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**TODAY**



**Farewell:** Juanita Daniel bids adieu to the Plymouth-Canton school district Friday, and son Scott, a staff writer with the Observer, takes the opportunity to say thanks. /A15

**AT HOME**

**Spring Ideas:** Soon you can celebrate spring by decorating a piece of furniture with wallpaper cutouts to add a lighter touch to a room or install a decorative vinyl film to add privacy to your entrance doors. /D6

**ENTERTAINMENT**

**Benefit:** Livonia artist Elbert Webe, Redford ceramist John Murphy and students from Wayne County schools, including Plymouth Christian Academy, are putting a face on homelessness by participating in MAsko-rAIDE, an auction to benefit COTS. /E1

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**Whirling dervishes:** The Miami University Collegiate Team wraps up its performance Saturday in the 2000 Chevrolet United States Synchronized Team Skating Championships at Compuware Arena in Plymouth Township. The event concluded Saturday after four days of national competition from novice to adult teams. The special effect in the photograph (left) was achieved using a slow shutter speed (1/15th of a second) and zooming the lens (80-200mm) during the exposure. Below, members of the Gems on Ice Juvenile team prepare themselves for a team picture following their performance Friday at Compuware Arena. Coach Carrie Brown is at left.

## Plymouth skaters put on 'Gem'

Novice team finishes 4th at nationals

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Going into last week's 200th Chevrolet Synchronized Team skating championships, Plymouth coach Carrie Brown figured her novice team might have the best shot at a medal.

Turns out she was right. The novice team picked up the pewter medal, finishing fourth of 13 teams and leading the Gems on Ice triumvirate to

three solid showings at the national competition, held at Compuware Arena in Plymouth Township.

"They had a real good program," Brown said. "We didn't think of winning or getting a medal. They just wanted to skate a nice, clean skate, and that's what they did."

There was even a measure of revenge for the novice team. The only team in the competition the Plymouth team hadn't beaten,

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## City assessments on the rise

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Property owners in Plymouth are finding notices in their mailboxes that show assessments for 35 residential neighborhoods, 14 commercial areas and 3 industrial sections in the city all increased this year.

In figures released by Assessor Mark Christiansen, residential assessments were up an average 7.64 percent from last year, commercial property increased 13.05 percent, while industrial assessments were up 14.94 percent.

"The residential increase is relatively consistent with typical increases every year since 1991, but is actually moderate compared with residential increases for other communities in the tri-county area," said Christiansen in his report to City Manager David Rich. "The increases this year in commercial and industrial are the first significant

City assessment increases				
	Parcels	1999 SEV	% INCREASE	2000 SEV
Single-Family Res.	2,748	208,784,320	7.50	225,054,750
Condo Residential	493	20,976,590	11.84	23,462,510
Total Residential	3,246	229,770,910	7.90	248,636,430
Total Commercial	463	60,152,190	11.33	68,839,320
Total Industrial	100	18,197,590	14.39	22,062,340
<b>TOTAL CITY</b>	<b>3,809</b>	<b>308,120,690</b>	<b>8.95</b>	<b>339,538,090</b>

increases in these classes since a reappraisal of industrial and commercial property in 1990, which was used to create the 1991 assessments."

"Sixteen of the city's 35 residential neighborhoods are condo projects, while the remaining neighborhoods are

primarily single family homes of fairly similar construction and value," said Christiansen. "All residential neighborhoods are adjusted annually, based on sales only in those neighborhoods. As a result, although the total residential class is increasing this year by 7.64

percent, individual neighborhoods range from a decrease of .27 percent to an increase of 17.8 percent.

"The reason for the fairly wide variation relates to what has happened with

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## Fire department buys pumper

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The Plymouth Community Fire Department will make a major and rare purchase this year - a pumper.

The last two pumper purchases came in 1992 and 1988.

"We won't have a need to buy another pumper for the next 10 years," said Plymouth Community Fire Chief Larty Groth.

The Plymouth Township board approved the fire department's purchase of a Pierce Dash 2000 custom-built pumper in the amount of \$346,511. Funding for the pumper will come from the Improvement Revolving Account. The new truck will arrive in October.

"The price is consistent with fire apparatus today and is not out of line," Groth said. "One of the key factors of this pumper is that it will carry foam in a foam tank."

Foam is carried in five-gallon pails now. "We have to puncture the pail

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and suck that foam out of the pail," Groth said. "It's a cumbersome process."

The new pumper has a tank that holds 700 gallons of water. There will be an additional tank inside that will hold 50 gallons of foam. If there is a flammable liquids spill on the freeway, for example, firefighters can just push a button and the mixture is automatically there.

"It's probably the neatest feature in the fire service for us," Groth said.

The department has four pumpers now, but that number will drop when the department retires one vehicle that's been around for 28 years. "We'll probably sell it to an antique collector for about \$2,000-\$3,000," Groth said. "I'm talking about taking all of the equipment off of it. I'm not going to sell good equipment like adapters and ladders. We'll sell the

truck stripped."

Michigan weather, with its accompanying quantity of salt, played havoc with the old truck and its steel cabinets. The front is rusting. "We keep them anywhere from 25-30 years here," Groth said. "We take good care of them. We don't get the fires like they do in Detroit. In Detroit, in 10 to 15 years, they wear a pumper out."

The fire department that serves both the city of Plymouth and the Plymouth Township communities had about 1,009 fire-related runs last year, Groth said.

The new pumper will be housed at fire station number two on Wilcox.

"All the pumpers that we have now have ladders that hang on the right side," Groth said. "They are out there. They can hit anything. Those ladders are now built into the back. They slide into a compartment. This way, you don't have freezing rain and ice settling on them when you are

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## Couple charged in sex assaults

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A Plymouth Township couple face a preliminary exam at 8:30 a.m. March 20 in 35th District Court Judge John MacDonald's courtroom in connection with a criminal sexual conduct case involving a pre-teen girl.

Brent Alan Anderson stood mute at his arraignment yesterday and a plea of not guilty was entered for him. He was charged with six counts of criminal sexual conduct, a felony, according to a court representative.

Magistrate Eric Colthurst set bond for him at \$500,000 cash. Anderson remains in the Wayne County Jail.

Anderson's live-in girlfriend - the girl's mother - was charged as an accessory. She stood mute and a plea of not guilty was entered on her

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# Critics: Caucus has little impact on outcome

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"We were doomed to failure from the beginning."

Democrat Bill Joyner of Plymouth Township laments the fact that Michigan's Democratic caucuses are being held this Saturday, days after the Super Tuesday primaries, and with no chance of having an impact on the national political scene.

"Michigan Senator Carl Levin tried to move the date of the Michigan caucuses up to have an impact on the national elections," said Joyner. "However, the national party wouldn't

change it."

So, in campaign years such as this one in which Vice President Al Gore holds a commanding lead over former Sen. Bill Bradley for the Democratic party's presidential nomination, the Michigan caucus on Saturday has little meaning.

"The decision is pretty well made," said Joyner. "We'll be lucky to get 50,000 delegates statewide to show up Saturday, while the Republicans had more than a million vote in their primary, which made a difference. On this issue, the Democrats have not been far-sighted."

Joyner, who is prepared to cast his vote for Bradley Satur-

day, is hoping for a decent turnout in the local caucus.

And so is Becky Tavarozzi, 75, of Canton, the president of the Plymouth-Canton-Northville Democratic Club.

"I think it's still important for Democrats to come out and show their support for their candidate," said Tavarozzi, who has been a part of local politics for 55 years.

The caucus for residents of Plymouth, Canton, Northville and the part of Livonia which votes in the 13th Congressional district is Saturday, at 11 a.m., at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

"The doors will open at 10 a.m.

because you need to be registered or in line to register by 11 o'clock in order to vote," said Tavarozzi.

Shortly afterwards, delegates will be shuffled around the room ... with Gore delegates on one side, Bradley delegates on another, and "other candidates" in a third location of the room.

The delegates for each candidate will then be counted, with the numbers sent to Lansing where tabulation from the entire state will take place by the Democratic party.

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outside."

The Pierce manufacturer in Wisconsin captures one-third of the fire sales in this country and built 1,500 trucks in 1999, Groth said. "Last year they also built 220 pumpers for Saudi Arabia and sent 10 aerial ladders over there. The service center is right here in Northville."

Insurance service offices stop giving full credit after 25 years, he said. That's another reason it was time to part with the old truck.

The new truck will be built on Pierce's 93-acre site in Appleton, Wis. It will take a month to get

**'We won't have a need to buy another pumper for the next 10 years.'**

Larry Groth  
—Plymouth fire chief

the new fire truck in service. A couple of Plymouth Township board members have already asked for a ride. Groth will display the truck to both the Plymouth City Commission and at a Plymouth Township board meeting.

Groth has a lifelong love of firefighting. The day he graduated from Plymouth High School in 1960, he signed up to work as a volunteer firefighter for the city of Plymouth.

In 1965, he became a volunteer firefighter for Plymouth Township. He became a full-time township firefighter in 1968 and has been a fire chief since 1979.

The city and township departments merged in 1995.

Years ago, when firefighters hung onto the outside of the truck there were injuries when some would fall off, he said.

Groth retalled the tragic

injury of a 24-year-old Livonia firefighter who many years ago lost his legs when a drunken driver struck the truck that was on the way to a fire at Five Mile and Farmington roads.

Now the part where the men ride has to be enclosed, he said. No township firefighter was injured in this fashion, he said.

Since then, there have been improvements in truck construction.

"That's for their safety," Groth said.

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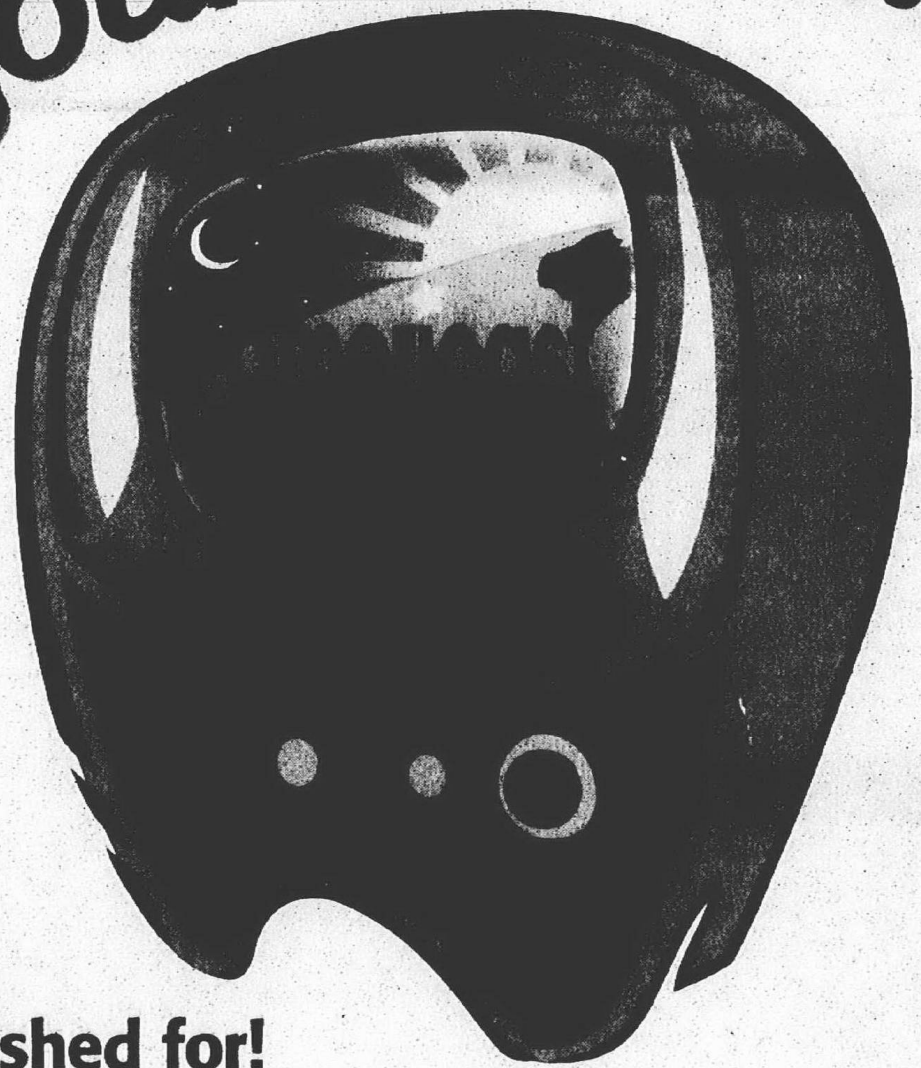
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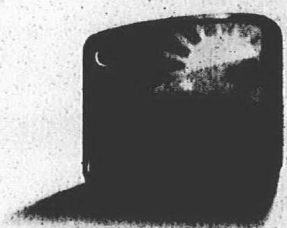
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# Labor of love

## Holocaust survivor imparts message

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A few tears could be seen at West Middle School Tuesday afternoon as 72-year-old Martin Lowenberg, a Holocaust survivor, told of his experiences in a concentration camp and of seeing his father for the last time.

Lowenberg was only 13 years old when he said goodbye to his father, who was eventually sent to Auschwitz.

"Before he left for work that morning he woke me, hugged me, kissed me and wouldn't let go of me," said Lowenberg in a soft voice. "He knew we would never, ever see each other again. He was right."

Lowenberg visited West Middle School and its eighth grade class, which had just finished reading an excerpt from "The Diary of Anne Frank."

"What happened to Anne Frank happened to many, many of us," Lowenberg told the gathering of nearly 250 students and teachers. "Over 80 percent of the Jewish population was taken to concentration camps and perished."

"I want to show you what hate is... jealousy, anger," Lowenberg pressed on. "When people hate, people suffer."

Lowenberg told of the days when Hitler came to power in 1933, of being hated only because he was Jewish, of not being allowed to go to the park because it was only for Aryans, forced from his home because Jews weren't allowed to own property, and of living in concentration camps "with no toilets, no running water, where the rooms were infested with cockroaches and rats were as big as small kittens."

Lowenberg was graphic when he told the group about his twin brothers being met by the Angel of Death, Dr. Josef Mengele, who "took them to the lab and did experiments on them



Imparting history: Holocaust survivor Martin Lowenberg answers questions from students following his presentation during an assembly at West Middle School in Plymouth Tuesday.

without sedation or anesthetics... and cut them into pieces."

At the end, Lowenberg asked all in the cafeteria to "let's be friends and love each other the way we should. The way the Bible says."

The message wasn't lost on those who left the assembly.

"I thought his talk was really moving and made us understand what went on during the Holocaust," said Amanda Strong, 13, of Canton. "It made me feel that I should try a little harder to be less prejudiced against people, be more accepting, and made me want to be a better person."

"It puts life in perspective," added Dan Wludyka, 14, of Plymouth Township. "You shouldn't think about materialistic things and be lucky for what you have."

"The part that really got to me is when his dad came in and hugged him and wouldn't



Learning: Mary Magnusson of Plymouth, 14, (from left), Jessica Wilson of Plymouth, 13, and Lindsay Dew of Canton, 14, listen to Holocaust survivor Martin Lowenberg during an assembly.

let him go," said Julia Fabiszewski, 14, of Canton. "I started to cry."

The reactions were what language arts teachers, who arranged for Lowenberg's visit, were hoping for.

"It's so important at their age

for them to learn compassion, tolerance, making good choices," said Mary Parviainen, chairperson of the language arts department at West.

# Scouts help church on way to new organ

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A grass roots community effort has young and old participating in the Buy-a-Pipe fund-raiser for Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Plymouth.

The Father Kenneth MacKinnon Memorial Pipe Organ, expected to take two years to build, will be used in the church's new location at 47650 North Territorial in Plymouth Township. MacKinnon served as pastor of OLG from 1973 until his death in 1986.

A seven-troop cluster of Brownie and Junior Girl Scouts, about 131 OLG students in grades one through six, raised

and will present \$200 - enough to buy two pipes - during the 5 p.m. Saturday Mass in honor of the 88th birthday of Girl Scouting, according to Adele Armbruster, a scout leader.

The sixth graders of Troop 782, who coordinated the effort, were Kelly Armbruster, Nicole Aninos, Sarah Bills, Jenny Ploucha, Katie Renfer, Alex Muma, Angela Vendittelli and Sarah Wiercioch, she said.

"It also marks the beginning of Girl Scout Week," Armbruster said. "Girl Scouting is all about community service."

The Scouts' donation as well as that of others who have raised about \$90,000 are most welcome, said Michele Johns, OLG music director.

With each pipe costing \$100, the project is more affordable to more people, some said.

"The church is committed to half," Johns said. "It's symbolic, it's not like you actually own a pipe. The beauty of this program is that everyone symbolically

becomes part of the worship in the new church through music."

The old organ is expected to be sold for \$35,000 to St. Jane de Chantal Church in Sterling Heights, she said.

The new, custom-made organ will have 2,275 pipes compared to 1,600 pipes in the old organ, Johns said.

A September dedication is planned for the new church, which has been a landmark at 1062 Church Street in Plymouth. The new church will seat 1,499. The church, which has 2,700 families, has 800 seats now.

"The present pipe organ is too small," Johns said. The size of the building determines the proper cubic footing of organ

that is needed, Johns said. Pipe organs are custom-made for the particular space in sight as well as in sound.

A contract for the new organ was signed with Casavant Organ of Montreal, Quebec, the same com-

pany that constructed the present organ, Johns said.

Matt Greenough of Plymouth Township has presented several family and friends with "pipes" as gifts. "It was a good way to honor my father, Jerry Greenough, who has died," Greenough said. "This will be a community instrument."

He also bought a pipe for his mother. Many senior citizens, who have acquired as many things as they need in their lifetimes, see this as a way of giving back to the church, or ask that their children do something nice for them as they help the church community, he said.

Breaking the total targeted donations into \$100 apiece makes the fund-raising goal more achievable, Greenough said.

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Michele Johns  
—Music director

## Assessments from page A1

sales in a given neighborhood during the two-year period used for the sales ratio studies."

The highest neighborhood assessment increase of 17.46 percent occurred in Lower-Town/Old Village. Arbor Croft Subdivision increased 17.07 percent, while Fred Garling Homes jumped 16.51 percent. The only other area with a double-digit increase in assessments was the Sunset/Blunk area, south of Farmer Street, at 11.52 percent.

Park Entrance Estates saw assessments drop 27 percent. Parkland Sub at 26 percent, and Brookview & Maplecroft Homes at 46 percent, were the smallest increases.

Mill Town Square Condos saw the highest residential assessment hike in the city at 17.8 percent. Other condominium assessments close behind were

**'This is not a reflection of what will happen to property owners' taxes.'**

Mark Christiansen  
—Assessor

Plymouth Trail/Casa Grande Condos at 16.99 percent and Royal York Condos at 16.71 percent.

Christiansen is quick to point out that the information relates to assessed values only, not increases in taxes.

"This is not a reflection of what will happen to property owners' taxes," he said. "Property taxes since 1995 have been based on a separate set of values called taxable value."

"This year, regardless of how

much someone's assessment increases, their taxes will increase by only 1.9 percent, unless the property was purchased during the calendar year 1999, or the property had a physical addition or alteration which added or removed value," Christiansen said.

As a result of Proposal A, which was passed by voters in 1994, property tax increases are limited to the rate of inflation, with a cap of five percent.

"Appreciation is good," said Doug Courtney of Remerica Hometown in Plymouth. "It's a main reason people buy homes. They want a stable area. As long as values go up, that's great."

### Neighborhood values

Neighborhood	1999 SEV	% INCREASE	2000 SEV
Arbor Croft sub	4,869,540	17.07	5,700,830
Birch Estates	5,764,880	8.08	6,231,630
Brookview/Maplecroft Homes	10,588,430	0.46	10,838,660
CBD residential	4,566,820	7.44	4,781,260
Central older homes	12,925,910	6.58	13,812,920
East perimeter	973,690	1.65	989,770
Fred Garling Homes	2,851,870	16.51	3,327,480
Holbrook & Rose Homes	6,325,950	7.86	6,834,800
Hough Park Properties	13,672,470	4.16	14,353,520
Lower Town/Old Village	9,565,340	17.46	11,010,760
New England Village Homes	14,297,550	3.42	14,788,690
Park Entrance Estates	1,293,080	-0.27	1,292,690
Parklane Sub	6,549,450	0.26	6,570,890
Penniman-Ann Arbor Trail	19,909,570	6.95	21,415,270
South Harvey Street	29,326,210	8.80	31,976,280
Sunset/Blunk - n. of Farmer	22,567,940	3.98	23,488,270
Sunset/Blunk - s. of Farmer	35,432,560	11.52	39,851,440
Symar Sub	7,313,060	6.52	7,789,590
Arbor Trail/Maria Condos	1,137,400	5.55	1,200,480
Carriage Court Condos	662,360	14.02	755,220
Crestwood Park Condos	2,833,590	11.77	3,167,160
Mill Town Square Condos	415,460	17.80	489,420
Pinewood Village Condos	4,690,400	11.43	5,226,400
Plymouth Park West Condos	887,230	14.27	1,014,650
Plymouth Trail/Casa Grande	1,952,990	16.99	2,286,190
Riveroaks Condos	1,019,420	-8.26	1,104,490
Royal York Condos	845,120	16.71	986,350
The Meadows Condos	2,739,790	13.21	3,101,650
Trail End Condos	176,200	3.29	182,000
Home on the Trail Condos	385,080	7.96	415,720
Willow Brook Condos	1,068,760	4.91	1,121,230
Yorktowne/Old Village Condos	1,190,970	14.80	1,367,210

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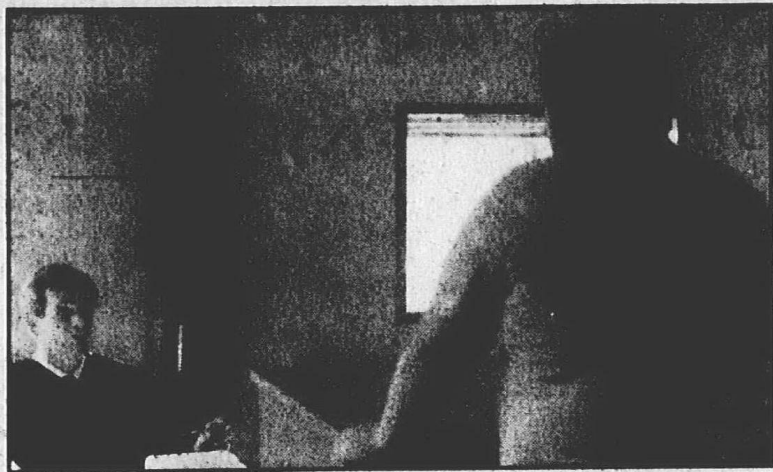
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from Dearborn, finished fifth. Plymouth's intermediate team finished seventh of 12 teams, while the juvenile team finished fifth in a 13-team field.

"We had a couple of bobbles, but there was a lot of pressure on the kids because it was the nationals," Brown said. "I think all three of the teams did really well. They did the best they could."



**Attitude adjustment:** The Gems Novice team (above), wearing orange pom poms in their hair, cheer the Intermediate team as they take to the ice Friday afternoon. The sign at left reads "B.A.A.," which stands for "Big Awesome Attitude," the team's motto. Left, Chris Pacini of Farmington awaits her daughter Marie's performance with the Gems Novice team Friday. She's wearing antennae, as are the other moms standing behind her, to promote the team's motto, "BEE-lieve." The girls chose the theme after one of them found a children's book called "Buzzy the Bumblebee."



**Brent Alan Anderson, right, faces 35th District Court Magistrate Eric Colthurst during his arraignment on six counts of criminal sexual conduct. The victim is alleged to be the minor daughter of Anderson's girlfriend.**

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behalf. Colthurst set her bond at \$20,000, or 10 percent. She also was in the Wayne County Jail.

The woman's name is being withheld to protect her daughter's identity.

"These are charges that we are going to take seriously," said John McWilliams, Anderson's attorney. "They involve accusations by a child in the home.

Accusations can be recanted." Benton Richardson, the woman's attorney, declined to comment on the case.

Plymouth Township Detective Kevin Lauterwasser refused to talk about the case.

All of the children who resided in the home with the couple have been placed in foster care, police said.

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**PROMOTED**

Joseph T. Malas Jr. a 1994 graduate of Plymouth-Canton School, was promoted to the rank of sergeant in the U.S. Marine Corp. Joe has also been awarded the Navy and Marine Achievement Medal for outstanding service performed when on duty in Turkey in 1999. He is currently stationed in Iwakuni, Japan, and reported in February to Okinawa to attend six weeks of training. Joe is the son of Joseph and Janice Malas.

**REPORTED DUTY**

Navy Chief Petty Officer James R. Greiner, son of Nancy L. Laurenty of Plymouth, recently reported for duty aboard the aircraft carrier USS Harry S. Truman, home ported in Norfolk, Va. He joined the Navy in October 1978.

**DEPLOYMENT**

Navy Airman Ray C. Horton, son of James C. Horton of Canton, recently returned from a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific Ocean, Indian Ocean and Arabian Gulf aboard the aircraft carrier USS Constellation, home ported in San Diego. During the deployment, Horton's ship participated in Operation Southern Watch in the Arabian Gulf, enforcing U.N. resolutions levied against Iraq after the 1991 Gulf War, patrolling the no-fly zone over Southern Iraq and prohibiting the flow of illegal contraband to and from Iraq. He is a 1997 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School. He joined the Navy in June 1999.

**ARMY ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL**

Army Pfc. Kevin W. Hanley has been decorated with the Army Achievement Medal. The medal is awarded to soldiers who have served in any capacity in a noncombat area authorized by the Secretary of the Army. The recipients distinguished themselves by meritorious service or achievement

and have accomplished the act with distinction. Hanley is a radio telephone operator assigned at Camp Casey, Tongduchon-Up, South Korea. He is the son of Mark W. Hanley of Canton and Jill A. Hanley of Trenton. The private is a 1997 graduate of River Rouge High School.

**DEAN'S LIST**

Army Cadet Kyle D. Petroskey was placed with honors on the Dean's List at the U.S. Military Academy, West Point, N.Y., for maintaining a required 3.0 grade point average. The cadet plans to graduate in the year 2001 with a bachelor's degree and will be commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army. Petroskey is the son of Larry and Sandy Petroskey of Plymouth. He is a 1997 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School.

**DELAYED ENTRY PROGRAM**

Jason E. Todd has joined the United States Army under the Delayed Entry Program at the U.S. Army Recruiting Station, Westland. The program gives young men and women the opportunity to delay entering active duty for up to one year. The enlistment gives the new soldier the option to learn a new skill, travel and become eligible to receive as much as \$50,000 toward a college education. After completion of basic military training, soldiers receive advanced individual training in their career job specialty. Todd reported to Fort Leonard Wood, Waynesville, Mo., for basic training. He is the son of Penny D. Wenger of Canton and Dennis E. Todd of Upton, Pa.

**PHYSICAL FITNESS ASSESSMENT**

Cadet John I. Faunce, son of William Faunce of Plymouth, finished 10th in the Physical Fitness Assessment at the U.S. Military Academy. By placing 10th, Faunce has earned a chance to attend the U.S. Special Forces Underwater Demolition and Combat Diver Operations. He was also selected as Best Barracks Counseling Unit Commander in charge of the counseling and mental welfare of the 1,200 new cadets of the class of 2004. Faunce graduated from Detroit Catholic Central High School in 1997.

**Barbershop quartet presents spring show**

The Huron Valley Chapter, SPEBSQSA, presents its annual spring show, "No Business Like Show Business," at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 12, at the Towles Auditorium, Washtenaw Community College, featuring The Huron Valley Harmonizers Chorus under the direction of Lynne Pierce and Kelly Brummett. Chapter Quartets also appearing are Chordology and Lyric. For more information or for tickets, call (734) 665-0884.

**Healthy living project ready to go**

The 20th annual Project Healthy Living, formerly known as Project Health-O-Rama, sponsored by WXYZ-TV/Channel 7 and United Health Organization, a United Way agency, will be held Sunday, March 19 through Thursday, April 20 at more than 80 sites in the city of Detroit and the counties of Lapeer, Livingston, Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, Sanilac, St. Clair, Washtenaw and Wayne. Project Healthy Living offers free or low-cost health screening tests. Free tests at all sites include blood pressure, height and weight, vision, glaucoma, health hazard appraisal, and counseling and referral. Tests offered at all sites for a

minimal handling fee include a blood panel that checks cholesterol, diabetes, thyroid, liver, HDL, bone and kidney disease and more. Other tests include prostate, corectal and ovarian cancer screening. Special tests offered at selected sites include oral/dental screening, skin cancer and breast exams. In celebration of 20 years of providing low cost health care screening, Project Healthy Living is expanding its services to include depression screening and pneumococcal vaccines. WXYZ-TV/Channel 7's "Healthy Living" reporter Carolyn Clifford will spearhead Action News' coverage through-

out the campaign, including up-to-date information on specific sites and testing. In addition to Clifford's reports this information is also available 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. weekdays beginning March 14 through the Project Healthy Living hotline, (248) 424-8600. Information on the campaign can also be found on the WXYZ-TV/Channel 7 "Healthy Living" website: detnow.com. More than 6,000 volunteers and 600 agencies will assist in the delivery of Project Healthy Living's services. Each year 100,000 screening and counseling services, valued at over one million dollars, are administered through the project.

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Dolly Bauterse died Feb. 27, 2000 in Florida.

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She served in the WACs, spending time in the European theater during World War II.

She was a past president and conductress, and was also a life member of the Mayflower Lt. Gamble VFW Ladies Auxiliary Post 6895.

KEITH ERIC MILLER

Services for Keith Eric Miller, 48, of Canton were held March 9 at Santeiu Chapel with the Rev. Kurt Radke of Christus Victor Lutheran Church officiating.

He was born July 14, 1951, in Detroit and died March 4 in Detroit. He was an area coordinator.

Survivors include his wife, Harriett Miller; one son, Russell Miller; and two sisters, Gail White and JoAnn Omer.

AGNES M. JARSKY

Services for Agnes M. Jarskey, 73, of Plymouth were held March 8 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth, with the Rev. Roy Forsyth officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth.

She was born Oct. 13, 1926, in Detroit and died March 4 in Ann Arbor. She worked at the Farmer Jack supermarket in Plymouth for four years. She was a resident of Plymouth for 38 years, coming to the community in 1961 from Detroit. She was a member of the Vivians at the Plymouth Elks Club and loved to work in her yard. She was an excellent cook and a loving mother and neighbor.

Survivors include her son, Larry R. (Cindy) Jarskey of Waterford; one daughter, Karen M. Abrandt of Plymouth; one sis-

ter, Audrey (William) Dinner of Livonia; one brother, Bob (Blanche) Graham of Largo, Fla.; grandchildren Rob Jarskey, Rachel Jarskey, Karli Brandt, Kenneth Brandt, Christopher Brandt, Craig Ordan and Alex Ordan; and two nieces, four nephews and several great nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to Comprehensive Cancer Center, University of Michigan, 1500 E. Medical Center Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48109.

DONALD P. MASON

Services for Donald P. Mason, 61, of Canton Township were held March 7 at St. John Neumann Catholic Church with the Rev. George Charnley officiating. Burial was in Glen Eden Cemetery.

He was born Oct. 11, 1939, and died March 3 in Canton Township. He was an accountant for a construction business.

Survivors include his wife, Connie Mason; one daughter, Karen (Bill) Simms; one son,

Christopher Mason; mother, Irene; and one brother, Russell (Rosemary) Mason.

Local arrangements were made by the Neely-Turowski Funeral Home, Canton Chapel.

RICHARD THOMAS O'LEARY

Services for Richard Thomas O'Leary, 70, of Canton took place March 6 at St. John Neumann Catholic Church with Father George Charnley officiating. Burial was in New York.

He was born Nov. 25, 1930, in Brooklyn, N.Y., and died March 2 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. He worked in sales at Detroit Diesel.

Survivors include his wife, Lynn; three daughters, Katie O'Leary, Jean (Arnold) Fifeleski and Mary Jane (John) Belko; three sons, Tommy (Dorothy), Daniel (Ellen) and John; eight grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

WILMA ANN POST

Services for Wilma Ann Post, 73, of Canton (formerly of Plymouth) were held March 4 at the Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth, with the Rev. James N. McGuire officiating. Burial was in United Memorial Gardens, Plymouth.

She was born Feb. 21, 1927, in Detroit and died March 1 in Canton. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Nagel. Survivors include six children, Ellen Eklar of Traverse City, Sally Hamel of Walled Lake, Janeen Slider of Dayton, David (Tracy) Post of Salem Township, Beth Ann Gibson of Milford and Stacy (Al) Tanski of Plymouth; one sister, Eileen Whitman; one brother,

Ford Lounsbuey; 10 grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

Local arrangements were made by the Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth.

SARA ANN EVANS

Services for Sara Ann Evans, 35, of Dayton, Ohio, (formerly of Plymouth) were held March 9 at the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth with the Rev. James Skimins officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth.

She was born July 29, 1964, in Ann Arbor and died March 4 in Ann Arbor. She worked in retail management and was a homemaker as well. She came to the Dayton, Ohio, community nine years ago from Plymouth. She received her bachelor of arts degree from Kalamazoo College, and her MBA from Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, where she also earned a law degree.

She loved the outdoors, especially biking and camping. She was president of her class at Plymouth Salem High School for four years. She played basketball in high school and college. She started a children's play group at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Dayton. She was very active at church and taught Sunday School.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Megan Elizabeth.

Survivors include her husband, John Danish of Dayton, Ohio; two sons, Evan and Nathan; parents, Dr. Robert and Sally Evans of Plymouth; four brothers and sisters, Bob (Lori) Evans of Coral Springs, Michael (Catherine) Evans of Plymouth,

Cameron (Sue) Evans of Rochester Hills and Susan Evans of Westland; grandmother, Clara Truesdell of Plymouth; and two nieces, Carlie and Kayla Evans.

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

MEGAN ELIZABETH DANISH

Services for Megan Elizabeth Danish of Dayton, Ohio, were held March 9 at the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth with the Rev. Dr. James Skimins officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth.

She was born March 4 and died March 4.

She was the infant daughter of John Danish of Dayton, Ohio, and the late Sara Ann Evans. In addition to her father, she is survived by two brothers, Evan and Nathan Danish of Dayton, Ohio; grandparents, Dr. Robert and Sally Evans of Plymouth and Catherine Danish of Fairborn, Ohio; great-grandparents, Clara Truesdell Bryn of Plymouth and Mary McGraw of Morgantown, W.Va.; five aunts and uncles, Bob (Lori) Evans of Coral Springs, Fla., Michael (Catherine) Evans of Plymouth, Susan Evans of Westland, Cameron (Sue) Evans of Rochester Hills and Adre (Bill) Daniels of Beavercreek, Ohio; and cousins, Carlie and Kayla Evans, and John and Brian Daniels.

Memorials may be made to Westminster Presbyterian Church, 125 N. Wilkinson St., Dayton, OH 45402.

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

Accident claims former township resident

BY SUE BUCK STAFF WRITER sbuck@oe.homecomm.net

Funeral services for U.S. District Court Magistrate Doyle Rowland, the brother of Plymouth Township Clerk Marilyn Massengill, were held March 3 in St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Kalamazoo.

In honor of Rowland, U.S. courts in the Western District were closed that day.

Rowland died in a car accident Feb. 29 in Three Rivers. He had recently moved to Klinger Lake near Sturgis.

Rowland, like Massengill, was raised in Plymouth Township. He was a graduate of Eastern

Michigan University and Detroit College of Law. He was a former assistant city attorney for Midland and served as friend of the court for Midland County. He was also a Midland County prosecutor.

He was in private practice from 1980-84 before being appointed magistrate for the Western District of U.S. District Court, which is based in Grand Rapids.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the American Cancer Society.

He is also survived by his wife, Carol; sons Matthew of Chicago, and Andrew and his wife, Kelly, and their sons Clark and Spencer of Portage; and his mother, Georgia Rowland of Portage.

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# Conference promotes action on anti-sprawl measures

BY MIKE MALOTT  
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Efforts to address urban sprawl in Michigan – a topic that has been on the lips of area residents and planners for as much as 20 years – need to get under way by this June, according to David Skjaerlund, executive director of the Rural Development Council of Michigan.

That's because one piece of it, a major piece, needs to go on the ballot this fall in the form of a Constitutional amendment. Skjaerlund was referring to Gov. John Engler's proposal to change the way farm land is taxed. Engler has proposed that property taxes be applied to farm land based strictly on its use as agricultural land, rather than on market value as it is assessed today.

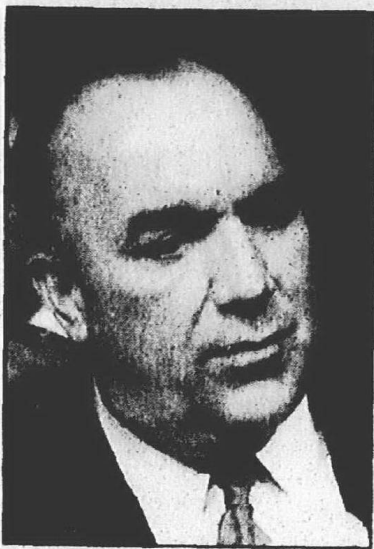
The purpose is to take the financial pressure off farmers, who are sometimes forced because of high property taxation to sell to developers. Those developers buy it up for new homes. It is part of the process that fuels sprawl.

Many other urban sprawl initiatives are in the works, like encouraging "smart growth" alternatives in local communities, passing legislation allowing for the sale of "development rights" on working farms, spurring regional cooperative planning and redirecting growth back toward central cities, but many of those proposals can be enacted without need of rewriting the state Constitution.

And many can be adopted by local communities themselves.

## Sprawl conference

That was the idea behind The Ultimate Land Use Conference Feb. 28 and 29 at the Kellogg Conference Center in East Lansing, Skjaerlund explained. Over



Gov. John Engler

Michigan United Conservation Clubs and the Economic Development Association.

Speakers at the conference emphasized farmland preservation, because as Dr. Tom Daniels of the University at Albany, State University of New York, pointed out, government not only has to take financial pressure off agriculture, it needs to make family farming a profitable enterprise if it expects to farmers to stay on and work their lands. Daniel explained to the conference how New York's program allowing for the purchase of development rights works.

## Engler plan

Under the program proposed by Engler, development rights could be purchased from working farms. The farmers would retain the title but could only use the land for agricultural purposes.

Purchases of development rights might be made by local governments, for the purpose of preserving that farmland. But Engler has also proposed that those rights could also be purchased by others, who would be able to move those development rights to another location and be allowed to develop it to an intensity beyond what would otherwise be acceptable in the law. "Receiving zones" might include so-called "brownfields" in central cities, but under the governor's proposal, development rights would have to be used in areas that already have the infrastructure available to support such development.

Peter Katz, president of Urban Advantage, a design firm that is a proponent of "New Urbanism," talked about that style of development.

