occupants not properly restrained, usage of seatbelts increased slightly after the enforcement period.

Traffic Sgt. Wes McKee said a post-enforcement survey showed a 62-percent compliance ratio, compared to 60 percent before enforcement.

Of the total tickets issued, two were for drivers who failed to buckle-up children under age 3 and two others for youngsters age 4-15 not belted.

In Westland, officers wrote 114 tickets for both seatbelt and speeding violations and issued eight seatbelt warnings - a high number, considering police worked the special patrols only during morning hours, said Traffic Sgt. Pete Brokas.

Officers discovered, however, that "most people thought, surprisingly, that not wearing a seatbelt was already a primary violation."

Canton Township's Lt. Pat

Nemecek reported six citations for children ages 4 to 15 being unbelted and 61 tickets for adults ages 16 and over Feb. 13-19.

The Wayne County Sheriff's Department reported 108 seatbelt violations in 80 hours.

Westland's Brokas also gave drivers and others a tip: Don't think officers don't see you putting on the belt late.

"People think if they reach up with their left hand and pull down" the shoulder harness-seatbelt, officers won't see it, he said.

Mike Wiggins, Farmington deputy director of public safety, said it's especially easy to spot during daylight hours.

And, he added, "When they do have a collision with another car, that will be the ultimate detector" of someone not buckling up, he said.

If they get hurt, the repercussions from that "are greater than

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State gas prices jumped 6.2 cents this week, eclipsing last week's record high, according to AAA Michigan's weekly "Fuel Gauge" survey. The statewide average is currently \$1.564 per gallon for self-serve no-lead fuel, the highest amount recorded since AAA Michigan began tracking gas prices in 1973.

This is the second consecutive week of 6-cent price gains. The previous record high of \$1.456 was recorded in March 1981.

Detroit-area motorists are paying an average \$1.53 per gallon, a 4.3-cent jump over last week. Self-serve no-lead fuel in Michigan ranges between \$1.459 and \$1.609. The average is 64.7 cents higher than this time last year.

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# Welcome back

## Sale preserves local competition

**W**e believe competition is a healthy thing, so we were heartened to hear Dave Willett is coming to the rescue of The Community Crier.

Assuming the details get worked out, Willett will head an as-yet-to-be-named company that will purchase all of the operations and assets of the Crier. Willett, many of you may recall, is the former owner of Associated Newspapers, which counted among its mastheads the Canton Eagle. Associated Newspapers is known now as Michigan Community Newspapers.

Our "hurrah!" at the survival of the Crier may come as a surprise to most readers, since the knee-jerk reaction would be, "Ah, one enemy down." But we don't feel that way. The loss of any newspaper is a blow to the industry, whether it's a big-time daily or a small-town weekly like the Crier.

Having two newspapers in town is a good thing for everyone, most notably the readers. With just one paper serving the community, there's just one voice heard by readers, one opinion on most subjects.

However, competition between papers like the Observer and the Crier requires the staffs of both papers to maintain their "edge." Reporters work harder to get stories because they know the competition will have them most of the time.

The other benefit to readers is hearing opposing sides of the same issue, which fre-

quently spawns great debate. A good "for instance" was the placement of the third high school. The Observer argued (correctly, we still feel) the school should be placed on the west site, removed from the current campus and allowing the district to turn it into its own entity as growth continues. The Crier felt the school should be placed on the east site for financial reasons.

Two papers, two opinions. Had the Crier ceased to exist, readers would only have gotten one argument. Debate is much easier when there are multiple points to argue.

### Department of Do as I Say, Not as I Do:

At a public meeting several weeks ago, Plymouth Mayor Dave McDonald was quite outspoken because the meeting had been scheduled at 8:30 p.m. to accommodate one commissioner's schedule. "We can't rearrange everything for just one person," was the essence of McDonald's anger.

Skip ahead to the Republican presidential primary last week. Since the city couldn't meet Feb. 21 because of the President's Day holiday, normal procedure would have been to hold the meeting the next night. But with the primary in the way, the meeting was moved to Thursday of that week.

"Us politicians have things to do" Tuesday, McDonald said.

But as far as we can see, only one of the "politicos" on the city commission is seeking higher office. What was good for the gander should have been good enough for the goose.

# A case for open primaries

**I**n nine days, on March 11, Michigan Democrats will finally have a say on their party's presidential nominee. Well, some Democrats, anyway.

Those who have a few hours to spare on a Saturday can head for a closed caucus site in western Wayne County. That is assuming they can find one. Caucus sites are often union halls or Elks lodges, not the local elementary school, city hall or fire station where polls are usually located. (City and township clerks have a list.)

Once there, after signing a piece of paper declaring their party affiliation, caucus participants will choose sides - just like in junior high school. One side of the room will be for Al Gore, the other Bill Bradley. But this still doesn't constitute a "vote." Only after hearing impassioned pleas (or, more likely, tedious speeches) by local Democrats supporting their group's candidate, will participants be asked to cast a ballot. The vote at some sites will be on an anonymous paper ballot. At others, it will be a show of hands.

But then going through all this trouble is certainly worth it to help choose our next president, don't you think? Except that by the time the state's Democrats weigh in with their choice, the nominee will likely be a foregone conclusion.

Nearly a dozen large states, including delegate heavyweights Ohio, New York and California, will hold presidential primaries on March 7, four days before the Michigan caucuses. If Vice President Gore translates his commanding lead in most polls into wins in those states, the Michigan result will amount to a blip on the nominating radar.

Democracy at its finest? Hardly. More like presidential politics at its lowest. Both Gore and Bradley withdrew their names from last week's Michigan primary ballot, helping to create the quirky "open" election that the state's Republican establishment wanted but now tries to disavow because their guy, Texas

Gov. George W. Bush, didn't win. The Republicans are steamed because some Democrats and many independents voted for Arizona Sen. John McCain. The turnout helped McCain capture 52 of the state's 58 delegates to the Republican convention.

In the wake of that embarrassment, some party officials and state legislators began calling last week for a closed Republican primary. We think that would be a serious mistake.

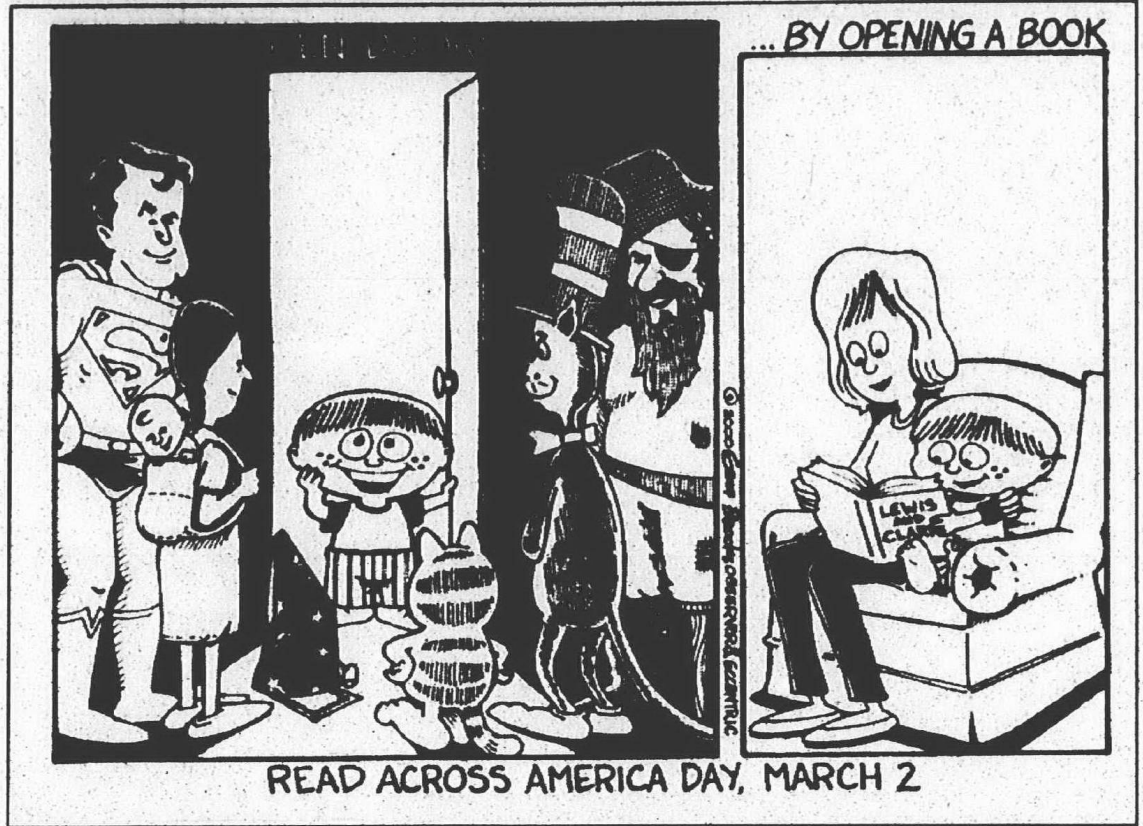
Gov. John Engler and his minions can moan all they want about "borrowed" voters who won't be on the Republican side come November. But they have short memories. What about the "borrowed" Republicans who previously voted for Democratic presidential candidates Jesse Jackson and George Wallace, or even Geoffrey Fieger in the Democratic gubernatorial primary just two years ago? And the last time we checked, "independent" voters were just that - free to cast a ballot for whomever they choose.

Bully for the voters, we say. More than 1.3 million, about 28 percent, turned out, more than for any Michigan presidential primary since 1960. That figure will probably be double or even triple the turnout for the March 11 caucuses.

Pundits have been crying for years about disillusionment with partisan politics eroding the public's confidence in government. Is party affiliation really more important than getting a genuine, meaningful chance to participate in the process?

The Observer believes both Michigan Democrats and Republicans should hold open presidential primaries, preferably on the same day and at a point in the election year when the votes of state residents can make the most difference. To do otherwise would further complicate an already Byzantine presidential nominating process.

GEORGE BROOKS



## LETTERS

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## Be open minded

**I** have just finished reading several articles that have appeared in the Observer regarding Harry Potter. My goodness, I can't believe the fuss this series of books has created.

I have all three of the Harry Potter books in our home. We also have two of the books on audio tape. I have six children, ranging in age from 12-24. Five of them have read the books. Our sixth child has Down syndrome, but he listens to the tapes.

The debate between people over the "darker" side of Harry Potter is absurd. I can understand being very careful of what your son or daughter reads, but let's be careful about what we are talking about. In one of your stories, a woman said she only needed to look at the cover of one of the Harry Potter books to know she did not want her child to read it. Doesn't that sound scary to you? When I was a child, I was told not to judge a book by its cover. What is this woman teaching her child, not only by this set of books, but judging other things without any measure of knowledge?

Much of the children's literature we have in the libraries has fantasy in them. The wonderful book "The Cat In The Hat" is one I am sure many children have read and enjoyed. But what enabled the cat to talk or the house to go back to the way it was before mom got home? Fantasy. Think about all the children's books we have to choose from. "Alice in Wonderland," "Merlin" or any of the King Arthur stories are stories that use wizardry, magic and fantasy.

I am a fan of Harry Potter. I am also a fan of anything that gets a teenager to read and let their mind wander, grow and wonder. I think parents need to read the books before they decide that these books are not right for their children. If after a parent reads the book and then decides the book is not for their child, so be it. But for an adult who is raising a child to be intolerant of others and others' beliefs is a problem in the making.

Peggy Converse  
 Plymouth

## Old Village has plenty

**W**hat do we have in Old Village besides Station 885 and the Lowertown Grill? Let me tell you.

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Then depending, on our moods, we can have lunch at a variety of places from Harvey's Deli or Buchell's Cafe, Tim Horton's or the new Dunleavy's Pub, but on any given day my kids usually prefer Taco Bell. At which point we can eat lunch and play at the Firestation Park.

Also on any given day we can stroll up to see our good friend Paul Kalik and browse around his antique store or stop at Bellarose, our newest antique store, although one of my favorite places is Plymouth Jewelers. Mostly I go in for repairs; there is nothing Cass can't fix or make. If I need a drug store I have Beyer's; if I need a bottle of wine or just a good old bottle of bourbon after dealing with the city administration, I can go to Bill's Market.

But let me tell you the best thing about Old Village is the people who live there. If my children are playing in my front yard or are a couple of blocks from home, you can bet that some neighbor has their eye on them. Most of us watch out for each other. I know them, and they know me, and this is what neighborhoods are all about.

Old Village still has many needs. We came a long way last year with the help of Sherrie Pryor, and she is greatly missed. What we need is more people who live or work in the Old Village to get involved. What we don't need is for the people who have worked their backsides off to make those improvements and devoted much of their time for many years to be told thank you very much, but it's time for you to go away now because I have been thinking of making changes.

Well, Plymouth, it IS time to make changes; to our city charter that is!

Susan Clark  
 Plymouth

## COMMUNITY VOICE

### QUESTION:

What do you think of the latest increases in gas prices?



"They're too high, and I burn premium."

Howard Osborn Jr.  
 Plymouth



"They're terrible. I'm walking more."

Priscilla Behnke  
 Plymouth



"The plastics industry is affected, and consumers will see higher prices."

Bruce Mooradian  
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"It's terrible. I can't afford to drive."

Theresa Krolchik  
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We asked this question in front of the Plymouth post office.

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## POINTS OF VIEW

## Bell never meant calling to be this complicated

It used to be so simple. Making a phone call, I mean. Pick up the handset, punch in a few numbers and off you go. Like most people, I've even managed to memorize the important telephone numbers in my life: home, work, wife's office, daughter's school, parents' house, favorite pizza take-out.

The actual thinking part came only once the party at the other end answered. Or, in the case of an answering machine, once the recording beeped and you were forced to compose a concise, on-the-spot message without stuttering off into oblivion. (Pitiful pleading - "C'mon, pick up... pick up... I know you're there" - is always another option.)

This, I believe, is what Alexander Graham Bell intended. Remember, Bell was the man who in March of 1876 picked up the mouthpiece of his newly patented invention and shouted "Watson, come here. I need you." No

local exchange; no area code; no 10-10-something-something-something before dialing long distance.

Even after the telephone became wildly popular and finally a necessity in every home, there were real live operators to help you find the person you wanted to connect with. When we started dialing the numbers on our own, they were elegantly simple, six digits that began with a two-letter exchange corresponding to the keypad. I still remember growing up in the Lincoln exchange. If I wanted to call downtown Detroit, I usually dialed a number that began with Woodward.

That's all changed, of course. The proliferation of pagers, faxes, cell phones and second lines for computer modems has already meant the split of our once memorable 313 area code. Today I have to remember whether the person I'm trying to reach lives, works or is visiting in the 313, 734,



TEDD SCHNEIDER

248 or 810 area code. But at least those regions have actual geographic boundaries - excluding Livonia, which got stuck with two codes in the last round of changes. When I'm dialing 734 I know I'm going to be talking to someone south of Eight Mile and west of Inkster Road. On the other hand, if my finger punches up 810 I'm headed for the northernmost portion of Oakland County, which in my mind is about halfway to the Mackinac Bridge.

Now comes the unwelcome news that Ameritech will be adding "overlay" area codes in western Wayne County. These new codes - 278 in most communities, 679 in Redford Township - will be assigned to new numbers beginning July 1. Existing numbers will keep their current area codes and both sets of codes will work for the new numbers for a trial period of several months, according to Ameritech officials.

But let's not get bogged down in the technical details. What this really means is that even calling my new neighbor across the street will tax my memory. Not to mention paging a colleague or faxing a piece of vital information. People asking for my cell phone number already get a blank stare and a pause - until I search my desk for the tiny slip of paper where it's written down. This is an information overload nightmare in-the-making.

I guess I'll just have to break down and buy one of those silly electronic organizers. Of course, then I'll be contributing even more dead weight to the technical revolution that's foisted all this numbers nonsense on us in the first place.

There's always directory assistance. Although if you've gone that route lately, you probably realize what a misnomer that is.

Maybe I'll just stop calling, faxing and e-mailing people altogether. I could write nice notes on thick-stock stationery with a substantial ink pen. Then again, I read where the price of postage is going up next year.

Tedd Schneider is the Canton Observer community editor. You can still reach him at (734) 459-2700 or via e-mail at: [tschneider@homecomm.net](mailto:tschneider@homecomm.net). Just don't expect him to call back promptly once the new area codes go into effect.

## Party should welcome infusion of fresh faces into ranks

Kevin Grobe is a self-described "Gen-Xer." As such, he is supposed to be apathetic about politics, as most members of his generation supposedly are. That was true of Grobe too, until recently.

He's articulate and well educated. The Novi resident went to school at Central Michigan University and now works for a major corporation, GTE. It's not that he can't talk about the issues.

As he spoke of his views on, for example, Social Security, it's clear he's well-versed. And he understands politics: "In presidential races, in the general election, it is always a battle for the middle (of the political spectrum.) If (George W.) Bush wants to win, he'll have to win the middle."

Grobe just hasn't been interested. Until this year, that is. Now he is enthused about John McCain's run for the presidency. He cites the candidate's character and experience.

But ultimately, he puts it this way: "McCain's message inspires me and I

can't tell you exactly why."

Grobe is pretty typical of the folks who turned out last Tuesday evening at the Novi Hilton to celebrate McCain's victory in the Michigan primary election. If you needed to describe the crowd there in a single phrase, a good phrase might be "fresh faced." The vast majority were young adults, new voters and those newly involved in politics.

It was a stark contrast to the pictures beamed in by television of the shindig just a few miles away in Southfield for Bush. That room appeared to be full of faces quite familiar in Michigan politics - Gov. John Engler, Secretary of State Candice Miller, state senators and representatives, the GOP power brokers.

By comparison, in McCain's camp, there were only two party workhorses, Sen. John Schwarz (R-Battle Creek), McCain's campaign coordinator for the state, and Rep. John Pappageorge (R-Troy).

The dissimilarity is significant because much of the post-election analysis has overlooked the makeup of the McCain group's core. Michigan residents were more likely to hear about crossover voting by Democrats as the reason the vote went the way it did, falling in McCain's favor.

Blaming Bush's defeat on crossover is, frankly, the easy way out. For his supporters, it's an easy way to minimize the impact. For pollsters, it's an easy way to explain why their surveys didn't forecast the result.

But Pappageorge was quite adamant about it. If the McCain campaign is attracting new people to the process, whether his candidate wins or loses in the race for the nomination, the GOP will be stronger for it. Rather than the fight it is producing,

rather than the outcries about crossover and he calls for closing the primary, the party should be welcoming this infusion.

McCain's gathering provided ample evidence. Take for instance the story of Livonia's Stacey Golick, a Schoolcraft College freshman who discovered McCain while browsing the Internet and started bringing home materials until she managed to convert her entire family to the cause. Most significantly, she's working now to convert her group of McCain followers at the college into a permanent political organization. Mobilized by McCain, she and her friends are likely to stay involved.

And there was the story of Adam Jones of Northville. His newly awakened political interest translated into an appointment as national teen chair of the entire campaign. Dad Jim Jones watched that night with pride as his son worked the room. "He seems to be in his element. I don't know where it comes from, no one else

in the family is involved like that," he said.

Mom Cheryl Jones put it this way: McCain is inspiring young voters "the way John F. Kennedy inspired them to get politically active and model themselves after him."

The immediate needs of campaigning aside, the GOP makes a big mistake if it doesn't welcome these newcomers to its ranks or fails to take steps to retain them when this contest is over.

Indeed, it's been so long since there was an issue or a candidate that motivated young adults to get involved that this should be seen as refreshing.

And win or lose, McCain deserves credit for bringing new players into the political game.

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## McCain win shakes up state GOP

The only person I know who expected Sen. John McCain's big win in last Tuesday's Michigan Republican primary election was State Sen. John J.H. (Joe) Schwarz, McCain's Michigan campaign chairman.

"I really didn't know what would happen until we got to Traverse City on Monday," Schwarz told me. "But when I saw the way McCain was connecting big time with all those people, somehow I knew what was going to happen."

McCain took on Texas Gov. George W. Bush and virtually the entire Michigan Republican hierarchy, headed by Gov. John Engler, and beat them badly. Bush won only six of 58 Michigan delegates to the GOP national convention, despite early loose talk by Engler that Michigan was a "firewall" against further Bush slippage after losing the New Hampshire primary.

Most subsequent media coverage focused on the obvious - and obviously wrong - story: Whether the election showed John Engler was suddenly a political has-been. *The Detroit News*, for example, headlined: "Party splintering, Engler's lameduck status may hurt in fall."

The only people I know who think that are a few reporters and headline writers for the big city newspapers. John Engler remains the most politically skilled governor in recent Michigan history.

With three more years to go in his last term, anybody who thinks Engler has lost it better think again.

Where Engler & Co. bungled, however, was last year when they figured the threat to Bush would come from Steve Forbes and the right wing of the Republican Party. Carefully managing Bush's image as a "compassionate conservative" who could appeal to the political middle, they set the rules so as to open the Michigan Republican primary election to moderate Democrats and Independents. Back then, nobody imagined the real challenge to Bush would come from McCain and would involve countless thousands of energized Independents and conservative Democrats.

That miscalculation raises the main issue: How willing are Engler and the Michigan Republican Party to court defeat in November in pursuit of party orthodoxy and a pre-anointed presidential candidate?

On the one hand, you have Senator McCain who has demonstrated extraordinary appeal to Independents and Democrats. On the other hand, you have Gov. Bush who has moved to the right to capture the Republican base, but at the risk of terminally alienating votes in the center. And you have the entire GOP hierarchy swear-



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ing up and down that Bush is their guy and that he'll do fine in November.

I don't understand it.

Sen. Schwarz agrees. "A majority of the voters do not feel represented by either traditional party, Republicans or Democrats. Last Tuesday, you had a record number of first time voters, of young people 18-25 years old and around 65 percent of Independents announcing they'll stick with McCain in the fall.

"But you have Bush moving to the right, bringing out all those aggressive spokespeople and isolating himself from the mainstream of American politics. And the Republican Party hierarchy continues to support Bush, cutting him and the Party off from a majority of the electorate.

"They just don't get it," Schwarz concludes.