Typical subdivision development involves large lots, placing homes on lots ranging in size from one to 10 acres. That style

of development just contributes to sprawl, he said, because it is consumptive of land that no longer can support agriculture. While it does preserve greenspace, he said, it is not public greenspace.

"We have greenspace, but we don't know what it's there for," he said.

Katz further argued that the traffic congestion suburbs experience is not the result of inadequate size on major roads, it is the result of the way subdivisions are typically laid out.

"In subdivisions, all roads lead to dead ends," he said. By contrast, the grid pattern of older

city residential streets helps improve the traffic flow in those towns.

Katz advocates designing subdivisions based on the model of small American towns prior to World War II. They feature mixed uses including different housing types, small retail stores at the center of the community and lots of walkways.

The problem with most New Urbanism designs being used today is that they are too large, Katz said. If these neighborhoods are more than a quarter mile across, residents will just get in the car to drive to where they are going. Planners tend to

put too much retail at the center. These designs are intended for small shops.

West Bloomfield Planning Director Tom Bird was present at the conference and gave the sessions generally positive reviews. But he had some frustrations too. One item presenters failed to give was a set of criteria by which planners can judge the quality of a New Urbanism development.

"They all come in and insist their plan is so good," he said. "Their interest is making money, but they tell you your interest is the same as theirs. It isn't."

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# New law allows foreclosure after 2 years of tax delinquency

BY KURT KUBAN  
STAFF WRITER

With the enactment of a new state law, property owners will have much less time to pay delinquent taxes before losing their property to Wayne County.

Public Act 123 of 1999 gives the county treasury department the power to foreclose on a property after a tax has gone unpaid for only two years. Formerly, the law allowed up to five years for owners to pay delinquent taxes.

An unpaid tax becomes delinquent after a local city or township forwards it to the county treasurer for collection on March 1 of the year after it was due, at which time the property will be put in a state of forfeiture.

From that time a property owner will have exactly one year before the property is foreclosed and put up for public auction. The previous owners will receive no compensation from the sale.

Considering over 80,000 properties become delinquent each year in Wayne County alone, the new law may catch some people by surprise.

"This is a very complex issue," said Wayne County Treasurer Raymond Wojtowicz. "I have grave concerns that the good people of Wayne County are not

fully aware of the full parameters of this law."

The law provides incentive for investors and developers to bid on properties when they are auctioned, because it allows for a clear title of the property in a quicker period of time, a fact the county welcomes.

"Public Act 123 gives us the necessary tools to get delinquent properties back onto the tax roll in a shorter period of time," Wojtowicz said. "This is not only important to the county, but also to local cities and townships, which rely on the taxes to pay for public services such as education."

Property owners who can't come up with all of the money to pay their taxes will have a few options before foreclosure, such as setting up a partial payment plan with the treasury office.

The law also allows for an appeals process, in which a judge will review a case to make sure a tax was not erroneously or illegally applied. The appeal will also provide a delinquent owner the opportunity to show a case of existing hardship.

"In my experience, most judges are very sensitive to an appeal, as long as a person can show they will make serious efforts to

pay what was agreed upon," Wojtowicz said.

Individuals with financial need can also contact the Family Independence Agency, a state agency formerly known as Social Services. The agency will provide one-time emergency assistance grants to pay for all or part of a delinquent tax to eligible applicants.

"We have to make sure the grant would solve the problem on a long-term basis," said Gene Hashley, a spokesman for the FIA's Wayne County office. "If there is no way an applicant can handle the responsibility down the road, we have to look at other options, such as an alternative living arrangement."

Once a property has been foreclosed by the county, the former owners will have no recourse to get it back.

"That is the enormity of this issue," said Wojtowicz, noting properties with delinquent 1999 taxes will be foreclosed on March 1, 2002.

Wojtowicz said people concerned about friends or family members who are unaware of and may be affected by the new law should contact the treasurer's office.

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■ **'To be honest, I can't ever remember not wanting to do this job.'**

**Tom Bowling**  
—retiring Plymouth police officer

# After 29 years, former cop just a resident again

Plymouth officer hangs up his holster after guarding the city he has always called home

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"To be honest, I can't ever remember not wanting to do this job. In reality, it was a dream come true."

After 29 years patrolling Plymouth's 2.2 square miles, Officer Tom Bowling called it quits after his shift ended Sunday.

Bowling, 50, the senior member of the force the past three years, has lived and worked in Plymouth since he was 13 years old.

"I have a lot of friends in town. They come and they go," Bowling said. "I guess I've been the fixture."

"I'm on a first name basis with most of the business owners. And I see children of my friends from school who are now having children of their own," he added. "Sometimes I get waves from people that I know, but can't place them. You get to know so many people you can't remember all their names."

Growing up in Plymouth and then working in his hometown, Bowling has had the opportunity to come into contact with some of his friends ... by handing out tickets.

"Sometimes it was a bit awkward, but never a problem," he said. "I've written tickets to people I've gone to high school with and we are still friends. I was just doing my job, and they knew it."

Bowling has seen a lot of changes since he first joined the force, and likes the changes in

■ **'It's time for a change, to get on with life.'**

**Tom Bowling**  
—Retired cop

domestic violence, seat belt and drunken driving laws, though he notes "they've changed for the better and could be stronger."

His most memorable arrest occurred nearly 18 years ago.

"There was a robbery at the old Heritage Pharmacy and I chased the suspects into Livonia where they crashed," remembers Bowling. "I happened to be in the right place at the right time and made the arrest."

It's more than being in the right place at the right time that makes Bowling a respected cop.

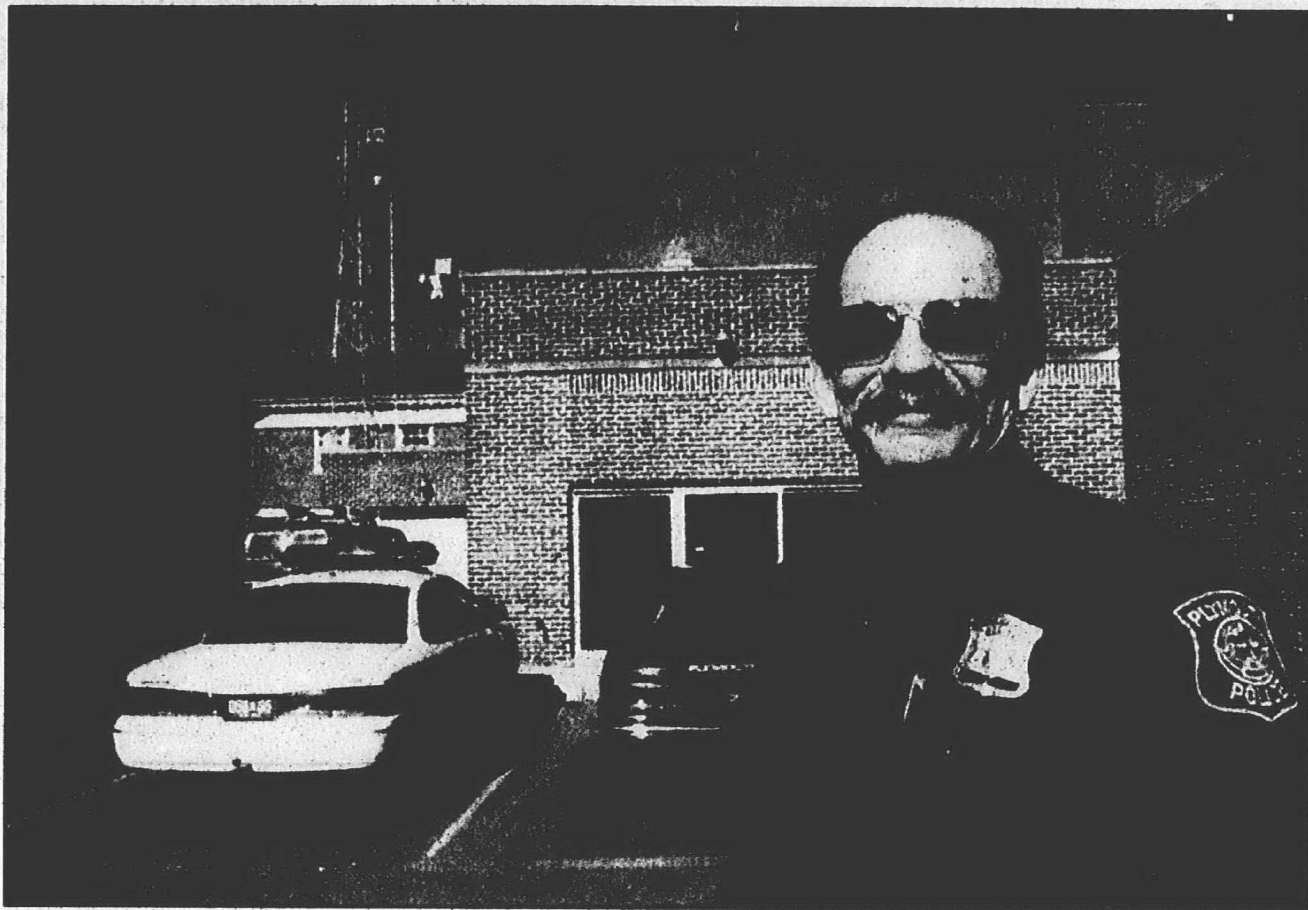
"Tom is the guy you want backing you up," said Det. Sgt. Ed Ochal. "He's a team player who can always be relied upon."

"He's a real professional and a credit to this department," added Lt. Wayne Carroll.

Although he's worked with Bowling for only a couple of months, newly hired police chief Dick Miller said he'll miss the department's senior officer.

"When we first met, Bowling approached me with a big smile and a handshake," remembers Miller. "To have the senior officer give such a big welcome ... it meant a lot to me."

As much as he likes his job, Bowling said it's just time for a



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**Hangin' it up:** After 29 years of patrolling the city's streets, Officer Tom Bowling, 50, has had enough, and retired after his shift Sunday. His plans for retirement include hitting the golf course and watching his daughter grow. Below, Officer Bowling chats about his lengthy career.

new lifestyle.

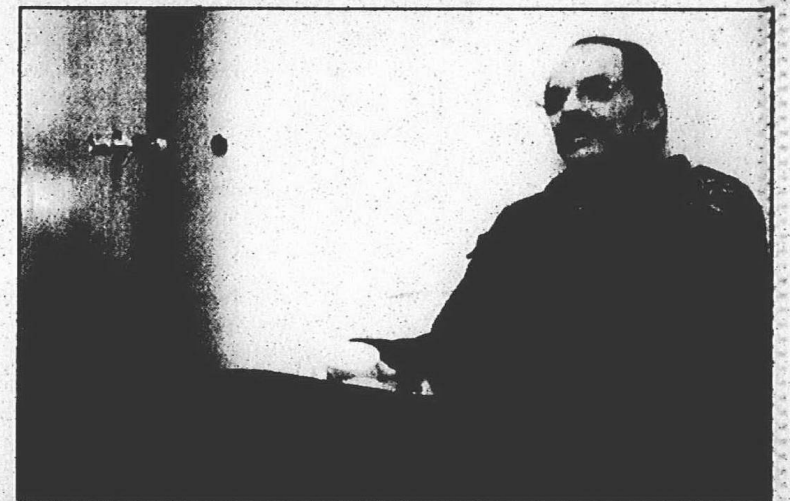
"It's time for a change, to get on with life, do some traveling and camping and see what the rest of life brings," he said. "We'll stay in Plymouth for a while. But, eventually we'll move to a warmer climate. I've had enough of snow."

Before a move sometime in the future, Bowling plans to play some golf and watch his daughter grow.

"I want to spend some time watching her grow up," said Bowling of his 5-year-old daughter. "I owe it to her to give her the best life I can and teach her to be a decent human being."

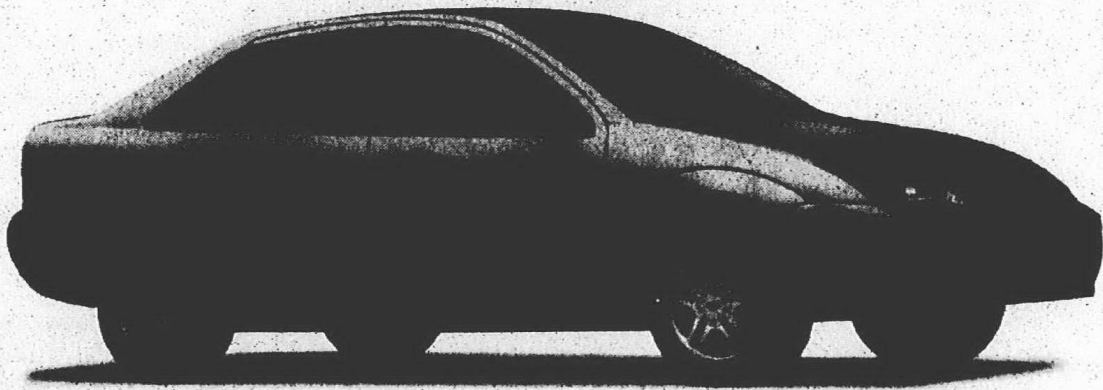
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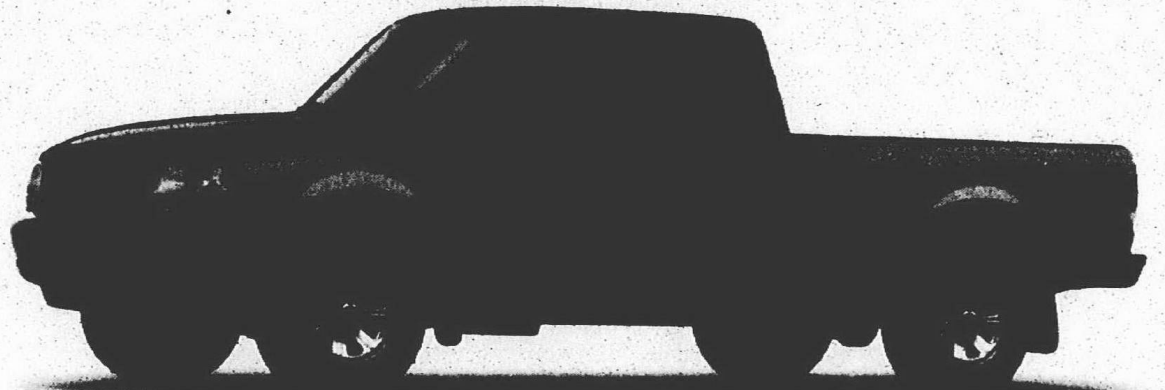
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# Bankes insists she's no fan of a proposed arts tax

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Wayne County Commissioner Lyn Bankes said she doesn't care about a recent proposal from the ways and means committee for a regional fine arts tax.

"I don't care if it ever gets passed," said Bankes, R-Livonia, seeking to clarify her position on the proposal in the wake of a minor uproar at the March 2 commission board meeting.

In fact, she said, if the issue never comes to a public vote, that'll be OK, too. "Fine, let it die. Let it go away," she said.

The mini-blowup occurred after a resolution was introduced to the commission by its ways and means committee, proposing that a half-mill tax levy be placed on an Aug. 8 special election ballot.

Commissioners voted to send

■ 'I wouldn't want to take this resolution back to my community.'

Commissioner Lyn Bankes  
R-Livonia

the resolution back to committee after Ilona Varga, D-Detroit, said it was introduced in error.

The levy, 50 cents per \$1,000 of taxable valuation, would run from 2000 to 2009 and would be "for the exclusive purpose of distribution to a Metropolitan Regional Arts Council."

The council would be "established and equitably supported and appointed" by the counties of Wayne and Oakland and by the city of Detroit, according to the resolution.

Its purpose would be "to

improve and sustain regional fine arts and cultural institutions." The millage would raise an estimated \$13.6 million in 2000.

Ben Washburn, commission counsel, said county commissioners must approve by May 18 any proposal for the Aug. 8 ballot.

Bankes, a member of the ways and means committee, was identified on the March 2 agenda as introducing the resolution, although it was being sponsored by Ways and Means Chairman George Cushingberry Jr. and

Varga.

Commissioner Robert Blackwell, a Detroit Democrat, immediately chided Bankes with "you are a brave commissioner."

Then he called half-seriously for "research" to see "if there's ever been any Republican on the commission" who asked for a tax increase.

"I'm not for this" proposal, Blackwell grumbled. "I've got enough culture."

Bankes responded with, "I wouldn't want to take this resolution back to my community" of Livonia.

Commission Chairman Ricardo Solomon, D-Detroit, said the fine arts resolution was "a good thing but I don't know if it's a good time" for it, what with both the county jail and parks millages up for renewal in August. Bankes said what caused the

problem with the commissioners was her previous experience as a state representative working on the original bill, which permitted establishing a regional arts council and an arts millage.

That made her able to answer some questions from fellow commissioners about funding distribution and so "people (commissioners) had a misunderstanding" of how she stood on the issue.

"Because I understood the arts tax, they were assuming that I support the arts tax," she said.

Besides, said Bankes, there were "three or four motions on the floor at the same time," causing more confusion.

But "I had nothing to do with the writing" of the resolution, Bankes declared.

The item was one of four from ways and means voted on by commissioners Thursday.

Approved was a four-year, nearly \$2-million contract between the county and the state department of corrections for the arrest of parole/probation violators.

They referred the other two resolutions - one by Bankes involving the recently restored Guardian Building, the other by Cushingberry regarding natural gas deregulation - to the committee of the whole for further study.

Bankes said she is trying, through the Guardian resolution, to get the county to urge DTE Energy Inc. to assure the building's future, calling it "such an important icon of Detroit's history and heritage."

It was restored by MichCon before that company merged with Detroit Edison to form DTE Energy.

## McCotter cosponsors bill to preserve Great Lakes

State Sen. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, has cosponsored legislation introduced by Sen. Ken Sikkema, R-Grandville, that will protect the Great Lakes from non-native aquatic species.

"As a conservationist, I'm committed to protecting and promoting our state's most treasured natural resource: the Great Lakes," said McCotter.

The legislation would require all ballast water taken from outside the Great Lakes to be sterilized before a ship can enter Michigan's Great Lakes; prohibit the discharge of ballast into the Great Lakes without a permit from the Department of Environmental Quality; and direct the DEQ to establish an inspection program.

"With this legislation we are finally saying, once and for all, that the introduction of any more non-native species that damage the Great Lakes in

unacceptable," said Sen. Sikkema.

Violators of the law would be subject to penalties identical to those found in the Clean Water Act including fines of up to \$25,000 per day and criminal penalties for willful violations.

"The sea lamprey and the zebra mussel are examples of 'imported' parasites that plague our native species and threaten the Great Lakes' ecology," said McCotter. "Sen. Sikkema is an expert on environmental issues and I look forward to working with him to keep our waters clean."

The Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs will hold public hearings across Michigan regarding this legislation. No meetings are planned in the metro Detroit area. A meeting is planned 6-8 p.m. Monday, April 6, at Monroe City Hall Council Chambers, 120 E. First St., Monroe.

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# Nursing homes receive state grants

BY KURT KUBAN  
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Nursing homes throughout Wayne County are reaping the benefits of a new state grant program designed to help them face the challenges of an aging population.

In its first year of implementation, the Nursing Home Quality Incentive Grant Program has allowed state lawmakers to disperse \$8.5 million to nursing care facilities throughout the state. Of the more than 340 nursing homes to receive grants, 59 are located in the county.

"These grants are excellent resources for improvement — adding new staff, expanding facilities and making it a top priority to provide the best long-term health care solutions we can," said Gerald Law, state representative from Plymouth and chair of the House Health Policy Committee.

The grant program, which is administered through the Michigan Department of Consumer and Industry Services (MDCIS), is funded through a combination

of federal and state money. Successful applicants had to meet certain criteria set by the MDCIS, based on need and past efficiency.

Although the state budget allowed for similar expenditures in the past, the process often became bogged down by a barrage of appeals made by applicants denied funding through the previous program because of a record of poor performance.

With the new program, the appeals process has been eliminated, meaning there is less of a roadblock in dispersing the money after it has been awarded.

"We have put a lot of effort into this program. Our goal is to get the money into the hands of those facilities that are helping people," said Maura Campbell, a spokesperson for MDCIS. "I want to stress that this is not an entitlement program. It is a grant program."

"Nursing homes are a challenging area, because they house some of the most vulnerable citizens in society. It's not easy, but

we're optimistic a lot of good programs are going to come of these grants."

Officials at local nursing care facilities are excited about receiving the grants.

"This is a good program," said Tom Rau, owner of Four Chaplain's Nursing Care Center in Westland, which was awarded \$23,088. "It is allowing us to do a combination of things that we wouldn't otherwise be able to do."

For instance, Rau said his facility has begun to implement various enhancements, such as a "homestyle" dining room, in which residents will be served their meals at a place setting with tablecloths and nicer silverware.

In addition, Rau is going to start providing Companion Radio, a national service that broadcasts "old-fashioned" programming.

Rau said both programs are designed to make his residents "feel more at home," which he believes will give them a better outlook on life and ultimately

keep them healthier. MDCIS classifies such programs as Edenization Projects, which are meant to improve the quality of life of residents.

However, the majority of grant winners, including Marywood Nursing Care Center (\$18,928) and Marycrest Manor (\$11,440), both of Livonia, have used their awards for Innovative Projects, which includes staff development.

By providing better pay and a more stable working environment, nursing home officials believe they will be able to secure more competent and qualified staffs, which is one of the most pressing problems facing the nursing home industry.

A fact that state lawmakers had in mind when they devised the Nursing Home Quality Incentive Grant Program.

"Taking care of our elderly population is a righteous and growing concern," said Law. "With a large baby boomer population retiring soon, we have to be prepared now and get ahead of the game."

# Beekeepers will gather at Schoolcraft

Southeastern Michigan Beekeepers' Association, in cooperation with the Schoolcraft College Beekeepers' Club and the Cranbrook Beekeepers' Club, will hold its 62nd Annual Bee School 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 18, 2000, in the Waterman Center Building at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia.

Major speakers include: Susan Cobey, department of entomology, Ohio State University, and

Ron Lin, Michigan State University. The daylong program is designed for all beekeepers, novice and established.

Specially featured again in this year's bee school is a series of beginner workshops, each dealing with a different aspect of beekeeping to help the new beekeeper get started. New beekeepers will have an opportunity to enroll in a yearlong "hands-on" beekeeping course to be held in the newly established demon-

stration apiary. Other workshop sessions include a variety of practical beekeeping management topics taught by experienced beekeepers.

The latest in beekeeping equipment will be on display. A variety of new and used beekeeping supplies and equipment will be on sale. There will be a silent auction and a package bee-hive raffle. Door prizes will be given to more than 30 participants. The newly crowned 2000 Michi-

gan Honey Queen and Princess will take part in the program.

A \$5 registration fee is charged at the door for all attendees. A potluck lunch is held at noon, with coffee and tea provided. Bring a dish to pass and your own table service.

For further information, call Roger Sutherland at (734) 668-8568 (rsuther@hotmail.com) or Jim Goodrich at (248) 628-0321 (beehive@eaglequest.com).

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# Favorite flavor a mystery to doughnut maven

BY DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER  
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After selling doughnuts for 27 years, Dolores Micallef still can't pick her favorite flavor.

"The problem is, I love them all. They're like my children," Micallef, 65, said, smiling.

Her 71-year-old husband, John, seemed more decisive.

"I like the chocolate honey dip," he said.

Then he waffled.

"I like the French cruller, too."

The Micallefs will just have to leave such mouth-watering decisions to customers at their Dunkin' Donuts franchise on the southwest corner of Ford and Wildwood roads in Westland.

The Micallefs, who have one of the two longest-running Dunkin' Donuts franchises in Michigan, will help the national chain celebrate its 50th anniversary today by letting customers vote in National Donut Election Day.

A dozen doughnuts - now

**'The problem is, I love them all. They're like my children.'**

*Dolores Micallef*  
—Doughnut shop owner

\$4.39 - sold for 99 cents when the Micallefs started their franchise in 1973.

It was the same year seven Watergate defendants faced guilty pleas or convictions; "The Sting" won the Best Picture Oscar; North Vietnam released hundreds of U.S. prisoners and the last U.S. troops pulled out; Stevie Wonder captured the Best Album Grammy for "Innervisions."

Even then, auto salesman Ken Compton visited the Micallefs when he took coffee breaks from Red Holman, a dealership just west on Ford Road.

"They're the best," Compton said of the couple.

John Micallef said Red Hol-

man employees "buy enough coffee to fill a lake."

The Micallefs, residents of Plymouth, rolled their eyes and sighed when asked how many doughnuts they've sold in 27 years.

"I'd say over 5 million," John Micallef said.

In all, the Micallefs sell some 75 different food products, alone. Their menu has evolved to include "munchkins," muffins, bagels, croissants, breakfast sandwiches, flavored coffees like French vanilla and black raspberry, and specialty drinks like Dunkaccino - the Dunkin' Donuts version of cappuccino.

The Micallefs also have added frozen drinks - strawberry, orange mango and chocolate "coolattas."

Their best-selling items include glazed, glazed and more glazed doughnuts - whether they're chocolate, honey-dipped or just the old-fashioned kind, John Micallef said.

"Anything that has chocolate is very popular," Dolores Micallef said.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., John Micallef was raised in Malta and France and learned to speak four languages before he came to Michigan, where he met his wife and started their Dunkin' Donuts franchise.



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

**Doughnut delight:** Plymouth residents John and Dolores Micallef have one of the two longest-running Dunkin' Donut franchises in the state. Dolores still can't decide on a favorite flavor, but John knows his: chocolate honey dip.

"I didn't think I'd be in it this long, but I thought I'd last a good 15 years," he said.

Their 32-year-old son, David, has been baking for the Micallefs

for 17 years. He's also the assistant manager and may one day continue the business on his own.

Their other child, daughter Renee, "is a Sony executive on the road," John Micallef said.

The Micallefs still work as many as 60 hours a week - sometimes even more if other employees have emergencies and need time off.

Employee Lily Hudson, 39, started working for the couple as a teenager.

She then married, had children and moved away to Alaska before returning to Michigan - and to her old job.

"I'm here forever," Hudson, a 12-year employee, said Monday.

"She's like part of the family," Dolores Micallef said.

The Micallefs have gained national recognition for their tenure in the doughnut business. Only one other Michigan franchise owner was honored when

the couple recently went to the Boston, Mass., area to receive an award for owning a Dunkin' Donuts franchise for 25 years or longer.

The Micallefs do a little more traveling than they did when they started their franchise, visiting places like Australia. But they have no plans to leave the doughnut business.

"We love it," Dolores Micallef said.

To celebrate Dunkin' Donuts' 50th year, customers can buy one doughnut for 5 cents on Mondays during March. Today at noon, the Micallefs also were planning to join a national celebration allowing customers to vote for their favorite doughnut. Some lucky U.S. resident will win \$50,000 and free doughnuts for life. The fun is to include free samples of food, coloring sheets for children and costumed characters from John Glenn High School's drama club.

## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

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If your firm is interested in providing these services, please submit your sealed proposal Canton Township Downtown Development Authority at the address below by 5pm, Friday, March 31, 2000.

The Township reserves the right to reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability employment or the provision of services.

Address all proposals to: CANTON TOWNSHIP DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, Attn: Kathleen Sala, 3rd floor, Supervisor's Office, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188.

TERRY BENNETT, Clerk

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## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BOARD PROCEEDINGS February 29, 2000

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held on Tuesday, February 29, 2000 at 1150 South Canton Center Road. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 6:35 P.M.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to move from an open session to a closed session for the purpose of discussion pending litigation and employee negotiations. Motion carried.

Ayes: Bennett, Burdziak, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Shefferly, Yack

Absent: None

**ROLL CALL - Closed**

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

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Director Durack, Director Santomauro

Motion by McLaughlin, supported by LaJoy, to return to open session from a closed session at 7:10 P.M. for the purpose of review of the Revised Finance and Purchasing Policy.

Ayes: Bennett, Burdziak, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Shefferly, Yack

Absent: None

**ROLL CALL - Open**

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

Members Absent: None

Staff present: Director Minghine

**OVERVIEW**

Director Minghine presented an overview of the proposed revision to the Finance and Purchasing policy. The main change is an increase in the purchasing authorization limits. This change would allow a department director to authorize purchases specific to their departments up to \$2,000.00. Whenever possible the department would obtain a minimum of three (3) informal quotes or bids for the items requested.

The Director of Finance and Budget may authorize purchases up to \$5,000.00 provided the request has been authorized by the requesting Department Director. Whenever possible, the department would obtain a minimum of three (3) informal quotes or bids for the items requested.

Purchases that are over \$5,000.00, but less than \$10,000.00 may be authorized by any two (2) of the three (3) administrators (Supervisor, Treasurer, and/or Clerk), the Department Director, and the Director of Finance and Budget. Prior to any purchase order being issued, three(3) informal bids shall be obtained for the requested items.

Purchases that are over \$10,000.00 must be presented to the Township Board for approval. Formal bids would be obtained for all purchases that are over \$10,000.00. This would be less expensive, since bidding preparation is expensive. Also Director Minghine believes that formal bidding process takes away some ability to negotiate and ability to obtain the best quote.

Phil LaJoy stated that he feels more comfortable with any purchase over \$5,000.00 requiring board approval.

Director Minghine also drafted a policy for blanket purchase orders. Currently there is no policy regarding this. The proposed change would be that no blanket purchase will be issued in excess of \$20,000.00 without board approval. No single purchase should be made against a blanket purchase in excess of \$500.00. Purchases in excess of \$500.00 should be processed thru normal purchasing procedures and receive a separate purchase order.

Other proposed changes include increasing the reimbursement policy for employees to attend township related functions, or to extend hospitality to others to \$200.00. A statement was added to the Cellular Phones policy stating that each department should establish a policy, specific to their department, for the acceptable use of portable phones. Petty cash limits would be increased to \$30.00.

The maximum per diem meal rate would increase to \$30.00, which is the new federal per diem rate that they allow on a national basis. This would be \$6.00 for breakfast, \$9.00 for lunch, and \$16.00 for dinner.

Mileage Reimbursement policy is revised to state the mileage between township facilities which does not exceed five (5) miles per day, shall not be reimbursed.

The proposed Finance and Purchasing Policy will come before the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton for approval at a future public meeting.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 P.M. Motion carried.

Ayes: Bennett, Burdziak, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Shefferly, Yack

Absent: None

**Note: A complete copy of the proposed Finance and Purchasing Policy is available for public inspection in the Clerk's Office during regular business hours.**

The above is a synopsis of actions taken at the Regular Board meeting held on Feb. 29, 2000. The full text of the approved minutes will be available following the next regular meeting of the Board on March 7, 2000.

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

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## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 10:00 a.m., March 23, 2000 for the following:

### 2000 WEED CUTTING PROGRAM

Specifications are available in the Finance and Budget Dept. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the bid name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids or proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

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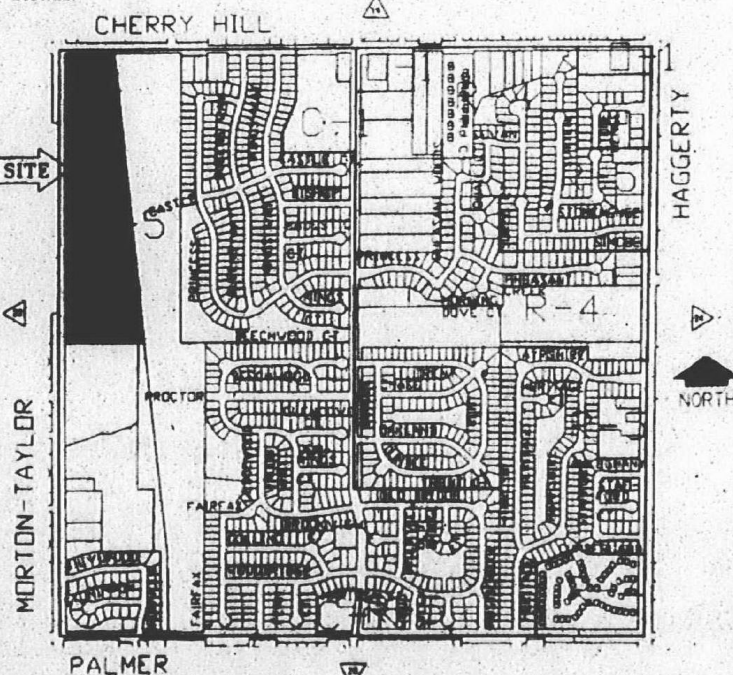
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## PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, April 3, 2000, in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

**MORGAN CREEK PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PDD) - AMENDMENT #1 - CONSIDER REQUEST TO AMEND THE PDD AGREEMENT AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27.041 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO INCLUDE PARCEL NO. 090 99 0008 000 AND TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF ATTACHED CONDOMINIUM UNITS FROM 80 TO 88. THE PDD, AS APPROVED, CONSISTS OF PARCEL NOS. 090 99 0006 002, 090 99 0007 000 AND 090 99 0009 000. Property is located on the south side of Cherry Hill Road between Sheldon and Lilley Roads.**



Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the above address prior to Thursday, March 30, 2000 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

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## 2000 CITY OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE OF HEARING 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 a Meeting on Tuesday, March 14, 2000 at 2:00 p.m.

**TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2000 @ 2:00 TO 8:00 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.

MARK R. CHRISTIANSEN, City Assessor  
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# Democrat caucus proceeds, as Bradley plans to pull out

BY MIKE MALOTT  
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By the time Michigan Democrats vote in caucuses Saturday, March 11, the presidential primary race may be over.

Bill Bradley staffers said Wednesday morning, in the wake of the results from voting Tuesday in primary contests in 16 states, they anticipate his withdrawal from the race Thursday morning.

Word inside the Michigan Bradley campaign Wednesday was that the candidate would take the day to phone staffers, donors and supporters to thank them for their efforts before making an announcement of his decision Thursday.

Vice President Al Gore was the big winner in Super Tuesday balloting, when primaries were held in 11 states and caucuses were held in another five.

Some 1,312 delegates were at stake Tuesday. Although victories in all 16 states still leaves Gore with less than the number of delegates needed to lock up the nomination, Bradley managed to win only about 200 of them, putting Gore well out in front, staffers said.

Michigan caucuses will go ahead, state party Communications Director Dennis Denno said Wednesday morning.

"They're still on, although this will affect turnout obviously," he said. "It is still a good time for Democrats to get together and meet candidates and staff, and to meet fellow Democrats."

Bradley's name will still appear on ballots, since they've been printed, so he'll still get some votes. Some 21,000 Democrats pulled absentee ballots, and many of those have already been turned back in. So that candidate gets even more votes there.

But campaign staffers also believe Bradley supporters will now throw their support behind Gore.

"Unlike the Republicans,

where there has been a holy war, Bradley supporters don't have a visceral reaction to Gore. We just like Bradley a little better," said one member of the Bradley team.

This was the first time Democrats used a vote-by-mail system as a part of its presidential primary caucus. Those who did not vote by mail can still cast their ballots in person at caucus sites around the state.

To vote in person this Saturday, Democrats will gather in local meeting halls across the state for old style, Iowa-type caucus sessions. Beginning at 11 a.m., the party will hold meetings asking members to vote by raising their hands. An old-fashioned round the room count will tally the results. The caucuses are expected to take no more than two hours, according to party officials.

Voters don't have to be registered members of the Democratic Party to participate, they must only be willing to declare themselves to be Democrats, according to State Party Chairman Mark Brewer.

Democrats must go to the caucus meeting for the area in which they live. Registration will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday.

The reason Democrats are using the caucus system is to eliminate "crossover" voting, where members of one party vote in the other's primary to "cause mischief," Brewer explained. Crossover played a significant role in the outcome of the GOP's open primary in Michigan.

When the balloting is finished Saturday, delegates to the Democratic National Convention will be apportioned on a percentage basis from the local congressional districts according to the results. The delegates will be allocated later, on May 6 for the districts and on May 20 for the state as a whole.

All told, the state will send 157 delegates, 22 alternates, and 18 convention committee members off to the national convention in

Los Angeles this August where they will cast the final votes for who is to be selected as the party's nominee to run for president in November.

Because so many votes have already been cast in Michigan by absentee ballot, Michigan will probably be the last state in which Bradley picks up delegates.

Caucus sessions will be held in the following locations:

Farmington Hills City Hall - City Council Chambers  
31555 W. Eleven Mile Road  
Farmington Hills  
(for the cities of Farmington Hills, Farmington, Novi, Northville and South Lyon, Lyon and Novi townships)

VFW Post 345  
27345 Schoolcraft Road  
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(for Redford Township)

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3300 Civic Center Drive  
Livonia  
(for the City of Livonia, 11th Congressional District portion)

Plymouth Cultural Center  
525 Farmer  
Plymouth  
(Livonia, 13th Congressional portion; Canton Township; Northville; Northville Township; Plymouth; Plymouth Township)

Wayne Public Library  
3737 W. Wayne Road  
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(for Wayne)

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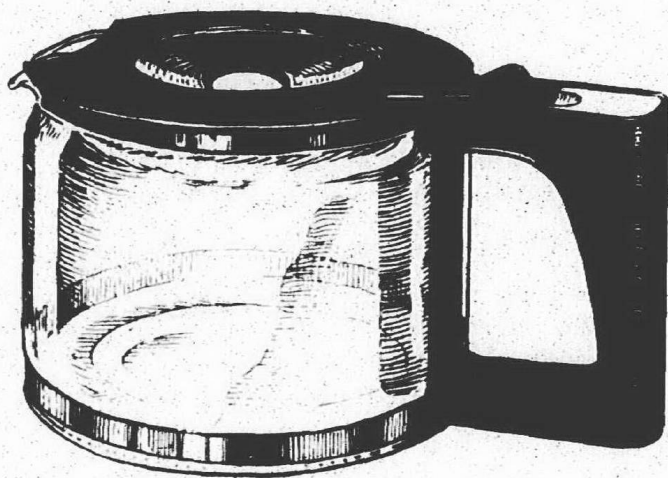
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# Honoring King

## Choice seems like no-brainer

If you understand why Plymouth Township officials are hesitant to honor Dr. Martin Luther King by observing the 15-year-old holiday much of the rest of the nation observes, perhaps you could explain it to us.

In case you missed it, several leaders from the Wayne County community approached the township board Feb. 29 requesting the township begin observing the King holiday. Among them were township residents George Ward, chief assistant prosecutor in Wayne County, and the Rev. Virgil Humes of the New Hope Missionary Church in Wayne.

The suggestion wasn't exactly met with resounding enthusiasm by the board. Supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy simply thanked the group for coming and said the matter would have to be taken under advisement.

Which prompts us to ask: Why?

King's contributions are widely acclaimed and don't need to be recounted here. The holiday honoring him was adopted by Congress in 1983, and the first observance came three years later. For 15 years, municipalities around the country have closed their offices the third Monday in January, without any discernible sign of catastrophe.

Now, to be fair to Plymouth Township, many governments don't observe the holiday. The City of Plymouth had its offices open, although a commission meeting scheduled for that night was moved. Livonia, Garden City, Northville, Redford Township and Canton were all open.

Those are factors Keen McCarthy and the board will consider in making this decision.

But they shouldn't be. The only question is whether Plymouth Township should make the symbolic gesture of honoring the King holiday.

No one is asking Keen McCarthy to recreate the 1965 Selma march. None of the township board members are going to have to recite from memory King's "I Have a Dream" speech.

All we're suggesting is the township join the ranks of municipalities who honor King annually. Sure, there are details to work out, such as how the holiday fits into negotiated labor contracts. But those are semantics, and the township would be wise not to hide behind them.

"Everyone recognizes that Martin Luther King made contributions to society," said Keen McCarthy. "It's closing township offices that we need to discuss the pros and cons of."

That may be, but it seems to us the pros outweigh the cons. While Keen McCarthy prefers to approach decision making with caution — a mostly admirable trait — this seems to us a no-brainer.

### Just To Be Fair Dept.

Plymouth Mayor Dave McDonald took exception to the idea, laid out in this space last week, that the Feb. 21 commission meeting was rescheduled to favor his political desires.

"That's a stretch," the mayor said. "When I found out the meeting had been moved to Thursday (instead of Tuesday), I asked the same question you're asking. I was told the clerk needed the chambers."

# Booze bill would restrain trade

It may look like a solid idea, but when examined, the state Legislature's proposal to block the sale of alcohol over the Internet to minors just doesn't hold water.

First, the sale of alcohol to minors is already illegal here.

Second, there is absolutely no evidence that youngsters are getting alcohol through the Internet now.

And when done in the manner put forward by Rep. Nancy Cassis, R-Novi, through House Bill 4752, the legislation would impose a restraint on trade for the small business operations that make up the fine winemaking industry, including Michigan's two dozen wineries.

Most importantly, HB 4752 would significantly limit choices for consumers.

Wine lovers statewide need to set down their stemware and pick up pens to write lawmakers in opposition to HB 4752.

Vintners and connoisseurs claim the concerns raised about minors gaining access to alcohol are really a "smokescreen," that the real purpose is to preserve the monopoly wholesalers now have on the distribution of spirits here in Michigan. The state's "three-tier" system requires that all alcohol be distributed through wholesalers. E-commerce bypasses them, threatening that monopoly.

Cassis and the Michigan Beer and Wine Wholesalers Association deny it, as you'd expect, but their protestations are unconvincing given the lack of evidence that youths are buying alcohol over the Internet.

Congressional hearings last March on related legislation at the federal level failed to produce evidence. Cassis can't point to any. Nor can the wholesalers.

Even Michigan's Liquor Control Commission, responsible for enforcing the liquor laws here, can't point to a single known case of a

juvenile ordering beer, wine or booze over the World Wide Web, other than in a "sting" operation.

When Attorney General Jennifer Granholm conducted a series of stings recently — which she used to arm-wrestle United Parcel Service into agreeing to stop deliveries of alcoholic beverages from out of state — it appears to have worked only because the youngsters themselves weren't going to get in trouble. Acting as decoys on behalf of law enforcement, those teens were protected from prosecution as they submitted their orders for alcohol.

It's different in the real world. Youngsters have good reason to avoid using the Internet to obtain booze. Any youth attempting to order it by wire would create a paper trail, not the least of which is an itemized credit card bill that any parent who is paying any attention at all is likely to catch.

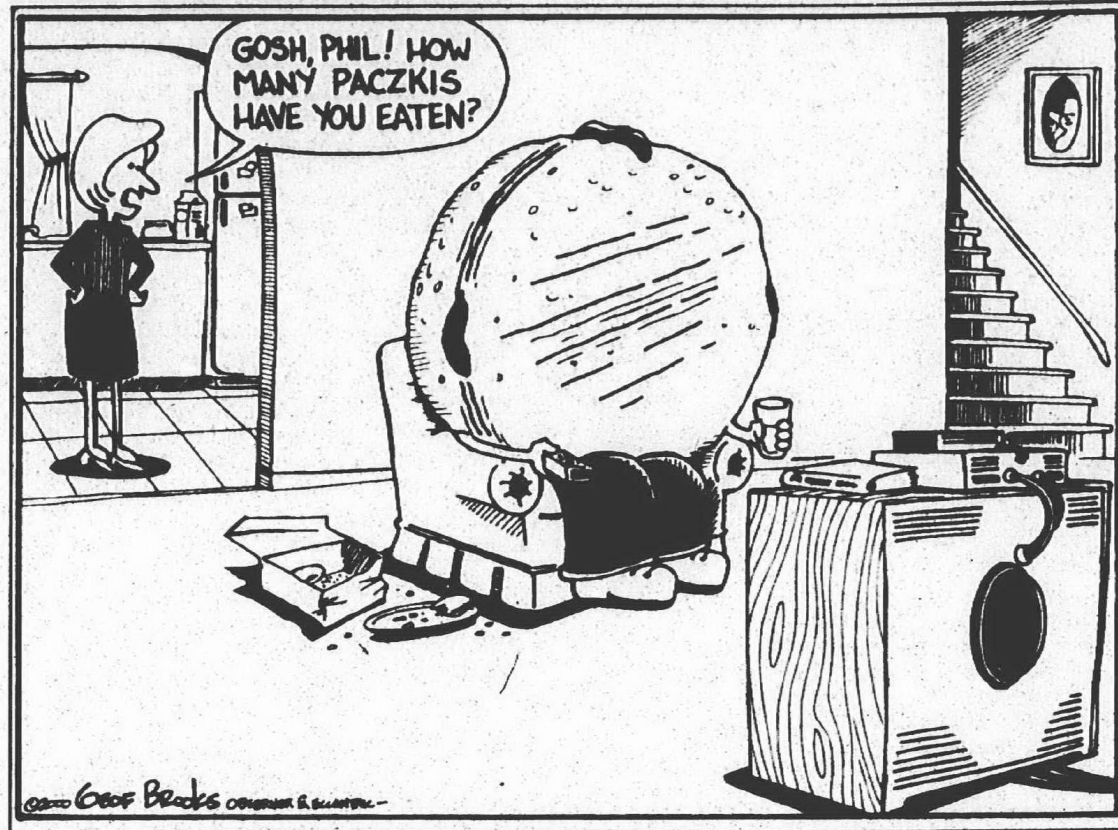
Regardless of this lack of evidence, the state is headed toward cutting off Michigan consumers — including those who are of legal drinking age — from an estimated 1,900 to 1,950 wine producers across the country. It is estimated that wholesalers can reasonably distribute product from only 50 or 100 of the country's 2,000 wineries. Without Internet sales or delivery services like UPS, there will be little possibility they can get their products to their Michigan customers.

That is indeed a serious restraint on trade, a substantial limitation on consumer choice.

HB 4752 was approved by the House of Representatives without opposition, but it now awaits action in the Economic Development Committee in the Senate.

Wine lovers can explain their objections to the bill by writing to committee members, including Sen. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, at Michigan State Senate, P.O. Box 30036, Lansing, MI 48909-7536.

GEORGE BROOKS



### LETTERS

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### Independent, not meddler

I am one of the many independent voters from Michigan who passionately support Sen. John McCain for President. I find it offensive to be labeled a meddler who will return to the Democratic camp in November.

It is a mistake of the Republican Party establishment to exclude people like me. There were many first-time voters and young people involved and people like me who have never been active in a campaign before. I am a part of the Republican Party, if the establishment is willing to open the door for people like me. Sen. McCain has opened that door.

McCain can unite various groups and form a coalition to defeat Al Gore in November much more easily than George W.

Sen. McCain is a man of character who lives it through his actions. He is willing to stand up for what he believes in spite of the opposition he might face (e.g. campaign reform, anti-tobacco stance in South Carolina).

He does not take the easy way out unlike George W. who chose to remain silent about the racist policies at Bob Jones University. He makes difficult choices. One example is his decision to allocate the surplus budget money responsibly by paying down the national debt and preserving Social Security, then offering a modest tax cut. This is the logical and moral choice because, if I have a debt in my family budget, I am obligated to pay it and not leave it as a burden for my children.

Despite the campaign rhetoric, both candidates are conservative. Both are pro-life. Both believe in the philosophy of local decision making. Both believe in a strong military however. Sen. McCain has the military experience and credibility as a Vietnam War hero.

The Republican Party needs to take off its blinders. Just because the old establishment has hand-picked George W. does not mean the rest of the Republican Party feels the same. Come this November, I plan on voting against Al Gore. However, I hope I get the opportunity to vote for my true choice, Sen. John McCain.

Mary Arrasmith  
Canton

### Deal with OPEC, Big Oil

I am writing today to express my deep concerns on a matter of foreign policy and how it is affecting our overall economy. I am concerned because it appears as though Congress is failing to pay proper attention to the matter. At issue is oil and OPEC and the big oil companies are plundering the bank accounts of the citizens of this great country.

I will grant you that the price of oil one year ago was at ridiculously low levels, which, if we have done our homework, we see was caused by OPEC's dumping of surplus capacity on to the world markets. This created a glut of oil and, in turn, low prices.

Further analysis reveals a breakdown or lack of unity among OPEC members. Their greed caused their own problem. Now OPEC has unified and again their greed has come back to prominence. One year ago oil was selling on the market at \$10-\$12 per barrel. Today it is approaching \$30. Pump prices for a gallon of gasoline have been as high as \$1.50 for unleaded regular, far more than we were paying in the early '80s or during the Gulf War.

My charge to members of Congress is to please schedule hearings on this matter as soon as possible. Please hold the feet of the oil companies to the fire until they explain to the American public satisfactorily, and correct this horrendous problem which they have created through their unabashed greed.

I am deeply troubled to make this next statement, but I and many people I know feel Congress has failed to act for fear of losing "soft money" from "Big Oil." Also, that OPEC could possibly retaliate by increasing costs of oil production further. On the surface it appears as though Congress has failed to respond to this terrible act of avarice.

Please let your congressperson and senators know your thinking on this situation as soon as possible.

Ralph H. Shufeldt  
Canton

### Recognition

This is in response to your editorial, "Name game: Tradition is worth preserving," on

Please see LETTERS, A15

### COMMUNITY VOICE

**QUESTION:**  
Who is someone you consider a role model?



"(The Pistons) Joe Dumars because he helps kids."  
Craig Galameau  
Plymouth



"Mrs. (Teresa) O'Donnell, because she's a really good (language arts) teacher."  
Stefanie Jarvis  
Plymouth



"My uncle because he teaches me everything."  
Jeremy Nguyen  
Plymouth Township



"My dad because he teaches me stuff and hangs out with me."  
Alex Fortais  
Plymouth Township

This question was asked of students at West Middle School.

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POINTS OF VIEW

# School voucher plan looks DOA

**W**ell, well. Here we go again. The proposal to legalize a voucher system for students in "failing" public schools is almost certainly headed for a vote in November.

Kids First! Yes!, the outfit sponsoring the constitutional amendment to end the ban on spending public funds for private and parochial schools, has submitted more than enough petition signatures - 302,000 required, 463,000 turned in - to the state Elections Commission to put the measure on the ballot.

It wasn't cheap to get all those signatures. The December filing submitted to the Election Commission shows payments totaling \$307,487.48 to National Petition Management of Southfield. At least some of the petition circulators were paid rather than volunteer.

The most controversial aspect of the proposal would create and fund vouchers - called "Opportunity Scholarships" - for kids in "failing" school districts to use at private or religious schools. The vouchers, if approved, would be worth about \$2,700 (approximately one half the current state per-pupil funding grant), which could be cashed at private or religious schools. A failing district is one which has a "four year graduation rate of less than two thirds," according to the proposal.

Thirty Michigan school districts have graduation rates under 66 percent, including Detroit and Inkster.

The proposed amendment would also allow any other school district in the state to set up a voucher system if a majority of local residents vote to do so.

What this means is that the constitutional "failing school" limitation on spending public money for private schools can be overturned by a local vote.

The historic politics of the proposal are unhelpful to supporters. "Parochialism" has appeared on the Michigan statewide ballot twice, losing badly both times.

The purest occasion was in 1970, when a constitutional amendment designed specifically to prohibit public tax dollars going to private and parochial schools passed, 56 percent to 44 percent. The idea reappeared on the ballot in 1978, packaged this time with a property tax cut and known as the "Tisch Amendment." It went down, 3-1.

Although this is 22 years later, when the deterioration of urban schools has reached crisis proportions and education ranks tops on the list of voter concerns, the Kids First! Yes! proposal so far is getting support from less than 60 percent of those polled, far below the 65-70 percent approval conventional wisdom says is necessary going into a campaign to amend the constitution.

Moreover, getting the measure on the ballot has already precipitated a serious split in the



PHIL POWER

Michigan Republican Party. Gov. John Engler has repeatedly and vigorously argued it's bad politics, for fear of hurting Sen. Spencer Abraham's chances against challenger Rep. Debbie Stabenow. Biggest backer is Dick De Vos, the AmWay billionaire from Grand Rapids, who says he'll raise \$5 million to support it and whose wife, Betsy, just resigned as Michigan GOP state chair.

The best argument for the voucher program is simple. Most parents will do anything in their power to get good education for their kids. But poor parents who live in inner cities with cruddy public schools can't afford private or parochial ones, which are usually much better. And when even the most passionate believers in school reform can't promise urban schools will improve quickly, what's wrong with giving vouchers to poor folks to use to help their kids while things are getting better?

The best argument against vouchers - leaving out for the moment the basic gut reaction to spending public tax dollars on religious and private institutions - is that they would essentially suck money out of the public school system. Using vouchers as a way of fixing the public schools, the argument goes, is like the assertion made during the war in Vietnam that we could save the village only by destroying it.

In this regard, the case of the Inkster school district is instructive. Over the years, the district got so bad that enough parents pulled their kids out and sent them to private and charter schools that the district simply didn't have enough enrollment - and the state per-pupil foundation grant that goes with it - to sustain a financially viable district.

Phil Power is chairman of HomeTown Communications Network Inc., the company that owns this newspaper. He welcomes your comments, either by voice mail at (734) 953-2047, ext. 1880, or by e-mail at ppower@homecomm.net. Kids First! Yes!, sponsors of the petition drive, can be contacted at (1-888) 330-KIDS. The group opposed, ALL Kids First!, can be reached at (517) 327-2589.



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Final week: Juanita Daniel, Scott's mom, takes a moment Monday to pose for a photo in one of the classrooms at Smith Elementary School in Plymouth.

## Thanks, mom

### Independence Day arrives for writer's hard-working parent

I've always had heroes. As a child, I admired Abraham Lincoln. I thought he was a great man for emancipating the slaves and keeping our country together.

As a teenager, I marveled at how far they could hit baseballs, how quickly they scored touchdowns and the style they showed in executing slam dunks.

As an adult, I realize my admiration and worship were misplaced. The real hero in my life was and will always be my mother.

Tomorrow is a significant day in her life. After nearly two decades as a custodian for the Plymouth-Canton Community School District, she's retiring.

It will be the last time she has to push a vacuum from classroom to classroom. It will be the last time she mops a bathroom other than her own or worries about dust on the top of lockers.

Knowing mom, however, it won't be the last day she works hard. It's something she has done all of her life.

She comes from a large family, you see. Six brothers and seven sisters.

Each one had responsibilities. It was cooking and cleaning for my mom.

Breakfasts, which were very elaborate in those days, and dinners. There was no luxury of a washing machine, either. She scrubbed plenty of clothes on a washboard.

As a young woman, mom moved north to Chicago from her native Kentucky. There she worked with her sister in a factory. She eventually moved to Michigan and became a waitress.

That's how she met my dad. She continued to work throughout their marriage, mostly as a part-time waitress at Daly's in Plymouth. When the time came, when my folks divorced, mom stepped up and took the custodian's job.

Besides working full-time, she continued to care for my brother and me. We made that a lot harder than it should've been. Not that we were troublemakers, just lazy.

Through it all, mom never complained. I don't ever recall

her saying she was working too hard, doing too much laundry or too much cooking.

So, the way I see it, tomorrow is Juanita Daniel's Independence Day.

No more dirty school floors. No more picking up after her boys. As far as I can tell, there isn't a single person on this planet that deserves retirement more.

Before you head out that door at Smith School, mom, there are just a couple of other things I'd like to say.

First of all, thank you. Thank you for being there when I needed you. Thank you for always supporting me and my sometime silly ideas. Thank you for showering me with all the affection and devotion you never received.

Without you, mom, I wouldn't be where I am in my life. Without you, mom, I wouldn't know the concepts of dignity and respect. Most of all, mom, I wouldn't understand the real meaning of love without you.

Mom, thank you for being my hero.

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SCOTT DANIEL

## Letters from page A14

the Opinion Page, dated Thursday, Feb. 10.

You asked "Who could ask for anything more?" I can, a lot more. The new high school should be named Canton Renaissance High School.

It is essential that Canton be recognized as the equal partner it is in the Plymouth-Canton school system, and the community that Canton has become be so reflected. Your "opinion" article points out all too well why this is necessary. You use the word community a number of times in this article, twice preceded by the name Plymouth, but not once associated with Canton. Is the Canton Community so inconsequential to you?

You speak of the tradition of bickering (and politics and lawsuits) in the Plymouth community. While it is unfortunate that it continues, that is not a Canton community tradition. The Canton community does have however, a long tradition of supporting school funding which unfortunately has not always been the case with the Plymouth communities.

And the "firestorm" regarding the P-C Jr. Baseball Association was unfortunately about the same Plymouth community "tradition" as you're proposing. Canton expected to provide facilities and funding but expected to have little voice in making decisions.

Your "opinion" states that the students consider themselves as attending either Salem or Canton.

That may be so, but for both schools, their letter sweaters and jackets carry a Plymouth and nothing reflecting Canton.

We have two high schools named Plymouth. It's time we have one named Canton.

Thomas P. Gamache  
Canton

## Mettetal good

The article on Mettetal Airport (Canton Observer, Jan. 30) was fantastic. Mettetal has been a fixture in Canton for many years and played an important role in the community. Maybe the existence of Mettetal has helped to spawn the evolution of Canton.

As a pilot and aircraft owner based at Mettetal Hanger 1D2, I have to respond to a very negative letter from Ms. Schoeneman in the Feb. 17 issue. I, too, live near an airport, eight miles from the approach end of 21R, the main runway at Metro Airport. I also knew the airport was there before I purchased my home 14 years ago and knew of the associated noise, which is way louder than Mettetal.

My decision was to still purchase that home, with no way of knowing how the traffic load would increase over time. Also after 14 years and uncountable takeoffs and landings, I don't even hear them pass overhead anymore.

I cannot deny that Mettetal's traffic has increased over the years and especially recently with the upturn in economy. That increase boosts the local economy to the tune of millions per year. As to the sound issue, maybe Ms. Schoeneman does not understand that there are published and enforced noise abatement areas and practices in effect at Mettetal. We try to be good neighbors and employ heading changes and power reductions at both ends of the departure to help quiet the environment.

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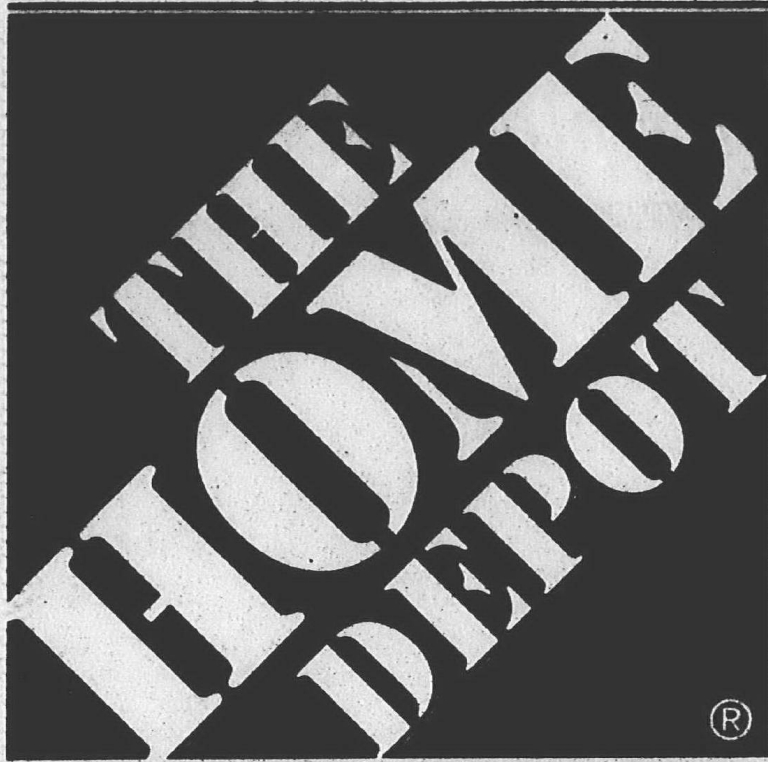
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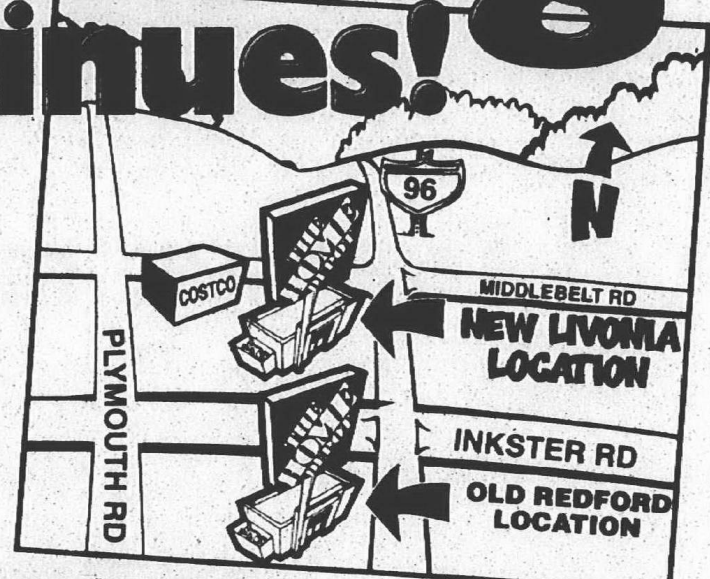
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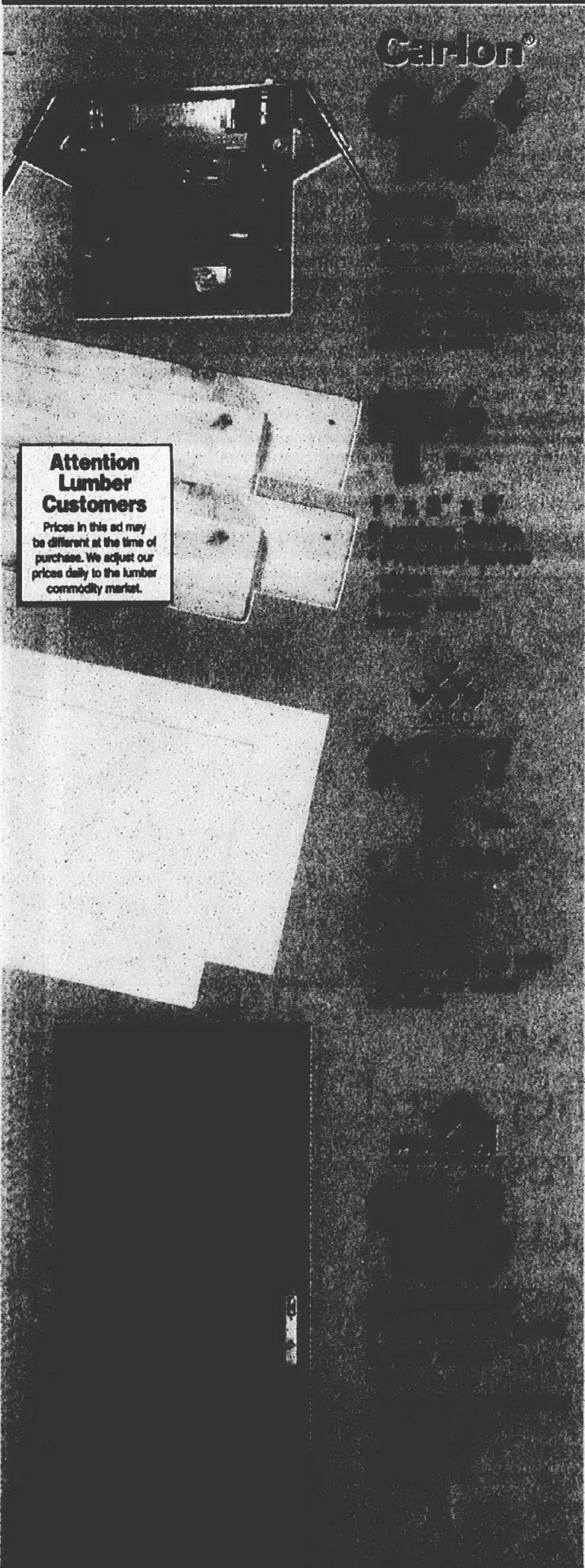
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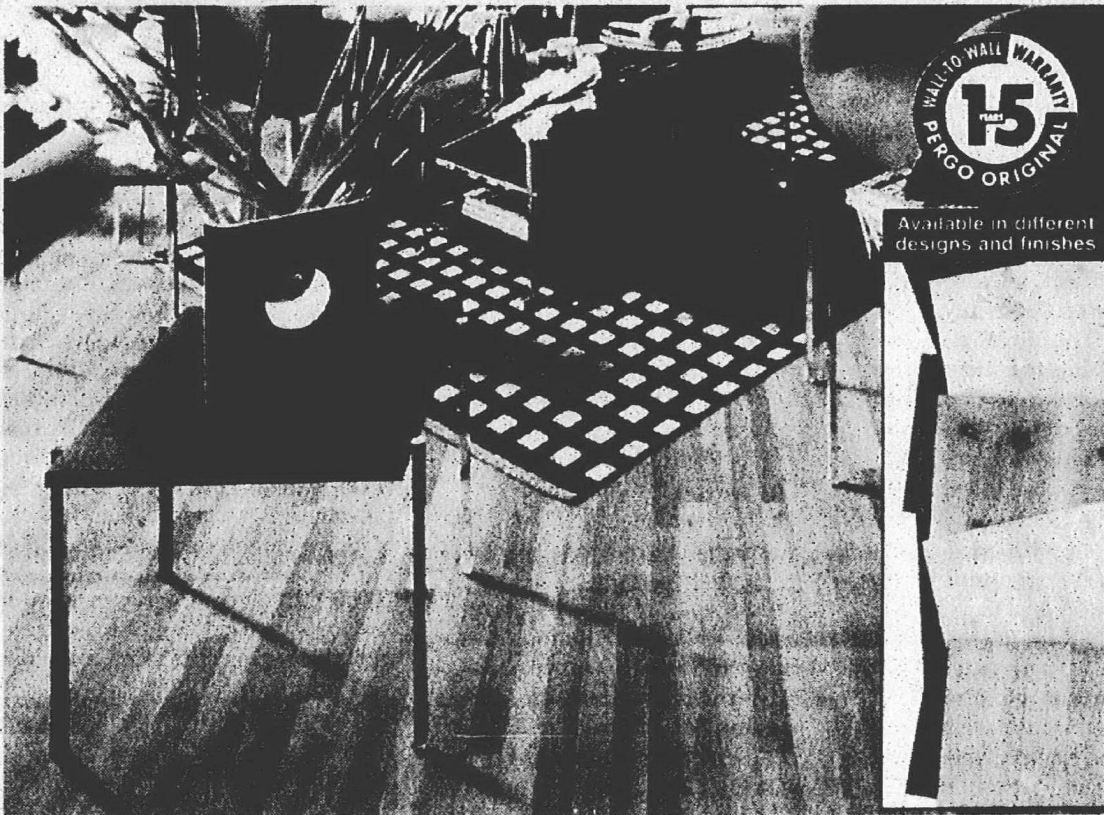
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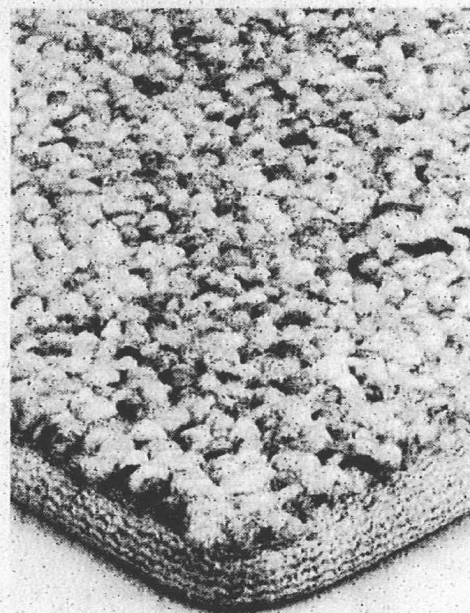
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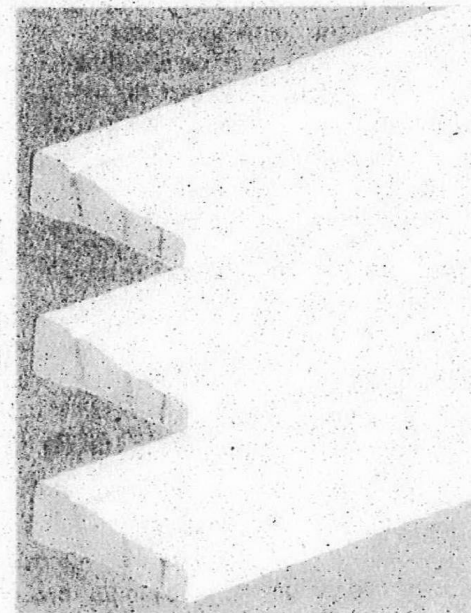


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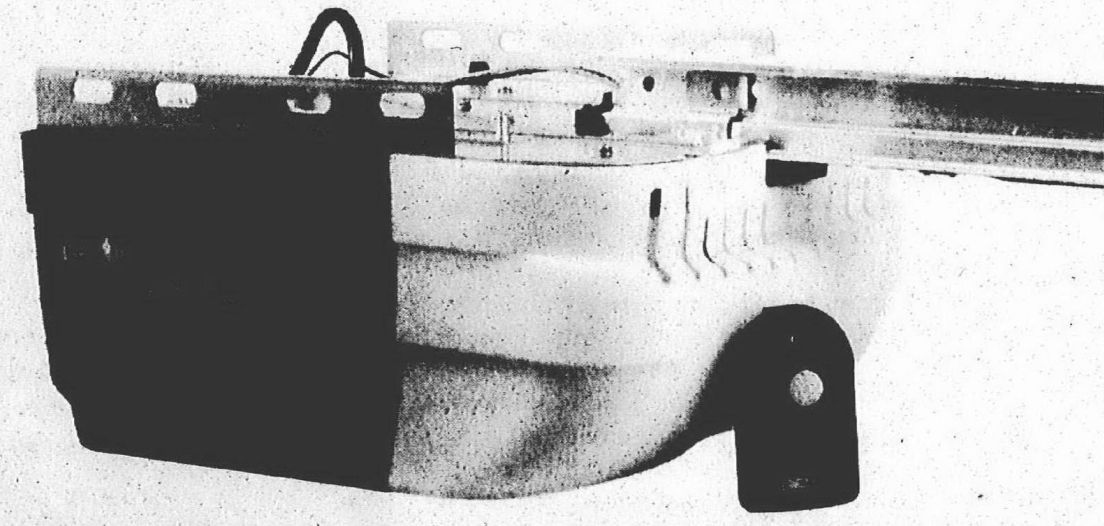
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JUST A THOUGHT



MARGO DEWEY

## A million moms, dads can make a difference

You could say the shooting death of a 6-year-old girl in Mt. Morris Township is a tragedy, but it goes beyond that. It's just plain sick!

We have had too many deaths of children as a result of a lack of gun control. Maybe that's why the May 14, 2000 "Million Mom March" in Washington D.C. makes a lot of sense. If a million moms (and dads) could influence Congress to make some crucial changes regarding gun control, then maybe our children will be safe while trying to get an education.

Who would have thought 10 years ago that children could be gunned down by other children? It seems each decade brings a new battle for youths to fight. First it was smoking in the 1980s, then drugs and alcohol in the 1990s and now semi-automatic weapons in the new millennium.

It's a bit frightening to think what could be next. We need to put a stop to all of this. We need to stop blaming everyone else and start taking responsibility for our own children. The boy who allegedly shot his classmate to death lived in crackhouse where he ended up as a result of his father going to jail and his mother being evicted from their home.

The father most recently appeared on television stating he didn't understand why his son did what he did because he should have more common sense. Well how could this young boy know anything different when he obviously had no role models? He must have been influenced by his environment. It happens every day.

Children thirst for direction from the time they are born. They follow a parent's every move. They imitate us even when we think they aren't watching. So, it's vital that we show them how to respect life and other human beings. No child should ever hold a weapon in his/her hands.

If Congress agrees to the endorsements of the Million Mom March including requiring all handgun owners to be licensed, limiting the purchase of handguns to one per month and conducting extensive background checks on any individual who wants to purchase a weapon, then maybe our children will have a chance.

We could have metal detectors set up at every kindergarten, middle school and high school to ensure the safety of our children, but that's not going to solve the problem. We could blame teachers, the movie industry, the television industry, the media and everyone else for our mistakes that we pass on to our children, but that's not going to solve the problem.

Parents are just going to have to take responsibility for raising their own children in order for this war against the innocent to end.

Think about this. What if Congress built a prison for parents whose children have committed a crime such as the one in Mt. Morris Township? The sentencing would require the parents to stay behind bars with their children for at least 10 years. The only way the parents could receive parole is if they prove to a judge and jury that they know what is most important in life-raising a child.

How many parents would end up in that special prison? How many would make parole?

That's just a thought!

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# A few good MOMS

## PARENTS MOBILIZE FOR GUN LEGISLATION

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One million moms marching, motivating, making a difference.

That's the objective of a grass roots effort by a mom to inspire one million mothers, grandmothers, stepmothers, godmothers, future mothers and honorary mothers to march on Washington with the goal of prompting Congress to improve current gun control legislation.

New Jersey organizer Donna Dees-Thomases is hoping the "Million Mom March" - slated for none other than Mother's Day, May 14 - will draw attention to the need for what she calls a "common sense gun policy."

Dees-Thomases says she was appalled by the images she saw on television in August 1999 as young children were being led away from their California day care as an armed shooter roamed freely.

"One week later, I applied for a permit to march on the Mall in Washington, D.C., nine months later. As a mother, I know what can be created in this amount of time," stated Dees-Thomases.

With just two months left until the event media attention and committed marchers have swollen to vast proportions thanks to such notable sponsors as the National Parent/Teacher Association, Oxygen.com, Guess and Northwest Airlines.

"This initiative has been a true labor of love by a silent group out there," said Barb Case, the metropolitan Detroit MMM co-coordinator and Plymouth resident. "I've been most impressed with the progress made, initially by one mom from her basement, into a powerful movement that's only months away from coming to fruition."

Case, the mother of four children ranging in age from 10 to 21, says the tragic shootings at Jonesboro, Columbine and Granada Hills are senseless examples of the unnecessary violence that cries out for better gun regulation.

"The Million Mom March isn't about prohibiting gun sales or gun ownership, because I believe there are lawful uses for a gun like a rifle for hunting. But I do believe there is an immediate need for gun control legislation and that licensing is a necessity."

The current Michigan State Firearms Law states that owners of handguns, rifles and shotguns are not required to be licensed.

"In order to drive a car or cut someone's hair you need to be licensed. That's for the public's protection. Why is it that we don't insist that gun owners do the same?" added Case.

One of the most amazing aspects of the pre-march coordination has been the ability to spread the word and recruit active participants via the Internet. The Million Mom March has a succinct yet informative Web site for anyone interested in the event and the issues being furthered by marchers (see related story).

It has been the consensus of those involved, from marchers like Case to MMM state of Michigan coordinator Spring Venema, that the gun violence epidemic isn't someone else's problem

and that in order to effect change it has to start with just one mom, or one dad or individual who cares.

"This has to be done in a bi-partisan fashion for the safety and well being of our children. If Congress isn't going to be responsive on Mother's Day then they'll see our response on election day," said Case. "But I don't see that most responsible gun owners would object to licensing."

While the actual May 14 march in Washington may not be the way everyone wishes to have their voice heard, Case said there are numerous other ways people can contribute such as contacting their legislators, distributing postcards, taking the issue to their churches, service organizations and mom groups or participating in a local version of the national walk on the same day.

"Write, call or e-mail your opinion about gun legislation whether you contact your local state representative or the president of the United States so that it remains in the forefront of their minds and they take action," said Case. "We can't let senseless acts of gun violence happen any more."

Case is working collaboratively with co-coordinator Lori Mizzi-Spillane of Troy, a logistics manager for the United States Army. Mizzi-Spillane says nobody should be naive enough to believe this event is the ultimate solution.

"This is just one thing we can do to make change," said Mizzi-Spillane the mother of two young children. "It's not an attempt to take away someone's second amendment rights ... it's a way to insure that no other children have to lose their life or be afraid to go to school because of gun violence."

The Troy mother said two buses have been secured through a partnership with Greyhound to take marchers to Washington, D.C., the weekend of May 12-14. Mizzi-Spillane estimates 2,000 people from the metro-Detroit area are committed to participating and she's expecting more from other parts of the state.

"I'm ecstatic about the response. It's all good and a step in the right direction," said Mizzi-Spillane.

Northwest Airlines and ProAir are also offering discounted fares if you identify yourself as a participant in the Million Mom March. "Anyone can participate, whether you're a mom, future mom or what we call an 'honorary mom,' such as grandparents or aunts and uncles."

Participants are being sought to join the march. For more information call (888) 989-MOMS or visit the Web site at [www.millionmommarch.com](http://www.millionmommarch.com)



## We, as mothers, endorse the following ...

■ **Sensible "cooling off" periods and background checks**

We believe that it is only common sense that sensible "cooling off" periods and extensive background checks be required of an individual who wants to purchase from any person or place weapons intended only for killing or injuring humans.

■ **License handgun owners and register all handguns**

We call on Congress to require all handgun owners to be licensed; in addition, handgun owners must register their weapons with the proper authorities. These simple actions make sense.

■ **Safety locks on all handguns**

Guns, like every other consumer product sold in America, have to meet minimum safety standards. Gun manufacturers should have to design guns with locks built in, and with other common sense devices like

loaded chamber indicators and child-proofing.

■ **Limit purchases to one handgun per month**

We believe that it is only common sense to end straw purchase transactions where an individual who may legally purchase a firearm is hired to purchase firearms for gun traffickers. These guns are sold on the illegal market and eventually wind up on our nation's streets, killing our kids.

■ **No-nonsense enforcement of gun laws** - We call on all officers of the law to assume a no-nonsense approach in enforcing existing gun laws and to join us in our mutual crusade for stronger legislation.