I think he's right. The threat to the Michigan Republican Party has always been the ideological split between hard-right social conservatives and much more moderate and pragmatic main street Republicans. It has been only John Engler's extraordinary political skills and toughness - coupled with general and persistent incompetence by the Democrats - that have held the GOP together over the years.

It took the unexpected emergence of McCain as a wildly attractive personality with a compelling reformist message to expose to full public view the fissure that has lain quiescent at the core of the Republican Party.

John Engler did not cause the fissure. He succeeded in managing it for years. The question now is can he control it?

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# Voucher amendment looks like a go for November

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A proposal to set up a voucher system for students in an estimated 30 "failing" public school districts is apparently headed for the November ballot.

Kids First! Yes!, the organization sponsoring the drive for the constitutional amendment, submitted petitions to the state Thursday, Feb. 24. Jeff Timmer, senior adviser to Kids First, said the group gathered well over the necessary number to make the ballot. Although signatures have not yet been certified by the state Elections Commission, Timmer said he has "no doubt" they will have enough to get on the ballot.

"We had to gather 302,000 signatures in six months. We got 302,000 signatures in just three months," he said. "We turned in 463,000" with more than a month to spare.

The most controversial aspect of the proposal is that it would create "Opportunity Scholarships," vouchers, in failing school districts that could be cashed in for tuition at private, even religious, schools.

A troubled school district, qualifying the vouchers, is defined in the proposed constitutional amendment as one that has a "four year graduation rate of less than two thirds," as reported by the state Department of Education. That means that the schools are graduating less than 66 percent of those students who enter the eighth grade. The amendment keys on graduation rates in 1998-99 and districts that improve in later years would not be able to drop out of the voucher program, Timmer said.

Thirty school districts across the state have rates under 66 percent. In southeast Michigan, those districts include Detroit, Inkster, Wayne Westland and Pontiac schools, Timmer said.

The proposed amendment would also allow any other district in the state, based on a vote of local residents, to set up a voucher system within their district.

For those districts that have the voucher program, it will be worth half of the state's per pupil expenditure in that district, which could then be carried

to a private school to cover tuition costs.

The proposal also requires teacher competency testing, which would apply to all public school districts as well as those private schools that accept the vouchers.

The proposal would also guarantee funding to schools, on a per pupil basis, at a level that would never drop from the 2000-2001 state allocation.

The proposal has drawn the fire of the Michigan Education Association, as well as many local school boards, which argue

the proposed amendment could harm districts by drawing money away from public schools to private schools. In the failing districts, according to the MEA, the problem would be worse. They argue that drawing money away by students leaving for private schools would make it all the more difficult for the already distressed districts to provide a good education to the students who are left behind.

Timmer argues the cost to public schools has been over estimated. He says the proposal will cost less than a third of a per-

cent of the state's overall expenditure on schools. The cost would likely be \$60 million the first year, and Timmer says the state education fund has a surplus well over that amount.

Gov. John Engler has predicted the amendment will be rejected by voters at the polls, saying initial support for the concept is too low.

"This has not been Engler's best week for predictions," Timmer responded.

Steve Mitchell, Mitchell Research & Communications, Inc., has also said polling indi-

cates initial support is too low for the amendment to pass. A proposal has to start with more than 60 percent initial support, because typically such proposals lose support as election day nears.

Timmer argues polls put initial support at 58 percent. "And any pollster who says there is a difference in polling between 58 and 60 percent isn't being honest," he said.

Next will come the launch of a campaign, aimed at convincing voters to support the measure. Timmer said plans include tele-

vision ads, direct mailing, phone banks, forums and debates. But voters won't likely see any hard campaigning until much closer to the election. Ads have not yet been prepared, Timmer said.

"We have said all along that \$5 million will be needed to run a successful statewide campaign," he said.

Members of Kids First however will be available participate in forums and debates immediately. To contact the group for information or to arrange for a debate participant, contact the group at 1-888-330-KIDS.

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## County sells picnic permits

Spring may be just around the corner, but the Wayne County Division of Parks begins selling picnic permits for the more than 30 parks facilities on Monday, March 6.

Patrons must come to the parks office at 33175 Ann Arbor Trail in Westland for permits. A photo identification card - either driver's license or Michigan I.D. card - and payment are required.

Fees for picnic areas are \$25, picnic shelters \$100. Baseball diamonds, which carry a \$25 reservation, are free when booked along with a picnic area or shelter.

Each park facility has a grill and recreational areas for children.

Park picnic-area capacities range from 25 to 50 people while shelters accommodate up to 100. Areas may be reserved with a permit from the county parks office in Westland.

For additional information, either call Wayne County Parks at (734) 261-1990 or visit its Web site, [www.waynecounty-parks.com](http://www.waynecounty-parks.com).

## Stargazers gather Friday

Mike Best will present a "Spring Skies and Space Update" astronomy lecture and indoor slide presentation from 7-9 p.m. Friday, March 3, at the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center in Westland.

Advance registration deadline for the program for ages 8 and above is Thursday, March 2. The fee is \$3 per person.

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## Parental involvement key to success

Sandy, a mother of two teens, admits that she's not the brightest person in the world, but she really did one thing right.

Raised in Kentucky, her parents didn't push any of their seven children to get an education, subsequently none went any further than high school. Sandy's husband, a sheet metal fabricator, never aspired to be anything more than a factory worker, always satisfied with operating the punch press.

In spite of their upbringing, Sandy and Tom made an important decision about their children's education. While in the dentist's office one afternoon, Sandy read an article about which children do well in school. The thing that hit home for her was how parents who may not have a strong educational base themselves can have children who have a voracious appetite for learning.

The game plan seemed simple enough: get involved at your children's school and your children will do well in school. The article went on to say parental involvement improves children's test scores. So Sandy set out to test this principle. Though she worked part-time, she took time each week to volunteer at the school. Sometimes she wouldn't even see her kindergartner because she'd be working in the library. She was astounded with the results. Her kids learned how to read in a snap and loved going to school.

It wasn't long before Tom asked if he could volunteer at the school. The principal was thrilled. "Rarely," he commented, "do we have dads who get involved in volunteering at school. It's a gift when we do." Tom was able to work the afternoon shift so that he was free to work in the computer room during the morning.

Both Sandy and Tom were pleased with the results — the kids continued to love school and kept coming home with good report cards.

By middle school, they discussed giving up their volunteering. As they told the principal how they had regularly volunteered at the elementary level, he shared with them the middle school parent drop-away syndrome.

"What is that about?" asked Sandy. Well, it seems that parents think that their kids don't need for them to be as involved with school as they were in elementary, and it's the time when parents back away from their kids' schooling.

The principal went on to say that his dream was for as many parents to be as involved at the middle school level as at the elementary. He suggested that maybe they could help make that happen by jump-starting his weak PTA. So Sandy and Tom manned a table during open house night. Their banner above read: Help your child be successful in middle school ... join the PTA. By the end of that year they'd gained over 100 members.

By their first child's freshman year of high school, they agreed it was time to stop volunteering. Their child's grades plummeted. They thought that it was a fluke because of the difficult transition from one school to another, but in the back of their minds they wondered if it could have been about the volunteering.

"I wanted to think I didn't need to participate at school anymore, but the thought kept nagging at me ... if I drop away, the kids take school less seriously," Maggie admitted.

So they reconnected at the high school level by joining the band boosters.

By January, their son's grades were back on track. And what was their reward for all this diligence? Their son received four acceptances to three big-10 schools by senior year. As phenomenal as this story may sound, this is not unusual for students whose parents are involved in school. You get involved, and your children will do well in school. You don't get involved and it's a game of roulette. Why play roulette? You can't always win.

## Charitable work

### Mother, daughter volunteer in Costa Rica



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Lindsay Dolin's parents say they couldn't refuse their daughter's request to travel to Costa Rica in January after she told them it was her "dream to go."

Dolin's attraction to a country located just north of the equator wasn't for the warm climate or tropical countryside but for the much needed work being done by an assembly of area Methodist churches whose members have been traveling overseas to do missionary work for years.

Dolin and her mother, Mary, made the trek with members of their church, Garden City United Methodist, and five other Methodist congregations including Nardin Park of Farmington Hills, First United Methodist of Birmingham, Byron, Swartz Creek and Springville United Methodist. Team leaders Bob and Joan Suda, formerly of Livonia, guided approximately 15 members to the mountainous Indian village of Tonjibe (pronounced Ton-heebay) in Costa Rica from Jan. 17 through 31.

"We had at least three meetings before we went to Costa Rica to orientate us with the work we'd be doing, learn the do's and don'ts relating to clothing, know what the weather would be like and what to pack," said Mary Dolin. "We were told it would be 90 degrees, hot and sunny but it ended up raining nearly everyday and we all had to buy boots because it got so muddy."

The trip to Central America wasn't the first for a Dolin family member — Kevin Dolin, Mary's husband, did missionary work there 14 years ago.

"I grew up hearing about his trip," said Lindsay, "and of the work my dad did there."

Aside from following in her father's footsteps and working alongside her mother, Lindsay was the first teenager allowed to make the extensive trip with the adult volunteers as part of the "Volunteers in Mission" project.

Mary said she thinks it was a combination of factors that enabled Lindsay

to be the first student to participate, including the four years of Spanish she's taken as a second language in middle and high school. Garden City United Methodist also paid the \$1,000 fee by sponsoring Lindsay's trip to Costa Rica.

With one bag each packed — "it was actually a crate," said Mary — the pair left from Detroit with the members of their team and had a brief layover in Houston before landing in San Jose, Costa Rica, approximately 7 1/2 hours later. Team members stayed overnight in Alajuela before making their way northwest to the rural village of Tonjibe, at least a five-hour drive from San Jose due to the rocky and isolated country roads common to the region.

"The country is beautiful ... like paradise," said Mary.

The 15-member team set up lodgings in Tonjibe's Iglesia Evangelica Metodista Church. Pews were moved aside and the Americans set up air mattress beds with mosquito net canopies and called it home for the next two weeks. A Costa Rican family who has been working with the Methodist missionary groups for years joined team members and took care of many of the domestic responsibilities, namely meal preparation and laundry.

"A woman named Ophelia cooked all our meals," said Lindsay. "The food was great. We ate the best fruit I've ever had like plantains, coconut, mango, watermelon, papaya and lots of gallopinto ... rice and beans mixed together."

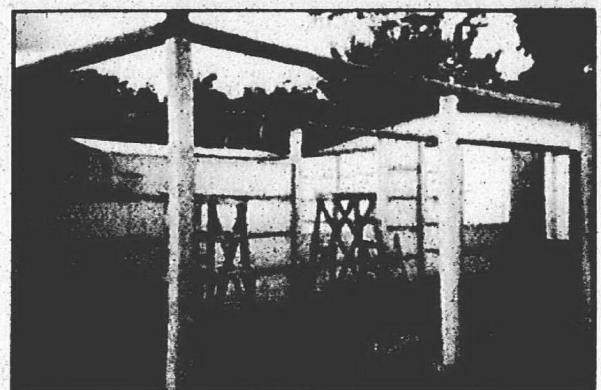
#### Rise and shine

A typical day for the group required them to rise between 5 and 6 a.m., gather for morning devotions, eat breakfast and then work until lunch around 11:45 a.m.

The "Volunteers in Mission" team, and a team of missionaries who picked up where they left off, were working to erect a multi-purpose building adjacent to a school in Tonjibe. The concrete structure, approximately 400 square feet, will include a kitchen, pantry and work area. The building, whose walls were made of heavy concrete slabs, was being used because termite infestation is such a problem in the area.



**New experience:** Lindsay Dolin, a Livonia Stevenson High School junior, removes the excess mortar from the wall of a soon-to-be multi-purpose building in the village of Tonjibe, Costa Rica. Right, better view of the progress made.



"The original school in the village is falling down because of termites," said Mary. "You can see from our pictures that they have just eaten right through the wood. They have plans to tear it down soon."

No skill level was required to be eligible for the mission so Lindsay took it upon herself to become an expert in "tuck pointing," or filling the space between slabs of concrete with mortar then scraping off the excess material. "I loved it. I'm ready to go do it again," said Lindsay.

After lunch and a short rest period the team was back at the site working with Ophelia's son, the contractor on the job and a local minister who has to supplement his income by doing construction work in order to feed his family.

"The Malekus live very basic lives," said Mary. "They have none of the luxuries or even some of the amenities we as Americans have come to enjoy or take for granted."

#### Surroundings

Costa Rica borders both the Caribbean Sea and the North Pacific Ocean, lying between Nicaragua and Panama. The climate is tropical and the terrain is made up of coastal plains separated by rugged mountains such as those surrounding Tonjibe. While the poverty rate has been reduced over the last 15 years, there are still vast regions of rural countryside where people, like the Malekus, get by with very little.

Lindsay said approximately 37 Maleku families make up the population of Tonjibe but that some Costa Rican families live adjacent to the village.

In addition to the manual labor the volunteers perform for the village, they bring a significant amount of products to donate to the villagers and the Iglesia Evangelica Metodista Church such

as uniforms for school children, 46 pairs of shoes, hygiene products and toiletries, Spanish books, first aid products, clothing and crafts.

"They made plans for us to purchase wares and crafts many of the women from Tonjibe make," said Mary. "We do everything we can to help the locals." Some of the handcrafted items the Dolins brought back to the states with them were jicara (pronounced hick-oor-uh), tree gourds that are used domestically as well as for decoration and commercial purposes. The gourds are harvested while they are still green and later carved with things like broken saw blades, said Lindsay, who was invited into the home of a Maleku and encouraged to try carving.

"I tried but it was really hard," said Lindsay. Different techniques are used to produce intricate pieces of art that include elements like jaguars, turtles, birds and leaves as well as the names of the elements in Spanish and Maleku.

#### Back to work

The team worked everyday until at least 5 p.m. and returned to the church to get in line for the showers before dinner at 6 p.m. The remainder of the evening was left for volunteers to do things on their own time but Mary said much of the time was spent with the families of Tonjibe.

"We showed Disney movies in the evenings and had at least 100 people come out every time, plus Lindsay and others did things with the kids like vacation Bible school, played games, crafts and sang songs," said Mary.

"I had lot of little friends," added Lindsay. "The kids liked to come down and watch everything we did. They were very curious and very friendly."

The trip wasn't all work either — the team was able to make trips into a nearby Costa Rican city for shopping and ice cream. They also hiked up the infamous Arenal volcano just south of Tonjibe, and spent the night at a Central American bed and breakfast where they relaxed and swam in a hot spring pool.

"We had a great time and accomplished a lot as a team," said Mary. "The people of Tonjibe lead hard lives and I think what groups in the past and present have been able to do has been both rewarding for us and immeasurable for the Indian village."



**Lush:** The countryside near the rural Indian village of Tonjibe.



**Moving forward:** A Costa Rican construction worker observes Livonia resident Mary Dolin as she shovels dirt on the worksite.

## Zonta Club prepares for charitable fashion gala



The Zonta Club of Farmington/Novi area will sponsor its 6th Annual gala: "First Step Stepping Out in Style" benefit from 6-9 p.m. Sunday, March 26, hosted by Parisian, located in Laurel Park Place, Livonia.

Zonta Club is a non-profit organization dedicated to raising funds for First Step — the non-profit agency and shel-

**'Zonta Club is a non-profit organization dedicated to raising funds for First Step — aiding survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. They have donated over \$140,000 ... \$30,000 last year alone.'**

ter aiding survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. They have donated over \$140,000 over the past five years, \$30,000 last year alone.

Join them in viewing spring fashions for men, women and children in a spec-

tacular fashion show, while sampling gourmet foods from over 20 local restaurants, cash prizes, gift certificates for lunch and dinners at fine restaurants, free hotel stays, entertainment, special demonstrations, private

"after hours" shopping at Parisian, exciting raffle prizes, and fun for all ages.

All proceeds will be used to support and enhance the services and programs offered by First Step, Western Wayne County's Project on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault.

Ticket price is \$25 (cash, check or charge) in advance (tax deductible) or \$30 (cash) at the door. Register by phone (734) 453-0822 or (313) 538-8043.



# Photographs preserve a history we can only relate to in pictures

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VIRGINIA PARKER

While rushing out of the bookstore, I glanced down at the stacks of close-out books on the floor. A black-and-white 19th century photograph grabbed my attention. The book, "Country House Camera" by Christopher Simon Sykes, was a wonderful find. It gives a look at life in Britain's and Ireland's grand country houses through a collection of photographs found in attics, trunks and dust-covered albums. Part of what makes the photos, taken from the 1850s through the 1930s, so remarkable is that the 19th century photos were taken by amateur photographers. After all, photos were a costly item for the aver-

age Victorian, but these wealthy photo buffs had the luxury of snapping lots of pictures just for fun.

As we look at the prints, some conclusions jump right off the page. For example, there on a vast expanse of manicured lawn is an elderly man, who has decided to take up the newest rage: bicycling. To accommodate his whim, he enlisted servants — men who were themselves well along in age — to run alongside! Another side of servant life emerges in the snapshot of a pressing room, which reveals that a separate plant was necessary to keep up with laundry demands. The two-story room was equipped with a large stove to heat irons, each of which, as it cooled, had to be replaced with a newly heated one. Laundry was draped high overhead on wooden racks that could be raised and lowered — a great space-saving device.

Both men and women enjoyed

sports, albeit in a more genteel fashion than we pursue them today. Tennis, anyone? For that, men wore dress shirts and ties, and women did not shed their corsets.

Boating along a lazy river was popular. The same attire prevailed, and women sat politely, shaded by their parasols. There were, of course, times when women weren't content to ride along passively. We find pictures of women, still corseted, rowing their own rowboats and kayaks.

We think of the Victorians as a serious lot because they didn't smile in portraits. Many of these photos, which show folks clowning for the camera, dispel that notion. A young man stands on his hands; elsewhere, a fellow is apparently skinny-dipping. One young woman in an ankle-length skirt takes a spirited leap over a railing, another climbs the rigging of a sailing yacht, and yet another dives — belly flops, really — into the river.

Three other dignified women, Lady Alice Egerton, Lady Elizabeth de Ros, and Lady Katherine Egerton, do not let their titles stand in the way of fun. They take turns on a seesaw, having to sit sidesaddle to accommodate their hoop skirts.

### Thinking things out

Some of the amateur photography was downright creative. One whimsical picture, "Ghosts at Hyde," used a double negative to allow two transparent specters to menace a gentleman in a top hat.

The wealthy also loved picnics, and they did it in style with fine china and linen. Of course, the pictures don't show the servants' long hours behind the scenes. They had to prepare the meal, transport it to the picnic site, carry and set up the tables, lay out the china and silver and linen, serve the meal, gather up the dirty dishes and linen, pack up the leftover food, cart it all

back to the mansion, and scour everything there!

Even for the landed gentry, not all was fun, as the photos record. Children died of diseases that today we control. One young boy, dressed in short pants, is laid out in his casket. Taking such a picture was customary among Victorians.

Even the clothing posed a deadly threat, as the text relates about two of the young women pictured, Lucy and Charlotte Bridgeton. They died in 1858 when a spark from the fireplace landed on Lucy's crinoline — not an uncommon risk for ladies in tightly fastened, voluminous clothing. When Lucy's billowy skirt burst into flames, Charlotte rushed to her sister's aid, and her own clothes caught on fire. Family history notes that they were ever after referred to — rather insensitively, it would seem — as "The Burnt Aunts."

And, in time of war, large homes were often turned into

hospitals. The book contains pictures of World War I soldiers recovering in makeshift wards and exercising on the lawns of the country estates.

Luckily, the photographers made sure to capture their own images. We discover that both men and women were enthusiasts of the pastime, which included developing their own plates. Sadly, one of the talented photographers was the same Lucy Bridgeton whose life was cut short so tragically.

Because these amateurs pursued their hobby so avidly, we have a preserved photographic history that delights and enlightens us today. And if I hadn't taken that moment to pause and glance down as I breezed by in my daily rush, I would have missed it.

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

## REUNIONS

As space permits, the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers print, without charge, announcements of class reunions. Send the information to Reunions, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Please include the date of the reunion and the first and last name of at least one contact person, and a telephone number.

**ALL SAINTS**  
Class of 1950  
Is planning a "Millennium Reunion" for November 2000. Unable to locate Margaret Kluk and Mary Frances Perdue. Any information please call Veronica (248) 437-9735

**BENLEY**  
Class of 1950  
Is looking for alumni.

(248) 932-1722, (248) 548-5359 or (248) 393-1233

**BIRMINGHAM HIGH**  
Class of 1955  
A reunion is planned for Oct. 27 at The Northfield Hilton in Troy. Call Pete Kass (248) 335-5472 or e-mail MESLK@aol.com

**BIRMINGHAM GROVES**  
Class of 1965  
Aug. 12 at The Community House in Birmingham. (248) 433-2362 or by e-mail at JCRich47@aol.com

**BIRMINGHAM MARIAN**  
**BROTHER RICE**  
Class of 1970  
A reunion is planned for July 29. (248) 540-2917 or (248) 358-4490

**BIRMINGHAM SEAHOLM**  
Class of 1970  
A reunion is planned for July 1.

(510) 523-0906 or by e-mail at HubSpauld@aol.com

**BISHOP BORGESS**  
Class of 1975  
A 25th year reunion is planned from 2-6 p.m. Saturday, June 17. Cost is \$5. Contact Steve Anderson by e-mail at sparky39@prodigy.net visit their Web site at http://pages.prodigy.net/sparky39/borgess or write Steve Anderson, 11418 Arnold, Redford, MI 48239.