■ **Enlistment of help from corporate America**

We call on all child-friendly, nonviolent stores, companies, and corporations to sponsor us in these pursuits by advertising our message that

guns, in the wrong hands, is simply unacceptable. We call on the like minded to work with community law enforcement agencies to offer swaps of meaningful goods and services for guns. And that the guns be destroyed by the proper authorities. In turn, we, the mothers, will patronize all child-friendly, nonviolent sponsors who join us in this mission.

■ **Recruitment**

Our aim is to recruit, from all walks of life, mothers, grandmothers, stepmothers, godmothers, foster mothers, future mothers, and all others willing to be "honorary mothers" in this crusade. Our goal is to educate and mobilize the mothers of America to this cause. Our commitment as voting citizens is to realize our goals by Mothers' Day, 2000.

Source: Million Mom March literature

## Help raise funds for breast cancer research

The 9th Annual Komen Race for the Cure, Michigan's largest walk/run, will be held Saturday, April 15 at the Detroit Zoo. Presented locally by Detroit's Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute, the race is a 5K women's run and 1 mile fun walk.

"The Race for the Cure is an opportunity for Michigan to salute those who are working to find a cure for breast cancer, to honor those who have survived and to remember those who have passed away from this disease," said Michigan First Lady and race Honorary Chair Michelle Engler. "As a mother of three daughters, I believe in this event because I want a cure to be found in my children's lifetime."

Sponsored nationally by JCPenney, American Airlines, Ford Motor Company, Johnson & Johnson, the National Football League, New Balance, Yoplait and locally by Compuware Corp. and Sprint PCS, the race is expected to raise

over \$500,000 for breast cancer education and research. The Detroit race is one of more than 100 Komen Race for the Cure events and ranks among the top 10 in the country for the number of participants.

Several new features have been added to the 2000 Race for the Cure, including:

— WNIC FM and JCPenney will host Race Packet Pickup April 10 through April 13. Race participants can pick up their race numbers, T-shirts and race day information at area JCPenney stores during that time.

— The Q95.5 Race Expo is an all-day health and race information open house to be held Friday, April 14 at Somerset Inn, on Big Beaver in Troy. The expo is the last chance to register for the race.

Please see RESEARCH, B2

# Focus on women, issues in March

Women have a lot to do, and a little gratitude stems appropriate. For this reason, Henry Ford Community College will host several activities to honor women during the month of March, which has been designated as Women's Recognition Month.

Women's Recognition Week first took place at HFCC during the week of March 3, 1975. The program was started in order to bring attention to the special problems and unsung achievements of women. The period was proclaimed Women's History Month in March 1996. Following the national consensus that women's contributions deserve more acknowledgment, HFCC's Focus on Women Program extended the week into the full month of March.

Events will be held in Room L-14 of HFCC's Liberal Arts Building, located at 5101 Evergreen Road in Dearborn and are free and open to the public, unless otherwise noted. The schedule of events is as follows.

### March 13

*Her story.*  
Judge Carolyn Archibold will speak about her work in criminal justice from 11:10 a.m. to noon.

### March 14

*Women and the Muslim Faith.*  
Wanda Faye, president of the Islamic Women's Club for the Mosque of the Islamic Center of America, will discuss stereotypes and truths about the contemporary Arabic woman in America. The talk will be held from 11:10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

### March 15

*Women's Health Issues: What you need to know now ... and in the 21st Century.*

Katherine A. Howe, HFCC nursing instructor, will discuss women's health issues from 10:10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

### March 16

*Campus Writers: "Women Writers."*  
Women faculty members will share their works in progress from 11:10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

### March 20

*Men and Masculinities*  
James Gruber from the University of Michigan-Dearborn will explore the ways that masculinity is socially constructed through myth, rituals, literature and film and structured by institutional process including law, education and religion. The talk will be held from 11:08 a.m. to noon.

### March 21

*It's a Mad, Mad, Man's World.*  
Women in non-traditional occupations will share their stories in a panel discussion, led by Lt. Shonda Leary, Detroit firefighter from 11:10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

### March 22

*Feminism in the 21st Century.*  
Virginia Paganelli Caruso, HFCC history instructor, and Paulette Childress, HFCC English instructor, will join Lora Lempert, director of women's studies at the University of Michigan-Dearborn and Sandra Wray-McAfee, mathematics professor at UM-D, for a panel discussion, which will be held from 11:10 a.m. to noon.

### March 23

*Domestic Violence*  
Karen Porter, director of First Step - Western Wayne County Project on Domestic Violence Assault, will lead a discussion about domestic violence from 11 a.m. to noon.

### March 27

*A Balanced Life: Women's Advocate and Mother*  
Rebecca O'Kray-Murphy, an HFCC honors alumna, lawyer for women's rights and mother of three, will discuss the challenges of maintaining her commitments to women and to her own family life. The talk will be held from 11:08 a.m. to noon.

### March 28

*Walk for Women*  
Collect pledges, and walk as many

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times around the HFCC track as you can to raise money for scholarships, programs and other assistance for HFCC women. Come to the Athletic Memorial Building lobby anytime between 11:10 a.m. and 2 p.m. and proceed to the track from there. Walkers can also purchase FOW shirts to wear during the walk. Call the FOW office at 9313

845-9629 for pledge forms.

**International Women's Rights**  
Geraldine Drunow, HFCC English instructor and activist for Amnesty International, will discuss human rights issues as they impact women. The talk will be held from 11:10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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— Parking will be available at Hazel Park Harness Raceway, with shuttle buses to the zoo beginning at 6:30 a.m. Race entry forms area also available throughout the Detroit area including all Jacobson's, Art Van Furniture, Lakeshore Mammography Center, Karmanos Cancer Institute regional offices and area running stores after Feb. 20.

To order a registration form for Detroit's Race for the Cure, call (800) KARMANOS (800 527-6266). Also offered at [www.karmanos.org/race-for-the-cure-Detroit](http://www.karmanos.org/race-for-the-cure-Detroit)  
The entry fee is \$15 by March 24; \$18 by March 31; \$20 by April 7 and \$40 thereafter. There is no race day registration. Donations to help raise additional funds are always welcome.



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**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

**BERKLEY**  
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Is looking for alumni. (248) 932-1722, (248) 548-5359 or (248) 393-1233

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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](mailto: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](mailto:JCRich47@aol.com)

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

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Class of 1970  
A reunion is planned for July 1. (510) 523-0906 or by e-mail at [HubSpauld@aol.com](mailto: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](mailto: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 LAHSER**  
Class of 1979  
March 4 at the Somerset Inn in

Troy. (248) 366-9493, press #2 or by e-mail at [reunionsmadeeasy@ameritech.net](mailto:reunionsmadeeasy@ameritech.net)  
**BRIGHTON**  
Class of 1980  
Aug. 26 at the Novi Hilton Hotel in Novi. (248) 360-7004, press #5 or by e-mail at [reunionsmadeeasy@ameritech.net](mailto:reunionsmadeeasy@ameritech.net)

**CLARKSTON**  
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A reunion is tentatively planned for August. (248) 627-4549, (248) 933-1670 or [dlmiller@flash.net](mailto:dlmiller@flash.net)

**CLINTONDALE**  
Class of 1960  
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](mailto:dgordon@mich.com)

**DEARBORN HIGH**  
Class of 1980  
A reunion is planned for Aug. 12 from 5:15 p.m. to 1 a.m. at The Fairlane Club. Call Mary Baker Cicala at (248) 347-4598 or visit their Web site at <http://www.gbjann.com/dhs80/>

**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 8 at the Holiday Crown Plaza (near the airport.) Ask for Ed Dodson (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

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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.

**DETROIT MACKENZIE**  
Class of 1949-51  
July 29 at the Hellenic Cultural Center in Westland. (734) 453-7561

**DETROIT NORTHEASTERN**  
Class of 1950  
A 50th reunion is planned for Nov. 2000. Call Ted Potasnik (810) 268-1433 or Barbara Okarski Gibbs (734) 753-9013.

**DETROIT PERSHING**  
Class of 1960  
A reunion is planned for Sept. 9. Classmates are still being sought. Lillo Greer (313) 835-9642, Jerry Mulvaine (810) 773-3952, Sherry (Bailey) Forbush (248) 547-0664 or Joan (Mazey) Harrington (734) 595-7508 or at the Web site, [www.jmctech.com/~bjustice/index.htm](http://www.jmctech.com/~bjustice/index.htm)

**DETROIT REDFORD**  
Class of 1965  
A reunion is planned for July 8. (313) 937-3077 OR (734) 427-6047

**DETROIT REDFORD**  
Class of 1950  
A reunion is planned for June 10 at the Livonia Holiday Inn. Please contact Lynn Ehrle (734) 459-9488.

**DETROIT ST. FRANCIS DE SALES**  
Class of 1950 (classes of 1949 and 1951 also invited). Reunion is scheduled for May 20. Contact Kathleen Cottrell Jenkins at (248) 685-0734 or Barb Smith at (734) 722-1874.

**DETROIT WESTERN**  
Class of 1966  
Is planning a reunion.

(248) 280-0053 or (517) 546-8874  
**FARMINGTON**  
Class of 1950  
50th reunion Sept. 15-17, with a dinner at Vladimir's on Sept. 16. Call Mary for details (248) 474-7822

**FERNDALE**  
Classes of 1929-1958  
Oct. 14 at Ferndale High School, 726 Pinecrest, Ferndale. (248) 589-2609 or (248) 541-2476

**FINNEY HIGH**  
Class of 1970, 71 & 72  
A reunion is planned for Saturday, April 1 at The Warren Chateau Hall in Warren. To attend and mailing list call (313) 837-5880.

**GARDEN CITY EAST**  
Classes of 1974 and 1975 are hosting a 25th reunion Saturday, Nov. 25, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel - Metro Airport. Contact Barry Harnos (Class of 1974) (734) 416-5583 or Vicky (DeSanto) Clark at (734) 421-5365 (Class of 1975).

**GARDEN CITY WEST**  
Class of 1975 is in the planning stages of a fall 2000 weekend-reunion. If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information please call. Denise Nosseck, (248) 474-5006.

**GARDEN CITY EAST**  
Class of 1980 is hosting a 20 year reunion Saturday, Sept. 23 at Doubletree Guest Suites, Southfield. Call Reunions Made Easy at (248) 360-7004 or e-mail [reunionsmadeeasy@ameritech.net](mailto:reunionsmadeeasy@ameritech.net)

**HAMTRAMCK HIGH**  
Class of 1950 and 1951  
A 50th reunion is slated for May 21 at the Stephenson Haus. Call Marian (Armstrong) Papin at (810) 751-6831, (810) 293-4075 or (810) 751-1598.

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■ **Evonne Todd and Clyde William Denton 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.

■ **Brian and Tricia LeAnnais** of Garden City announce the birth of **Devon James-Phillip** Feb. 2 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Grandparents are Philip and Sharon LeAnnais of Northville and James Sopko and Marilyn Forbe of Detroit.

■ **Pete and Cindy Koetsier** of Taylor announce the birth of **Wyatt Allen** Feb. 4 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Grandparents are Mary Koetsier of Farmington, Jack Koetsier of Grand Rapids and Hazel Hinken of Westland.

■ **Andrew and Glenda Grosjean** of Detroit announce the birth of **Abigail Grace Tilton** Feb. 4 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. She joins Andrew, 2 and Sarah, 14 months. Patricia Locke of Wayne is her grandmother.

■ **Michael Keith and Bridget Forynski** announce the birth of **Derrian Lee** Feb. 6 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Grandparents are Jim and Mary Abbott, Jerry and Jan Bargowski and Michael and Diane Forynski.

■ **Jeff and Cheri Robar** of Westland announce the birth of their son, **Brian Thomas** Feb. 12 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. He joins siblings Steven, 12 and Chelsea, 6. Grandparents are Bob and Carole of Ida and Bob and Michelle of Plymouth.

■ **Michael Ference and Elizabeth Grantham** of Redford announce the birth of **Michael E. Jr.** Feb. 12 at

Garden City Hospital in Garden City. He joins sister Destiny M., 13 months. Grandparents are Susann Grantham of Redford, Michael J. Ference of Westland and Pat Lynes of Saline.

■ **Joseph Glenn Miller Jr. and Joann Miller** of Riverview announce the birth of **Sarah Anne** Feb. 14 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. She joins brothers Joseph Steven, 6 and Matthew Aaron, 4. Grandparents are Joseph and Ara Miller of Wayne and Steve and Vivian Hall of New Boston.

■ **Kevin Scot Rushlow and Victoria Sue Adams** of Wayne announce the birth of **Devin Scot** Feb. 18 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Grandparents are William and Pamela Rushlow, Rick and Debbie Adams, and Anita and Raymond Utter.

■ **James and De'Anna Coleman** of Detroit announce the birth of **Jaimes Renee** Feb. 21 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Jaimes joins siblings Ayana Zhane, 4 and Martell, 5. Grandparents are James Coleman III and Bernadette Barnett of Detroit.

■ **David Philip and Heather Ann Cadogan** of Middletown, Delaware announce the birth of their son **Connor Thomas** born Feb. 4 in Newark, Delaware. Grandparents are Lydia and Gene Olson of Plymouth and Gerri and Victor Lotrich of Newark, Delaware.

■ **Jill and Timothy Gorman Jr.** of Redford announce the birth of their son **Trey Timothy** born Feb. 22. Trey joins siblings Joshua Allen and Alec James. Grandparents are Tim and Judy Gorman of Westland, Joyce Trombly of Novi and Richard Trombly of Munising. Great-grandparents are Bernice Gotee of Plymouth and Bill LaBelle of Westland.

ANNIVERSARIES & ENGAGEMENTS

Earley

Robert and Rae (Reeder) Earley of Canton are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary this month.

Married March 9, 1950, the Earley's have four children Susan who is married to Jon Brown of New York, Douglas Earley of Jenison, Philip Earley who is married to wife Nancy, and Robert Earley. They have eleven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Robert Earley served in the United States Air Force during the Korean War and retired from Ford Motor Company in Dearborn where he was responsible for signing off on blueprint designs prior to production.

Robert and Rae have made their home in Canton since 1976 and are members of the Calvary Baptist Church of Canton. They are known for having been very benevolent to transfer, mission-



ary and overseas students throughout the years.

"My parents have always been supportive of their children and are very giving and caring people. They are the kind of parents every kid would want to have," said son Douglas Earley.

The Earley's are looking forward to celebrating their golden anniversary in a special way.

Detter

Robert H. and Betty L. (Kirk) Detter of Livonia are celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary this month.

Married March 18, 1950 at 24th Street Methodist Church, the Detter's have two children and five grandchildren. Their son Jerry Detter and his wife Kathy, reside in White Lake with their children, Justin and Chelsea. Their daughter, Diane is married to Jim Brady and lives in Farmington Hills with children Annie, Mary and Jimmy.

Robert Detter is retired from his job at the post office and Betty is retired from working at a uniform store. In their free time, the couple enjoy bowling. Betty also fishes and Robert



plays softball.

To celebrate their anniversary, Diane Brady will host a special dinner for family and friends in Farmington Hills.

Menke-Caruso

Pam and Dave Lange of Redford announce the engagement of Shelly Menke and Ron Caruso of Livonia.

The bride-to-be, also the daughter of the late Fred Menke, is a Thurston High School graduate and Redford native. She is a commercial lines manager at Capital Insurance in Bloomfield Hills.

Her fiancé, son of Bill and Ann Caruso of Redford, is a manager at Cash Way Tile in Allen Park. He also graduated from Thurston High School in Redford.

The couple will exchange wed-



ding vows on April 1, 2000 at St. Robert Bellarmine in Redford.

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# CALENDAR

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN AND AROUND CANTON

## WEEKEND

### 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 in 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.

### GRIEF AFTERCARE SUPPORT

Vermeluen Funeral Homes offers a monthly Grief Aftercare Support Group Meeting for those who have recently experienced the death of a family member or close friend. The next meeting will be held at 6 p.m. Sunday, March 26, at the Plymouth location on W. Ann Arbor Road, between Sheldon and Beck. The meeting will be led by Wes Baldwin of Pointe Care Counseling, a grief counselor and former associate pastor. For more information, call (734) 459-2250.

## AROUND TOWN

### 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 and leaving a message with the 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.

### SOFTBALL REGISTRATION

The Canton Softball Center began spring league registration on March 1. Leagues are offered for Men's (B, C, Super D, D, E) Women's and Co-Ed (Competitive, recreational) divisions Sunday through Friday beginning April 10. The spring season will offer a five-week double-header league plus playoffs. The cost is \$475 per team plus umpire fees. Full payment must accompany registration and league space is limited. Summer registration will begin on May 1. For more information, call the Canton Softball Center at (734) 483-5600. The registration form can also be found at [www.canton.mi.org](http://www.canton.mi.org). The Canton Softball Center is located on Michigan Avenue, west of Canton Center Road.

### 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, din-

ners, 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.

### PROPOSAL

The Northville PTA Legislative Action Network is holding an informational meeting on school vouchers at 7 p.m. Monday, March 13, in the Northville High School Cafeteria. A proposal to provide state-funded vouchers for students to attend private schools will be on the November election ballot.

### VIETNAM VETERANS MEETING

The Vietnam Veterans of America will hold their general meeting at 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 13, at 9318 Newburgh Road (Between Joy Road and Ann Arbor Trail). All veterans of active duty Feb. 28, 1961, through May 7, 1975, regardless of duty station are eligible. For more information, call Don Dignan at (313) 845-3752 or at (734) 525-0157.

### 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.

### 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

## Senior salute



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Thank you: Charlie Hirst, a retired Detroit police officer and resident of Independence Village, presents a certificate of appreciation to Plymouth Police Chief Dick Miller on behalf of the retirement community's residents last week. Joining Hirst are Edna Statezni (sitting from left), Violet Hiltz, Ilah Aldridge, Val Sommers, Gertrude Cooper and wife Bernice Hirst.

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 to register, call Stefanie at (734) 397-0999, ext. 128, or e-mail her at [stefanie@metronet.lib.mi.us](mailto:stefanie@metronet.lib.mi.us)

### ADULT SOFTBALL

The city of Plymouth Recreation Division will be running the following Adult Softball Leagues this spring/summer: Men's Slow Pitch, Women's Slow Pitch, Co-ed Pitch and Men's Modified. Registration for returning teams began March 6. New teams will be able to register starting March 15. Season starts the week of May 1. For more information, call the Plymouth Recreation Division at (734) 455-6620 or check the web at [www.ci.plymouth.mi.us](http://www.ci.plymouth.mi.us)

### MEETING

The West Suburban Chapter of the National Association of Career Women will host its monthly meeting at 11:45 a.m. March 21 at Ernesto's Restaurant, 41661 Plymouth Road, Plymouth. Cost is \$18 for members and \$22 for non-members. The guest speaker will be Patricia Warner, Etiwette consultant trained and certified by the Protocol School of Washington. Warner will speak on minding your P's and Q's in the workplace. For more information, or to make reservations, call Tracey Huff at (248) 347-3355.

### 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.

### TRAINING CLASSES

The spring Volunteer Training program for Community Hospice and Home Care Service Inc. (CHHCS) runs from 5-9 p.m. beginning Monday, March 20, through Friday, March 31. Sessions will be March 20, 22, 24, 27, 29, and 31. Classes will be held at the CHHCS offices of the northwest corner of Warren and Venoy in Westland. Volunteers are needed to help terminally ill individuals and their families in Wayne, Oakland, Monroe and Washtenaw counties. CHHCS needs volunteer hairdressers/bar-

bers, masseuse, musicians, singers, craftsmen, and office help as well as direct patient care and companionship. Any volunteer willing to lend a hand is most welcome. The training program is free of charge and participants will learn about the hospice care concept, effective communication skills, family dynamics, grief, bereavement and spirituality. For more information, or to register, call Naved, Volunteer Services Director at (734) 522-4244.

### 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.

### ORIENTATION

Arbor Hospice is seeking volunteer bakers/food preparers, greeters, fund-raisers and office workers. Arbor Hospice is also looking for volunteers interested in helping terminally-ill patients and their families with activities such as meal preparation, errands, reading and eating. A volunteer orientation will take place from 9 a.m. until noon Saturday, March 25, at Arbor Hospice Residence, 2366 Oak Valley Drive, Ann Arbor. To register for the orientation or for more information, call the Arbor Hospice Volunteer Services department at (734) 662-3741, ext. 143.

### AARP TAX HELP

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

### SERVICE CENTER

The Michigan Works Service Center provides the Employer/Employee Connection for Washtenaw County. Job-seeking assistance is provided daily 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Face-to-face job fairs with instant interviews are held 9:30 a.m.-noon Thursday mornings. Free services include distribution of

job position information, candidate referrals, resume preparation, interviewing assistance along with Internet access, computer use and free faxing. For more information, call (734) 481-2517.

### CENSUS 2000

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

### MOPS MEETING

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

### M.O.M. MEETING

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

### M.I.T.I.

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

### KIWANIS BREAKFAST CLUB

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

### KIWANIS CLUB

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

## SUPPORT GROUPS

### THYROID SUPPORT GROUP

The Michigan Thyroid Disorder Support Group will hold its monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. Monday, March 13, at the Plymouth Library, 223 S. Main St. Guest speaker will be Dr. Koenig, Endocrinologist. For more information, call Tracy Green at (734) 453-7945 or email at [mitg@mediaone.net](mailto:mitg@mediaone.net).

### ARBOR HOSPICE

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

## CALENDAR FORM

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

Event: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date and Time: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Use additional sheet if necessary

## CAMPUS CLIPS

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

### DEAN'S LIST

Nicholas M. Kothari of Plymouth and Sean C. Campbell, Richard J. Dreslinski, Zoran Ljubovski, Deborah E. Pikley, David M. Schacht, and Marcus G. Wainoe of Canton were named to the Dean's List at Lawrence Technological University, Southfield for the fall term of 1999. To be named to the honor roll a student must maintain at least a 3.5 grade point average for the term. Tricia Miller, Oda Birkett, Paula Mac, Dandn

Sitzler of Plymouth and James Allen, Nicholas Berlanga, Ronald Gering, and Joseph Gulli of Canton were all named to the Dean's List at Walsh College in Troy for the Fall semester of 1999.

Jeff Antoun, Srikanth Balaji of Plymouth and Sunil Patel, Michael Darling, Ayesha Uddin, Michael Mester, James Neil, Timothy Comer, Neil Fichtenberg, Jeffrey Massimilla, Tamanna Patel, and Justin Bradley of Canton were all named to the Dean's List at the University of Michigan-Dearborn for the Fall semester of 1999.

Melissa R. Bacyincki, Katy B. Grainger, Stephanie E. Layng, Stacia E. Markley, Dawn M. Putnam, Kellie A. Titus, Laura E. Weir of Canton and Maureen E. Kearney, Cara L. Okopny, Joshua W. Stickney of Plymouth all were named

to the Dean's List for the Fall 1999 semester at Grand Valley State University.

### SCHOLARSHIPS

Kathleen M. Baigrie of Plymouth received a Arthur, Marguerite & Fred Kaufmann Scholarship to Walsh College, Troy and Denise Spanish of Canton received a Walsh College Minority Scholarship for the Winter 2000 semester.

Janell Leschinger, a senior majoring in biology, was awarded a \$1,000 Consumers Energy Foundation Scholarship, which was developed to encourage minority students to pursue college degrees in science and business related fields. Amy Chapman, a senior history major, was awarded a UPS scholarship in the amount of

\$1,000. Both recipients are Plymouth residents and were awarded the scholarships for the 1999-2000 academic year at Madonna University.

Ben Yen of Canton and an LSA freshman received \$600 in the Hopwood Underclassmen Essay Contest for "Scrub a Dub Dub," and Eseohe Arhebamen, a residential college sophomore of Plymouth, received \$400 in the Hopwood Underclassmen Fiction contest for "Ubhi's Song."

The William Tyndale College Office of Admissions announced the award of a half-tuition Christian School and full-tuition Honors Scholarship to Canton resident Lindsey Sara Moore. Moore comes to William Tyndale College after graduating from Agape Christian Academy. She plans to pursue a degree in Elementary Education.



**FUND-RAISERS & BENEFITS**

**Listings for the Funds & Benefits** 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

**SPAGHETTI FUND-RAISER**  
A spaghetti dinner fund-raiser will be held from 4-8 p.m. on Wednesday, March 22 at the Don S. Hubert VFW Hall located at 27345 Schoolcraft Road, just east of Inkster Road in Redford Township. Donations requested are \$5.00 for an adult and \$3.00 for children. This fund-raiser is being held by the Friends of Kelly Mullett. She is 30-year-old

mother of three who lives in Redford Township, and is suffering from numerous seizure disorders and other complications. Friends and Neighbors are sponsoring this event to help cover medical expenses and treatments at the Mayo Clinic.

**CHURCH FUND-RAISER**  
Clarenceville United Methodist Church is selling Entertainment passbooks to raise money for the church. The coupon books cost \$40 and are available by calling Jim Robinson at (248) 347-1535 or the church office at (248) 474-3444.

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

**Dinner Dance & Auction** Saturday, March 18 at St. Mary's Cultural Center on Merriman Road in Livonia to benefit the work of CHCS. To make a donation or for ticket information call (734) 522-4244.

**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 furniture. Bake sale. For more information call Jennifer (249) 426-6227. Please tell and bring a friend.

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**MOM TO MOM SALE**  
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 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 is the Spring Rummage Sale at Newburg United Methodist Church (36500

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

**MOM 2 MOM SALE**  
The St. Edith/St. Kenneth's MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) Mom's Sale is just around the corner. Rent a table at the sale and turn your children's gently used items into cash. St. Edith's Parish Hall in Livonia from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 13. Call Karen (734) 266-6182.

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The Make-A-Wish Foundation® of Michigan recently announced their first "Walk for Wishes" fund-raiser scheduled for Saturday, March 25 at Hines Park.

Walk for Wishes is a 5K (3.1 mile) fun walk for families of all ages. The Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan grants the wishes and dreams of children, between the ages of 2 1/2 and 17, with terminal or life threatening illnesses. According to organizers, all pledges for walkers will benefit the foundation who granted 274 wishes in Michigan last year.

"Walk for Wishes is much more than a fund-raising effort. It is a community wide program to celebrate the difference that caring people can make in the lives of children who suffer from life-threatening illnesses and their families.

It is a chance for donors to meet wish families, for wish families to meet volunteers, for everyone who helps share the power of a wish to be together."

The Walk for Wishes 5K fun walk will take place Saturday, March 25 at Hines Park/Nankin Mills Pavilion (located on Hines Drive between Farmington and Merriman Roads). Registration begins at 8 a.m. and the walk, 9 a.m.

Walk for Wishes details include:

- The walk is about three miles long. The entire route is paved and handicapped accessible. No running please.

- Anyone can participate without cost. We do ask you to complete the registration form so that we can know of your interest in our organization.

- Teams of walkers are encouraged. Join with co-work-

ers, family members, and neighbors to form a team and share the fun.

- Refreshments will be available at the end of the walk. You may want to bring a canteen or water bottle with you.

- Walk for Wishes will take place snow or shine — so bring an umbrella in case of inclement weather.

Because the average value of a wish is \$5,000 and the Make-A-Wish Foundation does no telephone soliciting, fund-raising events like the walk help contribute significantly to the organizations ability to grant so many wishes annually.

If you are interested in making a donation or participating call (517) 347-2282 or (800) 622-WISH. There is no registration fee to participate. A \$50 pledge earns a long sleeve T-shirt.



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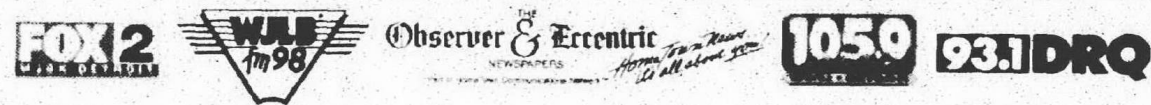
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First Fri. 7:00 p.m.  
First Sat. 9:30 a.m.  
Sun. Masses 7:30 & 9:30 a.m.  
Confessions Heard Prior to Each Mass  
Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions Tuesdays at 7:00 P.M.

**OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL**  
1160 Penniman Ave.  
Plymouth • 453-0326  
Rev. John J. Sullivan

Masses: Mon.-Fri. 9:00 A.M., Sat. 5:00 P.M.  
Sunday 8:00, 10:00 A.M. and 12:00 P.M.  
5:00 P.M. Life Teen Mass

**RESURRECTION CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
48755 Warren Rd., Canton, Michigan 48187  
451-0444  
REV. RICHARD A. PERFETTO

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

**ST. GENEVIEVE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL**  
29015 Jamison Ave. • Livonia  
East of Middlebelt, between 5 Mile & Schoolcraft Rds.  
MASS: Mon., Wed., Thurs., Fri. & Sat. 9:00 a.m.  
Tues. 7:00 p.m. • Sat. 5 p.m.  
Sun. 8:30 & 10:00 a.m. & 12:00 noon  
734-427-8220

*A new Eastern Catholic parish is being formed to serve Christians residing in the far western suburbs of Detroit.*

**St. Nicholas Eastern Catholic Church**  
Rev. Wayne Ruchky, pastor  
Services are celebrated in accord with the Byzantine rite. Liturgy in English is held every Saturday at 5:30 pm at St. Michael Melkite Church, 585 North Mill Road, Plymouth, Michigan

**FAITH COVENANT CHURCH**  
14 Mile Road and Drake, Farmington Hills  
(248) 661-9191

Sunday Worship  
9:30 a.m. Contemporary  
11:00 a.m. Traditional  
Sunday School for all ages.  
Wednesday Supper (6:00 p.m.)  
& Programs for All Ages  
Youth Groups • Adult Small Groups

**ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
16380 Hubbard Road  
Livonia, Michigan 48154  
421-8461

Mon-Fri. 9:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist  
Wednesday 6:00 P.M. Dinner & Classes  
Saturday 5:00 P.M. Holy Eucharist  
Sunday 7:45 & 10 A.M. Holy Eucharist  
10:00 A.M. Christian Education for all ages  
Sunday Morning - Nursery Care Available  
The Rev. Alan Brandenbuhl Jr., Rector

**CHRISTADELPHIANS**  
Sunday Memorial Service 10:00 A.M.  
Sunday School 11:30 A.M.  
Bible Class - Wednesdays 7:30 P.M.  
36516 Parkdale, Livonia  
425-7610



**LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSOURI SYNOD**

**CHRIST OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
Rev. Luther A. Werth, Sr. Pastor  
Rev. Robert Bayer, Assist. Pastor  
— Two locations to serve you —

**LIVONIA**  
14175 Farmington Rd.  
(N. of I-96)  
Sunday Worship 8:30 am & 11:00 am  
Sunday School 9:45 am  
(734) 522-6830

**CANTON**  
46001 Warren Road  
(West of Canton Center)  
Sunday Worship 9:30 am  
Sunday School 10:45 am  
(734) 414-7422

Visit our Web Site at <http://www.ccaa.edu/~lcmcos>

**ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL**  
20805 Middlebelt (corner of 8 Mile & Middlebelt)  
Farmington Hills, Mich.

WORSHIP SERVICES  
Saturday Evening 6 p.m.  
Sunday Morning 9:15 a.m.  
Bible Class & Sunday School 10:30

Pastor John W. Meyer • 474-0675

**Risen Christ Lutheran**  
48250 Ann Arbor Road  
(1 Mile West of Sheldon)  
Plymouth • 453-5252

Worship Service 8:15 & 10:45 a.m.  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Pastor David Martin  
Hugh McMartin, Lay Minister

**St. Michael Lutheran Church & School**  
3003 Hannon Rd. (Wayne & Hannon at Greenwood & Hannon)  
(734) 728-1950

Sunday Morning Worship Services  
Traditional Services 8 & 11 am  
Contemporary Service 9:30 am  
Sunday School (Children & Adults) 9:30 & 11 am  
Wednesday Night Service 7 pm  
Rev. Dr. Robert J. Schatz Rev. Merle Welhousen

**ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN Church & School**  
5855 Venoey  
1 Blk. N. of Ford Rd., Westland 425-0260

Divine Worship 8 & 11:00 A.M.  
Bible Class & SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30 A.M.  
Monday Evening Worship 7:00 P.M.  
Gary D. Headaphi, Administrative Pastor  
Kurt E. Lambert, Assistant Pastor  
Jeff Burkee, Principal/D.C.E.

**GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSOURI SYNOD**  
2550 GRAND RIVER at BEECH DAILY 532-2280

Worship Service  
9:15 & 11:00 A.M.  
Sunday School  
9:15 & 11:00 A.M.  
Nursery Provided

Rev. Victor F. Halboth, Pastor  
Rev. Timothy Halboth, Assoc. Pastor

**UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**NATIVITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
9435 Henry Ruff at West Chicago  
Livonia 48150 • 421-5406

Rev. Donald Lintelman, Pastor  
9:15 a.m. Adult Classes  
10:30 a.m. Worship Service  
and Youth Classes  
Nursery Care Available  
-WELCOME-

**EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA**

**Timothy Lutheran Church**  
5820 Wayne Rd.  
Livonia • 427-2290

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

**NON-DENOMINATIONAL**

**FULL GOSPEL CHURCH OF PLYMOUTH**  
291 E. SPRING ST.  
2 Blocks N. of Main - 2 Blocks E. of Mill

SUNDAY  
Bible School 10:00 A.M.  
Worship 11:00 A.M. AND 6:00 P.M.  
(Nursery Provided in A.M.)

WEDNESDAY  
Bible Study 7:30 P.M.  
(Classes for all ages)

Pastor Frank Howard - Ch. 453-0323

**EVANGELICAL**

**TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

10101 W. Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth  
5 Miles W. of Sheldon Rd.  
From M-14 take Gottfredson Rd. South

734-459-9550  
Dr. Wm. C. Moore - Pastor  
8:00 Prayer & Praise Service  
9:30  
Lifetime Contemporary Service  
11:00 Traditional Service  
SUNDAY SCHOOL (NURSERY PROVIDED)  
CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST SERVED  
8:00 - 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School for All Ages

**WARD Evangelical Presbyterian Church**

40000 Six Mile Road  
"Just west of I-275"  
Northville, MI  
248-374-7400

Dr. James M. McGuire, Pastor

Worship Services,  
Sunday School  
8:30, 10:00, 11:30 A.M.  
Contemporary Service  
8:50-9:45 A.M.  
Evening Service  
6:00 P.M. in the Chapel  
Nursery Provided  
Now On The Radio 8:30 a.m.  
Sunday - WYUR 1310 AM

**PRESBYTERIAN (U.S.A.)**

**ST. TIMOTHY CHURCH, USA**  
16700 Newburgh Road  
Livonia • 734-464-8844

Sunday School for All Ages: 9:30 a.m.  
Family Worship 11:00 a.m.  
"Keeping in Step - Gentleness"  
Rev. Dr. Janet Noble-Richardson, Pastor  
<http://www.unidial.com/~sttimothy>

**GENEVA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)**  
5635 Sheldon Rd., Canton  
(734) 459-0013

Sunday Worship & Sunday School  
9:00 & 11:00 a.m.  
Education For All Ages

Childcare Provided • Handicapped Accessible  
Resources for Hearing and Sight Impaired

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
Main & Church • (734) 453-6464  
PLYMOUTH

8:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday School & Nursery 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.  
Dr. James Skirmin  
Associate Minister  
Senior Minister  
Carole Mackay  
Director of Christian Education

**Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church (USA)**  
9601 Hubbard at W. Chicago, Livonia, MI  
(Between Meridian & Farmington Rds.)  
(734) 422-0494

Worship Service & Sunday School  
10:30 a.m.

Nursery Care Provided  
We Welcome You To A Full Program Church  
Rev. Richard Peters, Pastor  
Rev. Ruth Billington, Associate Pastor  
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474-3444

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

**Orchard Grove Community Church**

Sunday, 10:30 A.M.  
Wednesday, 7:00 P.M.  
Chris Cramer, Pastor

Located in OLD ORCHARD THEATRE  
28125 Orchard Lake Road  
Farmington Hills  
248-324-1700

**UNITED METHODIST**

**ST. MATTHEW'S UNITED METHODIST**  
30300 Six Mile Rd. (Bet. Meridian & Middlebelt)  
Chuck Sonquet, Pastor

10:00 A.M. Worship & Church School  
11:15 A.M. Adult Study Classes  
Nursery Provided • 422-6038

**Clarenceville United Methodist**  
20100 Middlebelt Rd. • Livonia  
474-3444  
Rev. Jean Love

Worship Services 10:15 AM, 6:00 PM  
Nursery Provided  
Sunday School 9 AM  
Office Hrs. 9-5

**"Building Healthy Families..."**

9:00 & 11:00 a.m. - Traditional Worship  
4:30 p.m. - "Connections" - Contemporary Worship

Dynamic Youth & Children's Programs  
Adult Education  
Child-Care Provided  
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First United Methodist Church of Plymouth  
1200 N. Eastland Rd., Plymouth, MI 48150  
(734) 453-5280

**Catch the Spirit at Aldergate**

**United Methodist Church**  
10000 Beach Daly, Redford  
Between Plymouth and W. Chicago  
Bob & Diana Goudie, Co-Pastors  
313-937-3170

Worship at 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.  
Prayers at 10:00 & 11:00 a.m.  
Cafeteria available

**NEWBURG UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

Stephen Ministry Congregation  
36500 Ann Arbor Trail  
between Wayne & Newburgh Rds.  
422-0149

Worship Services  
9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday School  
9:20 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Mission Sunday

**Scripture/John 6: 22-51**

"I am the Bread of Life"  
Rev. Bob Goudie, preaching

**Guest Preacher Saul Trinidad**

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# Children can be taught good behavior during worship services



**PASTOR POWELL**

**Faith Journeys**  
As the pastor of a church and the parent of a young child, I find it easy to understand when parents tell me they're not sure they want to come to a religious service. Generally, they don't know how their children will behave.

While I understand their concern, I know that young people only learn to behave by repeated visits to such a service. It doesn't mean you should leave the children. There are some ways you can prepare them. Bringing kids to a house of worship doesn't have to be a chore for parent or child.

■ Don't expect total silence from your child (especially if it's their first time or if they are under the age of 5). Before you enter the sanctuary, remind them that we should all be quiet while in worship. Practice whispering before service begins. If

there are parts to the service that will be read from a book, show them what will be read (even if they can't read yet, it'll be a teaching moment and you hold their attention). During prayer, if they have a hard time being quiet, try softly whispering or humming to them as you pray.

■ Set a good example for your kids. If you chat all the way through service, your child will likely do so as well.

■ Be prepared. Tell your child what might happen at the service. Teach your child what to do

when they pray (e.g. fold hands, close eyes, be silent and listen, depending upon your faith tradition). Sing songs and pray prayers at home that might be sung at worship. Bring quiet toys, soft books, or coloring books and crayons to the service. Bring a small snack for your child if necessary (it's better than having to struggle with a hungry toddler).

■ Use nursery or childcare as a tool. Don't automatically check your child in at the nursery door. Keep your child with you in worship as long as possible, so that

you can encourage good behavior in service. If your child gets extremely distracting or squirmy, take them to the nursery. Let their behavior be your guide, but don't give up too soon.

■ Don't worry about "appearances". Everyone knows that children have their moments and their moods. If you get lots of stares, either ignore them, or find another place to worship that is more conducive to normal child movement and noise. Forget your own childhood, what you may or may not have been allowed to do.

Our children are of a different generation with different needs; respond to them as individuals. Children learn by doing, and most worship services are based on hearing. We can enjoy our worship experience with our children, if we properly prepare ourselves. I am convinced that God has a heart for children, and we should too.

*Pastor Carla Thompson Powell has served Timothy Lutheran Church since September of 1996. She lives in Livonia with her husband and son. You can reach her at tlclivonia@netzero.com*

## RELIGION CALENDAR

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

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

**LENTEN SERVICES**  
St. James Catholic Church (25350 W. Six Mile Road) in Redford Township will hold Lenten services every Wednesday evening through April 12 at 7:30 p.m. in the Chapel. Maundy Thursday services, including communion, are at 7:30 p.m. April 20. For more information call (313) 534-7730.

**ECUMENICAL LENTEN GATHERINGS**  
"Opening Our Hearts to Christ - Jubilee 2000" will begin with noon services on the Wednesdays of Lent followed by a

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

**LENTEN SERVICES**  
The Stations of the Cross will be prayed every Friday night at 7 p.m. at St. Anne's Roman Catholic Church (23310 Joy Road in Redford, five blocks east of Telegraph). Phone (313) 534-2121. A video tape of one of Bishop Fulton J. Sheen's retreats will be shown in the Church hall following the Stations each week of Lent. All are invited to attend.

**RENEWAL SERVICES**  
Chris McNairy of the Baptist State Convention of Michigan will preach at Mainstreet Baptist Church in Canton during the church's renewal services, 6 p.m. Sunday, March 19, 7 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, March 20-22, at the church, 8500 N. Morton Taylor. Special music

and child care provided. Call (734) 453-4785.

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

**HERALD AWARDS DINNER**  
The Herald Awards dinner will be held Wednesday, April 26 at the Costic Center (29800 Eleven Mile Road, east of Middlebelt - behind Mercy High School). All winners will be notified well in advance enabling them to invite family and friends. The cost for the evening is \$25 per person. Creative Catering of Flint. Reservations can be made through the Council office at (313) 962-0340.

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

**IN CONCERT**

Still Listening will be in concert at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 18 at Newburg United Methodist Church in Livonia (36500 Ann Arbor Trail, between Newburgh and Wayne Roads). Free will offerings; refreshments will be sold. For more information call Diana at (734) 455-7427.

**JUBILEE JOURNEY**  
Come to the Jubilee Journey "A Carnival of Saints" from 3-5 p.m. March 26 at St. Maurice Parish Hall, 32765 Lyndon, Livonia. Celebrate your faith, enjoy the fun and check out the food. Call 421-5240 for information.

**SPRING REVIVAL**  
Mt. Vernon Baptist Church is having a spring revival March 12-15. Services are 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. March 12. Monday-Wednesday services are at 7 p.m. each evening. Evangelist, George Sance from Ft. Worth, Texas. Everyone is welcome. Church is located at 8828 Wormer, Redford. For additional information call (313) 537-7480.

**LENTEN MEAL**  
St. Genevieve Parish of Livonia will offer a Lenten meal March 10, 17, 24, 31 and April 7 and 14 from 5-7 p.m. Menu includes baked fish, potato and all you can eat soup and salad. Macaroni and cheese as a children's meal. Cost is \$6 for adults; \$3.50 for children ages 6-12 and 5 and under eat free.

**CHAMPIONS FOR CHILDREN**  
Muhammad Ali and his wife Lonnie are spearheading "Champions for Children," a special fund-raiser for Lutheran Child and Family services to promote foster care and adoption placement, at 7 p.m. Saturday, March 18. General admission tickets to the event, which include a live auction and movie viewing of "When We Were Kings," are priced at \$50 and are available at TicketMaster Outlets. For information on a variety of special tickets call (734) 354-3600.

**DINNER THEATER**  
St. Agatha High School will be the host site of "Pursuit of the Grey Orchid," a murder mystery and dinner theater at 6:30 p.m. March 11 (19750 Beech Daly Road) in Redford. Great food and murderous excitement will help create a new A/V Dept. for the schools. For reservations call (313) 532-3317.

**LENTEN DINNERS**  
St. Agatha Church (19750 Beech Daly) of Redford will offer Lenten dinners on Ash Wednesday and every Friday during Lent. 3-8 p.m. Dine in and carry out. Senior discount from 3-5 p.m. Children's menu available. Call (313) 531-0371.

**SEXUAL ABUSE RECOVERY**  
The recovery from sexual abuse group

Please see CALENDAR, B6

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Prestige Cleaners on 5 Mile Livonia 20% Off Dry Cleaning (No Other Coupons)</p>	<p>Mail Koi Cleaners All Locations Free Seater or Pant W/9.95 Incoming Cleaning</p> <p>Park Ave \$1.75 Cleaners 844-5091 Canton \$1.50 Per Item for Dry cleaning</p> <p>Rags to Riches Cleaners Clawson 15% Off Dry Cleaning Only (Min. \$25 Order)</p> <p>Touch of Class Plymouth 15% Off All Dry Cleaned Garments</p> <p>White Cleaners &amp; Coin Laundry Berkley 30% Off Incoming Dry Cleaning Orders</p> <p><b>\$ Entertainment</b></p> <p>Ambassador Roller Rink Clawson Buy One Admission - Get One Free (Sat. Only)</p> <p>Detroit Zoological Society Royal Oak 10% Off All Membership Packages</p> <p>Electric Stick Westland Pay for One Hour of Pool - Get One Hour Free</p> <p>Hartfield Lanes Berkley Free Shoe Rental for Cardholder</p> <p><b>\$ Financial Services</b></p> <p>James B. Williams, CFP Livonia 50% Financial Plan + Inv Fees</p> <p>Kozak Consulting Co., Inc. Westland 10% Discount Off 1999 Income Tax Prep</p> <p>Tax Time Westland Free Electronic Filing with Paid Return</p> <p><b>\$ Florists &amp; Gifts</b></p> <p>Home Royal Oak 10% Off Purchase (not to be combined w/other offers)</p> <p>Keving Floral Expressions Ferndale 10% Off - Excluding Wire Orders</p> <p>Mary Jane Flowers Royal Oak \$5.00 Off Any Purchase Over \$10.00</p> <p>Steve Codens Flowers Southfield Free Delivery in Metro Detroit Area</p> <p>The Green Bee Royal Oak 10% Off Purchase over \$10</p> <p><b>\$ Home Improvement</b></p> <p>ABC Plumbing Clawson \$20 Off Service or \$25 Off SNR</p> <p>American Blind and Wallpaper Factory Plymouth 10% Off Order \$50 Min. Mention Code HE10</p> <p>Bergstroms Inc Plumbing &amp; Heating Livonia \$15 Off Service Calls 734-522-1350</p> <p>Berkley Plumbing Berkley \$15 Off Plumbing Repair/Sewer Drain Service</p> <p>Beyer Heating &amp; Cooling Inc Ferndale 10% Off Air Conditioning Special</p> <p>Burton &amp; Sons Garden City \$15.00 Off Service Call 734-427-3070</p> <p>Burton Plumbing &amp; Heating Wayne 10% Off All Materials Service/Store</p> <p>Casemore Electric Inc Westland \$25.00 Off Any Electrical Work Over \$200.00</p> <p>Coachs Carpet Care Ypsilanti 10% Reg. Scheduled Services, Carpet, UPH Ducts</p> <p>Colbys Decorating Center 968 Newburgh Westland 10% Off ALL In Stock Merchandise</p> <p>Horton Plumbing Plymouth Free Laundry Tub &amp; Faucet with Repipe</p> <p>I do Windows 313-927-4990 Bedford First Clean Free with Free-Paid Service</p> <p>KTP Designs Inc Berkley One Hour Free Interior Design Consultation</p> <p>Kroll Window Garden City \$300 Off 3 or More Windows</p> <p>New Beginnings LLC 734-613-0755 Livonia 10% Off Painting Two or More Rooms</p> <p>Sumner Plumbing &amp; Sewer Royal Oak \$15 Off Service or SRS-\$26 Off</p> <p>United Temperature Livonia Furnace Cleaning &amp; Inspection \$57.00</p> <p><b>\$ Insurance</b></p> <p>Juennemann Insurance Westland Gift for Comparing Home &amp; Auto Insurance</p> <p><b>\$ Jewelers</b></p> <p>Bright Jewelers 44344 Cherry Hill 734-844-2404 Canton 50% Off 1.4K Gold Chains</p> <p>Chinn Jewelry Royal Oak We Will Pay Your Sales Tax Excluding Loose Diamonds</p> <p>Doble Jewelers Berk/Brim/Fen/Caw/Hunt/Woods/Ply/Royal Oak 1/2 Off Ring Sizing (excluding platinum)</p> <p>Miners Den Royal Oak Free Watch Battery (One Per Customer)</p> <p>O &amp; D Bush Jewelers 734-455-3030 Plymouth 50% Off All Silver Jewelry</p> <p>Woods Pleasant Ridge/Royal Oak 1/2 Off Ring Sizing (excluding Platinum)</p> <p><b>\$ Landscape &amp; Maintenance</b></p> <p>Bills Outdoor Care Canton Commercial Snowplowing Contract 10% Off</p> <p>D. A. Alexander &amp; Co. Livonia 10% Discount</p> <p>Outdoor Fun Store Co. Wayne 10% Off Purchase of Any Wooden Playset</p> <p>OV's Landscaping 734-728-8030 Westland \$150 Off Sprinkler System over \$1500</p> <p>Saxtons Garden Center Plymouth 10% Off All Hand Garden Tools</p> <p><b>\$ Pizza</b></p> <p>Collage Inn Pizza Birmingham 2 Large Pizzas W/One Item \$12.99</p> <p>Marias Deli &amp; Pizzeria 734-961-1200 Canton \$5.00 Off a \$50.00 Purchase (excluding tobacco &amp; alcohol)</p> <p>Papa Romanos Ferndale \$1.00 Off Bambino Bread with any purchase</p> <p>Pizza One Ferndale 2 Small Pizzas for \$9.99 + tax</p> <p>Railios Pizza Royal Oak \$1.50 Off Large Square Pizza</p> <p>Vizzy's Pizza Palace - We Deliver 722-3333 Westland 2 Large Reg. Pizzas with 1 item &amp; Jumbo Bread \$14.75</p> <p><b>\$ Restaurants</b></p> <p>Alexander The Great Westland 10% Off Entrees - Not Valid on Specials</p> <p>Barbs Pasties Livonia 10% Off When You Buy 4 Pasties</p> <p>Beehive Family Dining Wayne 20% Off Any Order</p> <p>Christines Cuisine Ferndale 10% Off Any Dinner Entree (Carry Out Only)</p> <p>Clubhouse BBQ Ferndale Free 2 Liter of Fayo with Any Purchase (\$7 Min.)</p> <p>Code 30 Coffee Cafe Inc. Redford \$1.00 Off Any Flavored Latte</p> <p>Dairy Queen of Royal Oak Royal Oak 10% Off Total Bill</p> <p>Deli Delite Royal Oak 15% Off Purchase of \$10 or More</p> <p>Don Pedros Redford 10% Off Food Over \$10 (No Other Offer)</p> <p>Denny's Westland Buy One Regular Priced Breakfast, Get One FREE Not valid with other coupons or offers. Not valid on Holidays or Weekends. One coupon per guest per visit.</p> <p>Duggans Irish Pub Royal Oak 10% Off Total Food Bill w/ \$10 Purchase or more</p> <p>Faym-us Chicken &amp; Ribs Clawson Buy One Dinner and get \$1 OFF Second Dinner</p> <p>Fire Academy Brewery Westland Buy One Lunch, Get The 2nd at 1/2 Price!</p> <p>Hard Ice Cream Cafe of Farmington S. of Plymouth Livonia 10% Off Any Item including Sanders Cakes</p> <p>Hat Trick Pub/Deli Berkley 10% Off Any Food Purchase</p> <p>Legacy Restaurant Livonia 10% Off Your Bill Excluding Specials</p> <p>McDonald's 5625 Sashabaw Rd Clarkston Buy One Big Mac, Get One Free</p> <p>McDonald's 6695 Dixie Hwy Clarkston Buy One Big Mac, Get One Free</p> <p>McDonald's 2450 Dixie Hwy Waterford Buy One Big Mac, Get One Free</p> <p>McDonald's 141 N. Telegraph Waterford Buy One Big Mac, Get One Free</p> <p>McDonald's 220 N. Ann Arbor Rd Plymouth Buy Any Sandwich, Get One Free</p> <p>McDonald's 45510 Michigan Canton Buy Any Sandwich, Get One Free</p> <p>McDonald's 44900 Ford Rd. Canton Buy Any Sandwich, Get One Free</p> <p>McDonald's 40241 Michigan Canton Buy Any Sandwich, Get One Free</p> <p>Max &amp; Ermas Birmingham 10% Off Purchase, excluding alcohol &amp; gratuities</p> <p>Mich Houys Schoolcraft/Middlebelt Livonia 10% Off Your Bill - Lunch or Dinner 734-425-5520</p>	<p>New King Lime 248-474-2781 Farmington Hills 10% Off Total Bill</p> <p>O'Malley's Bar &amp; Grill 15231 Farmington &amp; Five Livonia 15% Discount after 8 p.m. except Holidays</p> <p>Paynes Berkley 10% Off Total Food Bill With \$10 Purchase or More</p> <p>Samuel Hoffmans New York Deli Clawson 10% Off Total Food Bill</p> <p>Stevens Deli Bloomfield Hills \$10.00 Off Any Catering Order</p> <p>Subway Berkley/Ferndale \$1.00 Off Any Footlong Sub</p> <p>Soupreme Deli Clawson \$1.00 Off Any Sandwich</p> <p>Woody's Diner Royal Oak 10% Off Total Food Bill With \$10 Purchase or More</p> <p><b>\$ Retail</b></p> <p>A Shady Business Walled Lake 10% Off Any Lamp Purchase</p> <p>Alcove Hobby Shop Royal Oak 10% Off Any Purchase</p> <p>Alexanders Framing Royal Oak 15% Off Any Purchase</p> <p>Atlas Greenfield Market Southfield 5% Off Any Meat or Produce Purchase</p> <p>America's Vitamin &amp; Nutrition Berkley 10% Off Any Purchase Every Day</p> <p>Beads S.R.O. 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Priced Merchandise (Excludes Labor)</p> <p>Dimitris Upholstering Royal Oak 10% Off Complete Order</p> <p>Dining Furniture Ltd Roseville 10% Off Regular Prices</p> <p>Doll Hospital 3947 W 12 Mile Berkley 10-60% Off Selected Dolls &amp; Bears</p> <p>Dolls and Trains Lathrup Village 10% on Selected Items</p> <p>Express Photo &amp; Mile Livonia 25% Off Processing 25% Off Enlargements</p> <p>Four Seasons Garden Center Oak Park 10% Off Reg. Price Shrubs &amp; Perennials (not w/discount)</p> <p>F &amp; N Floor Covering 16 &amp; Dequindre Troy 15% Off All Carpet &amp; Pad - Showroom Price!</p> <p>Frentz &amp; Sons Hardware Royal Oak 10% Off Purchase</p> <p>Henderson Glass Berkley 10% Off Any Purchase excluding sale items</p> <p>Hershys Shoes 29522 Ford Road Garden City 10% Off Regularly Priced Merchandise</p> <p>Independent Carpet One Westland 10% Off Labor</p> <p>J &amp; K Trophy &amp; Engraving 248-473-7871 Livonia 10% Off All Awards Signs &amp; Gift Items</p> <p>Just Waiting Maternity Shoppe Berkley 10% Off Any Purchase excluding Sale Items</p> <p>Kitchen &amp; Bath Depot Royal Oak Free Professional Design Time (2 hours)</p> <p>Looking Glass Antiques Plymouth 15% Off Any Item \$25.00 or More</p> <p>Marcys Groom-A-Pet Birmingham 20% Off Retail Supplies (does not include grooming)</p> <p>Mattress King Pleasant Ridge/Madison Heights Troy 10% Off Any Purchase</p> <p>Metro Bikes Inc Berkley 10% Off All Accessories (excluding sale items)</p> <p>Metropolitan Uniform Berkley 10% Off (Police, Fire, Army, Navy, Camping, Carhart)</p> <p>Misty Cards &amp; Gifts 734-421-1066 Garden City 10% Off Regularly Priced Items</p>	<p>Nile Gallery Berkley 10% Off Any Purchase</p> <p>Once Upon A Child 5804 N. Sheldon Canton 10% Off Any Purchase 734-459-886</p> <p>Parsha Books &amp; Gifts 6 Mile Livonia 10% Off Purchase of \$50 or More</p> <p>Paperbacks Unlimited Ferndale 10% Off All Hardcover Books</p> <p>Randy's Eli of Troy Troy 15% Off Any Reg. Priced Merchandise thru 12:99</p> <p>Rene's Collectibles 42839 Ford 734-961-7500 Canton 20% Off Storewide</p> <p>Red Wing Shoes Garden City \$20.00 Off Any Regular Price Shoe/Boot</p> <p>Robins Nest Gifts &amp; Collectibles Plymouth 10% Off Entire Store including Holiday Items (Excluding Pokeman &amp; Beanie Babies)</p> <p>Smokys Cigarette Outlet Berkley Free Lighter with Purchase of Carton of Cigarettes</p> <p>Talking Book World Lathrup Village Up to \$10 Toward 1st Purchase or Rental (new Customers)</p> <p>Tasty Health Berkley 50c Off Fruit Smoothies &amp; 10% Off Supplements</p> <p>The Framery &amp; Gallery Troy 20% Off Art Merchandise, Incoming Frame Orders</p> <p>Therapeutic Books 965 N. Mill 734-453-4960 Plymouth Save 10% on all books!</p> <p>Thomas Brothers Carpet Clawson 10% Off Carpet &amp; Vinyl Purchase</p> <p>Training Effect Fitness Store Birmingham 10% Off Equipment Purchase 25% Off All Accessories</p> <p>Unlimited Cellular Clawson Free Cell Phone Accessories</p> <p>Village Peddler Plymouth 10% Off Storewide</p> <p><b>\$ Services</b></p> <p>All Service Mechanical Berkley \$27 Off Any Repair</p> <p>Americana Estate Sales Berkley FREE Attention (Get it with Your Classified Ad)</p> <p>Bill &amp; Rod's Appliance 734-425-2504 Livonia \$10 Off In-Home Appliance Repairs</p> <p>Buttons Rent It Royal Oak \$5.00 Off Total Rental Price (Mon-Fri)</p> <p>Carmack Appliance Garden City 10% Off In-Home Service</p> <p>Citgo Birmingham/Ferndale 6 Lighters for \$1.00</p> <p>Community Federal Plymouth, Canton, Northville Free Checks with New Accounts &amp; 1/4% Off Loans</p> <p>Family Heating &amp; Cooling 734-422-8080 Garden City Recommended by Joe Gagnon Appliance Dr. WJR Radio</p> <p>Jans Dance Connection 313-562-1203 Dearborn 50% Off Registration Fee</p> <p>Kirby Vacuum Sales, Service &amp; Supplies Westland 10% Off Supplies</p> <p>Mail Boxes Etc 7 Mile next to Joes Produce Livonia 10% Off Shipping Fed-Ex or UPS</p> <p>Men on the Move Westland 20% Off Boxes and Packing Supplies</p> <p>Observer &amp; Eccentric Newspapers Plymouth 50% Off Regularly Priced Classified Ad (\$5 Value, private party ads only) 1-800-579-SELL</p> <p>Robert Coburn Century 21 Assoc. Royal Oak Free Market Consultation</p> <p>Singer Service Center Clawson 10% Off Sewing Machine Repairs</p> <p>The Dance Connection 734-379-9755 Canton 50% Off Registration Fee</p> <p>Tuffy Auto Service Plymouth Rd W/ Middlebelt Livonia 10% Off Parts &amp; 5% Off Discount Prices</p> <p>Universal Electric Motor Service Berkley 20% Off Pool Pumps &amp; Motors (list price)</p> <p>Val's Catering Inc 734-728-0547 Westland 10% on Parties over 50 People</p> <p>Visiona of Joy Graphic Designs Westland 10% Discount on Typesetting Over \$35</p> <p>Woodward's Real Estate Royal Oak Free Airline Miles. Call for Details</p> <p>World Explorers Travel 877-391-4414 Lake Orion Waive Service Fees on Air &amp; Vacation Pkgs Toll Free</p>
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meets Thursday evenings beginning March 23. Registration cost is \$25 per person, however, scholarships are available. Deadline to register is March 15. Family Impact Ministries the pastoral care center of Tri-City Christian Center located on Michigan Ave. (one mile east of I-275) in Canton. Call (734) 326-7780.

**DIVORCE CARE SEMINAR**  
From 7-9 p.m. Friday, March 10 and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 11 at Family Impact Ministries the pastoral care center of Tri-City Christian Center located on Michigan Ave. (one mile

east of I-275) in Canton. Cost is \$25 per person, however, scholarships are available and limited child care. Register by March 3. Call (734) 326-7780.

**WOMEN'S RETREAT**  
A women's retreat titled "Getting Real with God," is planned for Friday March 31 and Saturday April 1 through Tri-City Christian Center of Canton. Registration date is March 15. \$79 per person. For more information call Tri-City Christian Center at (734) 326-0330.

**NEW BEGINNINGS**  
St. Matthew's United Methodist Church in Livonia offers a year-

round grief support group and this new Thursday speaker series, beginning with the Rev. Kurt Stutz of Botsford Hospital with "Healing Grief" April 6; and the Rev. Phil Seymour on "Dreams, Visions and Images" May 4; and Warren Gilbert's "Managing Memories" June 1. The series is free and open to the public. Call (734) 422-6038.

**CHILI COOKOFF**  
The Good Shepherd Reformed Church's annual Chili Cook Off will be held from 6-8 p.m. Saturday, March 11 at the church social hall (6500 North Wayne Road at Hunter) in Westland.

Chili makers and tasters needed. Come and enjoy the chili and fellowship. Call (734) 722-7225 for information.

**HEALING SERVICES**  
The Rev. Gary Seymour offers healing services for the series titled "Rise and Come Forward" the third Wednesday evening of each month at the Church of the Risen Lord, 821 N. Newburgh Road in Westland. Call (734) 397-7132.

**RELIEF EFFORT**  
The Archdiocese of Detroit, in partnership with Catholic Relief Services, is collecting monetary donations for the people of

Venezuela, devastated by flooding that has left thousands dead or homeless. Checks or money orders should be made payable to Archdiocese of Detroit-Venezuela Relief and sent to Christian Service Department, 305 Michigan Avenue (G5), Detroit, MI 48226-2605. For more information, call (313) 237-4689.

**THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY**  
Thursday Bible studies at Timothy Lutheran Church are available from 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. The morning study is led by members of the congregation and the evening study is led by Pastor

Powell. Timothy Lutheran Church is located at 8820 Wayne Road in Livonia. Call (734) 427-2290 or visit www.timothyliivonia.com

**NEW LIFE LUTHERAN**  
New Life Lutheran Church worships on Sunday at 10:15 a.m. at Bird School, 220 N. Sheldon road. Sunday school is also offered. Please call (734) 459-8181 or e-mail the church at newlifelc@yahoo.com

**NEW BIBLE STUDY**  
A complete overview of the scriptures at New Life Lutheran church, ELCA, on Sundays at 9:15 a.m. 220 N. Sheldon Road.

## Dead Sea Scrolls exhibit

The Dead Sea Scrolls, scriptures of a community that disappeared two millennia ago, will again come to life in an exhibit of replicas from the manuscripts and artifacts of an ancient Israeli civilization.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Westland presents a Dead Sea Scroll Exhibit, free to the public, March 9-11. The scrolls were discovered in 1947 by a Bedouin shepherd boy who was out searching for his strays along the northwestern shore of the Dead Sea. During that search, he cast a stone into a cave and heard something shatter.

Intrigued by the sound, he returned later with a companion and discovered a cache of large clay jars — some fully intact — which held the promise of a treasure from some bygone age.

The shepherds discovery revealed a massive collection of ancient biblical and non-biblical scrolls. Those manuscripts were named for the community in which they were found, the Qumran collection, or Dead Sea Scrolls.

The church, at 7575 Hix Road in Westland. The exhibit is open 6-9 p.m. Thursday, March 9; Friday, March 10 6-9 p.m.; and 12-8 p.m. Saturday, March 11. Call (734) 459-4580 for more information.

### CRAFTS CALENDAR

**CHURCHILL PTSA CRAFT SHOW**  
Churchill High School (8900 Newburg Road, just north of Joy Road) 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. \$1 admission. Call (734) 523-0022.

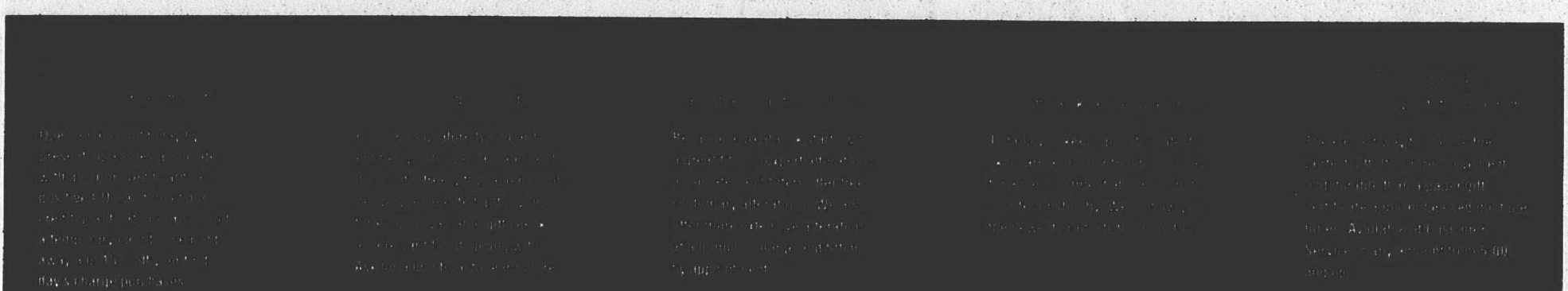
**ST. JOHN'S ARTS/CRAFT SALE**  
St. John's Episcopal Church in Westland is hosting an arts and crafts sale from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 25 at the church (555 S. Wayne Road). Vendors are needed. To reserve a table call (734) 729-1605. Hot dogs, chips, pop, etc. will be sold.

**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.

**SPECTACULAR**  
Livonia Stevenson High School (33500 W. Six Mile Rd./1 block west of Farmington Rd.) will be the host site of the "Spring Spectacular Craft Show" from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sat. April 8. For information call: 248-478-2395 or 248-476-0315.

**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.

**SCHOOLCRAFT CRAFT SHOW**  
Craft show set for March 11 at Schoolcraft College (Physical Education Bldg.) from 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. 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.



# two day sale

friday, march 10 and saturday, march 11

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### save an extra 30%

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### save 30%

On weekend wear collections and separates from Kiko, Hof Cotton and more. Reg. 28.00-120.00, sale 19.80-84.00.

### save 40%

Large selection of children's dress shoes from Stride Rite, Nina, Esprit, Sam & Libby, Kenneth Cole, Bass and more. Reg. 28.00-50.00, sale 16.99-30.00. IN CHILDREN'S SHOES

### save 40%

Woods & Gray men's sportswear Reg. 35.00-48.00, sale 21.00-28.80. IN MEN'S

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Selected spring dresses in ladies' and petites' sizes. Linen blends, French terry, crepe or rayon. Reg. 68.00-98.00, sale 51.00-73.50. IN DRESSES. AT ALL STORES EXCEPT PHIPPS PLAZA AND KENWOOD TOWNE CENTRE

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Genuine stone bracelets. Reg. 20.00-120.00, sale 10.00-60.00 IN ACCESSORIES

### save 30%

Selected spring playwear and sportswear from Parisian Bebe, Parisian Kids, PK Clothing Co. and Buster Brown for infants, toddlers, girls' sizes 4-16 and boys' sizes 4-20. Reg. 12.00-30.00, sale 8.40-21.00. IN CHILDREN'S

### sale 19.99

Your choice of crystal vase, biscuit barrel, handled basket, footed platter, pitcher or bowl from the Block Crystal "Tulip Garden" collection. Reg. 40.00. IN GIFTS. AT ARBOR PLACE MALL AND COOL SPRINGS GALLERIA

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Entire stock of fine jewelry. Reg. 80.00-4000.00, sale 40.00-2400.00. EXCLUDES GREAT BUYS AND WATCHES IN FINE JEWELRY. CANNOT BE COMBINED WITH ANY OTHER COUPON OR DISCOUNT OFFER AT ALL STORES EXCEPT NORTHLAKE MALL

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### save 40%

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### sale 29.99

Your choice of Block "Pebblestone" 20-piece dinnerware set or Hampton Forge 20-piece flatware set. Reg. 40.00-50.00. IN PARISIAN HOME. AT ARBOR PLACE MALL AND COOL SPRINGS GALLERIA

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## OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

### Baseball clinics

The Plymouth Salem baseball team and coaching staff will sponsor their annual instructional clinics on consecutive Saturdays, March 25 and April 1, in the Salem gym.

Cost for each session, which includes a hot dog lunch (served from noon-1 p.m.), is \$20. The 11-15 year-old session will be from 9 a.m.-noon; the 7-10 year-old session will be from 1-4 p.m.

Mail your check, made payable to the Plymouth Salem Dugout Club, to Bill Styles at 10782 Red Maple Drive, Plymouth, 48170. For more information, call Bill Styles at (734) 453-1679.

### Final registration

The last chance to sign up for the Canton Community Junior Baseball and Softball Association's baseball, softball and T-ball leagues is scheduled for 6:30-9 p.m. March 16 at the Plymouth Township clerk's office, located on the corner of Ann Arbor Road and Lilley.

New players must provide proof of birth. For more information, call (734) 453-2040.

### T-ball registration

The city of Plymouth Recreation Division will have registration for its 5-6 year-old T-ball league April 3-21 at the Recreation office, located in the Plymouth Cultural Center (located at 525 Farmer, Plymouth).

Children must be born July-December 1993; January-December 1994; or January-July 1995. A birth certificate is required. The season runs June 24-Aug. 12 (no games July 1).

For more information, call (734) 455-6623.

### Adult softball leagues

The city of Plymouth Recreation Division will sponsor adult softball leagues this spring/summer for men's slow pitch, women's slow pitch, co-ed slow pitch and men's modified.

Registration for returning teams begins Monday. New teams may begin registering March 15. All registrations may be completed at the Recreation offices, located in the Plymouth Cultural Center at 525 Farmer in Plymouth.

The season starts the week of May 1. For more information, call the Plymouth Recreation Division at (734) 455-6620 or check the web at [www.ci.plymouth.mi.us](http://www.ci.plymouth.mi.us).

### CYO football meeting

The Catholic Youth Organization will have a meeting for those boys in grades 3-8 who are interested in playing CYO football at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 4 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church.

All boys interested in playing are invited to attend this informational meeting. Our Lady of Good Counsel is located at 1062 Church in Plymouth.

For more information, call Mike Girsakis at (734) 454-0847 or at (734) 427-6270.

### 3-on-3 Junior Shootout

The Milford Police Athletic League is sponsoring its 10th annual 3-on-3 Junior Shootout basketball tournament for boys and girls in grades 4-12 on March 17-19.

Entry fee is \$60 per team (four players). There will also be a special three-point shootout in each division to win a pair of \$100 Converse basketball shoes.

For more information, call Rick Sharpe at (248) 684-1322.

### Pistons/Shock clinic

Members of the Detroit Pistons and Detroit Shock will put on a basketball clinic Saturday afternoon, March 18, at Ward Presbyterian Church, located at 40000 Six Mile (west of Haggerty) in Northville.

Boys and girls in the third-to-eighth grades are encouraged to attend. Cost is \$15.

Session I (grades 3-5) will run from 2-3:15 p.m. Session II (grades 6-8) will run from 3:30-4:45 p.m. Arrive 15 minutes early to register, or pre-register at the Ward Presbyterian Church by March 17.

Parents are invited to attend (no additional charge). The clinic includes five follow-up Saturdays of open basketball practice, from 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

For further information, call (248) 374-5937.



Top scorer: Eric Seidelman had two firsts and a second for EMU at the MAC swim finals.

## Salem grad is MAC's best



Crossroads come to everyone. For Eric Seidelman, he figured he had swam his last race after graduating from Plymouth Salem. But he overcame his frustrations to lead Eastern Michigan to prominence.

BY C.J. RISAK  
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Five years ago, Eric Seidelman suffered through one of his worst athletic experiences.

A senior at Plymouth Salem, Seidelman had qualified for the Class A state swim championships in three individual events — the 50-yard, 100-yard and

200-yard freestyle — and, as the Rocks quickest sprint freestyler, was a part of two relays.

Then disaster struck. Seidelman was stricken by a viral infection just prior to the Western Lakes Activities Association; it affected him through the state meet, ruining his performances and affecting the relays as well.

And it did no good for his mental outlook, either.

"I think what happened was that I got real frustrated," Seidelman recalled. "Then I worked out real, real hard that summer with the Clarenceville Swim Club and I began to hate it. I just didn't like anything about it."

"So I took a year off."  
Seidelman had been recruited by Eastern Michigan University's Peter Linn, but he decided against it. "I took the month of August off and said if I missed it, I'd go back," Seidelman said. "I didn't."

The next summer — "on a whim" — he journeyed over to the EMU pool just

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## District final next!

### PCA crushes Agape in semis, 62-49

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Christian Academy senior forward Michael Huntsman celebrated his 18th birthday Tuesday night by giving, not receiving.

On a night when his teammates struggled shooting from the perimeter, Huntsman blew out the candles on Canton Agape Christian's season, scoring 22 points and snaring 11 rebounds in the Eagles' 62-49 victory over the Wolverines in the Class D district tournament opener for both teams.

PCA's 15th consecutive victory improved its record to 17-4 heading into tonight's district final match-up against Jackson Christian (7-14). Tip-off is set for 7:30 in the PCA gymnasium.

Jackson Christian earned a berth in the final game by knocking off Huron Valley Lutheran, 52-32.

"I watched them (Jackson Christian) play the first game tonight and it looks like they have a nice team with some height," PCA coach Doug Taylor said, sizing up his next opponent.

While pleased with the win, Taylor said his team can — and must — play better if it is going to match or exceed last year's impressive post-season run, which ended in the regional final game.

"We didn't shoot well tonight, and when we don't shoot well, we don't look good," Taylor said. "We only made one out of 10 three-pointers in the first half, and (outside shooting) is usually one of our strengths."

"If we want to make a run like last year, we're going to have to improve our intensity and toughness."

Agape coach Keith Anleitner said his team came out on the short end of the game thanks largely to PCA's tall, athletic front-line.

"I'm very proud of our kids," said Anleitner, whose team finished 12-7. "I thought we played with a lot of heart. They just have too much size for us to deal with. We couldn't get it done on the glass."

"Most of Huntsman's points were on putbacks. We were putting a body on him and (Derric) Isensee, but they're outstanding athletes, and they went over us."

Anleitner's statements were con-

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STAFF PHOTO BY MATT TAPLENGER

Basket-bound: Plymouth Christian's Derric Isensee drives between Agape's Paul Anleitner (left) and Julian Wettlin en route to a field goal in Tuesday's district semifinal.

## Whalers make it 15-straight vs. Frontenacs



It was the open-door policy Tuesday night at Plymouth's Compuware Arena.

The penalty

box door, that is.

In a game marred by 45 penalties — 25 against the visiting Kingston Frontenacs — the Plymouth Whalers erupted for six first-period goals and steamrolled Kingston, 9-2.

The win was the Whalers' 15th straight and pulled them to within a point of the top spot in the Ontario Hockey League, held by the Ottawa 67s. Plymouth is 41-17-4, with 87 points — first in the OHL's West Division. Ottawa is 42-18-3, with 88 points — first in the OHL's East Division.

Indeed, the last time the Whalers lost was to Ottawa. That was Jan. 29, and it was by a 2-1 count.

Should the Whalers continue their current streak, they could pass the 67s. The Whalers have played one less game.

Tuesday's loss dropped Kingston to 35-21-5 (77 points). The Frontenacs are third in the East Division.

Stephen Weiss, Jamie Lalonde and Kris Vernarsky each scored two goals in the game, with Weiss and Vernarsky adding one assist apiece. Shaun Fisher added a goal and three assists, Tomas Kurka had a goal and an assist, Eric Goody had a goal, Jared Newman and Justin Williams each had three assists, and Damian Suram had two assists.

Darryl Knight and Chris Cook scored goals for Kingston.

The Whalers got four power-play goals and another short-handed (by Vernarsky).

In the opening period Fisher, Weiss, Lalonde (twice) and Vernarsky all scored goals before Knight got a goal for Kingston. Kurka's power-play marker with 1:48 left in the first put the Whalers up 6-1.

## Salem blasts Blazers to win district

BY C.J. RISAK  
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A battle was brewing. Everyone anticipated it. Even before the Class A district volleyball tournament at South Lyon HS got under way last Saturday, the brackets could be examined and the probable final determined:

Plymouth Salem vs. Livonia Ladywood.  
They were the two best teams in this field, although both Northville and host South Lyon could certainly make things sticky (which they did). And Plymouth Canton could give cross-campus rival Salem some trouble in the opening round (which, after the first few points, it didn't).

Ultimately, everything turned out just as expected. It took all three games for both Ladywood and Salem to survive their district semifinal matches against Northville and South Lyon, respectively.

Everything and South Lyon, as expected — until the final match.

Salem and Ladywood had met twice previously this season, at the Comstock Tournament Jan. 15 and at the Schoolcraft Invitational Feb. 5. The Rocks won at Comstock in three games; the Blazers ruled at Schoolcraft in another match that took three games.

Another three-game, down-to-the-wire showdown featuring two of Observerland's best teams, was on tap, right?

Not this time.

### DISTRICT VOLLEYBALL

Salem surprisingly took command from the start, scoring the first six points of the opening game and trailing just once in the entire match (1-0 in the second game) en route to a 15-6, 15-2 shredding of Ladywood.

The Rocks take their 42-11-1 record to the Saline Regional Saturday, where they will go against Adrian at 10 a.m. Salem met Adrian twice at the Temperance Bedford Invitational Feb. 12, winning both in straight sets. The winner will meet the Livonia Franklin/Approximately Lincoln winner in the regional final at approximately noon Saturday.

Ladywood finishes with a 30-17-4 mark. While jubilant Salem players posed for photos and glared happily at their district championship medals, a stunned Ladywood team retreated into a corner of the South Lyon gym. No answers would be found there; indeed, coach Larry Wyatt seemed stunned after the lopsided loss.