**BLOOMFIELD HILLS LANSER**  
Class of 1979  
March 4 at the Somerset Inn in Troy. (248) 366-9493, press #2 or by e-mail at reunionsmadeeasy@ameritech.net

Aug. 26 at the Novi Hilton Hotel in Novi. (248) 360-7004, press #5 or by e-mail at reunionsmadeeasy@ameritech.net

**CLARKSTON**  
Class of 1960  
A reunion is tentatively planned for August. (248) 627-4549, (248) 933-1670 or dlmiller@flash.net

**CLINTONDALE**  
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A reunion is planned for July. (810) 465-2388

**CRESTWOOD**  
Class of 1970  
Is planning a reunion. (313) 277-1316 or (248) 426-6888

**DEARBORN HIGH**  
Class of 1960  
A reunion is planned for Aug. 12

at Henry Ford Museum/Lovett Hall. Call David Gordon at (313) 278-7061 or e-mail dgordon@mich.com

**DENBY**  
Class of 1950  
Seeking alumni for June 25 reunion at Penna's of Sterling. Call (810) 773-3286 or (248) 585-2083

**DETROIT CENTRAL**  
Class of 1960  
A reunion is planned for April. (734) 464-1692

**DETROIT COOLEY**  
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A reunion is planned for April. (734) 464-1692

**DETROIT COOLEY**  
Class of 1980  
A reunion is in the planning

stage for the summer of 2000. If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information please call Shirley Lipscomb (313) 834-3010.

**DETROIT DENBY**  
Class of 1950  
A reunion is planned for June. (810) 773-4253, (248) 585-2083 or (810) 773-3286

**DETROIT FINNEY**  
Classes of 1970-72  
A reunion is planned for April 1. (313) 837-5880

**DETROIT IVES ELEMENTARY**  
Classes of 1953-55  
A reunion is tentatively planned for May. (810) 644-4106, (810) 791-6998, (906) 847-3535 or (810) 728-4875 after 6 p.m.

## SINGLES MINGLE

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

**SINGLE ADULT MINISTRIES**  
Talk It Over meets from 7:30-9:30 p.m. on the second Friday of the month in Knox Hall in Ward Church. Ministries Showcase 7:30 p.m. Single Parenting Ministry meets 7 p.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of the month in the parlor, room C317 and C319, at the church. A free meal is served before the meeting at 6:15 p.m. Speakers or open discussion in a friendly, supportive

and encouraging atmosphere. Free child care provided; Light-house Cafe, a coffeehouse setting, is offered 7-10 p.m. on the fourth Friday of the month in Knox Hall. The cost is \$5; all events provided by Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile Road, Northville. Call (248) 374-5920.

**SINGLES WELCOME**  
Bethany Suburban West is a Catholic organization which provides spiritual, social and support assistance to divorced or separated Christians. Call (734) 981-4553 about the divorce-recovery workshop. Monthly meetings are held the third Saturday of every month at 8 p.m. at St. Kenneth's Church, Haggerty Road (south of 5 Mile Road).

■ Tuesday's BSW goes to Thomas's Family Dining on Plymouth Road (east of Stark) at 7 p.m. on the first, third and fourth week of the month. The second Tuesday of the month the group meets at Vic's Family Diner at 7 p.m. for Birthday Night. (Vic's is one-half block north of Ford Road on Middlebelt). For information call (734) 981-4553.

■ Every Sunday, the singles organization offers breakfast at 10 a.m. at the Redford Inn on the northwest corner of 5 Mile and Beech Daly roads in Redford, followed by mass at 11:15 a.m. at St. Aidan's Catholic Church on Farmington Road in Livonia. Call (734) 729-1974.

**BYOS**  
Bring Your Own Sneakers ...

Saturday, March 18 at 8 p.m. at the Livonia Family YMCA. Join us for swimming, wallyball, volleyball, tennis or racquetball. The cost is \$6 for adults and \$2 for children 12 and under. For more information call the SPM office at (248) 374-5920.

**WESTSIDE SINGLES DANCE**  
Every Friday WestSide Singles hosts a dance at Burton Manor in Livonia (Schoolcraft west of Inkster Road) from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Must be over 21, and dressy attire (no jeans). Open to the public. A deejay will be playing Top 40 music and current hits. Appetizers will be served. Early admission special \$4 before 8:30 p.m. and \$6 after. For information please call (734) 981-0909.

**CITY OF PLYMOUTH**  
**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Plymouth and Dearborn Heights Housing Commissions will be accepting applications for the Section 8 Rental Assistance Program for **ONE DAY ONLY** on Friday, March 10th, 2000 between the hours of 8:30 am and 3:30 pm. If you are in need of rental assistance and can meet the requirements established by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) you are encouraged to apply even if you have applied with another agency. Federal regulations allow you to place your name on more than one waiting list.

Applications will be taken at a facility located at 22586 Ann Arbor Trail (the southeast corner of Ann Arbor Trail and Warren Rd.) Dearborn Heights, MI 48127. Further information may be obtained by phoning (734) 455-3670 and selecting Option 1.

**NOTE:** We will close promptly at 3:30 pm however, if you are in line at or before 3:30 pm, you will be allowed to continue the application process.

The Plymouth/Dearborn Heights Housing Commissions does business in accordance with the Federal Fair Housing Law.

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**ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**  
**FOR CLEANING AND CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION INSPECTION OF THE WTUA SANITARY SEWER INTERCEPTORS CONTRACT 4 "MIDDLE ROUGE VALLEY INTERCEPTOR"**

Western Townships Utilities Authority is seeking bids for sewer cleaning and closed circuit television inspection of the WTUA "Middle Rouge Valley" sanitary sewer interceptor.

Companies or individuals who desire a copy of the bid documents should contact:

Ms. Sandy Forrest  
Western Townships Utilities Authority  
40905 Joy Road, Canton, MI 48187  
(734) 453-2793

All submittals must be received by April 7, 2000 at 11:00 a.m., at the above address. A public opening of the bids will immediately follow the closing at the Middle Rouge offices located at 40905 Joy Road, Canton, Michigan.

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**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 persons 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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**George-Rensi**

Ron and Marilyn George of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Pamela Susan, to Michael Richard Rensi of Trenton.

The bride-to-be is a 1995 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and a 1999 graduate of the University of Michigan School of Nursing. She works at University Hospital in Ann Arbor as a registered nurse.

Her fiancé, son of Richard and Janet Rensi of Trenton, is a 1993 graduate of Trenton High School and a 1997 graduate of the University of Michigan School of Engineering. He works at Johnson Controls in Plymouth as an engineer.

A June wedding is planned at Mayflower Meeting House in



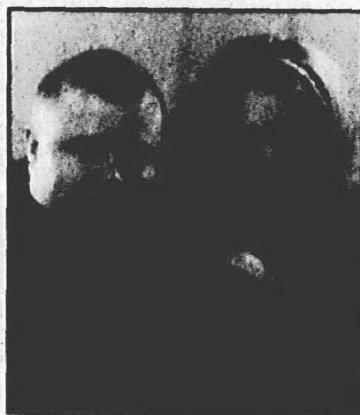
Plymouth. The couple will take a wedding trip to the Caribbean and Disney World. They will make their home in Canton.

**Lane-Wiebusch**

Charles Lane of Livonia and JoAnne French of Pinckney announce the engagement of their daughter, Sarah Alice Lane, to Jesse Lee Wiebusch.

The bride-to-be is a 1994 graduate of Livonia Churchill. She attended Schoolcraft College and is now attending Madonna University. She works at Phillips Service Ind.

Her fiancé, son of Roy and Janet Wiebusch of Brooklyn, Mich., is a 1990 graduate of Saline High School. He works for R&B Machine Tool Company.



A May wedding is planned at Trinity Lutheran in Saline.

**Majeske-LaBelle**

Bill and Connie Majeske of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Carol, to Brett LaBelle of Hamburg Township.

The bride-to-be is a 1989 graduate of Northwood University and works as a financial analyst in Ann Arbor.

Her fiancé is a 1992 Purdue University graduate and works as a quality control manager in Ann Arbor.

An August 2000 wedding is planned at Northridge Church in Plymouth.



**Starr-Coseo**

Cynthia Roberts announces the engagement of her daughter, Christine Marie Starr to Scott Michael Coseo of Brighton.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Cleary College and works for Whiteline Express.

Her fiancé, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Coseo and Mr. and Mrs. Ken Winkler of Canton, is a graduate of Cleary College and works for Lear Corporation.

A wedding date has not yet been set.



**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 pursuing his degree in biomedical science.



A May 27, 2000 wedding is planned at St. Richard's in Westland.

**Autemberge-Rich**

Erwin and Judy Autemberge of Macomb announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary Beth, to Brian Patrick Rich of Livonia.

The bride-to-be, a Grosse Pointe resident, is a 1990 graduate of Lutheran East High School, a 1994 graduate of Valpariso College, where she studied elementary education. She works at St. Peter's Lutheran School in East Point.

Her fiancé, son of Robert and Mary Rich, is a 1990 graduate of St. Agatha High School in Redford and a 1996 graduate of Schoolcraft College. She works as an O.R. nurse at Pontiac



Osteopathic Hospital. A July wedding is planned in Detroit.

**Zarosley-Haller**

Mr. and Mrs. John Zarosley of Howell announce the engagement of their daughter, Tara Anne, to Scott Haller of Brighton.

The bride-to-be will graduate from Northwood University in May.

Her fiancé, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey L. Haller of Brighton and formerly of Livonia, works for Ford Motor Company Vehicle Operations as a supervisor of assembly.

An October wedding is planned at St. Patrick's in



Brighton.

**Devers-Conant**

Georgia Conant of Westland and Tony Conant of Wixom announce the engagement of their son, Tony J. Conant to Shannon L. Devers. The couple resides in Portland, Oregon.

Tony J. Conant is a 1992 graduate of Madonna University. He received his master's degree from the University of Florida in 1995 and is employed at Intel Corporation as a management consultant.

Shannon L. Devers, the bride-to-be, is a 1992 graduate of the University of Central Florida. She received her master's degree from the University of Florida in 1995 and works as a Human Resources Representative for



Target Corporation. An April wedding is planned at St. Mary's Orthodox Church in Livonia.

**Marinos-Rosati**

Chris and Frances Marinos of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Nicole Alaina, to Carlo Paul Rosati.

The bride-to-be is a Ladywood High School graduate and an Oakland University graduate. She works as a mortgage loan consultant at Norwest Mortgage Co.

Her fiancé, son of Paul and Concetta Rosati of Rochester Hills, is a Rochester High School graduate who also attended Lawrence Technological Institute. He is the president of Rosati, Inc., an industrial and commercial masonry company.

A November wedding is planned at St. Nicholas Greek



Orthodox Church in Troy. A reception at The Athenium Hotel in Detroit will follow. The couple will reside in Macomb, Michigan.



General Dynamics Land Systems. A May wedding is planned at Saint Anne's Catholic Church, Mackinac Island.

**AMAZING feats**

**Karen and Michael Coleman** of Canton announce the birth of their daughter **Kalie Marie** born Feb. 10 at Oakwood Hospital - Annapolis Center. Kalie joins brother Michael Shaun. Grandparents are Robert and Josie Lemanski of Garden City and Richard and Karen Coleman of Belleville.

**Evonne Todd and Clyde William Dexter Jr.** of Canton announce the birth of their son **Anthony Lee** born Feb. 5 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center - Wayne. Grandparents are Ida and Bill Denton of Canton and Stacie and Jake Thomas of Westland. Great-grandparents are Richard and Yvonne Olmstead of Westland and Myrtle O'Brien of Wayne.

**Carol Jahnce and Joe Echols** of Garden City announce the birth of their daughter **Emily Marie Echols** born Feb. 5 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Grandparents are Chris Alman of Romulus and Ron and Lynn Jahnce of Ypsilanti.

**Andrew and Cara Marie Sherman** of Ypsilanti announce the birth of their son **Benjamin Anthony** born Dec. 17, 1999 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital - Ann Arbor. Grandparents are Larry and Janice Fontana of Plymouth and Pete and Margaret Sherman of Ypsilanti Township. Great-grandparents are Rose Ravetta of Livonia; Silvio and Frances Recinella of Livonia; John Dawson of Ypsilanti; Leonard and Betty Thomas of Ypsilanti; Harold and Marian Sherman of Ypsilanti. Great-grandmother is Ruth Sherman of Willis.

**Valerie Nicole Valentine and Gary Dean Gower II** of Detroit announce the birth of their son **Gary Dean Gower III** born Feb. 23 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Grandparents are Marguerite Gower of Detroit, Robin Gough of Detroit, Yvonne Godair of Westland and Julio Valentine of Detroit. Great-grandparents are James and Jane Godair of Detroit.

Please see **AMAZING, B7**

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# CALENDAR

## 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, 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 purchased at Gardenvues of Northville, the Penniman Deli in Plymouth and at Evola Music Center in Canton. For more information, call (248) 349-7110.

**FAMILY PROGRAM**  
 First Sundays at Two is a family oriented program designed for kids to learn and have fun at the same time. At 2 p.m. Sunday, March 5, at the Plymouth Historical Society retired Plymouth teacher Alice Brown will share the history and science of kites and kite flying. Also included in the afternoon will be a special kite exhibit by "Kites and Things" located on Main Street in Plymouth. Special discount coupons from the store will be given to each child who attends the program. Kite kits for coloring and making your own kite will be available for \$3 each. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$1 for students and \$7 per family. For more information, call (734) 455-8940.

**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.

**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

**BNI**  
 The Business Network International Club will hold their regular meeting from 7-8:30 a.m. Friday, March 3, for the Canton Chapter at The Summit, 4600 Summit Parkway, Canton Center Road and Palmer, Canton. For more information, call the BNI regional office at (810) 323-3800.

**BOOK SALE**  
 The League of Women Voters serving Canton, Northville, Plymouth, Redford, Wayne, Westland and Livonia is working to make this year's April Book Sale another successful fund-raising event. New batches of used books always are needed. The public is encouraged to donate used books by calling Esther Friedrichs at (734) 427-0222 or (734) 421-4420 by leaving a message with League of Women Voters. Hardcover and paperback books in different categories of nonfiction and fiction for all ages are accepted as well as recent magazines.

**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.

**BEANIE BABIES**  
 Try the "Beanie Baby, Pokemon Collectible Toy Show" held from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. Sunday, March 12, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, Plymouth. Cost is \$5 for adults and kids under 10 free. The show features collectible toys like Beanie Babies, Pokemon, Barbie, GI-Joe, Star Wars, Star Trek, Hot Wheels, NASCAR racing and sports collectibles. For more information or vendor information, call (734) 455-2110.

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

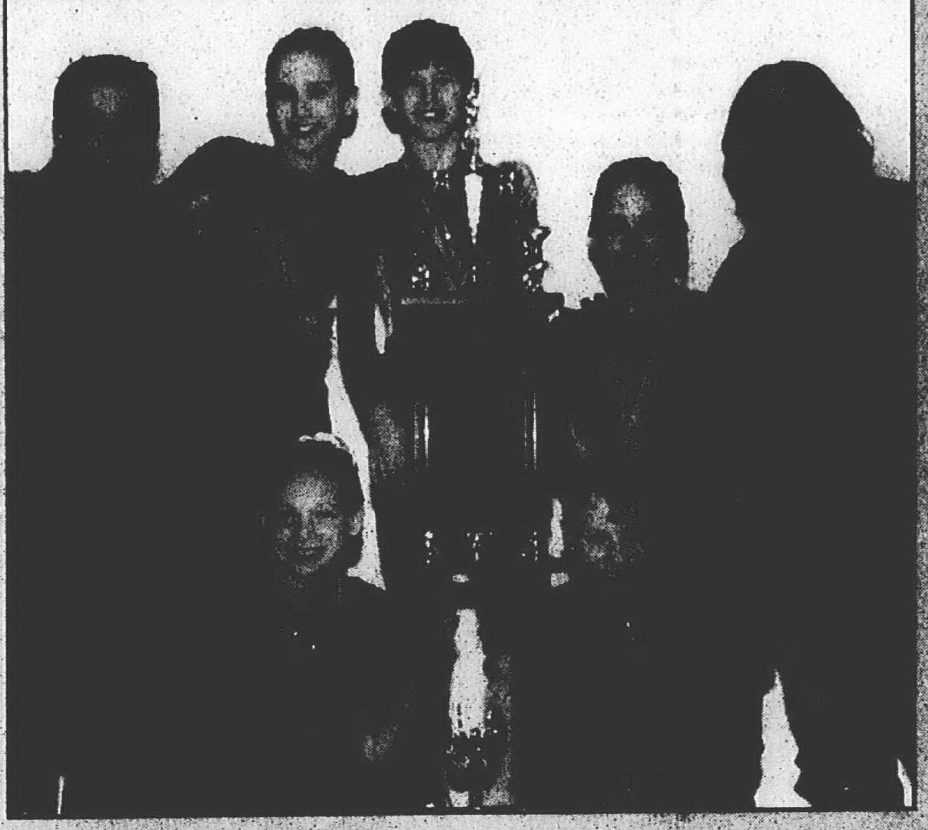
**BASIC DRAWING CLASS**  
 Beginning class will cover the uses of pencil, lithograph crayon, graphite, charcoal, pen and ink in still life, landscape and figure drawing. From 5:30-7 p.m., 10 weeks beginning March 2. Cost is \$150, plus small materials fee. At Charlotte Moore-Viculin Studio of Art, 887 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 Gullely 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 4 p.m. Saturday, March 4, at Little Book Shoppe on the Park, 380 S. Main, downtown Plymouth, and at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 7, at the Plymouth Coffee Bean, 884 Penniman, 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 imaginative songs 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

### Gymnastics greatness



**Cereal winners: The Sports Club of Novi Level 6 gymnastics team, which includes Plymouth gymnasts Chelsea Selden and Jacquelyn Williams and Nicole Roach of Canton, placed first in the sixth-annual Cereal City Classic meet Feb. 18-20 at Kellogg Arena in Battle Creek. More than 1,300 gymnasts representing 68 clubs from throughout the United States and Canada participated in the meet. Sports Club gymnasts scored 106.625 overall to win the meet. Coached by Shane Uson and Jen Quinlan, the team includes Emma Platt of Novi, Erica Schick of Livonia, Amanda Green of New Hudson and Sarah Ikhtani-Pour of Northville. The girls next compete in the Champion's Derby Classic meet March 10-12 in Louisville, Ky.**

note new day and location. Cherry Hill School is located 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 Starkweather Education Center, 500 N. Holbrook, Plymouth. Registration fee is \$75. Please register in advance. For more information or to register, call (734) 416-4901.

**MEETING**  
 Hands Across The Water, a licensed adoption agency, is holding a free information meeting from 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, March 9. Come and learn about the options available to you in international adoption. Hands Across The Water is located at 2300 Washtenaw, Ste. 103B, Ann Arbor. For more information or to register call, (734) 913-0831.

**SESSION**  
 The Princeton Review will sponsor a free strategy session seminar at 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 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**  
 Teens 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

**SISTER-TO-SISTER**  
 The Ann Arbor branch of the American Association of University Women is sponsoring its third annual "Sister-to-Sister" summit for girls in grades 6-8. The summit will allow girls to talk to girls about issues affecting their education and well being. The girls determine the topics that most concern them. The event is free and will be held from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Saturday, April 8, at Tappan Middle School. Registration is required by March 15 and is limited to 100 girls. Registration forms are available at area middle schools by calling Edith Gailliard at (734) 930-1632.

**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 9 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 Tues-

day 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 for details.

## 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 hosts ongoing grief support services for adults experiencing a loss through death. The meetings are held the third Wednesday of each month from 1-3 p.m. at the Plymouth office of CHHCS (127 S. Main Street). For information call (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 for information.

**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 address is www.oonline.com/~pnj/wssc.html

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.: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Women's History Month holds much significance in history



ROBERT JEFFERY

**WISE WORDS**  
**D**uring Women's History Month we can celebrate the significant progress women have made in the past century and look at what the record indicates for our future hopes.

■ What is the impetus behind women's progress?  
 ■ Where is it taking us?  
 ■ Should men be threatened by it?

Over the centuries women have been kept "in their place" by various theories that limited women's potential and were justified on the basis of some "law of nature."

Women journalists, for example, were often disparaged; even noted author Nathaniel Hawthorne wrote "I wish (all women) were forbidden to write

on pain of having their faces deeply scarified by an oyster shell."

The 19th century saw the beginning of a rebellion against such "laws" of limitation. It wasn't until 1841 that the first women were graduated from college in the U.S., the first woman doctor was only licensed in 1849; it was 1863 before the first woman was ordained by a denomination. These advances didn't occur because women were somehow genetically evolving, but because the abilities they already had were being revealed.

For instance, did you know that Eli Whitney had considerable help in the development of the cotton gin from a woman, Catherine Green, and that the McCormick Reaper did not work until a West Virginia woman invented the mounting for shears which made it a success? Clearly women have always had the capacity for invention, for rational and insightful thinking and so forth.

Today women take their place beside men in many professions. And just look at the world-class talent on display in women's sports like soccer and basketball!

What caused this overturning of the status quo that had been enforced for centuries? Some might attribute it to advancing technology that allowed women to escape from the drudgery of household chores. But human progress is not just a social phenomenon, nor the result of a random mutation; it is the plan of our Creator.

A prayerful reading of the Bible has led some spiritually minded thinkers to conceive of God, divine Spirit, as both our Father and Mother. (See Genesis 1:27) And the Bible plainly tells us that man was made in His/Her own image and likeness. So the real core of our identity is spiritual, not molecular. Progress is inevitable when people glimpse their spiritual identity. The Bible is a record of centuries of human progress stem-

ming from a growing understanding of the nature of God and His/Her impact in human lives.

### Important role

Women's active role in God's scheme of things is part of that record. The revolution in women's rights started when women - and men - began to better perceive themselves as subject only to God's laws.

One important 19th century reformer saw that rebelling against "laws" of limitation was not just for the benefit of women, but for all mankind. She recognized the importance of the spiritual account of creation in the first chapter of Genesis, which provides a basis for liberating everyone. She saw the practical effect in human affairs that comes from acknowledging God as our true source, and then letting God's qualities be expressed in our daily lives without regard to the general consensus con-

cerning gender roles. This frees women to express their natural intelligence, orderliness and courage, and frees men to express their inherent tenderness, poise and humility without fear of being less manly.

The reformer who pursued this line of emancipation is Mary Baker Eddy, and the book setting forth her ideas and their extraordinary results is "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures."

Human history can be fascinating and can teach us much. But the best way to progress is to know more of God's true nature, laws, and our relation to Him/Her. Science and Health makes the observation, "The true theory of the universe, including man, is not in material history but in spiritual development. Inspired thought relinquishes a material, sensual, and mortal theory of the universe, and adopts the spiritual and immortal."