"They served well, we didn't serve receive well," he offered, searching for a reason. "Obviously, we just didn't play well and they did. But you've got to give all the credit to Salem. They beat us."

"Some days you play well, some days you don't." The Rocks — who struggled to beat the Lions in



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURCKMANN

Pivotal player: Amanda Suder paced Salem's attack with 27 kills.

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# Chiefs narrowly miss qualifying for state; Salem 10th at regional

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## GYMNASTICS

How close can you come?  
It's a question John Cunningham knew the answer to prior to last Saturday's Class A Gymnastics Regional, hosted by Cunningham's Plymouth Canton team.

Now, those on the team know the answer as well.  
The Chiefs missed qualifying for this weekend's state finals by the narrowest of margins — just .025 of a point — in a meet in which any of three teams could have qualified with one less mistake.

That team proved to be Jackson County Western, which scored 136.975 points to finish third. The top two positions were already secured by Novi/Northville, which placed first with 145.2 points, and Adrian, which was second with a score of 143.725.

Canton scored 136.95, its second-best total of the season but, as Cunningham pointed out, "We actually had a very decent meet. Jackson County Western just had a better meet."

It was the third time the two had clashed in an invitational, and it was the first time Western emerged on top. Ann Arbor Pioneer was also very close to a state meet berth, scoring 136.875 and placing fourth.

The rest of the finishers in the 17-team field: Ann Arbor Huron, sixth (133.65); Saline, seventh (133.375); Hillsdale, eighth (133.325); Westland John Glenn, ninth (131.45); Plymouth Salem, 10th (129.95); Jackson Northwest, 11th (128.675); Napoleon, 12th (126.4); Coldwater, 13th (121.725); and Jackson Lumen Christi, 14th (121.2). Ypsilanti, Trenton and Jackson did not field complete teams.

Although Canton didn't manage to qualify as a team for the state meet, two Chiefs did qualify as individuals. Liz Fitzgerald finished first in the Division II

all-around (the top six make state) with a 35.7 total; she was first in the balance beam (9.15), third in floor exercise (9.15), seventh in uneven parallel bars (8.75) and 12th in vault (8.65).

Placing second in the Division II all-around was Canton's Amy Driscoll. She won both the vault (9.15) and bars (9.05), and took second in floor (9.25).

"You can't complain about performances when you finish one-two in the all-around," said Cunningham.

Several other Chiefs turned in solid performances, although no one else qualified for state. Jill Rakovitis posted scores of 8.55 in floor, 8.35 in vault, 8.1 in beam and 32.8 in the all-around; Kristen Schilk had an 8.5 in floor, an 8.15 in vault and a 32.4 all-around; Jackie Bennington scored an 8.425 in floor and a 32.175 in the all-around; and Maggie Bett had an 8.15 in beam.

"All in all, we had a very good meet," said Cunningham. "We lost by a toe-twitch. None of it really involved poor performances."

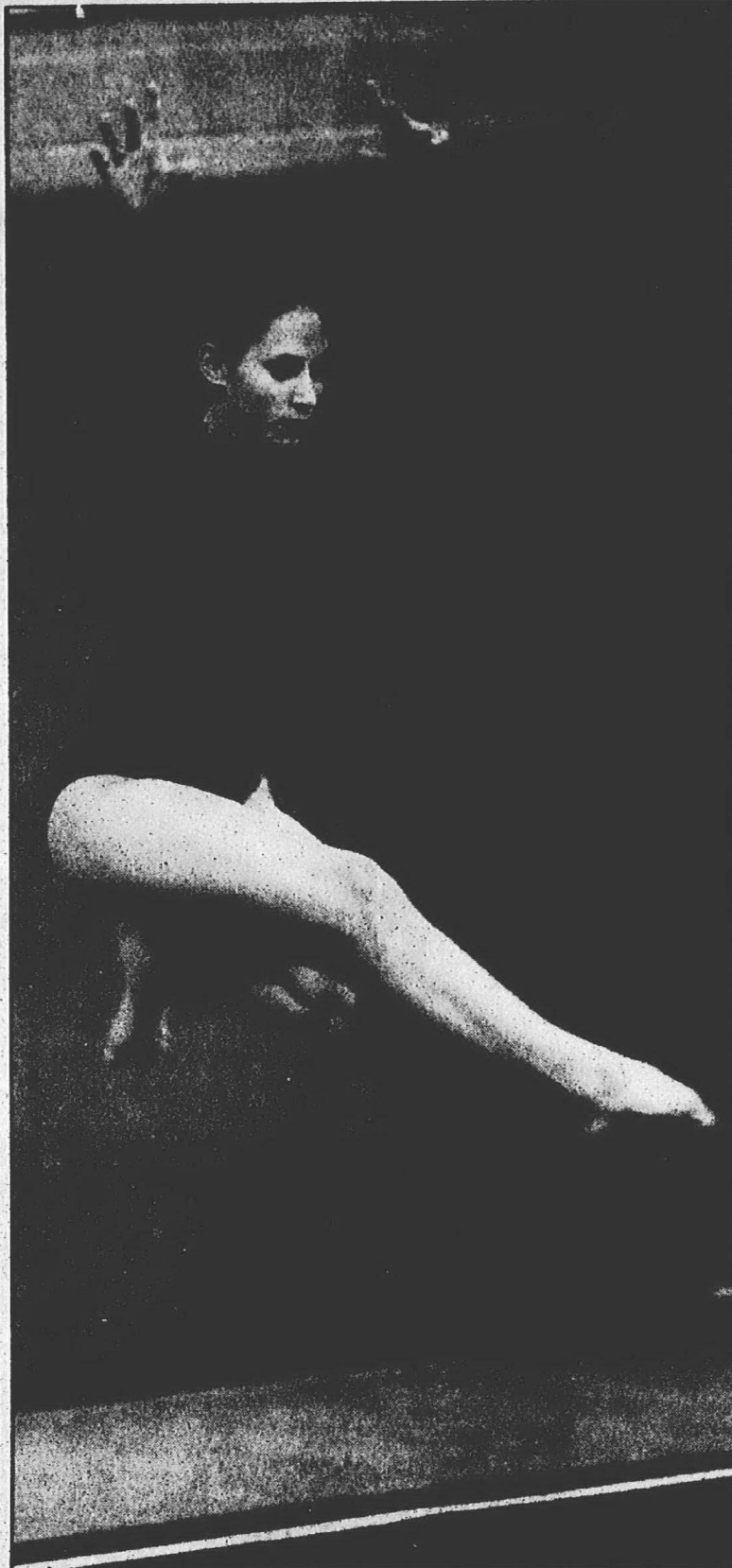
Not that Cunningham handled the narrow miss without comment. "Ouch was one of the words I used," he said, adding the others might not be suitable for print.

Salem, which was scoring in the upper 130s in January, struggled at the regional after losing one of its top gymnasts, April Aquinto, to a knee injury in the dual meet against Canton Feb. 14.

Still, one of the Rocks — freshman Bethany Bartlett — did qualify for state individually in three of four events, and just missed qualifying in the Division I all-around. Bartlett scored 35.375; the sixth-place (and final all-around qualifying) score was 35.575.

Bartlett did make state individually with a second-place finish in the vault (9.2), a sixth in the floor (9.0) and a seventh in the bars (8.825). She also scored 8.35 in beam.

Other solid Salem performances came from AnneMarie Zielinski in the vault (7.9); Ashley Heard in bars (8.2) and beam (8.05); Kelsey Ensor in beam (8.3) and floor exercise (8.05); Danielle Teper in floor (8.1); and Kara Dendinos in floor (8.05).



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL EUBSCHMANN

A solid performance: Canton's Amy Driscoll turned in the second best Division II all-around total, behind only teammate Liz Fitzgerald. Driscoll won both the vault and bars, and placed second in the floor exercise.

### MSAA INDIVIDUAL STATE WRESTLING TOURNEY

**FIRST-ROUND PAIRINGS**  
March 10 at Joe Louis Arena  
**DIVISION I**  
163 pounds: Adam Stacey, Sr., Redford Catholic Central (26-7) vs. Kyle Klooster, Jr., Grand Haven (42-1); Josh Gunterman, Livonia Stevenson, Sr. (35-0) vs. Kyle Greenberg, Jr., Portage Central (38-8).  
112: Chris O'Hara, Jr., Redford CC (31-14) vs. Ryan Beech, Soph., Walled Lake Western (41-3).  
119: Ron Thompson, Sr., Plymouth Salem (46-6) vs. Cody Nicholson, Fr., Grandville (29-16).  
128: John Mervyn, Sr., Livonia Franklin (31-1) vs. Scott Walker, Sr., Flushing (42-4); Rob Ash, Sr., Salem (42-6) vs. Chase Metcalf, Soph., Davison (55-1).  
130: Chris Petersen, Jr., Redford CC (14-4) vs. Ryan Churella, Jr., Novi (47-3).  
135: Jeff Wheeler, Sr., Redford CC (25-10) vs. Jon Barkam, Sr., Rochester Adams (35-13).  
140: Josh Henderson, Sr., Salem (43-9) vs.

Scott Norton, Sr., Romeo (36-3).  
182: Mike Falzon, Sr. Stevenson (31-10) vs. Charles Kallil, Jr., Midland Dow (46-4); Imad Kharbush, Jr., Stevenson (38-2) vs. Steve Walter, Sr., Lake Orion (39-14); Mike Carter, Sr., Livonia Churchill (37-4) vs. Rick Moralez, Sr., Holland West Ottawa (34-5).  
180: Mitch Hancock, Sr., Redford CC (43-0) vs. Adam Backing, Sr., East Kentwood (44-7).  
171: Ryan Rogowski, Soph., Redford CC (31-13) vs. Ben Ewoldt, Sr., Saline (35-17).  
189: Eric Puninske, Sr., Stevenson (18-15) vs. Dave Anderson, Sr., Midland Dow (31-0).  
**DIVISION II**  
119: Jon Simmons, Sr., Farmington (39-10) vs. Adam Pushman, Soph., Fenton (26-15).  
148: Jeff Usher, Sr., Redford Thurston (33-6) vs. David Ludders, Jr., Sturgis (35-4).  
**DIVISION IV**  
**Heavyweight:** Josh Rose, Sr., Livonia Clarencville (39-10) vs. Matt Berkoben, Sr., Saginaw Valley Lutheran (6-0).  
112: Dan Tondreau, Sr., Clarencville (37-14) vs. Josh Lones, Fr., Dryden (31-14).

### THE WEEK AHEAD

#### BOYS BASKETBALL DISTRICT TOURNEY PAIRINGS

**CLASS A**  
**at ROMULUS**  
Friday, March 10: Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals at Ypsilanti Lincoln vs. Adrian district champion.)

**at REDFORD UNION**  
Friday, March 10: Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinal at Dearborn High vs. Detroit Northwestern district champion.)

**at NOVI**  
Thursday, March 9: Northville vs. Plymouth Canton, 5:30 p.m.; Plymouth Salem vs. Novi, 7 p.m.

**at WEST BLOOMFIELD**  
Friday, March 10: Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals at Southfield-Lathrup vs. University of Detroit-Jesuit district champion.)

**at ORCHARD LAKE ST. MARY'S**  
Friday, March 10: Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals at Warren Woods-Tower vs. Warren Woods-Tower district champion.)

**at REDFORD BISHOP BORGESS**  
Friday, March 10: Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals at Riverview Gabriel Richard vs. Flat

Rock district champion.)

**CLASS D**  
**at PLYMOUTH CHRISTIAN ACADEMY**  
Thursday, March 9: Championship final, 7:30 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals at Hillsdale College vs. Reading district champion.)

**at STERLING HEIGHTS BETHESDA CHRISTIAN**  
Thursday, March 9: Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest vs. A-B winner, 6 p.m.; Oakland Christian vs. C-D winner, 7:30 p.m.

**at SALINE**  
Saturday, March 11: Championship final, 7:30 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals at Harper Woods Bishop Gallagher vs. Detroit Urban Lutheran district champion.)

**REGIONAL GIRLS VOLLEYBALL PAIRINGS**  
(all Saturday, March 11)

**CLASS A**  
**at SALINE**  
Semifinals: Livonia Franklin vs. Ypsilanti-Lincoln, 10 a.m.; Plymouth Salem vs. Adrian, 10 a.m.

**Championship final:** Approximately noon. (Winner advances to the state quarterfinals Tuesday, March 14 at Eastern Michigan University vs. Temperance Bedford regional champion.)

**ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE**  
Saturday, March 11  
Ply. Whalers vs. London at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 12  
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COLLEGE SPORTS

## Madonna's opening trip down south is off to an up-and-down beginning

Madonna University has the start of its baseball season squared away.

The Crusaders split their season-opening doubleheader Friday, defeating Columbia Union (Md.), 12-2, in the first game but falling, 5-2, to Virginia-Wise in the second.

Madonna then took two of its next three. It avenged its loss to Virginia-Wise, taking a 10-9 decision on March 4. On March 5, Madonna lost a 7-6 game to Susquehanna (Pa.) University before bouncing back to take a 3-2 decision from Pittsburgh-Johnstown.

Details on those games were not available.

Nick Newman pitched a six-hitter for the Crusaders against Columbia Union, striking out three and walking one.

Third baseman Nick Dedeluk smacked a solo home run for Madonna to trigger a six-run fourth inning that broke a scoreless tie.

A bases-loaded error let in one run, left fielder Jason

### BASEBALL

Brooks doubled home a pair, DH Lance Siegwald laid down a bunt single to drive in the fifth run of the inning and a passed ball let in the sixth.

Dedeluk triggered a three-run fifth with a double to left. First baseman Eric Lightle followed with an RBI double, catcher Dave Kwiatkowski doubled Lightle home and scored on a flyout and ground-out.

The Crusaders added three in the seventh, two on a single by center fielder Bob Hamp and one on Chris Woodruff's sacrifice fly.

In the loss to Virginia-Wise, Madonna mustered just five hits. Mitch Jabcenski went 5 2/3 innings and took the loss, allowing eight hits. He walked two and struck out eight.

Right fielder Derick Wolfe doubled in Madonna's first-inning run and Woodruff's fielder's choice groundout in the fourth plated the other.

# Crusaders' pitching is solid

### SOFTBALL

A young collegiate softball team, consisting mostly of freshmen and sophomores, with an almost entirely rebuilt pitching staff (two of them freshmen), taking its season-opening trip to Florida — it sounds like a recipe for disaster.

But for Madonna University, it hasn't been. Lady Crusaders' coach Al White had hoped to survive this 13-game trip with a close-to break-even record.

Through Tuesday, the Crusaders were right on course. Playing all their games in Fort Myers, their 2-1 victory over Dowling College (from Oakdale, N.Y.) Tuesday improved their spring-trip record to 5-4.

Jenny Tenyer, one of White's promising freshmen pitchers, earned her first collegiate win with a four-hit, no-walk performance. In her four mound appearances thus far, Tenyer has not allowed an earned run three times.

Madonna scored twice in the bottom of the sixth to get the win on a two-run, two-out double by Vicki Malkowski.

The win was the Crusaders' third-straight. Earlier Tuesday, they beat Curry College (Milton, MA) 5-2 thanks to Stacie Wilson's 3-for-3, two RBI plate performance that included a two-run single in Madonna's four-run second that also included RBI hits by Meghan Quinn and

Angela Litwin (from Plymouth Canton).

Jennifer Staup, another freshman, evened her record at 2-2 by allowing two runs on six hits but no walks.

Madonna's streak began with a 4-1 victory over Mount St. Clare College (Clinton, Iowa) on Monday (details were not available). Earlier Monday, Katie McFadden handcuffed the Crusaders with a two-hitter to lead Robert Morris College (Coraopolis, PA) to a 4-1 victory.

Emily Cunningham's third-inning double scored Litwin with the only Madonna run; Tenyer took the loss, tossing a five-hitter and allowing four unearned runs with no walks and 10 strikeouts. The Crusaders committed six errors in the game.

On Sunday against Holy Family College (Philadelphia, PA), four more errors proved costly in Madonna's 5-2 loss. Staup took the loss, surrendering five runs (one earned) on seven hits and a walk in 3 1/3 innings. The Crusaders had just three hits, with Jenny Kruzel getting the only RBI on a first-inning groundout.

Earlier Sunday, Madonna battled back from a 4-1 deficit with three runs in the fifth and another in the seventh to nip St.

Thomas University (Miami, Fla.) 5-4. Keys got the game-winning hit, a one-out single that scored Malkowski, who opened the inning with a double.

Malkowski had three hits in the game, scoring twice, and Quinn had two with an RBI. Staup got the pitching win in relief of starter Tanya Liske; Staup walked two in 1 1/3 scoreless innings.

The Crusaders' first game Sunday was a 2-1 loss to the University of Findlay (Ohio), in which Tenyer absorbed the defeat with a two-run, four-hit, one-walk performance. Kristy McDonald (Redford Thurston) and Litwin each had two hits to lead a nine-hit Madonna attack.

The season-opener for the Crusaders was against Johnson and Wales University (RI) on Satur-

day, a game they dominated in winning 17-5 in a five-inning mercy.

McDonald had three hits, including a home run, and four RBI; Malkowski had three hits, four runs scored and two RBI; Cunningham had two hits and two RBI; Pam Konwinski had two hits and an RBI; Keys had two hits; and Kruzel had a hit and two RBI.

Liske surrendered five runs (two earned) on seven hits and a walk, striking out seven, to pick up the win.

That same day, Madonna battled Saginaw Valley State evenly before giving up two runs in the bottom of the fifth in a 2-1 loss. Staup took the loss, giving up two unearned runs on six hits and a walk. Malkowski had two of Madonna's four hits.

### SPORTS ROUNDUP

#### Learn to Check clinic

Suburban Hockey Schools will conduct its "Learn to Check" clinics at area sites in the upcoming weeks.

Classes are offered 6:30-8:20 p.m. Tues-

day, March 28, and 5:30-7:20 p.m. Wednesday, March 29, at Suburban Training Center in Farmington Hills; 6-7:50 p.m. Tuesday, March 21, at Devon-Aire Arena in Livonia; 5:30-7:20 p.m. and 7:30-9:20 p.m. Monday, March 20, at Novi Ice Arena.

The cost for the clinic is \$40 per player. For more information call (248) 478-1600.

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# District volleyball from page C1

The semifinal, losing the first game 11-15 before rallying to win the next two 15-7, 15-2 — offered little hint of what was to come in the final.

"In the very first game (against South Lyon) we had no intensity," said Salem's Amanda Suder. "Even in the games we won, we didn't play that well. Playing Ladywood, we knew we were going to have to step up our game. And we did."

"We just got really intense. The key for us is intensity. We never let up."

Suder, a senior who's already committed to Madonna University, was phenomenal throughout the districts. Against Ladywood, she had 10 kills (with a .333 kill percentage) and nine digs, both team bests. Jill Dombrowski added 13 assists to kills and eight digs; Liz Gizicki had three service aces and six digs; and Sarah Jensen had three kills.

One of the key attributes for Salem in the victory was blocking. The Rocks had five in the match, more than twice their normal number during the season.

"We normally don't have that many blocks," noted Salem coach Tom Teeters. "I really didn't think the block would do it for us."

It did, and so did Teeters' strategy. "We concentrated our defense on three of their hitters," he said. The object: Let the others beat you.

The Rocks also directed their serves to Patty Horal, Ladywood's top hitter, in an attempt to delay her from getting in position for a kill attempt.

"Everything fell in place

for us," said Teeters. "This was one of the few times this season we were in it (mentally) the whole time."

"I kept waiting for the other shoe to drop."

It never did. After surrendering a point after scoring the first six, Salem's impetus seemed to slow somewhat. Ladywood closed to 8-4. But then Gizicki served four-straight points and Suder served two more, each with an ace. Denise Philips had the honor of serving the game-winner.

The Blazers had rallied after suffering a first-game loss to Northville in the semifinals, but they never did against the Rocks. Ladywood scored the first point of the second game, then gave up nine-straight. Dombrowski served the final five points, with Suder fittingly getting a kill on the match-winning point.

For the day, Suder had a team-best 27 kills — despite missing the opener against Canton for violating a team rule — with a .311 kill percentage. She also had 13 digs.

Philips had 17 kills, five aces and 11 digs; Dombrowski had eight kills, 49 assists to kills, 16 digs and three blocks; and Jensen had 11 kills and three aces.

## Blazers bounce Northville

In the district semifinals, it seemed certain Northville could give Ladywood problems, what with three starters over 6-foot tall. It didn't help that the Blazers came out sluggishly to begin the match, losing the opening game 11-15 before turning it around to win the next two, 15-7 and 15-10.

Northville led through most of the first game, but Ladywood took control in the second, constructing an 11-2 lead and repelling a Northville comeback that narrowed the gap to 11-6. Horal had three kills for points, one service ace and served three points.

A six-point Blazer rally — consisting of two Horal kills and four Northville miscues — that took the score from 5-2 to 11-2 was the turning point in the match for Ladywood.

Not that Northville went quietly. The Mustangs, behind the strong play of 6-2 middle-hitter Meredith Hasse, scored the first four points of the third game and at one point had a 7-6 lead. But the play of Horal and outside hitter Erin Bartee eventually wore down the Mustangs.

## Salem stings Canton

The beginning was not promising for Salem. The Rocks were up against rival Plymouth Canton in the district opener Saturday at South Lyon, and they were doing it with three key players on the bench for violating a team rule.

The Chiefs took quick advantage, opening up a 5-2 lead in the first game. But after that, the Rocks took complete command.

Canton scored just three more points in the entire match, losing 15-5, 15-3. It was the third time this season Salem had beaten the Chiefs in straight sets; in the first two matches (four games), Canton had totaled just 14 points.

The semifinal against South Lyon would be more difficult for Salem. Kelly

Jaskot's service ace gave the Rocks an 11-8 lead in the opening game, but the Lions scored the game's final seven points for a 15-11 triumph.

And it was apparent South Lyon's Fran Hamilton, a 5-10 hitter, would cause problems for the shorter Rocks.

"Their No. 17 (Hamilton) was just unstoppable," admitted Salem's Teeters. The Rocks needed to find a way to keep the ball away from her, but her mobility made that difficult.

Like Ladywood, Salem also needed to step up its play. By the midpoint of the second game, the Rocks did just that.

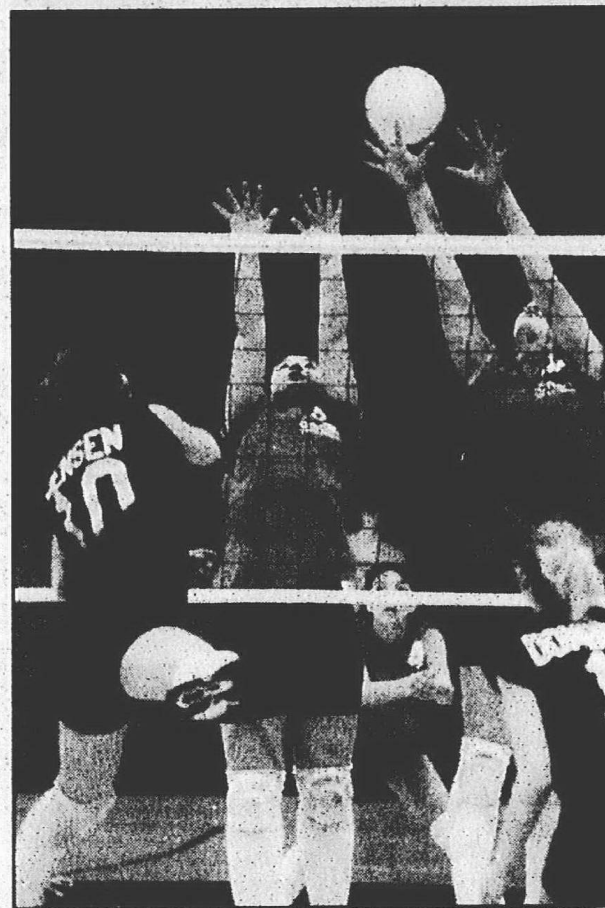
After South Lyon had narrowed a five-point Salem lead to two, the Rocks took control, scoring seven-straight points and eventually winning 15-7. The third game, a 15-2 rout, was all Salem as the Lions' serving and serve reception abandoned them.

"There's nothing for us to be unhappy about," said South Lyon coach Ed Baldwin, his team finishing with a 22-12 record. "We knew we weren't going to win the Class A championship."

"We wanted to play well and we did. We're a team that works real hard."

The Lions dictated play in the first game. "When we're on it, yeah, we can beat anybody," said Baldwin. "That's been our style all year. We needed to stay at that level. But their aggressive hitting affected our passing."

Teeters changed Salem's attack, moving Suder — who had 17 kills in the match — around to better utilize her skills.



Something to cheer about: Plymouth Salem had that after beating South Lyon in three games in the district semifinal, and Denise Philips (left), Michelle Ginther (center) and Jill Dombrowski (right) took advantage of the opportunity (above). Canton, on the other hand, had trouble stopping the Rocks (left). Sarah Jensen pounds this shot through Chiefs' blockers Lisa Baker (left) and Jennifer Wagner in a first-round match, which Salem won in straight sets.

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The Board of Education of the Grosse Pointe Public School System, Wayne County, Michigan, will receive sealed bids for the resurfacing of the North High School track located on the athletic field of North High School.

Specifications and bid forms will be available at a MANDATORY pre-bid walk-through on Tuesday, March 14, 2000 at 9:30 a.m. beginning in the receiving room at Grosse Pointe North High School, 707 Vernier Rd., Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236.

Sealed bids will be due on Monday, March 27, 2000 at 10:00 a.m. at the Administration Building of the Grosse Pointe Board of Education, 389 St. Clair, Grosse Pointe, Michigan 48230 at which time and place the bids will be opened and publicly read aloud. This project will not be funded by federal or state monies.

Please direct questions to Tom Gauerke, Assistant Principal of Grosse Pointe North High School, at (313) 342-2214.

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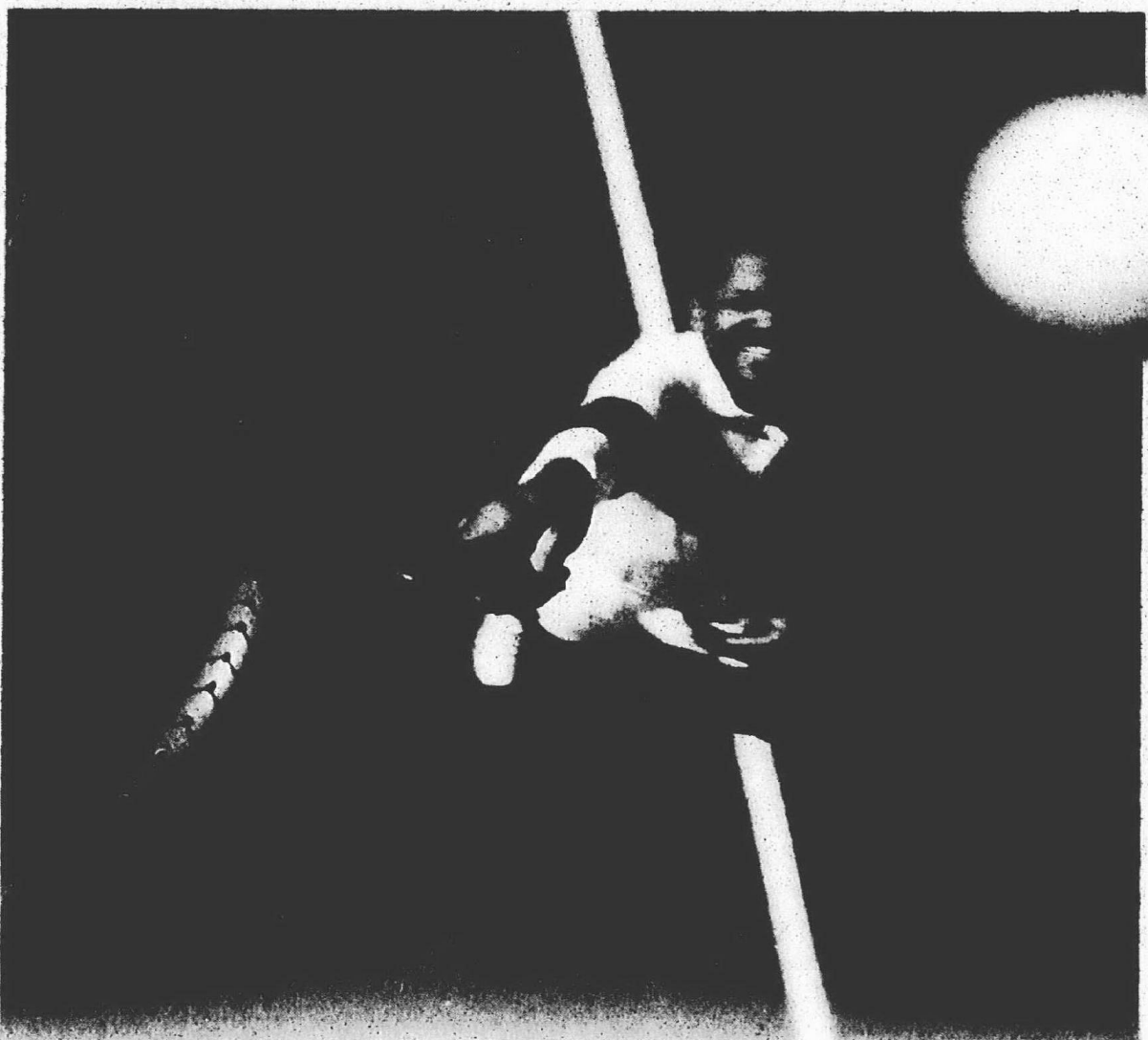
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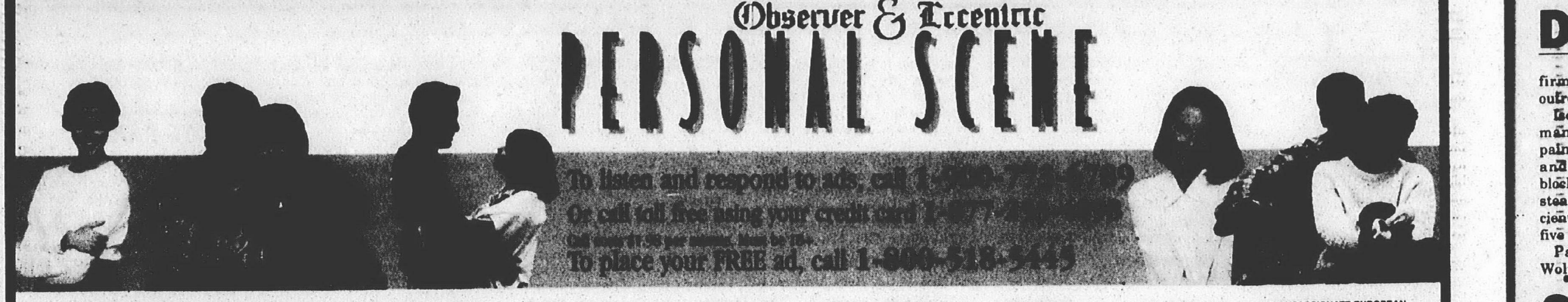
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# District basketball from page C1

firmed by the stat book: PCA out rebounded Agape, 36-18. Isensee complemented Huntsman's productive night in the paint by contributing 18 points and five rebounds. He also blocked two shots and had three steals. David Carty had an efficient night, racking up 10 points, five rebounds and one dunk. Paul Anleitner paced the Wolverines with 16 points and

four assists. The junior guard played on a sore ankle that left his status in doubt right up until pre-game warm-ups, according to his dad. "I'm surprised how well he played considering his lack of mobility in practice (Monday)," Keith Anleitner said. Julian Wettlin also had a solid game for Agape, netting 15 points, three rebounds and two

steals. Sparked by a 10-0 run two minutes into the game, PCA owned a 17-9 lead after the opening eight minutes. Isensee and Huntsman accounted for 15 of the Eagles' 17 first-quarter points. PCA padded its lead to 34-17 minutes into the second half before the Wolverines put a

mini-run together. When Joshua Anthony took a no-look pass from Caleb Martin and laid the ball in with 2:55 left in the third quarter, Agape trailed just 36-29. The comeback was ignited by a charged-up defense that at one point forced the Eagles to turn the ball over five-straight trips down the court. However, PCA countered

quickly, outscoring the Wolverines 12-4 to close out the quarter and take a commanding 48-33 advantage into the final period. PCA's biggest lead of the night — 55-37 — came at the 4:50 mark of the fourth quarter when Huntsman hit a driving lay-up. The Eagles connected on 43 percent of their field goals (24-of-55) and shot 54 percent (12-of-22) from the charity stripe. Agape made 18-of-56 shots from the floor (32 percent) and nine-of-11 free throws (81 percent).

Blue Jays (16-5) got 16 points from Greg Crenshaw, 15 from Jason Lige and 10 from Desmond Martin in eliminating Redford Catholic Central (9-12) in a first-round Division I district game Monday. The Shamrocks did pull to within a point, 44-43, on a three-pointer by Matt Loidas with 1:42 left to play. But CC could come no closer. Loidas finished with 12 points; Ryan Celesky added 11.

Southfield 54, CC 44: The host

points; Ryan Celesky added 11.

# Seidelman from page C1

to swim around a bit. It proved to be, as Seidelman remembered, "the deciding factor" in his comeback.

"I was just fooling around and ended up swimming 3,000 yards," he said.

Last weekend at the Mid-American Conference Men's Swimming and Diving Championships, hosted by Bowling Green State, Seidelman wasn't fooling around.

A fifth-year senior, he carried EMU to the MAC title, winning the 100-yard and 200-yard freestyles, finishing second in the 50 free, and swimming on two first-place relay teams.

His performance earned him the MAC Senior Swimmer of the Year award and got him a spot on the all-conference swim team. But more importantly, it was instrumental in the Eagles reclaiming the MAC champi-

onship, by a margin of just 14 points; they scored 764 to defending conference champ Miami of Ohio's 750.

"He's always been a good team guy," said his coach at Salem, Chuck Olson, of his former team captain. "He did everything he could his senior year (at Salem), and even though he didn't have his best meet at the conference finals, he was happy because the team won."

"He was a special kid." He proved that by coming back more determined than ever from his year away from swimming. Seidelman helped EMU capture the MAC championship in '98 and, with renewed interest in his sport — "I made it fun again," he said — and training that lasted one year round, was named team captain this season.

His times reflect his dedication. Seidelman won the 100 free

in 44.98; he won the 200 free in 1:39.83; and he was second in the 50 free in 20.34, an NCAA qualifying cut. EMU's 200 free relay won in 1:21.57, and the 400 free relay won in 3:20.47.

"I had some pretty high expectations of myself this season," Seidelman said afterward. "The dreamer in me thinks I could do better."

"But I was happy. The hard

work paid off."

He has no future plans for swimming competitively. "This was it," Seidelman said. "This is what I was shooting for for the past four years."

With graduation six weeks away — he'll get his degree in communications in April — there can be no greater satisfaction than setting goals, and realizing them.

## Western Townships Utilities Authority Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting Synopsis 4:00 p.m., Monday, February 28, 2000

Regular meeting called to order at 4:09 p.m.  
Present: Thomas Yack, Kathleen A. Keen-McCarthy  
Agenda - adopted as amended, moved, moving item #VIII(d) to the end of the agenda.  
Minutes of the regular meeting of January 24, 2000 - approved.  
Schedule of operating expenses totaling \$1,205,362.60 - approved.  
Operations & Maintenance Report for January 2000 - received and filed.  
Operations Manager's Report for February 2000 - received and filed.  
First Quarter Revenue/Expenditure Report (FY 1999/2000) - received and filed.  
Award of Contract: Digital Subscriber Line (DSL) Services - award of 2 year contract to Flash.com.  
2000 Goals - received and filed.  
Request to Advertise For Bids; Contract #4 - Sewer Cleaning & CCTV Inspection - approved.  
Fiscal Year 1999/2000 Amendment; Computers - approved.  
Personal Computer Replacement - approved.  
Muffin Monster Replacement Cartridge - approved.  
Award of Contract; Alarm System Maintenance and Monitoring - award of contract to Vigilante Security Alarm Systems of Lathrup Village, MI.  
1998/1999 YCUA Treatment Rate Lookback - approved.  
WTUA Business Plan update - received and filed.  
Amendment: Operations Manager's Contract - approved.  
The regular meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

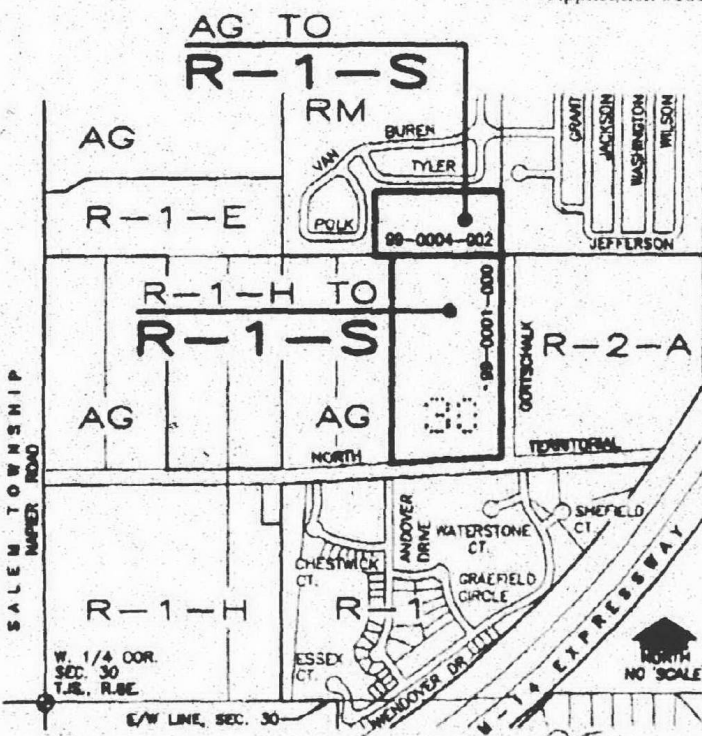
THOMAS J. YACK, Chairman

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

Published: March 9, 2000

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

TO REZONE FROM: AG, AGRICULTURAL, and R-1-H SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL  
TO REZONE TO: R-1-S, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL  
DATE OF HEARING: MARCH 15, 2000  
TIME OF HEARING: 7:00 p.m.  
PLACE OF HEARING: Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of Plymouth Charter Township has received a petition to rezone the following described properties from AG, "AGRICULTURAL" District and R-1-H "Single Family Residential District, to R-1-S, "SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL" District. Containing 25 acres, more or less. Application #1615



LEGAL DESCRIPTION FOR PARCEL DESCRIPTIONS, SEE TAX RECORDS BASED ON TAX I.D. NUMBERS: R78-003-99-0004-002 RS-042-99-001-000

ORDINANCE NO. 83 AMENDED ZONING MAP NO. 115 PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

ADOPTED BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES ON \_\_\_\_\_ EFFECTIVE DATE \_\_\_\_\_

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the proposed amendment to the map, as printed, may be examined at the Plymouth Township Department of Public Works Building, Community Development Department, during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Written comments will be received prior to the meeting. The address for application review and written comment is 46555 Port Street, Plymouth, Michigan 48170. Telephone No. (734) 453-4372. The meeting will be held in the Meeting Room at Township Hall. The address for Township Hall is 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170. At the public hearing, the Planning Commission may recommend rezoning of the property to any use allowable under the provisions of the Plymouth Township Zoning Ordinance No. 83.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: The Charter Township of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at all Township Meetings, to individuals with disabilities at the meetings/hearings upon one week notice to the Charter Township of Plymouth by writing or calling the Supervisor's office, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170. Phone number: (734) 354-3201, TDD users: 1-800-649-3777 (Michigan Relay Service)

JOE BRIDGMAN, Secretary Planning Commission

Published: February 20 and March 9, 2000

## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF WAYNE SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. C-2000-01

### ALARM USER ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH CODE BY AMENDING CHAPTER 50, ALARM USER ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT OF CERTAIN FINES FOR EACH FALSE ALARM IN EXCESS OF THREE FALSE ALARMS OCCURRING WITHIN ANY ONE CALENDAR YEAR; PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES NOT CONSTITUTING A FALSE ALARM; PROVIDING FOR THE PROHIBITION OF ALARM SYSTEMS WHICH EMIT A SOUND AND/OR VISUAL SIGNAL FOR A PERIOD LONGER THAN FIFTEEN (15) MINUTES; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATIONS THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY OF INVALID SECTIONS; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

#### THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

##### SECTION 1. AMENDMENT TO THE CODE:

This Section amends Chapter 50, Alarm User Ordinance to read as follows:

#### PARTY - POLICE REGULATIONS

##### Chapter 50 Alarm User

##### 50.010 Definitions.

This Section contains definitions of terms used in the Ordinance.

##### 50.020 False Alarm Fine.

a. This Section provides that an alarm user shall be required to pay a fine for each false alarm in excess of three (3) false alarms occurring within a calendar year.

b. This Section provides for certain extenuating circumstances including alarms being activated by persons working on the alarm with prior notice to the police or fire department, alarms being activated by severe weather or by disruption or disturbance of telephone or other communications systems.

c. This Section sets forth the fines which shall be charged for false alarms in excess of two (2) occurring within any one calendar year.

##### 50.030 Interference with Telephone Communications System

This Section prohibits selling or installing a device that mechanically, electronically or otherwise initiates automatic intrastate calling, dialing or connection to any telephone number without consent of the subscriber.

##### 50.040 Audible or Visual Signals

This Section prohibits installing an alarm system which emits a sound and/or visual signal for a period of longer than fifteen (15) minutes.

##### 50.050 Violation and Penalty

Any person, corporation, partnership or other legal entity who violates the provisions of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and may be fined Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) or imprisoned not more than ninety (90) days, or both, at the discretion of the court. Each day that the violation continues after due notice has been served in accordance with the terms and provisions hereof shall be deemed a separate offense.

#### SECTION 2: SEVERABILITY.

This Section provides that any unenforceable section can be severed from the rest of the Ordinance.

#### SECTION 3: REPEAL OF INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES.

This Section provides that all Ordinances or parts of Ordinance in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are repealed to the extent of such conflict.

#### SECTION 4: SAVINGS CLAUSE.

This Section provides that adoption of this Ordinance does not affect proceedings, prosecutions for violations of law, penalties and matured rights and duties in effect before the effective date of this Ordinance.

#### SECTION 5: PUBLICATION.

This Section provides that the Clerk for the Charter Township of Plymouth shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

#### SECTION 6: EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Section provides that this Ordinance, as amended, shall take full force and effect upon publication as required by law.

Copies of the complete text of this Ordinance are available at the office of the Charter Township of Plymouth, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, during regular business hours.

MARILYN MASSENGILL, CMC Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

Introduced: February 29, 2000  
First Publication: March 9, 2000  
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### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF WAYNE REPEAL OF ANNOYING CONDUCT ORDINANCE ORDINANCE NO. C-2000-03

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH BY REPEALING THE ANNOYING CONDUCT ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF INCONSISTENT PROVISIONS; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH IS HEREBY AMENDED BY THE REPEAL OF ORDINANCE NO. 67, THE ANNOYING CONDUCT ORDINANCE AS FOLLOWS:

**THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:**

**SECTION 1. REPEAL OF THE ORDINANCE:**  
The Annoying Conduct Ordinance, Ordinance No. 67, be and is hereby repealed.

**SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY.**  
If any clause, sentence, section, paragraph or part of this Ordinance, or the application thereof to any person, firm, corporation, legal entity or circumstances, shall be for any reason adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, said judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared to be the legislative intent of this body that the Ordinance is severable, and that the Ordinance would have been adopted had such invalid or unconstitutional provisions not have been included in this Ordinance.

**SECTION 3. REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES.**  
All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

**SECTION 4. PUBLICATION.**  
This section provides that the Clerk for the Charter Township of Plymouth shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

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MARILYN MASSENGILL, CMC  
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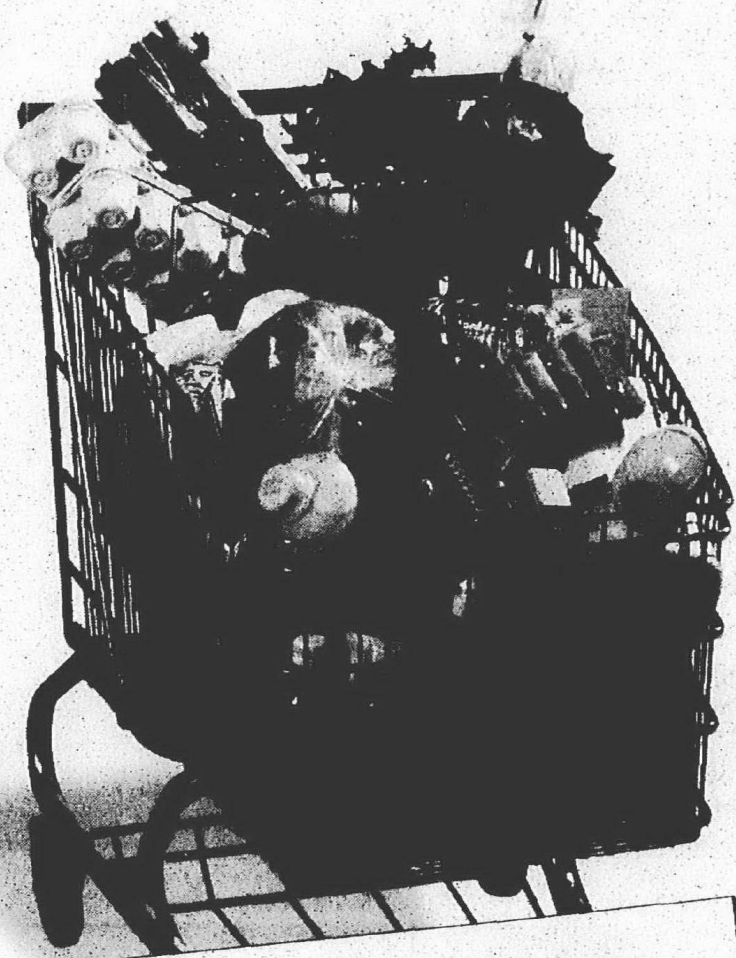
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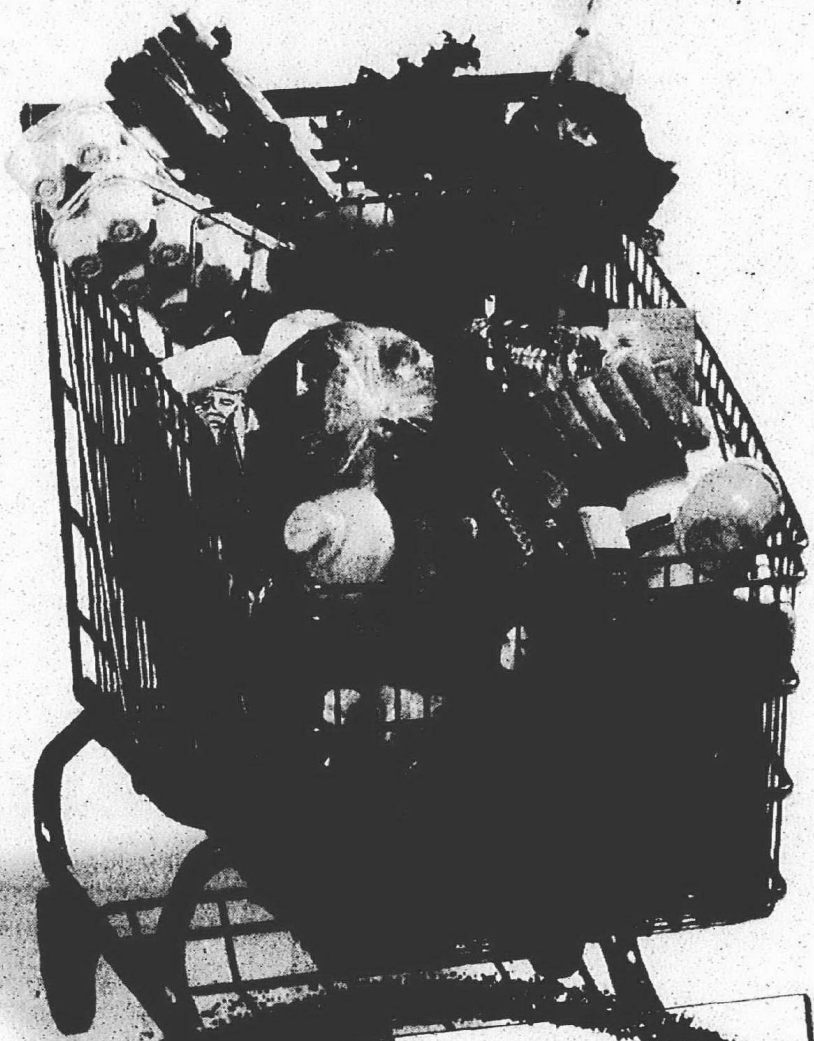
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## THE WEEKEND

### FRIDAY



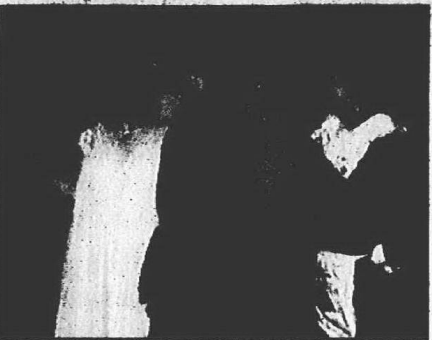
"If You've Lost That Lovin' Feelin,'" the Righteous Brothers Bobby Hatfield (left) and Bill Medley will help you find it during an 8 p.m. concert at the Fox Theatre. Tickets \$28.50, \$36.50 and \$50, at the box office, or call Ticketmaster (248) 433-1515.

### SATURDAY



The Livonia Symphony Orchestra draws musical pictures in a 7:30 p.m. concert at Churchill High School Auditorium, 8900 Newburgh, north of Joy Road, Livonia. Tickets \$15, \$10 students/children. Call (248) 645-6666 or (734) 464-2741.

### SUNDAY



Joyce McGookey (left to right), Lance Abke of Plymouth and Janice Meissner star in the Players Guild of Dearborn's production of "Night Watch," a thriller by Lucille Fletcher. Curtain 2:30 p.m. at the theater, 21730 Madison, Dearborn. Tickets \$11, call (313) 561-TKTS.

## HOT TICKET



**Hot Ticket Item:** "Van Gogh: Face to Face," an exhibit of 66 portraits opens Sunday, March 12 (sold out), and continues to Sunday, June 4 at the Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Exhibit hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday-Thursday, and until 10 p.m. Friday-Saturday. Timed tickets \$16 Monday-Friday, \$18 Saturday-Sunday, \$8 ages 6-17, and include admission to museum, exhibition and Acoustiguide audio tour. Tickets must be purchased in advance. Call (248) 433-8444. For more information, call the Hotline at (313) 833-8499 or visit the Web site at [www.dia.org](http://www.dia.org)

# Celebrate St. Patrick's Day

with song and dance



BY KEELY WYGONIK  
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After Mardi Gras and Packzi Day comes St. Patrick's Day, another reason to celebrate whether you're Irish or not.

Festivities officially begin 2 p.m. Sunday, March 12 with the St. Patrick's Day Parade on Michigan Avenue in Detroit's historic Corktown at Trumbull. The parade begins at the corner of Michigan Avenue and Third and proceeds west on Michigan Avenue to Wabash.

On St. Patrick's Day, many local pubs will open as early as 9 a.m. Blackthorn, a popular local Celtic band, is presenting a concert 3 p.m. Sunday, March 12 at the Southfield Centre for the Arts, and performing noon to 4 p.m. on St. Patrick's Day, Friday, March 17 at Cowley's Old Village Inn in Farmington.

Over 30 local musicians and

entertainers will be featured at the 15th annual St. Patrick's Day Irish Fest at the Hellenic Center in Westland, which begins at 4 p.m. on St. Patrick's Day.

### Blackthorn

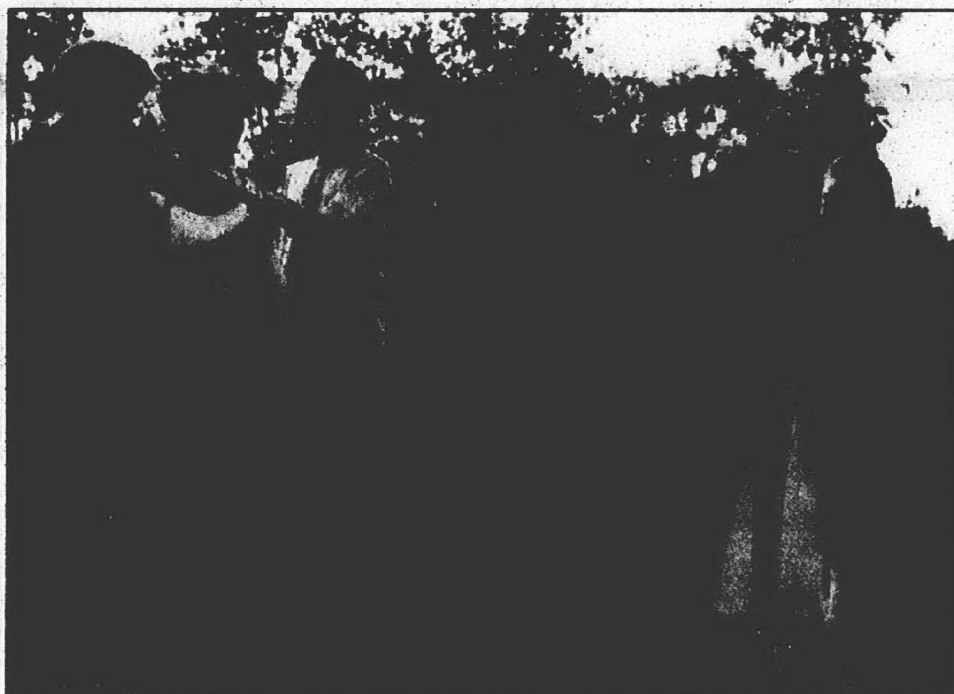
The regulars at Cowley's are familiar with Blackthorn, the band-performs there on even numbered months throughout the year. You can see them at the pub

on St. Patrick's Day, or at the Southfield Centre for the Arts this Sunday.

Gary McMullen joined the group 12 years ago. "We do 60-70 shows a year," he said. "We take it very seriously, and do it for fun and profit, we love it. We all work for a living, and have no strong aspirations that we're going to

Please see CELEBRATE, E2

**Talented group:** (At left) Groupai Ceol, the award-winning group consisting of Jeremy Kittel (left to right), Colleen Shanks, Sean Gavin, Tyler Duncan, and Colleen Burke will perform on St. Patrick's Day in Westland. (Top photo) Blackthorn Gary McMullen (left to right), Richard McMullan, Fred Klein and Dennis Green is one of metro Detroit's best known Celtic bands.



### Holiday events

■ An After the Parade Party 3:30-7:30 p.m. Sunday, March 12 at St. Andrew's Hall, 431 East Congress, Detroit. Irish entertainment featuring Michale O'Brien, a cash bar with Irish beer and food are included. A \$5 donation is welcomed. Children under 12 are free. Call (313) 885-5618.

■ The City of Southfield's Parks and Recreation Department presents Blackthorn in concert, at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 12 at the Southfield Centre for the Arts. Tickets are \$8 and include an opportunity to meet the artists following their performance, call the Southfield Centre for the Arts (248) 424-9041.

Ranging from sea chanties to more serious ballads and contemporary music emerging from the Emerald Isle, the music of Blackthorn brings audiences a glimpse of the true Irish experience.

Blackthorn will also be performing noon to 4 p.m. Friday, March 17 at Cowley's Old Village Inn, 33338 Grand River, Farmington. There will be music all day at Cowley's on St. Patrick's Day. Call (248) 474-5941 for information.

■ Mary Black, Ireland's premier folk singer, will sing at a St. Patrick's Day Concert at 8 p.m. Thursday, March 16 at Orchestra Hall in Detroit.

■ St. Patrick's Day Irish Fest 4 p.m. to midnight Friday, March 17 at the Hellenic Cultural Center, 36375 Joy Road, between Newburgh and Levan, Westland. Tickets \$8 per person at the door, call (313) 537-3489. Event features Irish music, song and dance by over 30 local performers. Corned beef and cabbage dinners will be offered for sale along with a variety of snacks. Cash bar.

## BENEFIT

# Mask auction helps put a face on homelessness

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
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Forget TV images you've seen of dirtily clad men hanging around a homeless shelter. The Coalition on Temporary Shelter's brown brick building on Peterboro in Detroit's Cass Corridor is a place filled with hope, love and cleanly dressed men, women and children on their way to a new life.

Founded 16 years ago as a 40-bed shelter in St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Corktown, COTS helps the homeless by providing 300 meals a day and 51,000 emergency shelter nights a year. But COTS isn't just a shelter. Last year COTS, after assessing residents employability and helping them obtain training and education, filled more than 5,000 jobs with homeless people.

That's why COTS MASKorAIDE auction Saturday, March 18 is so important. This year celebrities such as Jeff Bridges, Rosie O'Donnell, Martha Reeves and Detroit Red Wings Darrin McCarty, and artists Elbert Weber of Livonia and Curtis Bailey, Birmingham, have painted masks in hopes of changing the face of homelessness in Detroit. Hundreds of students from Wayne, Oakland and Macomb county schools,

### "MASKorAIDE for COTS"

**What:** Celebrities, artists, business people, and media personalities paint masks for an auction to benefit COTS. Raffle for a two-year lease on a Lincoln Navigator.

**When:** 6 p.m. to midnight Saturday, March 18.

**Where:** Detroit Yacht Club, 1 River Bank Road, Belle Isle.

**Tickets:** \$100, includes buffet dinner, auction and dancing; \$200 patron, includes VIP cocktail reception. Call (313) 831-3777.

including Plymouth Christian Academy, painted smaller lapel pin masks for the event.

John Murphy, a Redford ceramist and instructor at Schoolcraft College in Livonia, is one of more than 170 artists, athletes and celebrities creating masks as vibrant and imaginative as the makers. Several months ago when COTS sent Murphy the mask to paint, he decided to turn it into a work of art. Using the mask as a mold, the internationally exhibited artist created three porcelain clay masks then painted them with his traditional black and white striped and checked treatments. He calls them "Targets of Hardship."

"I wanted to help the cause - the homeless," said Murphy, who frequently donates his work to Empty Bowls fundraisers around town. "It's what I

always like to say, 'you have to give it away to keep it.'"

Chairperson Beth McKeown is hoping to raise more than \$125,000 to fund programs such as Day Care for parents who need to receive training before becoming independent. A clothing store, stocked with donations of used pants, shirts, dresses and suits, helps residents put their best foot forward while looking for a job.

"If you're getting your life together you can stay with us two years," said McKeown. "We're giving a hand-up, not a hand-out."

For those unable to live on their own either because of advanced age or mental and physical challenges, COTS provides long-term residency. Homelessness can happen to any one. Every day fires, the loss of a job, divorce, and illness force people into a life on the streets.

"COTS is very communal," said McKeown, "everyone-helping each other out." And that's what COTS is all about.

Some of the masks will be on display through Thursday, March 16 at the Andy Sharkey Gallery and Carol Grant Decorative Arts, 510 S. Washington, Royal Oak. Call (248) 546-6770 for information.



**Creative faces:** This mask by artist Agnola Peters is one of more than 170 to go on the auction block to help raise money for COTS.



# Irish stage show performer has roots in Redford

BY MARY McDONOUGH  
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When actor Brian Mallen talks, a slight lilt in his voice gives away his years of informal performances in the pubs of Ireland and a hint of New York snarl reveals years in the Manhattan theater circuit.

Twenty years ago he met a school teacher, Frank McCourt, now known far beyond the doorways of those smoky pubs as the author of the Pulitzer Prize winning memoir "Angela's Ashes," along with McCourt's fun-loving brother Malachy, fellow actor, bar owner and author of "A Monk Swimming."

'Tis Mallen's association with the elder McCourt that is bringing him back home.

The Redford native stars in McCourt's stage show, "The Irish ... And How They Got That Way," a song-and-dance stage perfor-

mance celebrating the Irish in America, playing through Sunday, March 12 at Music Hall in Detroit.

"It's great, I'm looking forward to it," said Mallen, of performing the show in his hometown. The 1970 graduate of St. Mary's of Redford said he expects many cousins and his mother, who resides in Livonia, to attend.

Speaking from his hotel in Seattle, Mallen said the show is "first and foremost entertainment. It's got heart and soul and razzmatazz. It's a celebration of the Irish experience in America, really."

In "Irish," six actors joke, dance and sing their way through snippets of Irish history ranging from the potato famine to the assassination of the John F. Kennedy, the nation's first Irish-Catholic president.

"It makes fun with the stereotypes and how they came to be and it's really irreverent," said Mallen.

**What:** "The Irish ... and How They Got That Way"  
**When:** continues through Sunday, March 12, performances 7:30 p.m. Thursday; 8 p.m. Friday; 5 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday; and 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday.  
**Where:** Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit  
**Tickets:** \$20-\$35 may be purchased at the Music Hall box office and all TicketMaster locations, call (313) 963-2366 for more information.

Unlike McCourt's melancholy "Angela's Ashes," "Irish" contains 30 songs and is mostly upbeat, said Mallen.

"[McCourt] tells about a family leaving Ireland during the famine and it gets fairly serious treatment. One-fourth of the Irish population was lost, so it's sort of the holocaust of the Irish," said Mallen.

As the grandson of Irish immigrants who fled Ireland during the famine, Mallen said those scenes recalled familiar territory.

The show's reception has been favorable, particularly in San

Francisco, where Mallen said it attracted a diverse audience which included, "Asians and blacks and all types of people who aren't from this particular tribe."

Mallen says the personal, irreverent nature of Irish storytelling is what continues to perpetuate interest in Irish culture. With "Angela's Ashes," a subsequent memoir and a third one written by McCourt's younger brother, there has evolved a sort of "McCourt cult," says Mallen.

"When [McCourt] started writing it he never thought it was going to go anywhere," said

Mallen. "The first three chapters used to run in a pub newsletter."

Mallen says that the "McCourt cult" is part of the second of two recent waves of interest in Irish film and culture.

"It started with 'My Left Foot.' Irish works have sort of a stark, realistic quality. For a while it was a lot of fake accents and stereotypes but since then, they've gotten hit with the real thing and I think in a way people feel that's more engaging," said Mallen.

The public's renewed interest in the "real thing" hasn't hurt Mallen's opportunities for roles any.

He is preparing to reprise his role as General Hancock in "Gods and Generals," the prequel to the film "Gettysburg," co-starring Jeff Daniels, which begins shooting this summer.

He has toured the United States and Europe with his award winning one man show,

"Secrets of the Celtic Heart," directed by actress/director Ellen Burstyn. He has also served as the artistic arts director at New York's Irish Arts Center.

True to the irreverent nature of Irish entertainment, Mallen occasionally retreats to his home in Ireland, to the comfortable stage in the pubs of Galloway, to perform his comedy piece "Beside the Pint," based on "crazy pub humor."

His favorite Irish pub in the Detroit area? Cowleys' Old Village Inn in downtown Farmington. "They have some great Irish bands that play there," he said.

While he's in town, Mallen said he plans to visit with his family and as a former member of Detroit's Gaelic League, says he may take in Detroit's St. Patrick's Day parade on March 12, on his way out of town.

With St. Paddy's Day round the corner, the timing for Mallen's journey back home couldn't be better.

## Celebrate from page E1

win a Grammy Award. We enjoy playing for people."

Blackthorn's repertoire includes ancient aires and melodies, Irish jigs and reels, traditional folk songs and music from contemporary Irish songwriters.

The four members play a dozen instruments including accordion, cittern, bodhran (Irish frame drum), penny whistle and flute. Belfast native Richard McMullen formed the group in 1986. The other members are Fred Klein and Dennis Green.

During the concerts McMullen tells jokes, and stories about Ireland, he also talks about the songs the group plays, and encourages people to sing along.

Singing and performing is a joyful thing for McMullen and other members of the group.

**'We hope a good time is had by one and all and we're thrilled and flattered that people support us. As long as people come see us, we will play.'**

Gary McMullen

Musician and member of Blackthorn

Inspired by the Kingston Trio, McMullen begged his parents to buy him a banjo when he was 12. He's been playing for over 35 years, and also plays guitar. "I've always played folk music," he said. "I even had a bluegrass band, and was frequently playing Irish tunes. It's just been a passion of mine."

Often requested songs include "The Reel & the Flickering Light," and "The Black Velvet Band."

Blackthorn works to keep their music fresh. They exchange tapes and e-mail lyrics to one another. But because everyone's so busy, they do an awful lot of rehearsing on-stage, and sometimes in some unusual places.

"We worked on an a cappella song on the golf course," said McMullen. "By the end of the 18th hole we had it. We pride ourselves on our harmony."

After hearing Blackthorn play,

McMullen and the other band members hope you'll walk away with a song in your heart, and know a little more about Irish culture and music.

"We hope a good time is had by one and all and we're thrilled and flattered that people support us," said McMullen. "As long as people come see us, we will play."

### Family festival

Fifteen years ago, Mick Gavin of Redford called some of his Irish musician friends, and asked them if they would play at an Irish Fest on St. Patrick's Day.

Gavin, the father of three boys, and an accomplished local fiddler, wanted to offer families an alternative to the pub scene. The Redford resident has been playing the fiddle most of his life and brought his sons up to love Irish music too.

Sean, 13, the youngest, plays in a group that recently won second place in an under age 18 musical group competition in Ireland.

You can hear Sean and Groupai Ceol play at the festival. In addition to Gavin, group members include Colleen Burke, Jeremy Kittle and Colleen Shanks, and Tyler Duncan.

All Ireland champion dancer Pat Quinn, who is a member of the "Riverdance" dance troupe, will perform with dancers from the O'Hare School of Dance. Also appearing will be the Kitty Heinzman Ceilidh Dancers.

Duncan, who won first place for uilleann (or elbow) pipe solo at the All Ireland Fleadh Ceo (the Irish music equivalent of the Olympics) last summer will also be performing. Duncan is the first American under 15 to win the coveted Leo Rowsome Cup.



**Award-winning piper:** Tyler Duncan, who won first place for uilleann pipe solo in Ireland, will be playing at the 15th annual St. Patrick's Day Irish Fest.

He's returning home to Ann Arbor from Dublin where he spent the last nine months studying Irish music and attending school.

Gavin will also be playing at the festival, along with his son, Michael, 21 who plays fiddle and guitar, and other well known local entertainers including Terrence McKinney, Charlie Wilkie, Dawn Hudek, and Ed McGlinchy.

"There will be Highland pipers, musicians, singers and dancers," said Gavin. "There's plenty of room, and a dance floor. It's a great gig, I enjoy it, people love it, and are really looking forward to it."

There will be a cash bar, corned beef and cabbage dinners, pizza and other snacks will be available for purchase.

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# Warm comedy a sign of a good year for SRO

BY SUSAN TAUBER  
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Here are a few theater trivia questions: What play won the Tony Award for Best Play in 1954? "The Teahouse of the August Moon."

Next: Who wrote the script for this outstanding comedy, which was made into a famous movie in 1956 starring Marlon Brando? Answer: John Patrick.

OK, name another play by John Patrick?

Stumped? The answer is "A Bad Year for Tomatoes."

And if you aren't familiar with the play, Standing Room Only Productions is offering everyone a chance to see another of Patrick's warm comedies also filled with personable, zany characters.

The title, "A Bad Year for Tomatoes," tends to make one question what kind of play it is.

"It's a comedy that will make people feel happy and pleased to be alive," said director Genevieve Terry of Farmington Hills. "Adults and kids will get a big kick out of it because of the funny characters."

The story is about an actress who wants to get away from her hectic life. She leases a house in

**On Stage**  
**What:** SRO Productions presents "A Bad Year for Tomatoes"  
**When:** 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, through March 26.  
**Where:** The church at the historic Burgh site, at Civic Center Drive and Berg Road, Southfield  
**Tickets:** \$10 general admission; \$8 for senior adults and children. For information, call (248) 827-0701.

the small town of Beaver Haven, to write her memoirs, according to William Mandt, SRO productions executive producer. The plot revolves around the actress, her agent, pretend sister, funny neighbors and the town sheriff. The name of the play stems from conversations about tomato growing.

The play takes place in the year 1969, which, Terry said, allows Barbara Amman of Livonia a chance to use crazy clothes for costumes. Set designer Maggie Gilkes of Farmington Hills created a tiny haven in Vermont look with an old wood cabin, complete with cedar shingles and other authentic touches.

But the biggest challenges to preparing the production for opening night were finding a beaver and instilling a New England accent in the actors.

"We had the hardest time finding a stuffed beaver for a prop," said Terry. "Luckily, my daughter, Patricia knew someone who lived in Brighton who had one we could borrow."

Alice Durbin is the dialect coach to this group of community theater performers. Ves Spindler probably has the easiest time with his accent, according to Terry. His lines consist mostly of one-word retort, stereotypical of a small town New Englander.

Not so for Linda Pelliccioni of Northville, who has the lead role of Myra. She's on stage for 56 pages of the 58-page script, said her husband, Larry Pelliccioni. He plays her wise-guy agent, Tom.

"A Bad Year for Tomatoes" is the sixth community theater production the Pelliccioni have been in together.

"This play is really fun for us," Larry Pelliccioni said. "We've added some dialogue to the part when I attempt to seduce her. It's more fun for us since we're married."

In fact, community theater is what brought this theatrical couple together.



**Making a scene:** Robin DeMaagd, (standing left to right) Linda Pelliccioni, Terri Denise Faison, and Connie Fox (seated) in a scene from "A Bad Year For Tomatoes."

"We were both cast in a play at Ridgedale Players in Troy together in 1991 and we were married in 1992," he said.

"I have had the good fortune to have married my leading lady and that's just as true today as it was eight years ago."

Linda said she enjoys working

with her husband on stage. "It's actually very comforting to have him up there with me," she said.

Working behind the scenes are producer and stage manager Joan Boufford of Southfield and assistant director Martha Tabacco of Farmington Hills. Ben Chunov and Mark Liljegen are responsible for lights and sound.

Ron DeMaagd handles props. Gilkes also handles the payroll.

"A Bad Year for Tomatoes" opens SRO Productions' 2000 season. The season includes "You Should Be So Lucky," opening May 12; "Agnes of God," opening July 28 and "The Last Night of Ballyhoo," which is set to open Oct. 13.

# Talented 'Night Watch' cast will keep you in suspense

The Players Guild of Dearborn presents "Night Watch" weekends through Saturday, March 18. Performances 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 10-11; 17-18; and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, March 12. The theater is on Madison St. near the southwest corner of Monroe and Outer Drive in Dearborn. For tickets or more information, call (313) 561-TKTS.  
BY SUE SUCHYTA  
SPECIAL WRITER

The Players Guild of Dearborn's production of Lucille Fletcher's suspenseful drama "Night Watch" is a well-acted, quick-paced and captivating production.

Under the experienced hand of director Patricia LaFramboise the talented cast has captured the traits of each character and realistically blended them into the storyline.

"Night Watch" is the story of Elaine Wheeler, a wealthy heiress plagued by insomnia, who tries in vain to convince her husband and the police that she has witnessed not one, but two dead bodies in the building across from her apartment. As a parade of intriguing characters pass through her life, the motives of the different characters suggest many possible reasons for murder and a cover-up. As Elaine continues to insist she's witnessed foul play, her

husband and best friend plan to have her committed to conveniently pave the way for their ongoing affair. Will the police believe Elaine, or will someone get away with multiple murder?

Joyce McGookey is a fascinating contradiction as Elaine Wheeler, portraying both the frustrated intensity of a woman clinging to her sanity while at the same time exuding a sensual energy. Lance Abke of Plymouth, who portrays Elaine's husband John, seems stiff at first but warms to the role when his anger, impatience and frustration are stirred.

Alicia Ryan as Blanche,

Elaine's best friend and John's mistress, delivers a warm, exuberant performance.

Kirk Haas' Lt. Walker is an effective mix of sarcastic wit and determined but overworked professional. He wastes no words in his blunt but on target delivery.

In contrast, his underling, Officer Vanelli, played by Marl Ripper, overplays the humor and accent in his limited role almost to the point of mugging.

Janice Meissner's Helga would be a lot more fun without the studiously delivered German

accent predicated by the script, but the nosy and self-serving housekeeper does inject some humor into the mix. Jennie Ashley, as Dr. Tracey Lake, needs more authority in her voice to pull off the illusion of an esteemed psychiatrist - she comes across as more of a sympathetic friend than a confident professional.

Rich Bulleri has fun with the role of Curtis Appleby, the colorful and nosy neighbor. Jason Thomas, as Sam Hoke, the local deli owner, makes a brief but

explosive appearance when Elaine's contribution to the crime rumor mill hurts his business even more than his horrible potato salad.

David Reynolds and Gordon Mosley's set is sumptuous and detailed. It sets the tone for characters' affluence. The detailed woodwork is real, not painted on. The faux marble is elegant and a natural part of the room, and the profusion of artwork is tastefully arranged.

The lighting crew had fun with some offstage lighting effects

from Elaine's window. They need to consider darkening the upstage foyer though, to distinguish the passage of time between scenes.

Director LaFramboise's attention to detail is also reflected in the costumes, right down to weather appropriate coats and elegant accessories.

The cast and crew of "Night Watch" add another strong show to the Guild's season, and will keep you in suspense until the play's final and delightful plot twist.

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## A Guide to entertainment in the Metro Detroit area

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**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

**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 Thursday-Sunday, March 9-12, 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, West Bloomfield. \$15-\$25. (248) 788-2900

**MUSIC HALL:** "The Irish...And How They Got That Way," Thursday-Sunday, March 9-12, at Music Hall, Detroit. (313) 963-2366

### COLLEGE

**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 10-11 and 17-18 and Thursday, March 16, and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 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 10-11 and March 17-18, 8 p.m. Thursdays March 9 and 16, and 7 p.m. Sundays, March 12 and 19, at the theater, Hamtramck. \$10. (313) 365-4948

**PLAYERS GUILD OF DEARBORN:** "Nightwatch" 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 10-11 and 17-18, and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, March 12, at the theater, Dearborn. \$11. (313) 561-TKTS

**STAGECRAFTERS:** "Forever Plaid," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 10-11, and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 12, at the Baldwin Theatre, Royal Oak. \$9. (248) 541-6430

**THEATRE GUILD OF LIVONIA**

**REDFORD:** "Godspell" continues through Saturday, March 11, 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays, at the theater, Redford. \$12. (313) 531-0554

**TINDERBOX PRODUCTIONS:** "Cheaper by the Dozen," 8 p.m. Saturday, March 11 and Friday-Saturday, March 17-18, and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 12 and 19, (school performance 11 a.m. Tuesday, March 14, \$5), at the Cathedral Theatre, Masonic Temple, Detroit. \$8-\$10. (313) 535-8962

**RIDGE DALE 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

**SAVOY 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



Before it 'Gogh's' away: "The Zouave" is one of 66 portraits in "Van Gogh: Face to Face" opening Sunday, March 12, at the Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward Ave. Tickets are \$16 Monday-Friday, \$18 Saturday-Sunday, and include admission to museum, exhibition and Acoustiguide audio tour. Call (248) 433-8444. For more information, visit the Web site at [www.dia.org](http://www.dia.org).

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, 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

**MARQUIS THEATRE:** "The Pied Piper of Hamelin," 2:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, March 11 to April 28, and 2:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, April 24-28, at the theater, Northville. \$7.50. (248) 349-8110

**MICHIGAN THEATRE:** Youththeatre presents "Amelia Bedelal Goes Camping" and other stories 1:30 p.m. Sunday, March 12, at the theater, Ann Arbor. \$10. (734) 763-TKTS

**PUPPETART:** "Purim Shpiel," a rod puppet musical based on the Book of Esther 2 p.m. Saturdays, March 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.

### SPECIAL EVENTS

**BEANIE BABY/POKEMON COLLECTIBLE SHOW:** 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, March 12, at the Plymouth Cultural Center. \$5. Ages under 10 free. (734) 455-2110

**CARD/COIN/COLLECTIBLES SHOW:** Friday-Sunday, March 10-12, at Wonderland Mall, Livonia. Free. (734) 522-4100

**JAZZ SABBATH SERVICE:** Featuring the New Orleans Klezmer All-star Band 8 p.m., followed by dancing till midnight, Friday, March 17, at

Temple Beth El. (248) 851-1100

**MICHIGAN WOODWORKERS GUILD SHOW:** Noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, March 12, at the Livonia Senior Center. Free. (313) 278-2150

**PEWABIC POTTERY ART TILE FAIR:** 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, March 12, at St. George Cultural Center, Bloomfield Hills. \$5. (313) 822-0954

**SEA SCROLLS EXHIBIT:** The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, a major sponsor for an exhibit of Dead Sea Scrolls and associated artifacts in the Fields Museum of Chicago, will display replicas of the objects 6-9 p.m. Thursday-Friday, March 9-10 and noon to 8 p.m. Saturday, March 11, at the church, 7575 N. Dix, south of Joy, west of Newburgh, Canton. Free.

### BENEFITS

**BATTLE OF THE BANDS:** The Michigan Jazz Festival committee presents a Battle of the Bands that showcases the different jazz styles of Larry Nozero, Matt Michaels with Johnny Trudell, and Tom Saunders' Detroit All Stars. 3 p.m. Sunday, March 19, at the Clarenceville High School auditorium, Livonia. \$15. (248) 474-2720/(734) 453-2454. Proceeds go to the Michigan Jazz Festival (Sunday, July 16, at Schoolcraft College), and the Clarenceville Schools Alumni & Friends Association.