Looking deeply into our God-like, spiritual nature will bring continued progress, with true honor and strength, usefulness and productivity, happiness and freedom, to all mankind. This is certainly worth celebrating not just for a month but forever!

Robert W. Jeffery graduated from M.I.T. and spent over 20 years in engineering. He resigned from his position as director of engineering for a major corporation to enter the full time ministry of Christian healing as a public Christian Science practitioner. In this capacity Bob has been available to help others through prayer to meet all types of human needs. For 14 years he traveled on five continents lecturing on the subject of spiritual healing and problem solving. He now directs the Christian Science Committee on Publication office for Michigan. He can be reached at micompub@aol.com

## Mary Kay fashion extravaganza to benefit women's cancer research

Ann Arbor area Mary Kay sales directors will present a fashion extravaganza to benefit women's cancer research Saturday, March 4, at the Sheraton in

Ann Arbor. Join area women for an elegant breakfast and fashion show. Half the proceeds raised from the event will go directly to

the Cancer Research Fund of the Mary Kay Ash Charitable Foundation - A Cure for Women's Cancers.

Highlights of the day include

fashions by Ann Taylor, Elizabeth's Boutique and OK2BEME designs by X. Zanne of Adrian (one-of-a-kind fashions). A special guest speaker from St.

Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor will make an appearance.

For tickets call Louise Karmen at (810) 227-3822. The event will be held in the new Michigan

Room at the Sheraton Inn, 3200 Boardwalk in Ann Arbor, from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Tickets are \$20.

### CRAFTS CALENDAR

If you would like to announce an upcoming craft show, bazaar, or arts boutique - items can be sent to: Crafts Calendar, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI, 48150 or e-mail kmortson@oe.homecomm.net

**CHURCHILL PTSA CRAFT SHOW**  
 Churchill High School PTSA is currently accepting applications for their 12th Annual Spring Craft Show which will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 11. We are located at 8900 Newburg Road, just north of Joy Road. \$1 admission. If you would like an application or information, please contact us at (734) 523-0022.

#### SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE CRAFTS

Crafters are being sought for the Spring Craft Show at Schoolcraft College Saturday, March 11. 150 crafters attract crowds of more than 2,000. The show is juried and a limited number of exhibitors are accepted in each category. All types of crafts are featured including pottery, jewelry, textiles, photography and more. For information and fees call (734) 462-4417.

**SCHOOLCRAFT CRAFT SHOW**  
 Premier area craft show set for March 11 at Schoolcraft College. Perhaps you need stained glass stepping stones for your garden, copper lawn ornaments, nautical furniture or a birdfeeder for the backyard. You can find all of these and more among the 150

crafters who will be on hand in the Physical Education Building between 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Profits from the show help fund student scholarships. The wide variety of items range from upholstered foot stools, to stuffed and dressed bunny toys to wacky women pins. Perhaps an original etching, a Faberge egg made from ostrich egg shells or a cedar rocking chair will fill that empty spot in your house perfectly, or you need hand embroidered clothing for the new baby in the family. For the more whimsical at heart, consider a wooden cat scratcher, a lightspinner, a spun glass angel or a soft cloth doll. Refreshments will be available, there will be hourly raffles for prizes and the parking is free.

Admission is \$1.50 for adults and children 12 years and older, and 50 cents for children five to 12 years old. Children under five are admitted free. Call (734) 462-4417.

**ST. JOHNS' ARTS/CRAFT SALE**  
 St. Johns' Episcopal Church in Westland is hosting an arts and crafts sale from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 25 at the church (555 S. Wayne Road). Vendors are needed. To reserve a table call (734) 729-1605. Hot dogs, chips, pop, etc. will be sold.

**DEARBORN EXTRAVAGANZA**  
 Dearborn High School (19501 Outer Drive) hosts an Arts & Crafts Extravaganza - Spring

2000 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 25. Applications and/or information call (313) 561-0402. This event is sponsored by the Band Aid Booster Club and proceeds will support the DHS marching band, flag corps, orchestra and jazz band. Admission is \$1 for person 12 and older. Ample free parking is available and food will be sold.

**GARDEN GALA CRAFT SHOW**  
 Crafters are needed who specialize in yard and garden related crafts for the first "Garden Gala," May 20, at Memorial Elementary School in Garden City. If you are interested in participating call Rhonda, (734) 762-

0183.  
**CHELSEA SUMMER FEST**  
 Applications are currently being sought for arts and crafts vendors at the Chelsea Summer Fest, July 28 and 29. Booth hours are Friday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. If you are interested in obtaining a booth, contact Penny (734) 433-0354 or send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 580, Chelsea, MI 48118.

## Local bands featured 'Live'

The third annual "Friday Night Live" coffeehouse takes over the gymnasium at Memorial Church of Christ on Friday, March 17 showcasing the talents of four local bands that combine music with ministry.

Acts scheduled to perform include Son of Adam, Sanctus Real, Code Bloom and Keri Noble.

Son of Adam is a five-piece alternative rock group made up of members from Livonia and metro Detroit while Sanctus

■ 'Besides complimentary coffee in a variety of flavors and styles, the coffeehouse will offer soda drinks and snacks.'

Real hails from Toledo.

Code Bloom features Brian and Health Buddenberg and Dave McConnell, all from Garden City. They have released two CDs and been featured on a number of college radio stations. Keri Noble, who performs a softer sound, is from Dearborn Heights.

Besides complimentary coffee in a variety of flavors and styles, the coffeehouse will offer soda drinks and snacks. Pizza will be available at 50 cents per slice and orders will be taken at the door.


The event is open to all ages with doors opening at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$7 at the door or \$4 in advance. Send an e-mail to mbolen@mediaone.net or check out the Web site at memorialchurchofchrist.org/coffeehouse for advance ticket information.

Memorial Church of Christ is located in Livonia at 35475 Five Mile Road. For further information call (734) 674-5697 or the church at 464-6722.



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Buy and swap toys and trains from noon to 4 p.m. March 5 at SS. Simon and Jude Church located at 32500 Palmer Road in Westland. To register for tables, phone Norm at (734) 595-8327 between 5 and 11 p.m. Preregistered tables are \$12; tables at the door if available are \$20. Admission is \$2 per person or \$4 per family.

**ST. PAT'S DANCE/AUCTION**  
Community Hospice & Home Care Services, Inc. will host their 8th annual St. Patrick's

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**MOM 2 MOM SALE**  
A mom to mom sale will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, March 18 at Sacred Heart Church Activities Center (29125 W. Six Mile Road) on Six Mile just east of Middlebelt. Children's clothes (newborn and up); maternity; toys, and baby furni-

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St. Agatha will hold Vegas Nights from 7 p.m. to midnight Friday March 31 and Saturday, April 1 at 19750 Beech Daly Road in Redford. Free admission. Black Jack, craps, roulette, big wheel, and 50/50 raffle. Food and bar. For more information call (313) 531-0371.

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Mom to Mom Sale at Newburg United Methodist Church from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. April 29. Hot dogs, drink, bake sale and clown with free face painting. Rent 8 foot tables (racks also available). Free childcare for table rents and free lunch ticket for table renters. Call the church at 422-0149 or Vicki at (734) 513-0167.

**SPRING RUMMAGE SALE**  
Mark your calendars May 5 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and May 6 from 9 a.m. to noon in the Spring Rummage Sale at Newburg United Methodist Church (36500

Ann Arbor Trail) in Livonia. Call 422-0149 for information.

**MOM 2 MOM SALE**  
Spring is just around the corner and so is the St. Edith/St. Kenneth's MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) Mom's Sale. Rent a table at the sale and turn your child/children's gently used items into cash. The sale will be held at St. Edith's Parish Hall from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 13. St. Edith is located just south of Five Mile on Newburgh Road. Call Karen to reserve a table (734) 266-6182.

Amazing from page B3

Victoria and Scott Maki of Canton announce the birth of their son **Jacob Scott** born Aug. 5, 1999 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Grandparents are Dennis and Carol Pagnano of Wayne; Gary and Mary Jo Maki of Westland; and Monty and Susan Lewis of Westland. Great-grandparents are Bernice Maki.

James H. Fielhauer III and Jennifer Lynn Stafiej of Westland announce the birth of **Kody James Stafiej** Jan. 3 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Kody joins sister Kalei Elizabeth Stafiej, 2. Grandparents are James Fielhauer of Ypsilanti, Patricia Fielhauer of Trenton, Mike Stafiej of Garden City and Kathleen Stafiej of Westland.

Tim and Danita Ouellette of Westland announce the birth of **Theresa Marie** Jan. 21 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. She joins brother Timmy Jr., 8. Grandparents are Mary and Paul Ouellette of Westland and Diania and Gary Ritchie of Garden City.

Gary E. Hoover Jr. and Erica M. Saren of Taylor announce the birth of **Ashley Helan Ann Hoover** Jan. 22 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. She joins sister MacKayla Paige, 18 months. Grandparents are Colleen Brazil of Taylor, Gary Hoover of Willis and Bill Saren and Nora Hoover of Melvindale.

Bret and Tammy Konol of Plymouth announce the birth of **April Madelynn Mae** Jan. 22 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. She joins sister Natalie, 12. Grandparents are Doris Konol of Livonia and Judy and Gale Stites of Traverse City.

Hesham Moustafa and Lori Wilamowski of Dearborn announce the birth of **Alex James Moustafa** Jan. 22 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Grandparents are James and Diane Ralls and Mohamed and Almaza Moustafa of Dearborn.

Joe and Kim Schema of Garden City announce the birth of their son, **Jordan Michael** Jan. 22 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. He joins sister Samantha, 7. Grandparents are Gregory Wright of Canton, John and Pat Schema of Sterling Heights and Kevin and Beverly Melas of Tampa, Fla.

William George Stapleton and Lori Kay Talis of Garden City announce the birth of their son, **Jeffrey Adam** Jan. 24 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. He joins siblings Billy, 20, Jenny, 16, Jennifer, 16, Sarah, 13, George, 8, Melissa, 8 and Lindsay, 7. Grandparents are Ann Stapleton of Garden City and Bill and Joan Oliver of Westland.

Dwight Barton and Lisa Vincent of Royal Oak announce the birth of their daughter, **Sarah Briana Barton** Jan. 27 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Grandparents are John and Kathy Vincent.

Dave Adkins and Renee Truax of Westland announce the birth of their daughter, **Halee Ann Adkins** Jan. 27 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. She joins sisters Nicolette Vertin, 8 and Courtney Toms, 3. Grandparents are Nancy Adkins of Westland and Verna Paine of Southfield.

Brendan and Sarah Holmes of Inkster announce the birth of their son, **Zachary J.** born Jan. 31 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. He joins brothers Anthony, 4 and Nathan, 2. Grandparents are Steve and Laura Penny and Ralph and Pat Holmes, all of Farmington Hills.

Charlie Fee and Lisa Harris of Wayne announce the birth of their daughter, **Jordyn Lorraine Fee** Feb. 2 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Grandparents are Danny and Lorraine Harris of Garden City and Chuck Fee Sr. of Wayne.

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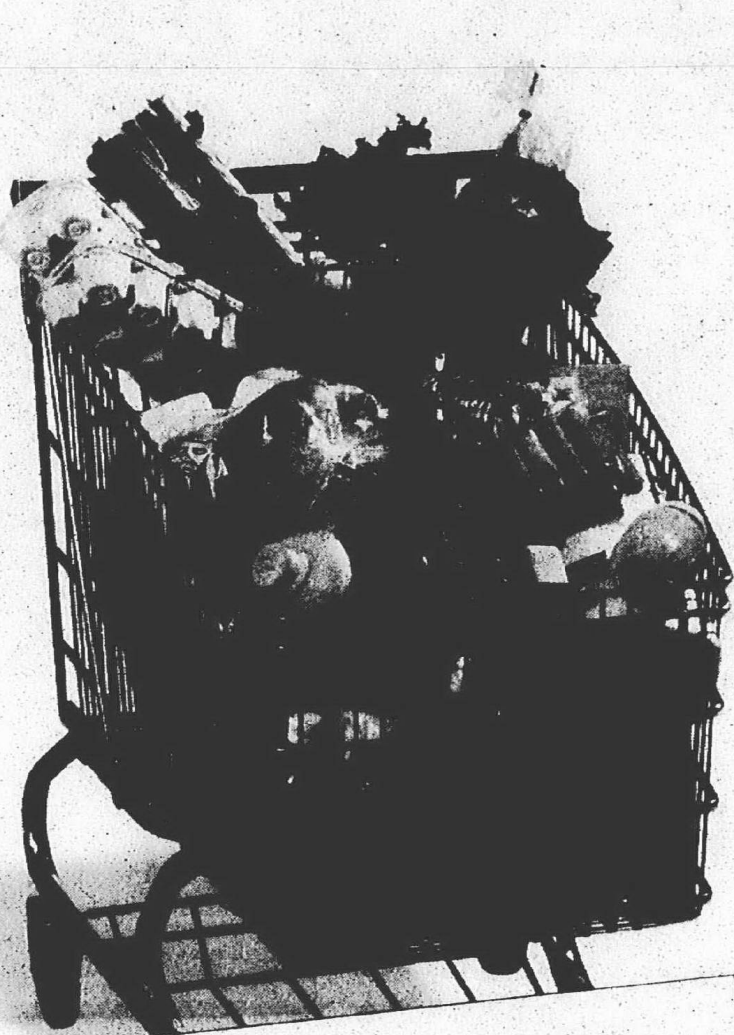
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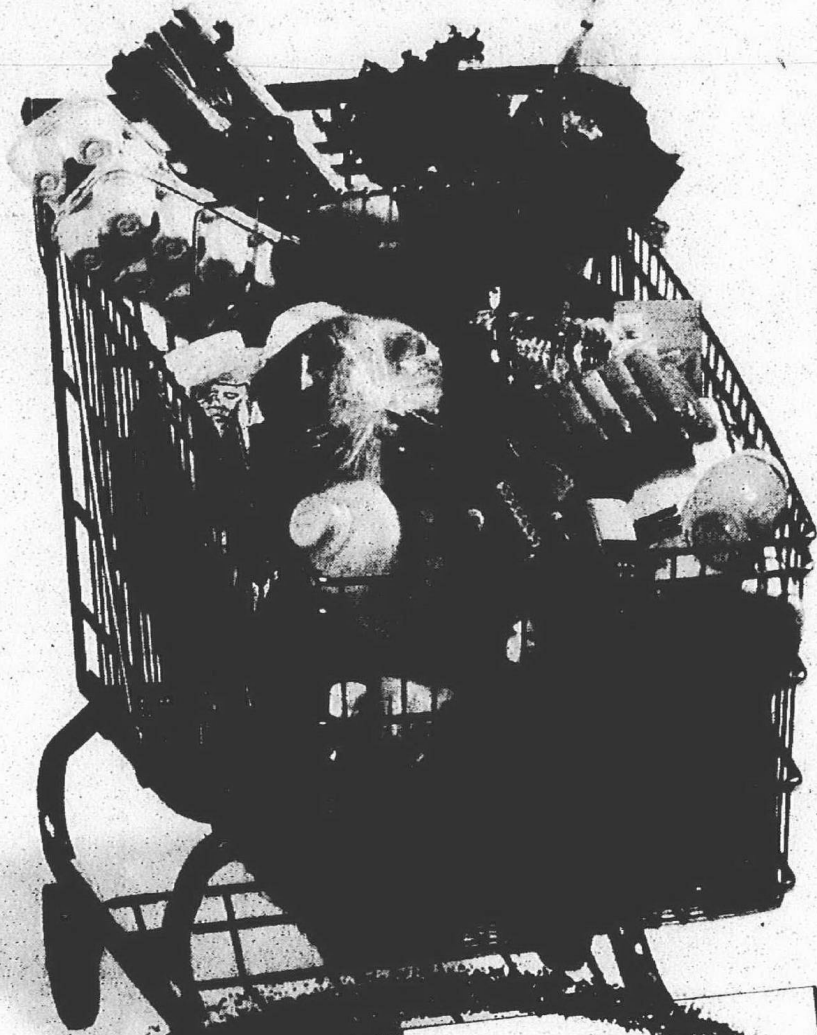
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## OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

### Top gymnast

Meghan Barida, from Canton, placed first in two of four events and earned the all-around championship at the Buckeye Classic Feb. 18-20 in Columbus, Ohio.

Barida, a 10-year-old competing in Level 7, won the uneven parallel bars (9.40) and the floor exercise (9.25); she placed second in balance beam (9.05) and totaled 36.35 in the all-around, the top total. In vault, Barida scored an 8.65.

The Buckeye classic is one of the largest invitational meets held in the country with over 2,200 participants. Barida competes for Splitz Gymnastics, located in Canton.

### Basketball champs

West Middle School's girls basketball team defeated Central Middle School 13-10 to capture the Division B championship. West's B team finished the season with a perfect 8-0 record.

Team members are Jane DeWitt, Lauren Boothroyd, Mandy East, Nicole Hardy, Andrea Johnson, Allison Kropp, Anna Quinn, Kelli Schilk, Alice Maples and Samantha Ryder. The team is coached by Bob Blohm.

### Booster club meeting

The Canton Chiefs Football Booster Club will have its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Wednesday in Room 165 of Plymouth Canton HS.

All parents of Canton football players — including parents of freshmen-to-be football players — are encouraged to attend. If you have any questions, call Dan Murphy at (734) 416-8117.

## Late Rock rally can't stop North

BY DAN O'MEARA  
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Phil Watha has never been shy about shooting the three-point shot, and the same can be said of teammate Brian Shulman following his performance Wednesday.

The senior guards made eight of their team's 10 triples to lead North Farmington to the Western Lakes Activities Association tournament championship in boys basketball with a 67-61 victory over Plymouth Salem.

Watha and Shulman combined for 43 points in the Livonia Churchill gym and more than offset a 30-point effort by Salem senior center Matt McCaffrey, who made 11 of 15 floor shots and eight of 11 free throws.

Their perimeter scoring was especially timely since the Rocks double teamed North center Emir Medunjanin and the Raiders (15-5) were minus injured post player Adrian Bridges.

Shulman made five triples and Watha three; however, Watha finished with 26 points to lead North while Shulman ended up with 17.

"It's hard to defend the three and defend Emir inside, too," Salem coach Bob Brodie said. "We knew Watha could shoot the ball, but Shulman hurt us."

"It just kinda happened," North coach Tom Negoshian said. "They took Emir away, and Shulman and Watha know they have the green light any time their feet are set."

"If they're going to collapse on Emir and without Adrian, basically, we were four out and one in offensively; so it wasn't that big a surprise."

Shulman and Watha made early threes for the Raiders, who then went into a first-half shooting slump while the Rocks went on an 11-0 run for a 13-6 lead.

Salem held the momentum and the lead for much of the first half. North was 4-of-17 shooting in the first quarter, missing seven threes.

"We were way too quick on offense," Negoshian said. "It was the same thing on defense. Everyone wanted to steal the first pass."

"Part of it was we hit our first two threes, and we thought everything was going to go in. We talked about how good we're supposed to be defensively, and then we stepped it up."

The Raiders scored the last eight points of the half (five by Watha) to take a 27-21 as the Rocks went 1-of-8 from the floor in the second quarter.

"We were in control early, and then we started shooting real quick for some reason," Brodie said. "It was like we wanted to go for the jugular and we couldn't knock them down."

"Then they were coming down and scoring. It's a long night if you're not making (North) play some defense at the other end."

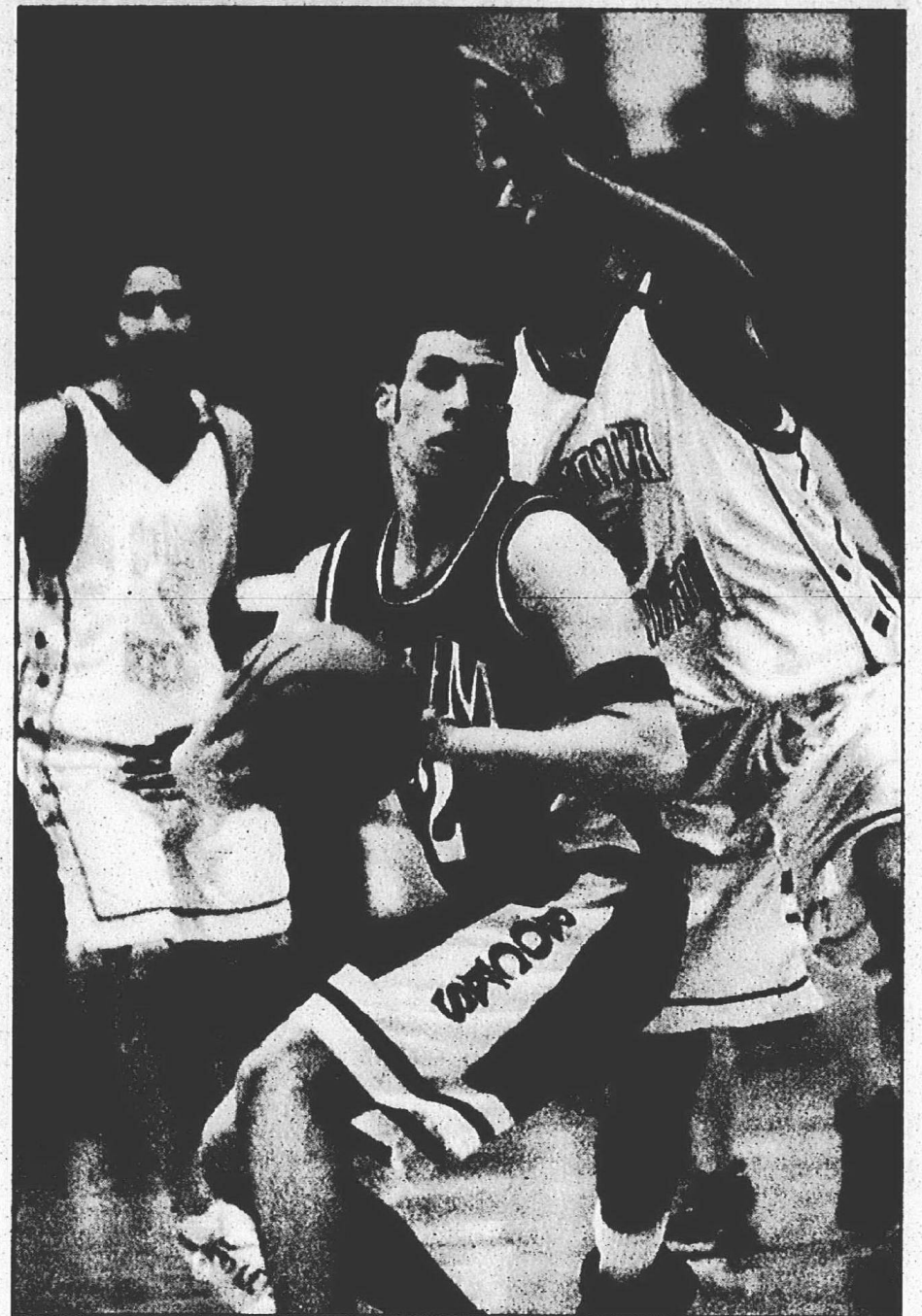
Shulman had 11 points on three triples and two free throws in the third quarter. Mike Patterson had the second of his two threes and Watha sank his third as North outscored Salem 23-16 and took charge of the game, leading 50-37 at the end.

"I think we swung the ball a little better in the second half, and we didn't rush our shots as much," Watha said. "We try to get the ball in the post to Emir, but when they collapse on him that gives us open shots."

Medunjanin worked his way open to score nine of his 14 points in the fourth quarter, boosting the North lead to 57-40 in the first half of the period.

But just when the Raiders appeared on the verge of a blowout win, the Rocks (11-9) came charging back.

Salem's Ryan Cook, who made four threes, scored all 14 of his points in the



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

All bottled up: Salem's Jeff Haar (with ball) looks for someone to pass to with North's Phil Watha (right) and Brian Shulman closing in during Wednesday's WLAA championship game.

second half, and McCaffrey had 11 in the fourth quarter. The Rocks, who outscored the Raiders 21-10 over the final half of the fourth quarter, closed to 61-56 with Please see WLAA TITLE GAME, C5

## 8 and counting

### Rocks gain another WLAA title

BY C.J. RISAK  
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It comes as no surprise that Plymouth Salem emerged on top at last Saturday's Western Lakes Activities Association Swimming and Diving Championships, which the Rocks hosted.

And it's even less of a surprise that they did it while winning just one event.

"I told you it's going to be a close meet," said Salem coach Chuck Olson, whose Rocks won their eighth-straight championship. "Yes, we were supposed to win, and that's what we did."

### SWIMMING

"As I recall, it doesn't have anything on any of these banners that says the score."

In other words, the victory was a bit of a nail-biter. Salem totaled 518.5 points; second-place Livonia Stevenson had 490, and third-place North Farmington netted 426 (see statistical summary).

"It wouldn't have taken much for me to be trying to explain to you what went wrong," Olson said.

What went right for Salem? Out of 36 entries, 33 of them scored points.

That was the difference for the Rocks.

"It was fun," Olson added, "but nerve-racking as well."

North and Stevenson were the top-runners in this meet; the Raiders got wins in five events, while the Spartans had four first-place finishes.

North's Brandon Digia and Stevenson's Joe Bublitz each won two individual events. Digia's came in the 200-yard

Please see WLAA SWIMMING, C2

## Canton can't keep pace with revved-up Churchill

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Unscheduled three-week layoffs can do one of two things to athletic teams: bless them with rest, or curse them with rust.

Consider the Livonia Churchill hockey team blessed.

The Chargers, who had been idle since their controversy-marred game against Livonia Stevenson Feb. 4, opened the state tournament Tuesday night with a convincing 6-0 victory over Plymouth Canton. The win earned Churchill (15-9-2) a spot in tonight's regional semi-final game against Ann Arbor Pioneer.

The only rust on the Dearborn Ice Skating Center surface Tuesday could be found on the Zamboni that smoothed the ice between periods. The Chargers played liked the well-oiled machine that had engineered a 14-5-2 record before their season was brought to a screeching halt following the post-game brawl with Stevenson on Feb. 4.

Canton's inaugural season ended with an 11-10-2 mark.



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HUBSCHMANN

The stopper: Canton goalie Brad Arsznov deflects this Churchill shot wide, something he was called upon to do often in Tuesday state regional game.

"During the time we were off, the kids practiced hard every day and they did everything they were told to do, including five hours of community service." Please see CANTON HOCKEY, C5

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# Whalers extend win streak to 12



Sixty minutes of playing time on the ice, but it only took 20 seconds of that to make the difference for the Plymouth Whalers.

Who, by the way, remain the hottest thing on skates — at least in the Ontario Hockey League. The Whalers collected their 12th-straight victory Sunday by scoring twice in 20 seconds of the third period, beating the host Windsor Spitfires 3-2.

Combined with Saturday's 6-1 trouncing of the Spits at Compuware Arena, the Whalers improved their West Division-leading record to 38-17-4; their 81 points is second in the OHL only to Ottawa's 88.

Plymouth has now won 12-straight; indeed, the Whalers went through the entire month of February without a loss. Since mid-January, they have won 15-of-16 games, with only a 2-1 loss at Ottawa Jan. 29 to mar their record.

On Sunday, a power-play goal by

Windsor's Jeff Martin gave the Spits a 2-1 lead with 10:30 left in the second period.

The Whalers overcame that at 4:26 of the third, when Tomas Kurka notched his 31st goal of the season to tie it at 2-2. Justin Williams assisted.

Twenty seconds later, Andre Robichaud made his second goal of the season a game-winner; it was unassisted. Windsor could not get the equalizer after that against a tough Whaler defense, anchored by Rob Zepp in goal. Zepp stopped 26 of 28 shots.

Ryan Aschaber was in goal for Windsor, saving 20 of 23 shots.

The Spitfires opened the scoring, getting a goal from Ryan Courtney 10:39 into the opening period. The Whalers knotted it at 14:19 of the first when Shaun Fisher scored on the power play, assisted by Kurka.

On Saturday at Compuware, Eric Goody scored two goals and assisted on two others to lead the Whalers to victory. Goody has nine goals and 35 points for the season.

Stephen Morris also scored twice for

the Whalers, with Williams and Kurka also getting goals. Damian Surma added three assists, and Kris Vernarsky and Libor Ustrnjal each contributed two assists apiece.

Zepp made 23 saves in earning the win. Mike Leighton had 22 saves in the Windsor net.

## Ambassadors win shootout

Goals by Dan Knapp and D.J. Vogt in the extra session boosted the Compuware Ambassadors to a 3-2 win over the Cleveland Barons last Wednesday (Feb. 23) at Compuware Arena.

It was the ninth win in 10 games for Compuware, which leads the Eastern Division in the North American Hockey League. On Feb. 25, the Ambassadors lost to the Soo Kewadin Casino Indians 2-1 in overtime.

On Feb. 26, the Ambassadors avenged their loss to the Indians with a 3-0 win. Mark Cannon scored two goals and Craig Kowalski stopped 30 shots for Compuware in earning his fourth shutout of the season.

The Ambassadors game against the

Grand Rapids Rockets, scheduled for Sunday, has been relocated to Compuware Arena. Game time is 2 p.m.

The Rockets membership in the NAHL is currently for sale. Larry Clark, owner of The Summit in Lansing, has had two other Rockets' games re-scheduled to be played there in an attempt to gauge interest in the team.

## Goalie of the Month

Ambassadors' goalie Craig Kowalski was named NAHL Goalie of the Month after stopping 92 of 96 shots (.958 save percentage) in regulation play in three games, posting a 2-1 record. His 3-0 blanking of the Soo Kewadin Casino Indians last Saturday was his fourth shutout of the season.

For the season, Kowalski — who will attend Northern Michigan University in the fall — has posted a 26-10-3 record with a 2.41 goals-against average and a .922 save percentage in a league-high 40 appearances. It was the second time he was the NAHL's Goalie of the Month.

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE STANDINGS				
(Through Feb. 27)				
<b>East Division</b>	W	L	T	Pts.
Ottawa 67's	42	14	3	88
Belleville Bulls	38	17	2	78
Kingston Frontenacs	34	19	5	73
Peterborough Petes	27	26	6	60
Oshawa Generals	27	28	4	58
<b>Central Division</b>	W	L	T	Pts.
Barrie Colts	36	17	5	78
Sudbury Wolves	31	22	5	68
North Bay Centennials	22	30	6	52
Toronto St. M. Majors	15	42	3	35
Miss. Ice Dogs	7	50	1	17
<b>West Division</b>	W	L	T	Pts.
Plymouth Whalers	38	17	4	81
SSM Greyhounds	31	24	6	73
Sarnia Sting	31	23	7	69
Windsor Spitfires	30	27	2	63
London Knights	18	32	7	45
<b>Midwest Division</b>	W	L	T	Pts.
Kitchener Rangers	26	28	4	50
Erie Otters	27	30	2	59
Brampton Battalion	23	29	7	57
Guelph Storm	25	30	3	54
Owen Sound Platers	18	36	5	46

## Falling short

### Rocks fall to Franklin; Vikes win

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It supposed to be Livonia Franklin's day in the sun, but Walled Lake Central stole the limelight by capturing the Western Lakes Activities Association girls volleyball championship at Northville.

The Vikings, who entered Saturday's tournament as the No. 2 seed behind top-seeded Franklin, dropped the opening game of their semifinal match with Livonia Stevenson, but rallied for a 10-15, 15-11, 15-8 victory.

Central then met Franklin in the championship match and emerged with a 15-13, 15-4 triumph.

"We played very well on Saturday, these kids just don't give up," Central coach Mike Lindstrom said. "We dropped the first game to Stevenson in the semifinals and I think they realized that this was it and they came back and played well the rest of the way."

"It was a warm day and it was warm in the gym, but I think our depth and balance helped us in the long run."

Franklin (42-7-2) was trying to avenge its only WLAAs loss of the season on Feb. 21 to Central, but the Patriots had to play an extra match after tying Stevenson in pool play.

In the quarterfinals, the Patriots whipped Plymouth Salem, the only team to beat Central in the WLAAs this season, 15-4, 15-8. Franklin and then downed Livonia Churchill in the semifinals, 15-7, 15-4.

But Franklin could not sustain its momentum against the Vikings.

"It was a combination of physical and mental fatigue," Franklin coach Mary Helen Diegel said. "Temperatures were high and we started to lose focus."

"It was a little frustrating because of ran out of energy at the end. It was disappointing to end on that note, but I thought our players played well throughout the day. It was just one

WLAAs GIRLS VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT RESULTS	
Feb. 26 at Northville	
Championship Final: Walled Lake Central defeated Livonia Franklin, 15-13, 15-4.	
Semifinals: W.L. Central def. Livonia Stevenson, 10-15, 15-11, 15-8; Franklin def. Livonia Churchill, 15-7, 15-4.	
Elimination round: Franklin def. Plymouth Salem, 15-4, 15-8; Central def. Northville, 15-6, 15-13.	
<b>POOL PLAY RECORDS</b>	
Pool A: 1. (tie) Stevenson and Franklin, 5-1 each; 3. Westland John Glenn, 2-4; 4. North Farmington, 0-6.	
Pool B: 1. (tie) Churchill and W.L. Central, 5-1 each; 3. Plymouth Canton, 2-4; 4. Walled Lake Western, 0-6.	
Pool C: 1. Salem, 6-0; 2. Northville, 4-2; 3. (tie) Farmington and Farmington Hills Harrison, 1-5 each.	

match too long."

Central posted a 5-1 record in pool play, splitting only with Livonia Churchill (9-15, 18-16). The Vikings also stopped Northville in the quarterfinals by scores of 15-13, 15-4.

Central had a number of players make noteworthy contributions led by senior setter Colleen Saldana, who served 34-of-36 and recorded 113 assists and 30 digs.

Senior outside hitter Christina Tudor went 105-of-122 attacking with 59 kills and 24 blocks, while junior middle blocker Heather Lippert collected 41 kills and 34 blocks. Senior outside hitter Kelly Henzie served 65-of-66 with five aces and added 57 digs and 46 kills.

Senior Andrea Kmet was Franklin's top attacker with 45 kills. She also had nine aces serves. Senior Tera Morrill added 30 kills, 14 aces and 30 digs, while junior Kerstin Marshall was 38-for-38 on attacks with 20 kills. Senior setter Lyndsay Sopko had 104 assist-to-kills and 31 digs, while senior Alexis Bowman contributed 29 digs.

Stevenson (30-13-2 overall) made a strong case going into Friday's Class A district at Franklin.

The Spartans split with the Patriots, 8-15, 15-9, in pool play.

"We definitely made progress and played more like the way we're capable of playing," Stevenson coach Kelly Graham said. "This time we didn't back down and didn't give up against Franklin."

Stevenson was on the verge of eliminating Central in the semifinals, but couldn't hold a slim second-game lead.

"We beat ourselves," Graham said. "The second game we made mental mistakes, and some hitting and serving errors."

Senior Kate LeBlanc led Stevenson with 36 kills, 10 solo blocks and 12 aces on the day.

Other Spartan contributors included junior setter Kelley Hutchins, who was 43-for-43 serving with 67 assists; Carly Wadsworth, 19 kills, seven aces and 29 digs; Cassie Ehldent, 11 kills; Katie Drews, seven kills and three solo blocks; Julie Pfeifer, 28 digs; Christine Matheson, 22 digs; and Megan Urbats, 17 digs.

Churchill (25-13-3), another a semifinalist, was led by sophomore Sheila Gillies (22 kills), Amy Cadovich (19 kills), Shannon Munn (18 kills) and Meagan Sheehan (13 kills).

Munn and Sheehan combined to serve 13 points against Central in a pool play match.

Setters Colleen Guadiola and Kristin Leszczynski also stood out for the Chargers, according to coach Mike Hughes.

Salem, undefeated in Pool C after carving up Farmington Hills Harrison (15-7, 15-1), Farmington (15-4, 15-3) and Northville (15-11, 15-11), fell flat against Franklin for the third time this season.

The Rocks, now 39-11-1 overall, were led by Amanda Suder's team-high 37 kills and 30 digs.

Other Rock standouts on the day included Denise Philips (27 kills), Mary Lou Liebau (13 kills), Kelly Jaskot (team-high 36 digs), Michelle Ginther (32 digs) and setter Jill Dombrowski (81 assists).

## 3 Rocks state-bound

The season isn't over yet, at least for three Plymouth Salem wrestlers.

Ron Thompson, Rob Ash and Josh Henderson all qualified for the Division I individual state finals, scheduled for March 9-11 at Joe Louis Arena.

Thompson, wrestling at 119 pounds, reached the championship match at Saturday's Temperance Bedford Regional, then lost to Novi's Dan Jilg 8-1. Thompson will take a 46-6 record to the state final; Jilg is 43-2.

Ash was beaten in the consolation final at 125 by former Salem wrestler John Mervyn (now at Livonia Franklin) by a 13-5 score. Mervyn, now 31-1, finished third; Ash, 42-6 overall, ended up fourth.

Henderson went overtime against Mike Kudra of Dearborn in the 140-pound consolation final, and Henderson emerged with the victory by an 8-6 margin. That gave Henderson, 43-9 overall, third place; Kudra, 37-8, was fourth.

Two other Rocks and both Plymouth Canton qualifiers failed to finish in the top four. Salem's Mike Popeney, wrestling at 189, and Steve Dendrinis, wrestling at 135, came up just short; Popeney finished his four-year varsity career with 111 wins, while Dendrinis totaled 51 wins in two varsity seasons.

Canton's Kyle Pitt, competing at 103 pounds, and John Pocock, competing at 140, also failed to

## WRESTLING

make the regional's 'Final Four.' Both finished the season with 38 mat wins; Pocock had 105 wins in his career.

"John and Kyle have a lot to be proud of," said Canton coach John Demisick. "Often, we focus on how one does at the end of the year in measuring one's success. The truth is, it's what we've become, what we've made of ourselves in the journey that really matters."

Demisick also had high praise for Salem's Henderson, who has battled Pocock all season long.

"I'm very proud of Josh Henderson for his placing third at regionals," Demisick said. "He's an excellent wrestler, with a lot of admirable character as a person. I know he and John (Pocock) would like to have gone together to the state meet. I hope Josh places high there."

"I'm also proud of the Salem and Canton wrestlers for how they root for one another when we're not competing against one another. It's great to see."

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# Bear-ly possible

## Mott holds off Ocelots to claim state crown

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One big play, one ordinary basket, one critical possession — that's all that separated Schoolcraft and Flint Mott CC in Saturday night's Michigan Community College Athletic Association championship game.

"This time it was Mott that got to cut down the nets, squeezing out a heart-stopping 88-87 homecourt victory over the defending state champion Ocelots.

Mott, which won the season series against SC two games to one and raised its overall season record to 25-4, moves on to the NJCAA-Division II region tourney at Owens Tech in Toledo, Ohio.

SC, 24-6, got saddled Tuesday night with the NJCAA's 10th-ranked team in Division I, 26-4 Vincennes (Ind.). See related story.

"This is going to be tough to deal with when you're one point away from your goal," said SC third-year coach Carlos Briggs, who guided the Ocelots to their first-ever outright MCCA-Eastern Conference championship this season, breaking Mott's five-year stranglehold. "But we always play hard and we were mentally strong in a tough environment. We just didn't close the game."

SC fell behind by 14 early in the first half as Mott made 12 straight shots after missing

### STATE FINAL

its initial attempt of the game.

The host Bears, playing before a near-capacity and highly partisan crowd, shot 72 percent in the opening half (18 of 25), but found themselves tied at 49-all.

"Mott came out strong and shot a great percentage," Briggs said. "We took their best shot early and weathered the storm."

"Our kids showed poise and patience when we took the lead."

Even with starting point-guard Brian Williams (Wayne Memorial) banished to the bench with his fifth personal foul with 11:15 to go in the second half, Schoolcraft overhauled the Bears and took a nine-point lead, 80-71, on a twisting 35-foot three-pointer by swingman Lamar Bigby, with 7:26 remaining.

The Ocelots led 83-75 with 5:17 to go on another three-pointer by the 6-foot-5 Bigby, who led all scorers with 24 points.

But SC went cold down the stretch, making just two more shots and turning the ball over on three critical possessions.

Schoolcraft led still 87-84 on Mike Williams' hoop with 1:44 to play, but Mott stormed back to go ahead by one, 88-87, when Gary Solomon converted a three-point

play with just under a minute left.

Despite four straight missed free throws by Mott guard Richard Bryant in the final 37 seconds, SC could not convert the go-ahead basket as Bigby's drive to the glass fell off and Reggie Kirkland's short baseline jumper with four seconds to go grazed off the front of the rim.

"We just turned it over too much," said Briggs, whose team had 15 turnovers. "They also got some transition layups off their defense and that hurt us."

Robert Brown, the 6-4 leaper from Oak Park, added 23 points for Schoolcraft. Dwight Windom and Mike Williams each came off the bench to score 11, while center Nick Evola had nine.

Ronnie Jenkins led Mott with 20, while Solomon added 16.

Alonzo Evans, a freshman guard from Louisville, Ky., scored 13, while pint-sized back-up point-guard Tony Beauchamp, who stands 5-8, added 12, including three triples. Nate Brown contributed 11.

"We were on the verge of being out of it," said Mott coach Steve Schmidt, who bagged his third state playoff title since 1995. "It was gut-check time and we just had to hang in there because there's only so much you can do versus a Brown or Bigby."

"But we didn't crack and our guys persevered. It was a classic state final game."

## Lakeland stops SC on final shot, 64-62

Karen Morth's basket with six seconds left allowed Lakeland (Ohio) CC to repel Schoolcraft College's upset bid and record a 64-62 victory in an NJCAA Division II Region 12 women's basketball game at Delta CC.

The Lady Ocelots finish their season at 11-14. Lakeland, the second-seeded team in Ohio, advances with an 18-10 record.

SC had taken advantage of Lakeland's man-to-man defense to build a 27-17 lead at

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halftime. Angelica Blakely scored 16 of her 20 points in the first half.

But Lakeland switched to a zone defense in the second half, and the Ocelots failed to hit from the perimeter. Lakeland had a two point lead, but Blakely scored to knot it at

62-all with 15 seconds remaining — setting the stage for Morth's game-winner.

Morth finished with a game-best 24 points, including 6-of-6 free throws. Syrtia Johnson added 11 for Lakeland.

Blakely also had 11 rebounds for SC. Carly Wright added 13 points and eight boards, Janell Olson scored 12 points, and Antone' Watson totaled nine points, seven rebounds and four assists.

## SC puts up a fight but falls to Blazers

It was a tall order, but Schoolcraft College made a valiant effort in the semifinals of the NJCAA-Division I Region 12 men's basketball tournament Tuesday night at Vincennes (Ind.) before succumbing to the 10th-ranked Blazers, 98-83.

The Ocelots finish the year 24-7 overall, while Vincennes, 27-4, moved on to Wednesday night's Region 12 final against Cincinnati State.

"Schoolcraft has nothing to be ashamed of," third-year coach Carlos Briggs said. "Three years ago we would have lost to a team like this by 40 or 50 points. We're just one or two big fellas away from being nationally competitive."

"I'm proud of the guys and their season." Nobody played bigger, however, than Schoolcraft's Rob Brown.

The 6-foot-4 Oak Park product poured in a game-high 32 points (on 11 of 18 shooting) to go along with 14 rebounds and six assists.

"Rob was really a warrior out there," Briggs said. "He proved he belongs out there with some of the best JUCO players in the country."

Swingman Lamar Bigby (Detroit Northern) added 15 points, 10 coming in the first half as SC trailed 48-44.

The Ocelots stayed close throughout the second half, but Vincennes got some breathing room late. The Blazers hit 27 of 34 free throws on the night,

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while SC was open of 11. Vincennes was 21 of 29 (72 percent), 10 of 24 behind the arc. Schoolcraft made 24 of 31 shots from the floor (41 percent), but only eight of 30 in triples.

Reggie Kirkland contributed 11 points and five assists, while Mike Williams had eight points. Brian Williams (Wayne Memorial) grabbed seven rebounds.

Schoolcraft outrebounded Vincennes, 41-37.

Five Blazers scored in double figures led by Purdue transfer Cameron Stephens. The 6-5, 220-pound Fort Wayne, Ind. native had 19 points and 14 rebounds.

Three others had 18 points apiece — 6-7, 220-pound Aaron McGhee, 6-5 guard Alan Goff and 6-8 point guard Andre Horton. Jon Knoche added 13.

McGhee played 31 games last year for the University of Cincinnati and is now headed for Oklahoma University.

"They're legitimate, they're a really good team," Briggs said of Vincennes. "People told us we were probably one of the best three teams they have played this season."

"I'm proud of our guys and the season. But now it's time to focus on school and books. I'd also like to thank the administration and faculty for their support all year."



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# What a finish!

## Canton buries Western, 63-48

It was just a matter of who wanted this game more.

It was Plymouth Canton. With Kenny Nether and Jason Waidmann each scoring 22 points, the Chiefs opened up an 11-point lead by halftime and never allowed Walled Lake Western a chance to recover in rolling to a 63-48 victory in the Western Lakes Activities Association Tournament consolation final Wednesday at Livonia Churchill.

Canton will take a 10-10 record into the state district tournament. Western, which tied North Farmington for the WLA regular-season championship, is 15-5.

"I was proud of our guys," said Canton coach Dan Young. "We played like we know we can. We played very well."

Nether also had 10 rebounds in the game and converted 10-of-17 shots from the field, while Waidmann hit 10-of-11 floor shots. Dan McLean contributed 10 points, five rebounds and five assists.

Jenero Dawood's 18 points paced the Warriors. No one else reached double figures in scoring for Western.

Canton led 14-8 after one quarter and 30-19 at the half. The Chiefs extended their advantage to 50-33 entering the last period.

**PCA 63, Flat Rock 60:** Derric Isensee did it all game long for Plymouth Christian Academy Tuesday against visiting Flat Rock. So it should come as no surprise that the game-winning points belonged to him, too.

PCA trailed 57-51 midway through the fourth period, but the Eagles didn't give up. A three-pointer by Dave Carty with under a minute left knotted it at 60-all.

The Rams couldn't convert, giving the ball back to PCA — and Isensee, who took a pass from A.J. Sherrill, worked his

way inside, scored and was fouled. Isensee hit the free throw and the Eagles had a 63-60 lead with 9.4 seconds remaining.

Flat Rock's first inbound attempt following Isensee's three-point play failed; its second resulted in a turnover.

Isensee finished with 28 points — eight in the fourth quarter — seven rebounds and seven assists. A 6-foot-3 senior forward, Isensee has surpassed the 1,000-point plateau for his career.

Carty had 15 points and Sherrill netted 10. Each had five in the fourth.

David Nyholm led the Rams with 22 points. Mike Nutter added 10.

PCA led 16-15 after one quarter, but trailed 29-28 at the half and 47-43 after three quarters.

The win was the Eagles' 13th in a row, setting a new school record. They are 15-4 overall. Flat Rock, a team that starts one senior and four juniors, slipped to 14-5.

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under a minute remaining. Salem was within four, 65-61, after a Ryan Nimmerguth three with four seconds left. Watha added two free throws to finish the scoring.

Brodie said he told his players "We've been here before; let's see if we can't suck it up and get back in this game." (The Raiders) were playing not to lose, and we were playing with nothing to lose.

"We played that way all season, with a lot of heart and emotion, even before Mark (Bolger) passed away. We've never played

to win or lose, just to put forth the best effort we can." "They're a good team," said Negoshian of the Rocks. "They have big kids and good guards. We happen to hit a few threes and then here they come."

Nimmerguth tossed in seven points. Patterson and Salem's Andy Kocoloski, who had two threes, added six points each.

North shot 39 percent (24-of-61) from the floor and Salem 34 percent (19-of-56). The Raiders attempted 23 threes; the Rocks made seven of 31. North was 9-of-14 at the line and Salem 16-

of-19. Patterson and Blair Weiss, who played well off the bench for the Raiders, filled crucial support roles, according to Negoshian.

"(Weiss) gave us a lot of energy," he said. "(Weiss) hung in there (during the season); he didn't have a lot of minutes, but when push came to shove he stepped up. He touched the ball a lot, kept some rebounds alive and was a real key. (Patterson) playing the minutes he did with Adrian out was another key."

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said Churchill coach Jeff Hatley. "We made some mental mistakes in the second period tonight, but otherwise I thought we played well."

"I was very impressed by Canton, which has put together a good program in just one year. They're going to be a tough team to beat in the coming years."

Despite the loss, Canton coach Dan Abraham was upbeat as he reflected on the Chiefs' first season on the ice.

"I am very happy with how the first season went," Abraham said. "We met a number of goals this year, the most important being that we stayed united and we set the standard for Canton hockey by building a consistent work ethic."

Churchill made the Chiefs work hard for everything Tuesday night. Anchored by defenseman Nate Jakubowski and Sean

Szostak, the Chargers didn't allow a shot on goal until the mid-way point in the second period.

Even though they were outshot, 23-4, after two periods, the Chiefs trailed just 2-0 thanks to the brilliant play of goalie Brad Arsznov, who repeatedly turned back point-blank shots.

The Chargers opened the scoring at the 8:46 mark of the opening period when Szostak rifled a slapshot from the blue-line. Arsznov made a kick save, but the puck deflected right to Adam Krug, who flicked it past the sprawling goalie to make it 1-0. Rory Cesarz was credited with an assist on the goal.

Churchill doubled its lead with just 50 seconds left in the second period when Sean Smith stole the puck from a Canton defenseman at center ice, outskated another defenseman and wristed

the puck past a helpless Arsznov.

"Brad was outstanding," Abraham said. "There is no question he kept us in the game tonight."

Aaron Jakubowski iced the game for the Chargers in the third period, scoring twice in a six-minute span to up Churchill's lead to 4-0.

Cesarz and Adam Jakubowski finished off the scoring for the Chargers with third-period goals.

Churchill goalie Dan Williams was flawless in handling the handful of shots he faced. Churchill outshot Canton, 34-8.

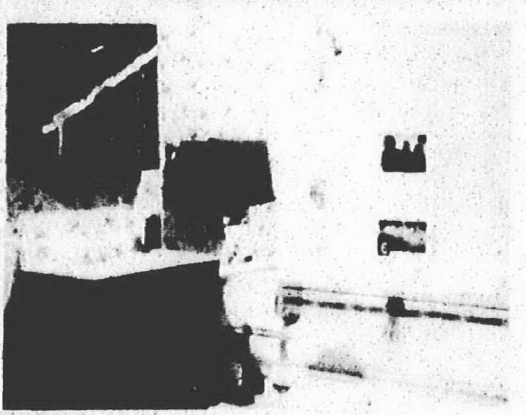
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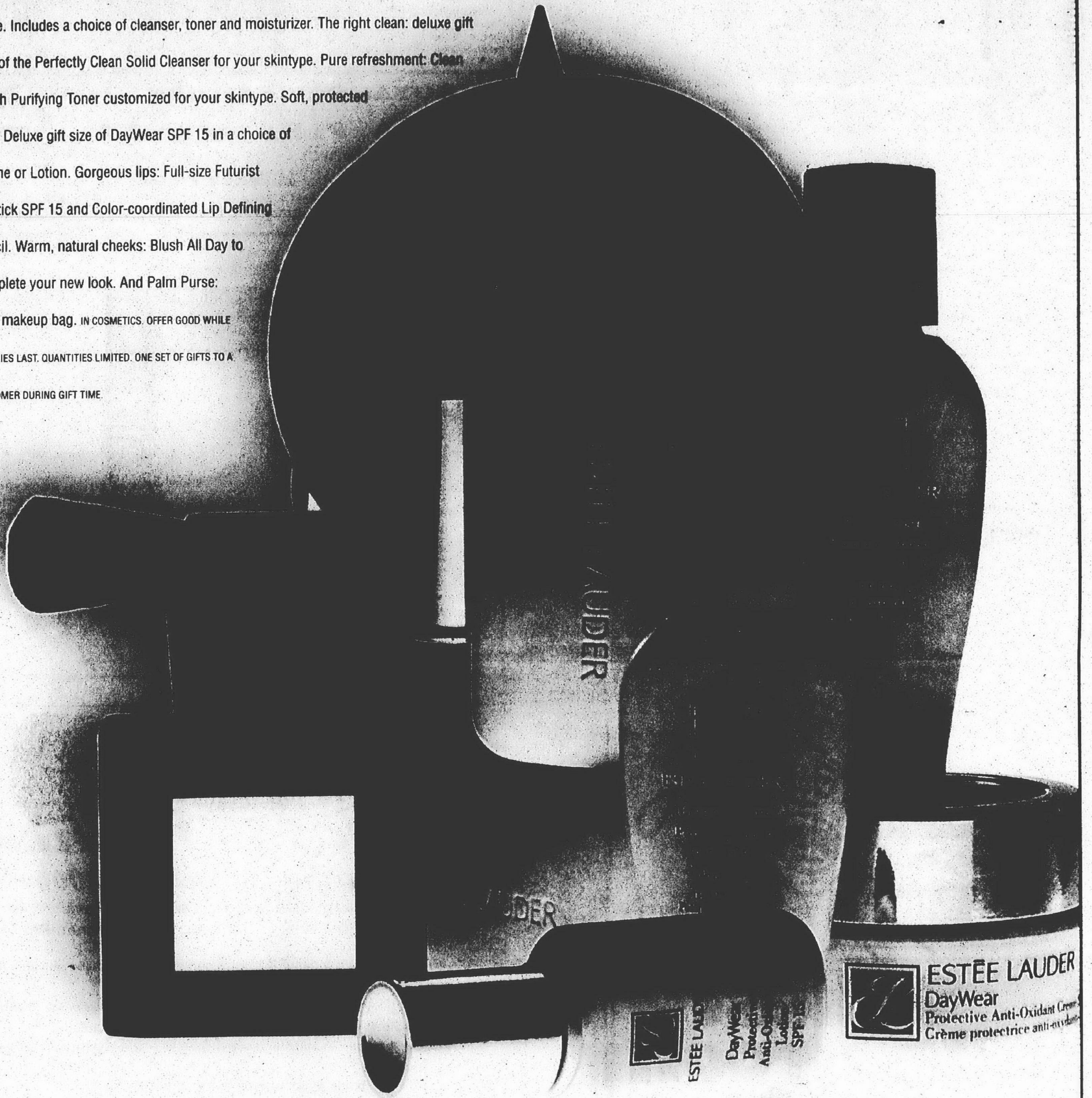
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## THE WEEKEND

### FRIDAY



Kirk Hanley performs with the Second City Touring Company 8 p.m. at the Farmington Players Barn, 32332 W. 12 Mile, (1/2 mile west of Orchard Lake Road), Farmington Hills. Tickets \$25 per person, includes after-glow with refreshments. Proceeds benefit the Farmington Players' building fund. Call (248) 553-2955.

### SATURDAY

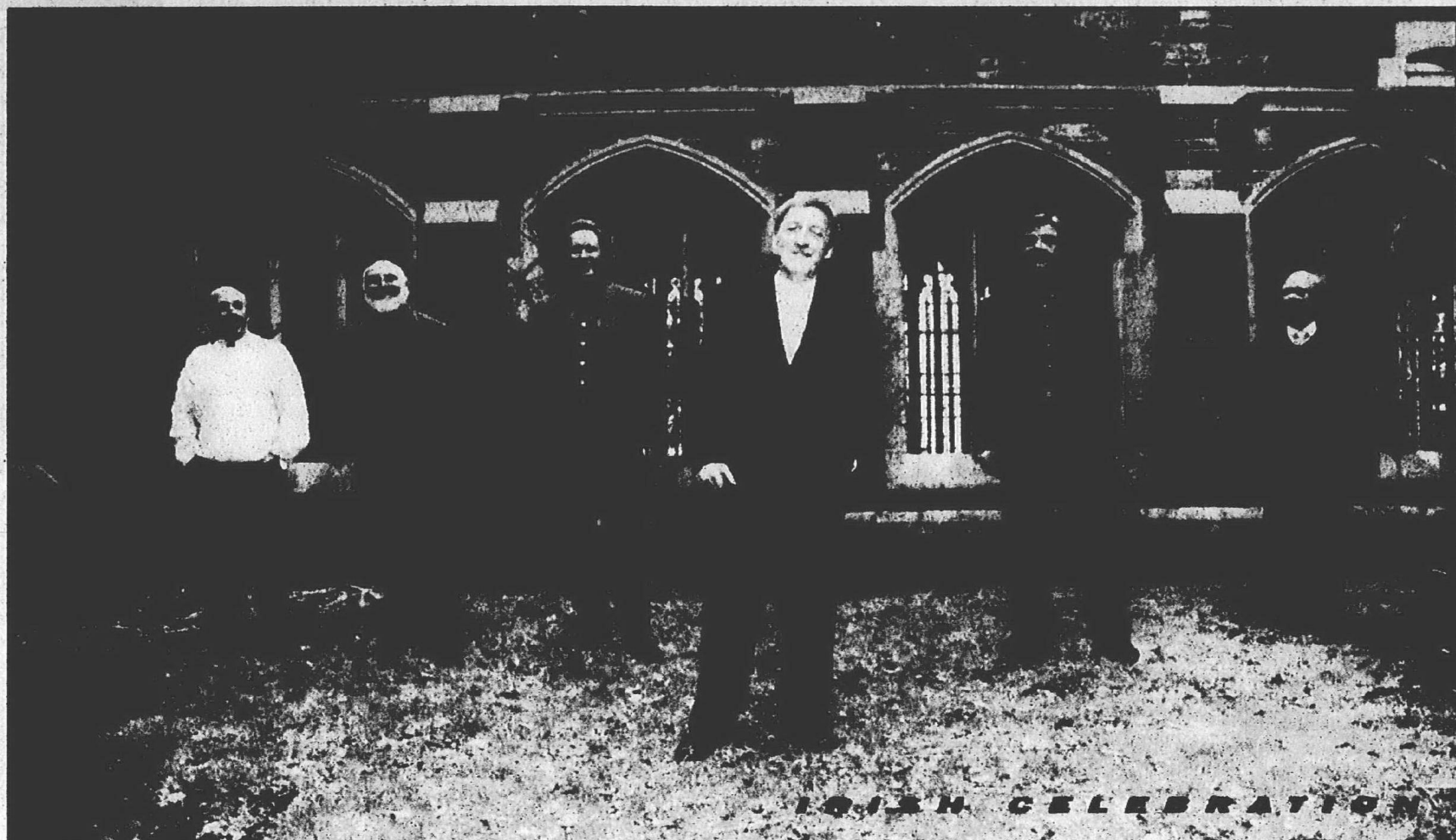


Gladys Knight stars in the Grammy Award-winning musical "Smokey Joe's Cafe," a celebration of hits from the 1950s and 1960s, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. at the Fox Theatre in Detroit. Tickets \$20 to \$45, available at the box office, and all Ticketmaster locations, (248) 433-1515.

### SUNDAY



Paul Riopelle (left) and Thomas Hoagland star in "Picasso at the Lapin Agile," 2 p.m. at the Performance Network, 408 W. Washington, Ann Arbor. Tickets \$15, \$3 discount for senior citizens, (734) 663-0681.



# THE Chieftains

DRAW FROM TRADITION

Irish roots: The Chieftains play the traditional music of their homeland.

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## The Chieftains

When: 8 p.m.  
Wednesday,  
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Where: Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University Ave., Ann Arbor.

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If Paddy Moloney were in Ireland, he'd go to Mass on St. Patrick's Day and then watch a small parade wend its way through town — a sprig of shamrock tucked into his lapel.

Since he can't go home on March 17, Moloney and the Chieftains (Matt Molloy, Seane Keane, Derek Bell, Kevin Conneff, and Martin Fay) will think of their country's green hills while playing traditional Irish music in a concert for the University Musical Society series Wednesday, March 8, in Ann Arbor. The Chieftains are on the road promoting their new album, "Water From the Well." They'll celebrate St. Patrick's Day as they have for the past 20 years at Carnegie Hall in New York City.

Never in his wildest imagination did Moloney think the band's appeal would cause them to tour eight months a year. Long before anyone had heard of U2 and Thin Lizzy, the Chieftains were well on their way to becoming the most beloved Irish band in the last four decades. Their 36 albums — for which they've won six Grammys — have sold millions of copies.

"When we first started playing together 38 years ago, who would have ever had dreamed that our traditional Irish music would be played throughout the world?" said Moloney in a phone interview from Boston. "Coming back to Ann Arbor is going to be a joy. We have a

great following there, and we'd like to invite your wonderful traditional musicians to come two hours before the show so they might come down and join us for the finale."

"Riverdance" fiddler Mairin Fahy and award-winning step dancers Danny Golden and Dierdre Gould, along with students from the O'Hare School of Dance in Westland, will join the Chieftains on stage. Tim O'Hare, an Irish step dancer and owner of the dance school, toured with the Chieftains two summers ago. O'Hare won the All-Ireland World Championships in 1975 and 1976.

## Great opportunity

"Before Irish dancing and music was really popular, the Chieftains were the premier Irish group," said O'Hare. "It's a great opportunity for the students to dance with them."

"Water from the Well" is a departure from the last few Chieftains' recordings — "Tears of Stone" and "The Long Black Veil" — on which they collaborated with performers ranging from Mick Jagger to Sting and Joni Mitchell. The Chieftains have a history of working with performers in the studio and on the concert stage. Michael Flatley danced with the band seven years before earning acclaim as "Lord of the Dance."

Although they've never strayed far from their roots, the Chieftains' "Water From the Well," released on Feb. 22 on RCA Victor, revisits the traditional folk

songs of their birth land with stories about a red-haired lass and wild goats that roam the hills of County Kerry. A musical tour of Ireland that goes back as far as the 17th century, the album was recorded half in the studio and half in counties and towns throughout Ireland. The lead cut, "Lots of Drops of Brandy," is Moloney's favorite because "it's a very old Irish tune" that he rearranged "to show how great the music."

"We're going back to the well and what we started 38 years ago," said Moloney, who produced the recording. "It was difficult to put together the array of some of these great tunes. You could go down the road 30 miles and hear a different tune."

## Documenting the journey

A film crew from Dreamchasers followed the Chieftains around the countryside including Matt Molloy's pub in County Mayo. Molloy is flutist for the group. The documentary on the making of "Water From the Well" will be shown on A&E this spring.

"We had 25 in a room at the back of the pub, sort of a big band sound of traditional music," said Moloney. "The documentary was to show the likes of the sound by meeting up with the Charlie Parkers and Miles Davises of traditional Irish music."

Moloney fell in love with the music as a child when his mother bought him a tin

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## CONCERT

# Musicians share passion for British brass bands

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
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Craig Strain fell in love with brass instruments the first time he picked up a cornet in seventh grade while attending school in Garden City.

Throughout his 27-year career teaching music in high schools, Strain looked forward to the day he could direct a brass band. His dream came true four years ago when he took the reins of the Motor City Brass Band.

"In a brass band, there's a sonority you can gain that you can't get with other instruments," said Strain, a Farmington Hills resident who teaches music at Macomb Community College. "It's like a choir. With each brass instrument there's a little different color, but it retains the sameness. As the Motor City Brass Band, we want to be the best possible band that we can be. There's a mood in the band, a passion for excellence, and a camaraderie between members that co-exists."

Last year, the 33-member group placed second at the North American Brass Band Association

competition. Based at the Southfield Centre for the Arts, the band presents a series of four concerts a year. Its members — attorneys, sales people, retired band directors and musicians — share a passion for playing in the British brass band tradition. They live throughout the Detroit area including Livonia, Westland and Redford.

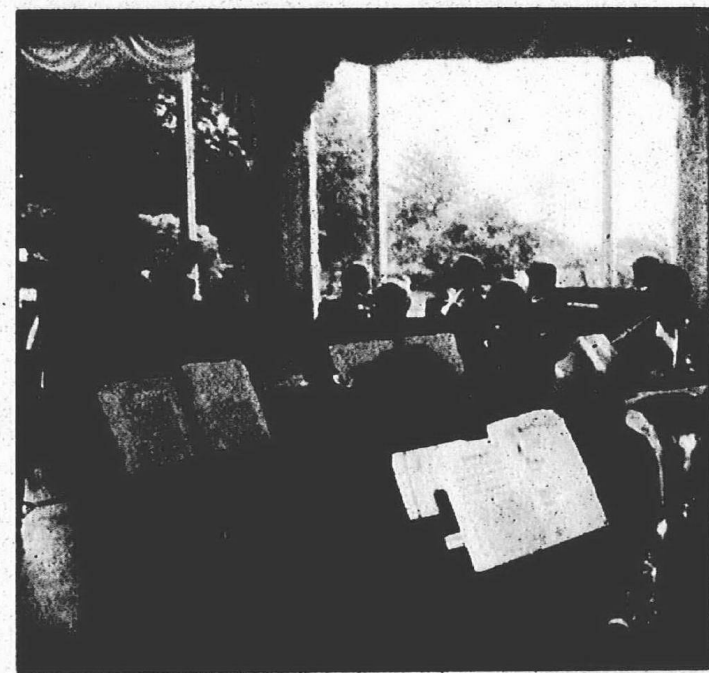
## Revolutionary roots

Michael Schott, a Farmington Hills resident, loves British brass band music. Rooted in the Industrial Revolution, British brass bands were originally formed by workers who lived in villages, which lacked the entertainment of a big city.

Schott started studying euphonium while attending Clarenceville Public Schools in Livonia. He played in the Michigan State University band while attending college, and he played with the Farmington Community Band for 17

years before joining the Motor City Brass Band. "We think it's unique, this British brass band concept," said Schott. "Brass bands were popular

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British brass: Keith Kohring leads the Motor City Brass Band as they play music in the British brass band tradition, which originated during the Industrial Revolution.

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# Get 'lost' in brilliant new Second City revue

In honor of The Second City-Chicago's 40th Anniversary, Detroit's Second City presents critically lauded "Paradigm Lost" in an open run, 8 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday at The Second City, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. All shows on Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday are followed by a free improvisation set. Tickets are \$10 Wednesday-Thursday and Sunday, \$17.50 Friday and \$19.50 Saturday. Call (313) 965-9600.

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA  
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The subconscious mind can be a frighteningly funny place to explore. Or so it would seem, judging by the latest main stage revue at The Second City in Detroit.

"Paradigm Lost" is a two-hour romp into the mind of a man — portrayed swiftly by Marc Evan Jackson — who, after a quick and lively introductory number, falls into a coma. What follows is a virtually seamless collection of comedic sketches, one melting into another, centered around the ideas and feelings bubbling

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up inside his head.

The first of these sketches begins with a typical water cooler discussion where employees of a copier equipment company anxiously discuss a possible corporate takeover. They soon learn the firm is about to "go Country and Western." That's right, neckties and power suits are soon to be replaced by belt buckles, big hats and a heavy Southern twang. This prompts one nervous employee to declare "I'm not so sure if my favorite Daniels are Charlie and Jack!"

But it doesn't end there, the employees envision future paradigm shifts — to "German Industrial," "Amish" and even "Italian Runway Model" motifs. Perhaps the true humor comes from the idea that it's not that impossible or absurd after all in today's constantly-changing business place.

Each skit dissolves neatly into the next, giving the cast a wide array of opportunities to toy with

the audience's imagination. Meet Antoine McKay who uses subtlety to his advantage when talking about fatherhood — even though he hopes to share his drinking and gambling habits with the youngster. Say hello to his son Jaime, played by Detroit native Keegan-Michael Key, who makes a most convincing part-gargoyle kindergartner. Emitting squeaks and squeals, he terrorizes his teacher and classmates.

Kindergarten is where anyone could end up if he or she dares speak out of turn in fourth grade homeroom at Spiro Agnew Grammar School. You see Mr. Syhockey — known otherwise as funny man Marc Warzecha — is a no-nonsense homeroom teacher with a noticeable limp. Warzecha draws the audience into the show, beginning of course with role call, and answering whatever questions his "class" will dare raise their hands to ask. Be sure to ask why he has a prosthetic leg.

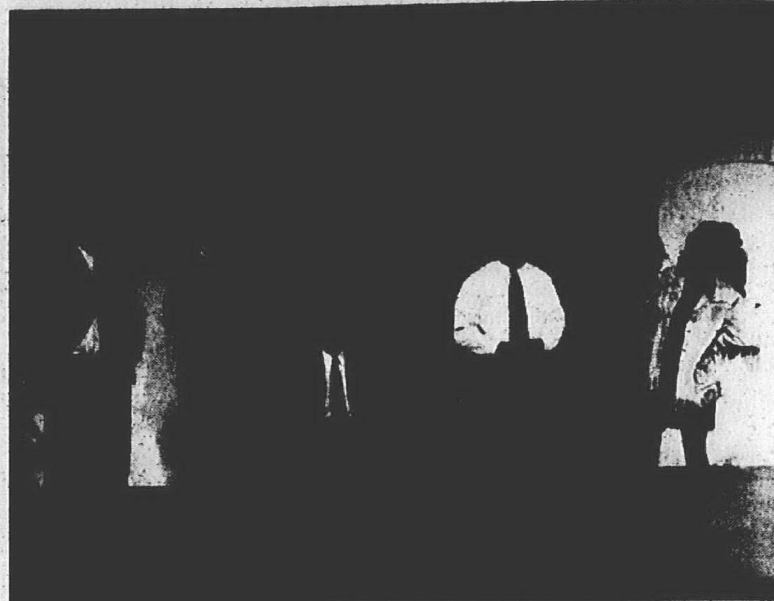
Maribeth Monroe shows abun-

dant energy and diversity when she acts the part of the ultra-subordinate wife to a Middle-East leader, and later a nun who can't keep her mouth shut.

The revue also transports its audience into a YMCA, where a old man and friendly employee discuss their dreams, then allows a look into a man's apartment where he's hired a stripper — a stripper who insists she's a dancer and demands respect.

Nyima Anise Woods shifts from that role into a very convincing, very professional National Public Radio reporter and a hysterical wife who agrees to give blood to her husband, shrieking in anticipation of the pain.

"Paradigm Lost" knows no boundaries. In this is the fast-paced world of sketch comedy, nothing is sacred. The minimalist set design and in-your-face lighting, provided by Allison Abraham and Shatha Faraj leaves the focus on the plot-like development and complements the cast's ability to respond to one another. Musical director and newcomer John Edwartowski brings the show to life by setting the musical tone in any circumstance. While the performances, directed by Joe James,



**Goin' Country:** Lose yourself in laughter at Second City's latest revue, "Paradigm Lost." Here cast members (left to right) Marc Warzecha, Marc Evan Jackson, Keegan-Michael Key, Antoine McKay, Nyima Anise Woods and Maribeth Monroe act out a country-style business takeover.

will make you laugh out loud, they also reflect some side of life that's easy to relate to — a colleague who speaks circles around himself, agreeing with

any argument, a parent who loudly embarrasses her teenage daughter in public. It's a carnival mirror for daily life. And it's just strange enough to be plausible.

## STAY TUNED...

It's the end of an era, sort of. The Twistin' Tarantulas played the last of their regular Sunday gig at Royal Oak's Fifth Avenue Billiards this week. But don't bid them good-bye just yet. The Tarantulas are heading out on a cross-country tour and will surely head up some premier nights at the venue.

Grab a paczki and pop in "Mardi Gras Essentials," a who's who in New Orleans music. Check out "Little Liza Jane" by The Dirty Dozen Brass Band, "Hey Mardi Gras" by Chuck Carbo and "Jock-A-Mo" by Sugar Boy. The time has come for a little indulgence.

Speaking of indulgence, the word is Romeo's own Kid Rock will host this year's Detroit Music Awards and scheduled performers include fellow hip-hop sensations Eminem and Paradime. We'll keep you updated.

— BY STEPHANIE A. CASOLA

## Chieftains from page E1

whistle at age 6. He spent hours teaching himself to play just so he could "join in" on jam sessions, which were the major form of entertainment in the countryside. He still uses the tin whistle to write music. Moloney's soundtrack for a film with Angelica Houston, titled "Agnes Browne," comes out in March.

"My grandmother's house in the midlands of Ireland, to me it was a kingdom," Moloney said. "It was a small farm house. The locals would come in and sit around and tell tall stories, and then the melodeon would come

off the dresser and my grandfather would play the flute and there would be tapping of the feet on the floorboards."

A few years would pass before Moloney picked up the uilleann instrument that embody the sounds of his heritage.

"It's elbow pipes or uilleann in Irish," said Moloney. "Unlike the bag pipes, they're an indoor instrument with a much more mellow tone. They were invented by Irish in the 17th century and played sitting down."

## Brass from page E1

at the turn-of-the-century. We use very traditional instrumentation, but the concept is a little more modern."

### History

Founded in 1996, the Motor City Brass Band rehearsed at the Salvation Army Church in Plymouth for two years before moving to the Southfield Centre for the Arts. The band's repertoire spans a wide range of musical styles from Rutter's "Gloria" to selections from "Riverdance."

"It's actually the diversity that attracts the members," said Pete McAteer of Orchard Lake, who is the band's chairman. "We play

■ 'It's actually the diversity that attracts the members. We play classical and light classical — from pop, jazz and blues to serious classical.'

Pete McAteer  
Band chairman

classical and light classical — from pop, jazz and blues to serious classical. What makes us unusual is that we're all volunteers. One of the enabling threads is that everyone attends rehearsals and helps out with whatever needs to be done for the love of it."

This year the band hopes to share its music with a wider audience. The Motor City Brass Band also performs throughout the metro area at summer parks

series and for events as varied as Southfield's Christmas Tree lighting ceremony, but members would still like to find other venues to spread the sound of British brass bands.

"Brass band music is not as well known as we'd like it to be; that's one of the missions for the new year," said McAteer, who was the principal trumpet in his high school band in New Hampshire. McAteer also played with the Oakland University Concert Band before joining the Motor City Brass Band. "Over the next year, we hope to develop an audience base and eventually want to put out a CD."

Strain built a recording studio (Hidden City Recorders) in his home and has produced a variety of music ranging from heavy metal to classical.

"We also hope to institute an outreach program to the schools over the next two years," said McAteer.

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# Theatre Guild's 'Godspell' entertaining, insightful

Theatre Guild of Livonia-Redford presents "Godspell" 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 3-4; and March 10-11, and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 5, at the theater, 15138 Beech Daly, Redford. Tickets \$12, discount for groups of 10 or more, call (313) 531-0554.

BY ROBERT WEIBEL  
SPECIAL WRITER

The Theatre Guild of Livonia-Redford's "Godspell" is an entertaining and insightful rendering of the Gospel according to St. Matthew.

Thirty years ago, "Godspell" (and "Jesus Christ Superstar") blazed a new trail in musical theater — the rock opera. The goal of John-Michael Tebelak (music and words by Stephen Schwartz) was to present religious themes to a younger generation in terms they could understand. Its timeless message cre-

ated a much wider audience, accounting for its continued popularity over the years.

Though some have taken great liberties with interpretation, director, Jennifer Rembisz has fashioned essentially a straightforward production for the Theatre Guild of Livonia-Redford.

The ensemble cast of 15 give rousing and energetic performances. Though one wishes their style was more spontaneous, with a less-rehearsed quality, as the disciples learn of Jesus' joyous message of faith, hope and love.

The musical unfolds as a series of parables: the sower, the good Samaritan, the prodigal son, and so on — in the form of pantomime, song and dance.

Kevin Hentkowski's warm and humane persona serves him well in the role of Jesus. He could use

a little more edge at times, however, to create a more charismatic character.

Caleb Gilbert is very good in multiple roles; principally, John the Baptist and Judas.

Other players include Dennis Day, Jim Digs, Karen Kelly, Teri Giordano (also vocal director), Linda Gozdick, Bryon Harvey (also assistant director), Melissa Leininger, Annette Ripper, Matt Ripper, Sue Schuler, Jennifer Schuler, Jane Teachout and Dennis Michael Whaling.

Keri Wayne does a nice job with the choreography, especially considering the size of the cast and limited space. Musical director Julie Yurconis, with Andrew Fanco, Matt Vorhees and Ted Miller, support the cast not only with solid rock, but with jazz, vaudeville, swing and revival tunes.



Musical: "Godspell" cast members take a break from rehearsal at the Theatre Guild of Livonia-Redford.

The show's most famous number is "Day by Day," performed radiantly by Sue Schuler. Linda

Gozdick had fun with her boa in "Turn Back, O Man" Kevin and Caleb do a catchy soft-shoe rou-

tine in "All for the Best" — which by the way includes a strobe.

# Cast showcases their comedic flair in 'The Skin of Our Teeth'

The Bonstelle, Wayne State University's undergraduate theatre company, presents the Thornton Wilder classic, "The Skin of Our Teeth" until Sunday, March 5. Performances 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 3-4, and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 5. The Bonstelle Theatre is at 3424 Woodward Ave., call (313) 577-2960.

BY SUE SUCHYTA  
SPECIAL WRITER

Thornton Wilder's comedy about George Antrobus and his family is a rambling, rollicking comedy that spans the history of mankind and survives good times and bad "by the skin of their teeth." They are Adam and Eve, or John and Jane Doe. They have survived fire, flood, pestilence, the seven-year locusts, the Ice Age, the black pox, a dozen wars and as many depressions. They are alternately calm or panic-stricken, heroes or clowns, but they are always optimistic.

Thornton Wilder designed 'The Skin of Our Teeth' to be set in any town familiar to the theater patrons, so the Bonstelle compa-

**'The Skin of Our Teeth' is a clever comic romp, with easy laughter, and insight if you want to look for it. The talented Bonstelle company pulls off this performance with skill and ease — certainly not by the skin of their teeth.**

ny cleverly made references to Ferndale, Detroit, and other Michigan locales. Written in 1942, "The Skin of Our Teeth" is an allegorical fable that takes the average suburban family through time, with frequent references to the Bible and other historic events. The play takes place in three acts, which are roughly divided by disaster: Ice age, flood, and war.

The large cast takes full advantage of the wackiness in "The Skin of Our Teeth" to showcase their creative and comedic flair. Many of the crowd scenes are presented with controlled chaos and excess energy. They represent Moses, the muses and majorettes.

The show is narrated by the seductive housekeeper Sabina, played with enthusiasm by

Angela Hogue. Although all the characters step out of their roles at times, Sabina steps out of character and establishes a rapport with the audience, telling them her problems, and amusing them with her on-stage arguments with the long-suffering stage manager, played with indignant rage by Blair Franklin.

Mr. Antrobus, played by Randy Barrett Topper of Farmington Hills, was a cross between an absent minded professor and Fred MacMurray's portrayal of the clumsy father in "My Three Sons." Bumbling but sturdily protective of his family, he kept busy inventing the wheel, fending off Sabina's advances, and surviving war and a host of historical annoyances.

Mrs. Antrobus, played by

Kristi Sorkin, is the long-suffering but tenacious Eva. Sorkin brought a spunkiness to the role that made us cheer her on when she went head-to-head with the lascivious Sabina, bartered for fire, or kept infidels and other strangers at bay.

The costumes brought to mind the post-war period of the 1950s, when people defined their role by the trappings of suburbia,

and a fur was a victory of the hunt in more than one way.

The set was like a colorful surrealistic painting, which enhanced the wacky and creative tone of the play. The chimney rose and fell according to the demands of the plot, the window dropped to odd angles, and a convenient trap door mid-stage led to a bomb shelter. The fireplace was capable of appearing lit, an

important detail, since our ancestors depended so greatly on a warm hearth for survival — and much wailing occurs when it was allowed to go out.

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Laser Swing Fridays, 7 & 9pm; Saturdays and Sundays, 2 & 4pm

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Adult Science Class March 6, 13, 20 & 27, 7:30-9pm  
Instructor: Jeffery Bass, Head of Astronomy  
Fee: \$45 members/\$50 non-members Minimum age 16. Class size limited; call 248 645.3210 for reservations.

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March 18 & 19, 11am-4pm  
Learn about all things spring, from what you can do now for your garden to the astronomical significance of the spring equinox. Free with museum admission.

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## THEATER

**CENTURY THEATRE:** "Always...Patsy Cline" continues in an open-ended run, 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

**FISHER THEATER:** "Fosse," the Tony Award-winning musical spotlights the work of legendary choreographer/director Bob Fosse through Sunday, March 19, 8 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, at the theater, Detroit. \$37.50-\$65.50 for Friday-Saturday, \$35-\$62.50 Tuesday-Thursday and Sunday evenings. (248) 645-6666

**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 June 25, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, 3 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sundays, at the theater, 33 Madison Ave., Detroit. \$24.50-\$34.50. (313) 963-9800

**JET:** Arthur Miller's "Broken Glass" previews Wednesday-Sunday, March 8-12, show dates March 15-19, March 22-26, March 29-April 2 and April 5-9, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday and Sunday, 8 p.m. Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday and Wednesday, in the Aaron DeRoy Theatre, lower level of the Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple at Drake, West Bloomfield. \$15-\$25. (248) 788-2900

**MEADOW BROOK THEATRE:** "All My Sons" continues to Sunday, March 5, at the theater, Rochester. \$24-\$35. (248) 377-3300

**MUSIC HALL:** "The Irish...And How They Got That Way," Tuesday-Sunday, March 7-12, at Music Hall, Detroit. (313) 963-2366

**PERFORMANCE NETWORK:** "Picasso at the Lapin Agile" through Sunday, March 5, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday, at the theater, 408 W. Washington, Ann Arbor. \$15 Thursday and Sunday; \$3 discount for seniors for all performances. (734) 663-0681

## COLLEGE

**WSU BONSTELLE:** "The Skin of Our Teeth" Friday-Sunday, 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. \$11-\$18. (313) 577-2972

## COMMUNITY THEATER

**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

**HARTLAND PLAYERS:** "Steel Magnolias" March 10-11 and 18-19, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday, at the Hartland Music Hall. \$8, \$7 students/seniors. (810) 632-5849

**NOVI THEATRES:** "Fiddler on the Roof" 7:30 p.m. Friday and Sunday, March 10 and 12 and Friday-Saturday, March 17-18, 3 p.m. Saturday, March 11 and 3 p.m. Sunday, March 19, at the Novi Civic Center Stage. \$12. (248) 347-0400

**PLANET ANT:** "Comedy of Errors," 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, March 3-4, March 10-11 and March 17-18, 8 p.m. Thursdays March 2, 9 and 16, and 7 p.m. Sundays, 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

**PLYMOUTH THEATRE GUILD:** "Oliver," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 3-4, at the Water Tower Theatre, Northville. \$12, \$8 students. (248) 349-7110



**Skating extravaganza: Mickey and Minnie welcome one and all to "Disney on Ice Celebrates 75 Years of Disney Magic," through Sunday, March 5, at Joe Louis Arena in Detroit. The show features beautifully choreographed figure skating to your favorite Disney music. Performances 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday; additional shows 11 a.m. Thursday, 11:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Saturday; 1 and 4:30 p.m. Sunday. Tickets \$35, \$18.75, \$16.75 and \$13.75 available at the box office, or call (248) 645-6666. To buy tickets online, visit www.ticketmaster.com. For more information, call (313) 983-6606 or online www.olympiaentertainment.com. Learn more about Disney on Ice by visiting www.DisneyOnIce.com on the Web.**

**Auditions: Be a Disney On Ice figure skater. Auditions are 3-5 p.m. Friday, March 3, at Joe Louis Arena, 600 Civic Center Drive, Detroit. Male and female candidates who are high school graduates or 18 years or older will be judged on skating ability and availability to travel. Personality, appearance and an ability to learn intricate routines are important. Bring a resume, photo, name, address, phone number, age and height information and current Figure Skating Association test levels. Wear appropriate figure skating attire. For more information call Lisa Scuffle (941) 349-4848.**

**STAGECRAFTERS:** "Forever Plaid," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 3-4 and 10-11, 7 p.m. Sunday, 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

**RIDGEDALE PLAYERS:** "Oklahoma!" opens 8 p.m. Friday, March 10 at the theater in Troy. Show dates are March 10-11, 17-19, 24-26, 30-31 and April 1. Friday-Saturday shows 8 p.m.; Sundays, 3 p.m. (248) 988-7049

## 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 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:** "Purim Shpiel," a rod puppet musical based on the Book of Esther 2 p.m. Saturdays, March 4, 11, 18 and 25, at the Detroit Puppet Theater, 25 E. Grand River. \$7. \$5 children. (313) 961-7777

**THE RISING STARS:** "Little Luncheonette of Terror," 7:30 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, March 8-9, Andover High School. \$3 at the door. (248) 433-0885

**SARA SMITH PRODUCTIONS**

**YOUTH THEATRE:** "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Saturday, March 11, and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday, March 12, at The Community House, Birmingham. \$7 (general seating), \$9 at door, \$30 reserved. (248) 644-5832. Proceeds benefit Sara Smith Productions Youth Theatre at The Community House.

**YOUTH THEATRE:** "Amelia Bedlia Goes Camping" and other stories 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, March 4 and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 5, at Music Hall, Detroit. \$8 advance, \$9 at door. (313) 963-2366.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

**DETROIT SPORTFISHING & TRAVEL EXPO:** 4-9:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, March 2-3, 10 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Saturday, March 4, until 6 p.m. Sunday, March 5, at the Palace, Auburn Hills. \$7.75, \$3.50 ages 6-12.

**MARCH MADNESS DINNER DANCE:** 7 p.m. Saturday, March 4 followed by dancing to the swing music of The Warren Commission, and dance contests, winning dancers will go on to the national competition of the American Lindy Hop Championships. \$35. (313) 869-8385

**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

**ANDRA McDONALD:** The three-time Tony award winner performs American standards and original songs with a jazz trio, 8 p.m. Sunday, March 5, at the Power

Center, Ann Arbor. \$24-\$32. (734) 764-2538/(800) 221-1229 or www.ums.org

**OUTDOORAMA:** 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, March 4, until 6 p.m. Sunday March 5, and 3-9 p.m. Thursday-Friday, March 2-3, at the Novi Expo Center. \$6.50, \$3 ages 12 and under. (800) 777-6720

**RECORD COLLECTORS SHOW:** 45's, disco CDs, music memorabilia and more at this, the longest-running record collector's show in Michigan, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, March 5, Roseville VFW Hall, 25671 Gratiot, Roseville. \$3 cover. Free parking. Snack bar. (810) 759-5133

## BENEFITS

**BATTLE OF THE BANDS:** The Michigan Jazz Festival committee presents a Battle of the Bands that showcases the different jazz styles of Larry Nozoro, Matt Michaels with Johnny Trudell, and Tom Saunders' Detroit All Stars. 3 p.m. Sunday, March 19, at the Clarenceville High School auditorium, 20155 Middlebelt, between Seven and Eight Mile roads, Livonia. \$15. (248) 474-2720/(734) 459-2454. Proceeds go to the Michigan Jazz Festival (Sunday, July 16, at Schoolcraft College), and the Clarenceville Schools Alumni & Friends Association.

**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

**ARTHUR CAMPBELL:** The clarinetist performs 8 p.m. Thursday, March 9, at the Kerrytown Concert House, Ann Arbor. \$10-\$25. (734) 769-2999

**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; Yan Pascal Torieller conducts "Pictures at an Exhibition" 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, March 9-10 and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, March 11, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. \$14-\$50. (313) 576-5111

**LIVONIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA:** "Musical Pictures" concert 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 11, Churchill High School Auditorium, 8900 Newburgh, north of Joy, Livonia. \$15, \$10 students/children. (248) 645-6666/(734) 464-2741

## POPS/SWING

**JIM PARAVANTES & COMPANY:** Frank Sinatra Tribute 7-11 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays through March; at Dunlevy Z River Place, 267 Jos. Campau, Detroit. (313) 259-0909

## AUDITIONS

**HENRY FORD MUSEUM & GREENFIELD VILLAGE:** Auditions for 9 positions for spring shows (May 8-June 15) and 30 positions for summer shows June 17-Aug. 20, 2-7 p.m. Sunday, March 12 and 4-8:30 p.m. Monday, March 13, at the Anderson Center Theater inside Henry Ford Museum, Dearborn. (313) 982-6044

**PLAYERS GUILD OF DEARBORN:** Auditions for "My Fair Lady" will be 7:30 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, March 6-7 at the Players Guild, near Outer Drive and Monroe. Production dates are May 5-7, 12-14, 19-21 and 26-27. Call (734) 525-7293.

**PLYMOUTH THEATRE GUILD:** Auditions for "Squabbles," a comedy by Marshall Karp, 7:30 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, March 13-14, at the Water Tower Theatre on the campus of Northville Psychiatric Hospital, 41001 W. Seven Mile between Haggerty and Northville roads. Performances take place May 5-6, 12-14 and 19-20. For more information, call director Kirk Haas at (248) 570-2708 (pager - enter your number plus 555) or the Guild at (248) 349-7110

**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

## CHORAL

**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

**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

## JAZZ

**KENNY GARETT QUARTET:** With Kurt Elling Quartet 8 p.m. Friday, March 3, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. \$16-\$62. (313) 576-5111

**GEM JAZZ TRIO:** Performs 7-11 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, at the Century Club Restaurant, Detroit. (313) 963-9800

**MARTY MONTGOMERY & DOUBLETAKE:** 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 3-4, at Tom's Oyster Bar, Southfield. (248) 356-8881

**CHRIS SPEED'S YEAH NO:** 8 p.m. Saturday, March 4, at the Kerrytown Concert House, Ann Arbor. \$15, \$10. (734) 769-2999

**JANET TENAJA:** 9 p.m. Saturday, March 11 and Friday, March 24, at Tom's Oyster Bar, Southfield. (248) 356-8881

## WORLD MUSIC

**LIAM CLANCY:** The legendary Irish

musician performs 8 p.m. Saturday, March 4, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$20. (734) 763-TKTS or (248) 645-6666

## FOLK/BLUEGRASS

**CHUCK BRODSKY:** 8 p.m. Friday, March 3, at the Green Wood Coffee House, Ann Arbor. \$8. (734) 665-8558

**JAN CHRIST:** Performs as part of the Folk Vespers series 6 p.m. Sunday, March 5, at First Baptist Church, Birmingham. (248) 644-0550

**FLATLANDERS:** 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 7, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$20 advance, \$23 day of show. (734) 763-TKTS or (248) 645-6666

**RFD BOYS:** 8 p.m. Friday, March 3, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$10, \$9 member/student/senior. (734) 763-TKTS or (248) 645-6666

## POETRY/SPOKEN WORD

**THE WRITER'S VOICE:** The YMCA's 18th annual Colloquium Series and the Detroit Public Library's 6th annual International Women's Day Reading 7 p.m. Monday, March 6, features Diane di Prima, Chris Tysh, Anca Vlasopolos, and Melba Joyce Boyd, at the main branch of the Detroit Public Library. Free. (313) 267-5310, ext. 338

**YMCA'S 18TH ANNUAL COLLOQUIUM SERIES:** Continues with Barry Wallenstein, jazz musician Faruz Z. Bey, Bob Hicok, and Terry Wooten, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 8, at the Scarab Club, Detroit. Free. (313) 267-5310, ext. 338 or www.ymca-artsdetroit.org

## DANCE

**ANN ARBOR DAWN DANCE WEEKEND:** Friday-Sunday, March 3-5, at Scarlett Middle School. (734) 623-0624

**BALLET D'AFRIQUE NOIRE:** "The Mandinka Epic" 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, March 9-10, at the Power Center, Ann Arbor. \$16-\$34. (734) 764-2538/(800) 221-1229 or www.ums.org

**ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCING:** 7:15-9:45 p.m. Tuesday, March 7, at the Chapel Hill Condominium Clubhouse, Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 662-5158

**GENDER FREE CONTRA DANCE:** 2 p.m. Sunday, March 5, beginners teaching session at 1:30 p.m., at the Pittsfield Grange, Ann Arbor. \$6, \$5 students. (734) 975-2312

**STARBUST BALLROOM:** Dance parties 9 p.m. Fridays, lessons also available, at the dance studio, Southfield. \$8. (248) 356-5678

**WATERFORD-OAKS BALLROOM DANCING:** 8-11 p.m. Friday, March 3, in Waterford. (248) 673-4764

## COMEDY

**ELDORADO COUNTRY CLUB:** Jeff Brannon with Sal Demilio & Dee Profit, 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 3-4; Mike Green with Rob Little & Dee Profit, at the club, Commerce Township. Call (248) 624-1050

**JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB:** Steve McGrew, also Kirk Noland Thursday-Saturday, March 2-4; Big Mo Alexander, also Seth Buchwald and Rich Higginbottom Wednesday-Saturday, March 8-11, 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 PAISANO'S:** Taylor Mason Thursday-Sunday, March 2-5, at the club, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

**MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE:** Kozak, Thursday-Saturday, March 2-4, also Kevin McPeck; Kozak also does a children's magic show 3 p.m. Saturday, March 4; John Bowman Thursday-Saturday, March 9-11, also J.R. Remick, 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,



# Guays a week

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at the Farmington Players Barn, Farmington Hills. \$25. (248) 553-2955  
**THE ARK:** Suzanne Westenhoefer 8 p.m. Thursday, March 2, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$17. (734) 763-TKTS or (248) 645-6666

## MUSEUMS AND TOURS

**ANN ARBOR HANDS-ON MUSEUM:** WalkWorks, a self-directed exploration of the exhibit galleries that invites families and young visitors to become Super Sleuths, debuts Saturday March 4, the 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:** Historic church tour Monday, March 6 and Behind The Scenes Dinner Series at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House 6 p.m. Thursday, March 9 (313) 833-4727; "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 INSTITUTE OF ARTS:** Discussion, "Spirit Portraits: Shaman Paintings of the Korean Choson Dynasty (1392-1910)," by Wonyoung Koh, co-curator of the new gallery of Korean art in the Royal Ontario Museum, 2 p.m. Sunday, March 5, in the lecture hall at the museum, Detroit. Free with museum admission. (313) 833-4249/(313) 833-7900 or [www.dia.org](http://www.dia.org)

**DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER:** IMAX movies include "Tropical Rainforest," "Thrill Ride: The Science of Fun," "Whales," "Mysteries of Egypt" and "Everest," extended hours through March 5, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays-Friday and 7 p.m. and 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and 1-4 p.m. Sunday, 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 exhibit "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:** 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

**PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM:** New exhibit, "American Vacations & Leisure," opens and continues through August. 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 9 Dan Hershberger presents a program, "Hitting the Road: Early Automobile Touring in America," also "Let's Go Gently a Kite" a family oriented program designed for kids to learn about the history and science of kites and kite flying 2 p.m. Sunday, March 5, kite kits for coloring and making your own kite available for \$3, at the museum, Plymouth. \$3, \$1 students, \$7 family. (734) 455-8940

**SPIRIT OF FORD:** Interactive automotive science and technology experience with exhibits and interactives for all ages, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, 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; 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. (248) 645-6666  
**THE ALLIGATORS:** 10 p.m. Friday, March 31, Rochester Mills Beer Company, Rochester. (248) 650-5080

**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. Sold Out.

**ASPERA:** With Jumbos Kill Crane, H2 Doap & The Maypops, 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 7, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. Free. (734) 996-8555

**AUNT RALPH'S RECIPE:** With Mad Peeps and Donkey Punch, 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 8, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. \$3. (734) 996-8555.

**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, Greentown, Detroit. (313) 965-4600.

**BENNY AND THE JETS:** Tuesdays with Karaoke Cowboy Robert Murphy, Reiser's Keyboard Lounge, Westland. [www.bennyandthjets.com](http://www.bennyandthjets.com)

**BETTER DAYS:** Saturday, March 4, 25, Coyote Club, Pontiac. (248) 332-4695

**BLUE HAWAIIANS:** 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 3-4, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800

**DJ FRANKIE BONES:** With DJ Bassick and DJ Brooks Mosher, 9 p.m. Friday, March 3, Science, Detroit. Cover charge \$10-\$15. 18 and over welcome. (313) 438-4146

**DJ BOOMER REYNOLDS:** With DJ Michael Geiger and DJ Keith Kemp, 9 p.m. Saturday, March 4, Science, Detroit. 18 and over. Cover charge \$10-\$15. (313) 438-4146

**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 GROOVE:** 9 p.m. Saturday, March 4; 8 p.m. Thursday, March 16; 8:30 p.m. Friday, March 31, at Edison's, Birmingham. Free. (248) 645-2150

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# 'The Whole Nine Yards' a fun-filled adventure

BY TED ANTHONY  
AP NATIONAL WRITER

Bruce Willis? Often annoying. Matthew Perry? Often extremely annoying. Bruce Willis and Matthew Perry together in the same film? Surprise: VERY entertaining.

"The Whole Nine Yards" has assorted reasons to fail. It's filled with oh-so-trendy actors. It's based on a highly unlikely premise. It descends into slapstick now and then. But something clicks, and performers, plot and script come together to form a lively, even charming caper flick.

Nick "Oz" Oseransky (Perry) is a harried dentist who lives in a

suburban subdivision outside Montreal, and he's not exactly having a great year. His chain-smoking Quebecois wife (Rosanna Arquette) and mother-in-law sit at the breakfast table mocking him. He owes thousands of dollars that were embezzled by his late father-in-law.

And now, the last thing he needs is happening: A contract killer has moved in next door.

Jimmy "The Tulip" Tudeski (Willis), a Chicago gangland figure, has settled in suburban Montreal after serving a five-year prison term. He's killed 17 men, but he's a nice guy. That, of course, doesn't assuage Oz, who's terrified. "It's not how many people I've killed," Jimmy tells him.

"It's how I get along with those who are still alive."

From there, the plot spills forth like a beer poured too quickly. Suddenly Oz, his wife and even his perpetually perky dental assistant Jill (Amanda Peet, who's the best thing about this movie) are involved in an underworld caper that involves Yanni Gogolack (Kevin Pollak), the Balkan mob boss of Chicago. What's more, Oz gets involved with Jimmy's estranged, femme-fatale wife Cynthia (Natasha Henstridge) and another dangerous killer, Frankie Figs (the inimitable Michael Clarke Duncan).

A movie like this is a risky venture. With any action-comedy,

especially one about mobsters and regular schlubs who get into situations not of their own making, the ground is well-trodden and the question hangs: Why do what's already been done? (Not that moviemakers are ever stopped by that.)

But this turns on characters and script, and both work. Though the dialogue is corny at the outset, and there's next to no chemistry between Perry and Henstridge, virtually everything else works. They're likeable characters, and — despite the amoral profession of many of them — most (with the exception of Arquette's character) are admirable in a strange way.



Comedy: Matthew Perry (left to right), Bruce Willis and Amanda Peet star in "The Whole Nine Yards."

Willis has clearly learned something from his superior per-

formance in "The Sixth Sense." His trademark smirk is still employed and still irritating, but he's augmented it with other expressions and reins it in enough to allow a unique personality to emerge. He's a far better actor than he was five, even two years ago.

Perry, who's got the young-adult-male-inadequacy schtick down (he's been doing it for 5 1/2 years on "Friends"), shows here that he can expand his one note to carry a full-length feature. His nervous tics, elastic body movements and martini-dry irony combine here to create a likeable, if reluctant, hero.

Perry's body comedy is at its best here; though it may sound like heresy, much of his physical comedy is drawn straight from Buster Keaton. The way he employs it, it's keyed as much to the "relief" part of comic relief as it is to the comedy itself. Even as you laugh, you feel for him.

Duncan, fresh from a career performance in "The Green Mile," lights up the screen. Physically, he's utterly terrifying. But he can shepherd his face from scrunched-up and menacing to grinning and warm in less than a second; it and he are a joy to watch, especially when he and other professional killers engage in a running gag about admiring each other's work.

Henstridge is fun as a neo-noir gang moll with a heart of gold, and Pollak, one of today's finest character actors, is ideal as the mob kingpin. He's clearly having a great time with a whole palette of lip curls, arched eyebrows and linguistic mischances.

Peet, though, steals the show as Oz's assistant, who has, suffice it to say, other ambitions. Only Arquette doesn't seem to be having much fun.

Full of fun moments and little scenes within scenes, "The Whole Nine Yards" probably won't win any awards. But it's more than the sum of its parts: It's engrossing and rollicking in the best caper-flick tradition.

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# The Brothers Groove have 'got that thing'

**STEPHANIE A. CASOLA**

Chris Codish knows the power of words and the passion of playing music. As the voice and keyboards behind Detroit-based The Brothers Groove, the tall, blond 28-year-old has been surrounded by music most of his life. From the early influences of his family, to high school rock bands, and his days working with legendary blues talents like Johnnie Bassett and The Blues Inaugurants, Larry McCray and Thornetta Davis, Codish committed himself solely to a career in music in the early '90s. Last fall, he made a decision that would draw on all of his experiences. "I wanted to get back to having my own band," said Codish. "I was tired of being a sideman."

By incorporating the musical talents of his bassist Jim Simonson and drummer Michael Caskey, The Brothers Groove was born. Simonson, a Clarkston native, met Caskey at Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp as teenagers. When the guitarless trio came together September 1999, the Brothers immediately recorded a four-song demo fusing blues, rock and funk.

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**What else:** Future deadlines for 2000 applicants are April 29, July 31 and Oct. 31. A total of \$75,000 will be distributed this year.

Codish said he's far from his days of catering to older crowds with traditional blues. "I love that music, but I also like Led Zeppelin just as much, or P-funk or James Brown ... there's elements of that."

Simonson admitted he's "in love with the Chili Peppers," but he doesn't want to lose that traditional jazz, either.

Caskey, honed his skills playing in jazz bands, but said he no longer has to live up to other people's expectations. "I actually have a part in the tunes."

The Brothers weren't the only ones to catch the resonating effects of that vintage sound. The band was awarded \$2,200 from a Jim Beam program, Benefiting Emerging Artists in Music. Chairman of the advisory board for B.E.A.M. and Smithereens vocalist, Pat DiNizio, chose The Brothers Groove along with 26 other unsigned musicians across the country. "I'm extremely

impressed with The Brothers Groove's talent and dedication to its music," said DiNizio in a press statement. Entering the final competition of the 1999, the band was one of ten winners in a pool of 100 applicants, and the only recipients from Michigan.

Hearing about the grant program from a friend, Simonson mentioned it to Codish, and the singer went online to apply — writing about his influences and why his band deserves the grant. In late December, he was interviewed by DiNizio. Just one day later, the band got the grant. "I was thrilled when they told me," said Codish. "The grant really helped."

The Brothers Groove are using the money to design a Web site, purchase promotional materials and studio gear. "You gotta view



**Like family:** From left, Michael Caskey, Chris Codish and Jim Simonson are The Brothers Groove. The band has proven itself worthy of a national grant and are garnering local attention.

it as a business, that's the thing creative people don't like."

Codish writes the band's lyrics as if he's overheard "a meeting between Frank Zappa and Harry Connick Jr." His deep voice pulls it off onstage without a hitch, especially with catchy tunes like "You've got that thing" and the funkified "Fat Daddy."

"We definitely don't sound like anyone else," added Simonson. From cover bands to the house band at Walt Disney World, the 1994 Clarkston High School graduate has finally found his niche.

The band's focus is on its own music and growing fan base. Codish said more people are making it to shows and they

often tell him "they don't know what we sound like, but they know they like it." That's the essence of The Brothers Groove, a group of musicians who are close enough to be "brothers" in music — if not relation.

Look out for a debut CD around May. As Caskey said: "We basically feel like we need a product, a CD, before we can take it on the road." While momentum builds beneath them, Codish remains calm and confident: "I want to take it as far as it can go."

Caskey agreed: "It would be

nice to get a killer record deal ... The bigger plan is to teach people how to listen differently."

See *The Brothers Groove* 9 p.m. Saturday, March 4, Edison's, Birmingham. Free show. (248) 645-2150; or 9:30 p.m. Sunday, March 5, Dick O'Dow's, Birmingham. (248) 642-1135. Check the Web at [www.thebrothersgroove.com](http://www.thebrothersgroove.com)

Stephanie Angelyn Casola writes about popular music for the *Observer & Eccentric* newspapers. She can be reached at (734) 953-2130 or e-mail at [scasola@oe.homecomm.net](mailto:scasola@oe.homecomm.net).

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# Popular Livonia deli satisfies lunch bunch appetites

## TAKE-OUT GUY



RALPH ECHTINAW

David's New York Deli has been a fixture on the southwest corner of Five Mile and Farmington roads since 1982 and one of my regular take-out stops for more than a year.

The place is owned and operated by Livonia

resident Dan Ayyash, who named it after his father David because he put up the seed money.

Pre-deli Dan had had no experience in the restaurant business and, in fact, had been pouring concrete for a living. His first idea was to put up an office building but eventually decided on a deli. The odds of success must have been long considering Dan's lack of relevant experience but he got some professional guidance and learned well.

Having a great location didn't hurt. Dave's Deli is a popular lunch destination for many of the office workers in central Livonia. There is a small dining area — and a parking lot not much bigger — but much of the

## David's New York Deli

**Where:** 15215 Farmington Road, south of Five Mile Road in Livonia. Phone (734) 425-8170. Fax (734) 425-0072.  
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**Menu:** Twenty-six sandwiches ranging in price from \$2.50 to \$4.40. Salads, fries, pickles, deserts, soup, chili.  
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business is take-out. Observer typesetter Cindy Wald always orders the egg salad sandwich when I go to Dave's. "It's the best egg salad in the world," she said. "I always order two; one for today and one for tomorrow."

A receptionist raves about the spinach pie (\$1.25). "There's a lot of spinach and cheese in it," she said. "It's not just all crust. And the crust that is there is a real flaky, light crust."

Reporter Richard Pearl considers the turkey breast deluxe a good value for less than \$6.

Personally, I like the grilled cheese and the chili.

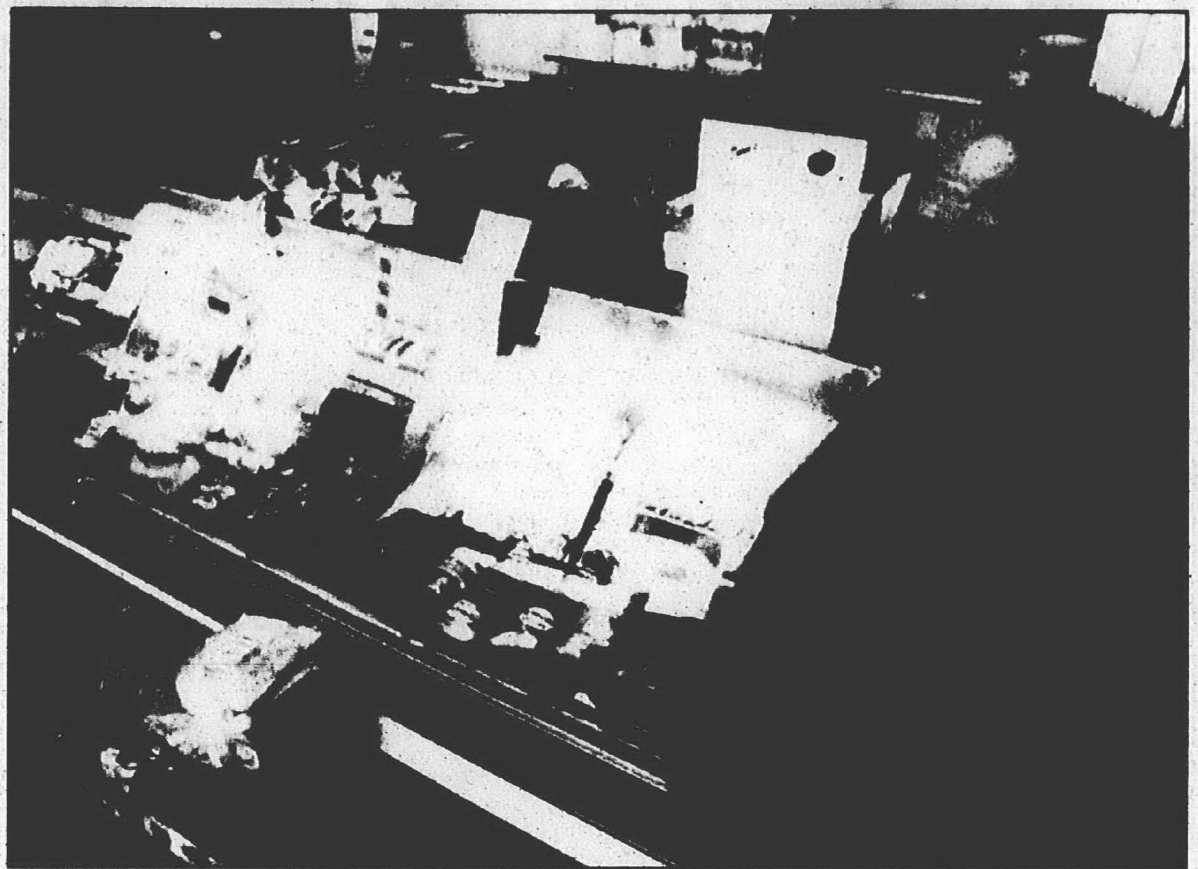
But love for Dave's deli isn't universal. Reporter LeAnne Rogers sometimes orders from Dave's if that's where I'm going

but said it's "nothing special" and she would "never go there on purpose."

I've generally had good luck with Dave's as far as getting my orders right. But one time they charged me for a liver sausage sandwich that was never put in the bag. I had to settle for a "free" one the next time I ordered.

In fairness to Dave's, though, every take-out place makes mistakes. It's just part of the package if you're going to get take-out food for your office crew.

Ralph Echtenaw welcomes your comments and/or questions about take-out lunches. Call him at (734) 953-2054. Write him at 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. E-mail him at rechti-naw@oe.homecomm.net.



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Lunch destination: Dan Ayyash, the owner of David's New York Deli, satisfies the appetites of office workers and other people who want lunch in a hurry.

## Schoolcraft College, local restaurants celebrate Mardi Gras

Celebrate the end of winter and the coming of spring in true New Orleans style at a gala Mardi Gras celebration Saturday, March 4 at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

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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. The celebration begins at 7 p.m. in the Waterman Campus Center. 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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## WHAT'S COOKING

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