**DESTINATION IRELAND:** An evening of Irish dancing, music, and dinner 7 p.m. Friday, March 10, at the Hellenic Cultural Center, Westland. \$25, available at the door. (734) 422-7635

### CLASSICAL

**BACHFEST:** 24 hours of Bach beginning 8 p.m. Saturday, March 11 with The English Concert by the University Musical Society, tickets (734) 764-2538, and continuing with free performances through 8 p.m. Sunday, at Hill Auditorium, Ann Arbor.

**BACH RECITAL SERIES:** By James Kibbie 4 p.m. Sundays March 12 and 26, 3:30 p.m. informal talk, in Blanche Anderson Moore Hall, University of Michigan School of Music, Ann Arbor. (734) 764-0583

**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:** 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, Livonia. \$15, \$10 students/children. (248) 645-6666/(734) 464-2741

**TIMOTHY JOHN SMITH/CHRISTINE CHUN:** The cellist and pianist perform 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 15, at the Kerrytown Concert House, Ann Arbor. \$10. (734) 769-2999

**FLAVIO VARANI:** The pianist performs 4 p.m. Sunday, March 12, at the Kerrytown Concert House, Ann Arbor. \$10-\$25. (734) 769-2999

### POPS/SWING

**JIM PARAVANTES & COMPANY:** Frank Sinatra Tribute 7-11 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays through March, at Dunlevy Z River Place, Detroit. (313) 259-0909

### AUDITIONS

**HARTLAND PLAYERS:** Auditions for "The Cemetery Club" 2 p.m. Sunday, March 12 and 7 p.m. Monday, March 13, at the Hartland Music Hall, Hartland. Script available at Cromaine District Library. (810) 632-5849

**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

**PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA:** Is looking for an executive director/general manager to work with the music director and board to provide the vision and plan for the growth of the organization and provide primary leadership in development, fund-raising, marketing and promotion activities. For more on the description/requirements or an application, visit the Web site at [www.plymouthsymphony.org](http://www.plymouthsymphony.org)

**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. 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

**SOLO CONCERTO COMPETITION:** The Bohemians Club (also known as The Musiciana 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](mailto:CoufLinks@aol.com)

**STAR THEATRES SEARCH:** Auditions for celebrity impersonators/look-alikes 6-9 p.m. Monday, March 13, at the Star Southfield. For Academy Awards gala March 26. (248) 557-2510

**THEATRE GUILD OF LIVONIA**

**REDFORD:** Is searching for directors, choreographers, musical directors, and all others interested in musical comedy theater. Call (313) 531-0554 for information, or deliver resumes and letters of interest to the Theatre Guild, 15138 Beech Daly, across from the Township Hall in Redford.

### JAZZ

**GEM JAZZ TRIO:** Performs 7-11 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, at the Century Club Restaurant, Detroit. (313) 963-9800

**JAVON JACKSON QUARTET:** 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday, March 11, at the Kerrytown Concert House, Ann Arbor. \$10-\$25. (734) 769-2999

**VANESSA JOHNSON/SCOTT REITER QUARTET:** 9 p.m. Friday, March 10 and 17, at Tom's Oyster Bar, Southfield. (248) 356-8881

**JANET TENAJ:** 9 p.m. Saturday, March 11 and Friday, March 24, at Tom's Oyster Bar, Southfield. (248) 356-8881

### CHORAL

**BRAZEL DENNARD CHORALE:** 7 p.m. Sunday, March 12, at First Presbyterian Church, Northville. \$10 advance, \$12 at door. (248) 349-0911

### FOLK/BLUEGRASS

**JACKIE ROUSH:** Punk-folk artist, 9 p.m. Saturday, March 11, at the Plymouth Coffee Bean. [www.JackieRoush.com](http://www.JackieRoush.com)

### WORLD MUSIC

Ireland's premiere folk singer Mary Black, 8 p.m. Thursday, March 16 at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. (313) 576-5111

### DANCE

**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](http://www.ums.org)

**BALLROOM DANCING:** 8 p.m. Fridays, dance lesson at 7 p.m., at the Amber House, Warren. \$5. (810) 754-3434

**DANCE FESTIVAL:** Great Lakes Regional American College Dance Festival, faculty concert 8 p.m. Thursday, March 16, Bonstelle Theatre (\$15); Michigan Choreographers Concert 8 p.m. Friday, March 17, at Detroit Opera House (\$20); and Festival Gala Concert, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 18, at Bonstelle Theatre (\$15). \$40 for all 3 concerts. (313) 577-4273

**STARDUST BALLROOM:** Dance parties 9 p.m. Fridays, lessons also available, at the dance studio, Southfield. \$8. (248) 356-5678

**WOLVERINE SILVERSPUR DANCERS:** 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 11, at the Italian American Cultural Center, 12 Mile, east of Hoover, Warren. \$7. (810) 573-4993

### COMEDY

**ELDORADO COUNTRY CLUB:** Mike Green with Rob Little & Dee Proffitt 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 10-11; Norm Stulz with other funny people Friday-Saturday, March 17-18, at the club, Commerce Township. (248) 624-1050

**JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB:** 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:** Ruben-Ruben Thursday-Sunday, March 16-19, at the club, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

**MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE:** 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](http://www.ticketmaster.com)

### 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; 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:** 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 SCIENCE CENTER:** IMAX movies include "Tropical Rainforest," "Thrill Ride: The Science of Fun," "Whales," "Mysteries of Egypt" and "Everest," 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 Theater at the zoo, Royal Oak. \$7.50, \$5.50 seniors/students, \$4.50 ages 2-12. (248) 398-0903

**DOSSIN GREAT LAKES MUSEUM:** Visit the newest exhibition "Folk Art of the Great Lakes" or "Racing on the Wind: Sailing on the Great Lakes," also a temporary exhibit on the construction and launch of the S.S. Edmund Fitzgerald, at the museum on Belle Isle, Detroit. Regular admission \$2, \$1 seniors/children ages 12-18 during the hours of 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday. (313) 852-4051

**HENRY FORD MUSEUM/GREENFIELD VILLAGE:** at the museum, Dearborn. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. \$12.50, \$11.50 seniors, \$7.50 kids 5-12, members and children under 5 free. (313) 271-1620

**MEADOW BROOK HALL:** Tours of the 110-room historic mansion built by Matilda Dodge Wilson, widow of auto pioneer John Dodge and her second husband Alfred G. Wilson. 1:30 p.m. daily and 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Sundays, on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester. \$8, \$6 seniors, \$4 children ages 5-12. (248) 370-3140

**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," at the museum, Plymouth. \$3, \$1 students, \$7 family. (734) 455-8940

**SPIRIT OF FORD:** Interactive auto motive science and technology experience with exhibits and theaters 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

**UM 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:** 6:30 p.m. Monday, April 3, State Theatre, Detroit. \$29.50-\$39.50. (248) 645-6666



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**AMERICAN HI FI:** 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 8, The Shelter, Detroit. All ages. \$6. (248) 645-6666

**FIONA APPLE:** 7:30 p.m. showtime, Friday, March 10, State Theatre, Detroit. Sold Out!

**BARBARA BARRETT:** Saturday, March 18, Coyote Club, Pontiac. (248) 332-4695

**JOHNNIE BASSETT AND THE BLUES INSURGENTS:** 10 p.m. Thursdays, Music Menu, Detroit. (313) 964-6368; 8:30 p.m. Friday, March 10, Edison's, Birmingham. Free. (248) 645-2150

**B SIDE PLAYERS:** 8 p.m. Thursday, March 30, Shelter, Detroit. Free. 18 and over.

**BLACKTHORN:** Noon Friday, March 17, Cowley's Old Village Inn, Farmington. (248) 474-5941

**BRAINMUTE:** 9 p.m. Friday, March 10, Holbrook Cafe, Hamtramck. \$7. (313) 875-1115; Saturday, March 11, Jumpin' Java Cafe, Lake Orion. (248) 474-5941

**BROKEN HALO:** Saturday, March 11, Boulders, Plymouth. (734) 459-4190 (classic rock)

**THE BROTHERS CREEGAN:** Features current and former members of Barenaked Ladies, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 11, 7th House, Pontiac. All ages. \$10. (248) 645-6666.

**THE BROTHERS GROOVE:** Friday,

Lake. (248) 669-1441

**FUNKTELLIGENCE:** With The Brothers Groove, Saturday, March 18, Cross Street Station, Ypsilanti. (731) 485-5050.

**SUE GARNER AND RICK BROWN:** Thursday, March 9, Gold Dollar, Detroit. (313) 833-6873

**GIVE:** Saturday, March 11, The Attic, Hamtramck.

**G LOVE AND SPECIAL SAUCE:** 8



p.m. Sunday, March 12, Michigan Theater, Ann Arbor. \$11.50-\$16.50. (248) 645-6666

**GOLDIE AND MC RAGE:** 9 p.m. Saturday, April 1, Motor, Detroit. \$10 advance. 8 and older. (248) 645-6666.

**HARRINGTON BROTHERS:** 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 13, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800

**JULIA BUTTERFLY HILL BENEFIT:** For forest protection, with Pamela West, 4 p.m. Saturday, March 11, Lonely Heart's Club, Ann Arbor. (734) 913-5506

**ELVIS HITLER:** With Gumshoe 49, 10 p.m. Saturday, March 11, 313.JAC, Detroit. \$5. 18 and over. (313) 962-7067

**HOWLING DIABLOS:** With Kilgore Trout and Zero Parade, 8 p.m. Friday, March 10, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$7. (248) 544-3030.

**H2O:** With Saves the Day and Kill Your Idols, 6 p.m. Friday, March 17, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. \$10 advance/\$12 day of show. (248) 645-6666.

**INDIGO SWING:** 9:30 p.m. Friday, March 10, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 or www.blindpigmusic.com

**INDIGO SWING ORCHESTRA:** With DJ Del Villareal, 9:30 p.m. Friday, March 10, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. \$8 advance. (734) 996-8555

**JILL JACK:** With Jason Fisher, 8:30 p.m. Friday, March 17, Xhedos Cafe, Ferndale. \$5. Children 12 and under free. (248) 399-3246

**JAZZHEAD:** 10 p.m. Sundays, Music Menu, Detroit. (313) 964-6368; 8 p.m. Thursday, March 23, Edison's, Birmingham. (248) 645-2150

**RANDY JOHNSTON:** 9:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, March 9-11, Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. \$7. (734) 662-8310

**JOLLY RANCHER ROCK TOUR WITH PETER SEARCY:** Guests Neve and Frankie Machine, 7 p.m. Saturday, March 18, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. Free. (313) 961-MELT.

**THE JUDDS:** With Jo Dee Messina, 8 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, March 18-19, The Palace of Auburn Hills. Tickets on sale for \$65, \$32.50 and \$25. Group discount available for March 19. Call (248) 645-6666 or (248) 371-2055 for group tickets.

**JORMA KAUKONEN:** With Michael Falzarano, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 25, The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$15. (248) 645-6666

**KILLER FLAMINGOS:** Friday, March 3, Friday-Saturday, March 17-18, 31 April 1, Boulders, Plymouth. (734) 459-4190 (top 40)

**KINA:** 7 p.m. Friday, March 10, The Shelter, Detroit. All ages. Free. www.961melt.com

**MICHAEL KNOTT:** 8 p.m. Friday, March 31, Trinity House Theatre, Livonia. \$10, \$8 for members. (734) 464-6302

**KORN:** With Staind, 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 3, The Palace of Auburn Hills. \$29.50, reserved or general admission. (248) 645-6666.

**ALLISON KRAUSS AND UNION STATION:** Featuring Jerry Douglas, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 28, Michigan Theater, Ann Arbor. \$19.50-\$26. (248) 645-6666

**ROBBIE KRIEGER:** Show on Saturday, March 11, Magic Bag, Ferndale is cancelled. Refunds at point of purchase. (248) 544-3030.

**DONNA KRALL:** 8 p.m. Friday, April 14, Michigan Theater, Ann Arbor. \$35, \$25. (248) 645-6666.

**STEVE LACY & ROSWELL RUDD QUARTET:** 8:30 and 11 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 31 April 1, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley Street, Ann Arbor, \$20 advance.

**LADY SUNSHINE AND THE X BAND:** 9:30 p.m. Thursday, March 9, Karl's Cabin, Plymouth. (734) 455-8450.

**LIT:** With 22 Jacks, Rev. 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 15, St. Andrews

Hall, Detroit. All ages. \$15. (248) 645-6666.

**JOHN MAYALL & BLUESBREAKERS:** 8 p.m. Friday, March 17, Majestic Theatre, Detroit. \$20. (248) 645-6666

**MARILYN MACK GROUP:** 10 p.m. Saturday, March 18, Wintergarden Tavern, Livonia. (248) 474-7159

**DJ MARQUIS:** 9 p.m. Thursday, March 9, Science. 18 and over. No cover ladies. (313) 438-4146 or www.detroitscience.com

**RICKY MARTIN:** 8 p.m. Friday, June 30, The Palace of Auburn Hills. \$45-85. (248) 645-6666

**MB2:** 8 p.m. Friday, March 10, Borders Books and Music, Rochester Hills. (248) 652-0558 (top 40 covers)

**JIM MCCARTY AND MYSTERY TRAIN:** 9 p.m. Friday, March 17, Ford Road Bar and Grill, 35505 Ford Road, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (734) 721-8609

**JOHN MCCUTCHEON:** 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 25, First United Methodist Church, Royal Oak. \$12-15. \$45 per family. (248) 541-4100 (folk)

**MILLENCOLIN:** With Ten Foot Pole, Vision and Oskar, 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 5, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. \$8.50 advance. All ages. (248) 645-6666.

**MIXMASTER MIKE:** With Rahzel, 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 14, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. \$15. All ages. (248) 645-6666

**MELVINS:** 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 19, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. \$12.

All ages. (248) 645-6666.

**PAT METHENY TRIO:** With Larry Grendier and Bill Stewart, 8 p.m. Thursday, March 23, Royal Oak Music Theatre. \$37.50. (248) 645-6666.

**METHOD MAN AND REDMAN:** With The Outsidaz, 6:30 p.m. Friday, March 31, State Theatre, Detroit. \$30 advance. All ages. (248) 645-6666.

**METHODS OF MAYHEM:** 8 p.m. Thursday, April 6, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. \$16.50 advance/\$18 day of show. www.ticketmaster.com or (248) 645-6666.

**MIDLIFE CRISIS:** Friday, March 10, Boulders, Plymouth. (734) 459-4190 (blues)

**MUSTARD PLUG:** With Aks Mama and Blackout, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, March 11, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 or www.blindpigmusic.com

**STEVE NARDELLA:** 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 17-18, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800

**NO DOUBT:** 5 p.m. Saturday, March 25, Clutch Cargo, Pontiac. \$22.50. All ages. (248) 645-6666

**ROBERT NOLL BLUES MISSION:** 9 p.m. Friday, March 10, Ford Road Bar and Grill, 35505 Ford Road, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (734) 721-8609

**MICHAEL O'BRIEN:** Sings Irish-American favorites for the After The Parade Party, 3:30-7:30 p.m. Sunday, March 12, St. Andrews

Hall, Detroit. With food, kids activities. Children under 12 admitted free. \$5 donation requested. (313) 885-5618

**OPEN SPACES:** Saturday, March 11, Coyote Club, Pontiac. (248) 332-4695

**OPENING ACT CONTEST FINALS:** 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 24, Meadowbrook Music Festival, Rochester Hills. See the hottest local bands. Free admission and parking.

**ORBIT:** 8 p.m. Saturday, March 11, The Shelter, Detroit. All ages. \$6. (248) 645-6666

**ORIGINAL HITS:** 7 p.m. Monday, March 13, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800

**PARADISE:** Friday, March 10, Innisfree Irish Pub, Garden City; Saturday, March 11, The Carbon Club, Hamtramck.

**PALADINS:** With Hi Fi and the Roadburners, Belmont Playboys, 9 p.m. Friday, March 17, Magic Stick, Detroit. 18 and older. \$10. (313) 833-9700 (rockabilly)

**GRANT LEE PHILLIPS:** Solo appearance by Grant Lee Buffalo member, 7 p.m. Saturday, March 18, 7th House, Pontiac. \$10. All ages. (248) 335-3540.

**PIECES ARIES REGGAE BASH:** Hosted by O.C. Roberts, with DJ Black Star, DJ Wizz International, 9 p.m. Saturday, March 18, Magic Stick, Detroit. 18 and older. \$10. (313) 833-9700

**PK AND BAD HABITS:** 10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 17-18, Bogy's Bar and Grille, Walled Lake. (248) 669-1441

**PRIME MINISTERS:** Midnight; Friday, March 10, Roadrunner's Raft, Hamtramck. 18 and over. \$6. (313) 873-7238

**THE PUSH STARS:** 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 29, 7th House, Pontiac. \$7. All ages. (248) 645-6666

**RACHEL AND KAPP:** 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 15, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800

6666. www.steel-pulse.com

**STILL LISTENING:** 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 18, Newburgh United Methodist Church, Livonia. (734) 455-7427 or (734) 422-0149 (acoustic)

**SUGAR PILL:** With Levagood and 19 Wheels, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, March 18, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 996-8555

**SUICIDE MACHINES:** With Antiflag, Piffers, Bump-n-Uglies, 4 p.m. Saturday, April 22, State Theatre, Detroit. \$10. All ages. (248) 645-6666.

**THE SUMTHINGS:** 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 10-11, 17-18, Deer Lake Inn, Clarkston. Free. 21 and over. (248) 625-7788

**SUN MESSENGERS:** 9:30 p.m. Thursday, March 23, Karl's Cabin, Plymouth. (734) 455-8450.

**THE SWEETEST DROP:** Featuring Peter Murphy, 8 p.m. Thursday, March 16, Clutch Cargo, Pontiac. All ages. \$21 advance/\$23 week of show. (248) 645-6666.

**MIKE TAYLOR:** With DJ's Ben Wu, Kandyman and Gary G, 9 p.m. Saturday, March 11, Science. 18 and over. All pieces get \$5 off admission. (313) 438-4146 or www.detroitscience.com

**TELEGRAPH:** With Horace Pinker and Stereo, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 18, Shelter, Detroit. \$6. All ages. (248) 645-6666.

**THIRD EYE BLIND:** With Tonic, 6:30 p.m. Friday, March 24, State Theatre, Detroit. All ages. \$23.50. (248) 645-6666.

**THOSE BASTARD SOULS:** With The Blacks, The Original Brothers and Sisters of Love, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, March 9, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. \$6 advance. (734) 996-8555

**3 SONGWRITERS, 3 STOOLS, 1 STAGE:** Ani DiFranco, Gillian Welch and Greg Brown, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 16, Hill Auditorium, Ann Arbor. \$25. (734) 763-7KTS or (248) 645-6666.

**THOSE BASTARD SOULS:** With Euphone, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, March 9, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 or www.blindpigmusic.com

**TINA TURNER:** With Lionel Richie, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, March 26, Thursday, June 1, The Palace, Auburn Hills. Tickets on sale for June show \$85.25, \$55.25, \$35.25. Eight ticket limit per person. (248) 645-6666.

**UNDER CONSTRUCTION:** With Half Looking, Simple Neptune, Lori Amey, 8 p.m. Friday, March 10, 7th House, Pontiac. \$7. All ages. (248) 335-3540.

**VELVET BEAT:** With Park and The Big Creek, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, March 16, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. \$4. (734) 996-8555

**VIOLENT FEMMES:** 6:30 p.m. Friday, April 21, State Theatre, Detroit. \$22.50 advance. (248) 645-6666

**VISIONEAR:** 9:30 p.m. Saturday,



March 10, Griff's Grill, Pontiac. (248) 334-9292; 8 p.m. Thursday, March 16; 8:30 p.m. Friday, March 31, at Edison's, Birmingham. Free. (248) 645-2150; Sunday, March 26, Dick O'Dowds, Birmingham. (248) 642-1135.

**JAMES BROWN:** 8 p.m. Saturday, March 18, Hill Auditorium, Ann Arbor. Concert to benefit Ann Arbor Summer Festival. \$25-\$60. (734) 764-2538 or (248) 645-6666. A pre-concert dinner will be held at Rackham Auditorium. Tickets \$150. (734) 647-2278.

**JOE BROWN:** 10 p.m. Saturday, March 18, 313.JAC, Detroit. \$5. 18 and over. (313) 962-7067

**TERRY CALLIER:** 8 p.m. Sunday, March 19, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$15. (248) 544-3030.

**CAT POWER:** 8 p.m. Friday, April 7, Mill Street Lounge, Clutch Cargo, Pontiac. \$10. (313) 961-MELT

**TRACY CHAPMAN:** 6:30 p.m. Sunday, April 9, State Theatre, Detroit. \$27.50-35. All ages. (248) 645-6666

**CLOUD NINE:** 10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 10-11, Bogy's Bar and Grille, Walled Lake. (248) 669-1441

**JOHN NORMAN COLLINS BAND:** With Left and Project 420, 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 15, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. \$3. (734) 996-8555

**COMPANY OF STRANGERS:** 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 10-11, 5 p.m. Friday, March 17, Cowley's Old Village Inn, Farmington. (248) 474-5941

**DEATHGIRL.COM:** 8 p.m. Saturday, April 15, The Shelter, Detroit. All ages. \$6. (313) 961-MELT.

**DEEP BANANA BLACKOUT:** With The Flow, 9:30 p.m. Friday, March 17, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 or www.blindpigmusic.com

**DJ DR. TRANCE:** With DJ Dekoze and DJ Gilligan, 9 p.m. Friday, March 10, Science. 18 and over. (313) 438-4146 or www.detroitscience.com

**DJ CASH MONEY:** 10 p.m. Friday, March 17, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. 18 and older. \$6. (248) 645-6666

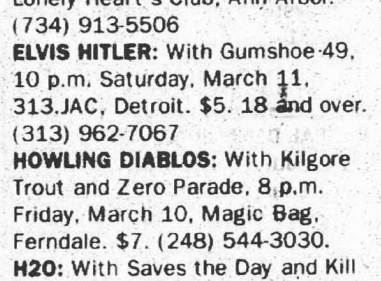
**GLEN EDDY BAND:** 12 a.m. 4 a.m. Sunday, March 12, Overdrive Lounge, Motor City Casino, Detroit. (313) 237-7711

**ELIZA:** 11:45 a.m. Tuesday, March 21, Center for Creative Studies, Detroit; 9:30 p.m. Saturday, March 25, Muldoon's, Auburn Hills. www.elizaband.com

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# 'The Next Best Thing' for Madonna may not be movies

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When pop star Madonna told the world she was having a child, with then-boyfriend Carlos Leon, it sent shock waves rippling from the media to households everywhere. She's never seemed to lead a conventional life, so her much-talked-about pregnancy simply became the next chapter in the ever-changing image of an American icon.

As the mother of 3-year-old Lourdes, Rochester Hills' most famous native, has now thrust herself into an unconventional sort of parenthood on screen. Art imitates life in Paramount Pic-

tures "The Next Best Thing," in which Madonna stars opposite Rupert Everett. Madonna's character, Abby, finds herself out of love but wanting to have a child. The drama unfolds when, after an unexpected and unintended night with her best friend Robert — who happens to be gay — Abby discovers she's pregnant. Though the situation initially seems far from ideal, they agree to raise their son, Sam (played by newcomer Malcolm Stumpf) together.

Directed by John Schlesinger, the drama opens with juxtaposed scenes of Abby instructing her serene yoga class and Robert working in sweltering heat to create a magnificent garden for

an aging fashion designer named Ashby and his life partner. From the first shot, Schlesinger welcomes viewers into a dewy, golden-toned day in southern California. Abby's profession as a yoga instructor signifies spirituality, while Robert's work as a gardener rather obviously suggests fertility.

The peaceful weaving of these shots is disrupted when Abby returns home to find her boyfriend, Kevin (Michael Vartan), packing his belongings and leaving her for good. Kevin delivers the predictable "It's not you, it's me" speech. Abby runs to Robert for comfort. As expected, he rescues her from her sadness — by humiliating Kevin and

stirring quite a few martinis.

In a barrage of contrived moments, the film shows how these two friends come to spend one hazy, drunken New Year's Eve together as more than friends. Complete with the necessary fireworks. It's enough to have the audience rolling their eyes and grunting in shared disappointment. While Everett and Madonna's close friendship translates on screen, it doesn't develop into passion or urge the audience into pulling for the characters to come together. The plot uses an almost sitcom strategy, but Robert and Abby are no Ross and Rachel.

The film's title has multiple meanings: from choosing the next-best type of family, to finding the next, and the best love, to resolving the pain and anguish that results, the best way they can.

Threaded amid this story, the film deals with homosexuality as it is ignored or ridiculed by others, in a way that suggests just how unusual the circumstances surrounding Abby and Robert's family will become. The film finally takes a turn when Abby meets and falls in love with Ben (Benjamin Bratt), a businessman from New York. The relationship tears Robert and Sam apart, questioning with the true definition of a father and the underlying meaning of family.

Where the acting in "The Next Best Thing" falls short, director



Little surprises: Rupert Everett and Madonna star in "The Next Best Thing," a drama about one unconventional family. The film is already in area theaters.

of photography Elliot Davis more than compensates with creative imagery and suggestive shots. Davis represents a feeling of entrapment when Robert sits in the horizontally lined shadows of his bedroom with the blinds drawn.

Ruth Myers costuming creates a convincing yoga instructor with Abby's free-flowing Indian-inspired wardrobe. She defines Ben by his razor-sharp suits. Every detail makes sense: from

Abby's pink-hued vintage evening gown to the black-and-white designer gown she slips into at the Ashby mansion.

While the film isn't the finest work for these revered stars and filmmakers, it does raise some interesting issues. Is a family defined by blood relation? Can it be held together with love, against the odds?

It's all a matter of seeking out "The Next Best Thing."

## MUSIC

# Trio 'Rev'ed up for debut



STAFF PHOTO BY GARY MALERBA

All 'Lit' up: Ferndale's Rev will debut in Detroit as the opening act for Lit March 15 at St. Andrews Hall. Rev is (left to right) Charlie Grover, Todd Price and Mike Dolunt.

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Somehow the sound is so much bigger than the four walls holding it in. Detroit audiences will hear it resonate when Rev makes its metro area debut, opening for California's modern rockers, Lit, March 15 at Detroit's St. Andrews Hall.

Stepping slowly down the concrete steps and past the sound-absorbing curtain into the basement studio where Rev has begun hatching its own sound, a chill fills the air. It's not so much the location — an unassuming little house in Ferndale — as it is the feeling of something that's just beginning.

### On the verge

Much like the Detroit music scene itself, Rev is a band on the verge, still gripping onto past successes while brimming in energy and ambition for the future. Drummer Charlie Grover, a former Waterford resident, rises fresh from the ashes of Sponge and shows he's back where he belongs behind his drum set. Vocalist and guitarist Todd Price, who bears some resemblance to Green Day's Billy Joe, straps on a Les Paul and steps over to a microphone. With his black hair pointed up in all directions, it doesn't seem to matter that there isn't a crowd in his basement. He's still set to play. Price and longtime friend Mike Dolunt — former members of Detroit's Plain — were just as ready for a change as Grover was when the trio first formed in late November, 1999.

With four clicks of the drumsticks, Rev starts its engines.

Somehow the sound is so much bigger than the four walls holding it in. Detroit audiences will hear it resonate when Rev makes its metro area debut, opening for California's modern rockers, Lit, March 15 at Detroit's St. Andrews Hall. Lit may be best-known for their first radio hit "My Own Worst Enemy." "It's a great first show," said Price. "So far it's the best thing that's happened to us."

Grover said Sponge played a few shows with Lit. The gig resulted from that connection and a mutual friend. The drummer has no qualms about using his past success to give Rev a head start toward the future.

While who you know is important in the music business, it's truly songs like "Girls Don't Talk to Me," with its signature guitar-driven arrangements, and addictive melodies that will catapult Rev into the public eye.

### Just beginning

Still in its infancy, the band's got a host of material and continues to write, rehearse and collaborate. "We were all on the same page," said Grover, with a smile. "Everyone knew what we want-

ed to accomplish." Rev is a totally collaborative project. The band mates not only live together, they bounce ideas off of each other and rehearse regularly. They name influences as diverse as The Beatles and The Rolling Stones, to Social Distortion and Incubus.

Price, lead vocalist and guitarist, writes most of the lyrics because, he said, they "have to come, I think, from a central point of view. You have to write about what you know."

What they know for sure is the band needs to secure management and begin showcasing later this year. Rev also intends to release a CD, when the time comes. "There won't be any filler," said Dolunt with conviction. "We want an album you can listen to straight through."

There's a positive vibe reverberating through the house and beyond. "I have a good feeling about this project," said Grover. "I think the music will stand for itself."

See Rev debut with Lit, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 15, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. \$15. (248) 645-6666 or www.ticketmaster.com.

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# Coping with fame, Britney Spears style



STEPHANIE A. CASOLA

The bedroom walls of teenage girls and boys are a testament to the teen idols of today. Just one peek into the sacred space of a teenager today would likely reveal the sweet smiles of Britney Spears, Christina Aguilera, The Backstreet Boys and N'Sync. It's all part of the teen idol cycle.

For Spears, whose sold-out show at The Palace spurred a second-coming in July, living up to that teen status hasn't really affected her personal life. In a telephone interview, the young star said she's trying to keep her success in check. "I can't go home

as often as I would like to," she said. "But other than that, you know, my friends they come out on the road with me and when I go home...it hasn't really affected it that much."

With the success of hits like "(Baby) One More Time" and "Drive Me Crazy" Spears catapulted into the spotlight quickly and became a household name. While she admits her music is mostly digested by high schoolers, she hopes to reach an older audience with the next album. "Well, I think that my material off the second album is a little bit more mature and by doing that I think I'll capture a little bit of the older audience as well as keep the younger audience, too."

Another difference? She wrote a song — an autobiographical

song — on the album titled "Dear Diary." "It's just a personal song and talks about a girl who she's interested in this guy and she comes in every night and she writes about him."

But fame comes at a price for this teenage picture of perfection. "At times it's a bit overwhelming, but I think I surround myself with really cool people that keep me humble and that I've been with for a really long time. I think that keeps me sane."

Spears admitted celebrity life isn't what she expected. "There's a lot of hard work involved that I didn't see and I didn't realize. But I mean, there's ups and downs too, you know. But to sum it all up, I love what I do, you know, performing is like I guess when I'm happiest. It's a lot of

fun. But no, it isn't what I thought it would be."

Aside from the constant touring, being bombarded by young fans, and having her face plastered in magazines and on MTV, Spears is just your average 18-year-old. She idolizes Madonna and Janet Jackson, doesn't have a candidate preference for the upcoming elections, and her New Year's Resolution was to eat healthier. Of course, not every teenager has a doll made in her image. Not every teenager has to try to follow up the success of selling 17 million copies of a song worldwide. Spears had some advice for Britney wannabe's everywhere: "God's given them a talent. I think they should use it and express it and show the world."

Lucky fans will see the sold-out Britney Spears shows, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 14, The Palace of Auburn Hills, or 7:30 p.m. Sunday, July 9, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. Try for tickets one more time, 7:30 p.m. Monday, July 10, Pine Knob Music Theater, Independence Township. \$25 lawn/\$40 pavilion. Eight ticket limit per person. Call (248) 645-6666.

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# You'll have a 'Grand' time at homey cafe

BY MARY QUINLEY  
SPECIAL WRITER

On a recent Thursday evening, Ellen and Gary Brockway of Livonia decided to meet some friends for dinner at The Grand Cafe.

"It was great!" said Ellen Brockway, a first-time patron at the downtown Farmington eatery. "The restaurant felt very homey and relaxed. I also like the fact that there is no smoking."

The Grand Cafe serves a potpourri of menu choices. Patrons can order gourmet specials — a South Pacific chicken pasta, a sweet and sour chicken over rice, or, shawarma and hummus with pita.

How does exotic Hawaiian chicken, a salmon club, or magnificent eggplant (served on a bun) sound? Create-your-own pizza, a cucumber with raspberry vinaigrette and goat cheese sandwich, and, a selection of soups and salads are options.

Brockway ordered the raspberry chicken. She also had a garden salad with raspberry vinaigrette dressing that she described as "delicious." Her husband, Gary, ordered a Reuben sandwich.

"The garnishes, which were like a side dish, complimented the meal," she said. "There were oranges, kiwi, pomegranate and grapes."

Desserts were big and decadent, commented Brockway. "I had the Black Forest cake. My husband had the carrot cake. He finished it with a little help from his friends."

Lance Kawas has owned the eatery since April, 1997.

"I found a place to write my screenplays," said the Dearborn resident.

So, who's in the kitchen while he's writing?

"I've been doing the cooking," said Kawas. "I have (also) trained three other people. My mamma taught me. She was a good cook."

## The Grand Cafe

**Where:** 33316 Grand River Ave., (in the first block east of Farmington Road), in downtown Farmington, (248) 615-9181  
**Open:** 10:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m., Sunday-Thursday; 10:30 a.m. to midnight, Friday-Saturday; kitchen closes at 10 p.m. everyday.  
**Menu:** Breakfast and brunch items, salads and soups, create-your-own pizzas, sandwiches, gourmet chicken and fish entrees, vegetarian selections and desserts; specialty coffee and non-coffee drinks, no alcohol.  
**Weekly events:** Psychic Night, 7 p.m. Tuesday; Lawyer Night, 7 p.m. Wednesday; live entertainment, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday; Poetry Night, 6 p.m., every second and last Sunday of the month.  
**Non-smoking:** 100 percent  
**Reservations:** Yes, for parties of ten or more.  
**Cost:** Entrees, no more than \$7; coffee and non-coffee drinks, \$2-\$3.  
**Credit cards:** All majors except American Express.

**'It was great! The restaurant felt very homey and relaxed. I also like the fact that there is no smoking.'**

Ellen Brockway  
Customer

When he purchased the restaurant, "the business wasn't doing good," said the 30-year-old. "I had to do a lot of changing to gourmet food with a coffeehouse theme. I added couches."

He also started some "theme" evenings.

For a fee, on Tuesdays, customers can converse one-on-one with a psychic, and, on Wednesdays, a lawyer is available for consultation.

Fridays and Saturdays, said Kawas, feature various entertainment from local artists. Every second and last Sunday of the month is poetry night. "Professionals and amateurs are welcome."

How does he describe the menu?

A blend of Los Angeles flavor with some French influence,

he said. "We're always coming up with new recipes. Whatever is unique and different. (For instance), customers can order any type of vegetable sandwich from asparagus to artichoke to portobello."

When you order a sandwich, ask for a sample of The Grand

Mayo, a spicy herbal mayo. "We don't use regular mayonnaise," said Kawas.

Pricing is an important key to success, commented Kawas.

"(Customers can get) a gourmet portobello sandwich for \$6.50. I've priced it right for the people around here to accommodate their wallets."

Frequent patron Diane Pettis agrees.

"I usually go for coffee after the show," said the Redford resident. "It's not pricey or expensive."

Pettis also enjoys the salads. "What impressed me was the freshness of the curly endive and arugula."

She recommends the Saturday night folk singing.

Mary Quinley is a Livonia resident who writes about dining and travel for the Observer Newspapers.



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRESLER

**What's for lunch: Lance Kawas presents a portobello mushroom sandwich, one of the items you'll find on the menu at The Grand Cafe. Sandwiches are beautifully garnished with fruits and vegetables.**

## WHAT'S COOKING

Send dinner specials, menu changes, restaurant renovations, and other items to Keely Wygonik, Assistant Managing Editor Features Group, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. To fax, (734) 591-7279 or e-mail [kwygonik@oe.homecomm.net](mailto:kwygonik@oe.homecomm.net). We're putting together a list of St. Patrick's Day celebrations at local restaurants. If you're planning something special on Friday, March 17, let us know. We're also interested in hearing about your favorite seafood and fish restaurants.

**The Toast of Hockeytown** — Wine tasting evening to benefit the Konstantinov and Mnatsakanov Family Funds 6-9 p.m. Sunday, March 12 at Hockeytown Cafe, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit, inside the Second City Building. Tickets \$175 per person, call (313) 396-7575, guests must be at least 21 years of age.

Join the entire Red Wings team for an elegant evening of wine tasting to benefit the family funds of Vladimir Konstantinov and Sergei Mnatsakanov.

The event will feature a sampling of fine wines, cigars and a strolling buffet. Guests will also have the opportunity to bid on an array of sports memorabilia.

**Taste of Northville** — A Taste of Northville 5-8 p.m. Tuesday, March 21 at the Northville Community Center, 303 W. Main Street, Northville, will feature 70 exhibitors from retail, service and professional businesses in the Northville community. Area top rated restaurants and caterers will provide samples from their menus. Admission \$5 adults, \$4 seniors, \$3 children under age 12. Call (248) 349-7640 for information.

**Mardi Gras Madness** — The Henry Ford Community College Hospitality Department will hold its annual spring banquet 5:30-9:30 p.m. Saturday, April 1 in the Pagoda Room of the Student Center on the Dearborn campus.

HFCC students will prepare a variety of Southern, Cajun, Creole and Bayou style dishes. Tickets are \$35 per person, call (313)

845-9651. Event proceeds benefit the hospitality scholarship program.

New Orleans style masks and costumes are not required, but preferred. Prizes will be given for the best one. The HFCC Dixieland band will entertain guests throughout the evening.

**Too Chez Restaurant** — You can save 25 percent off every bottle on the wine list, over 300 labels, at Too Chez Restaurant, 27155 Sheraton Dr. in Novi, Monday-Thursday, through May 2000. Discount offered with meals only, wines by the glass are excluded. Call (248) 348-5555 for reservations and information.

**D'Amato's** — with restaurants in downtown Ann Arbor (734) 623-7400, and Royal Oak (248) 584-7400, has designed an online newsletter as part of its Web site. To check it out, visit [www.damatos.com](http://www.damatos.com)

## EATING OUT

Here are some of the restaurants we've recently featured on our Dining page. If you'd like to recommend a restaurant for us to feature, send menu, or suggestions to Keely Wygonik, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, fax (734) 591-7279, or e-mail [kwygonik@oe.homecomm.net](mailto:kwygonik@oe.homecomm.net)

**Hockeytown Cafe** — 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit — inside the Second City Building, (313) 965-9500. Open: 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday-Tuesday; 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday; 11 a.m.-2 a.m. Friday-Saturday. Menu: American favorites including ribs and burgers with an eclectic mix of entrees such as Spinach and Brie Encrusted Whitefish. Cost: Appetizers, \$5.95-\$9.95, sandwiches \$5-7, pasta, \$11.95-\$15.95, entrees,

\$13.95-\$21.95. Reservations: Recommended for dinner Credit cards: All majors accepted.

**David's New York Deli** — 15215 Farmington Road, south of Five Mile Road in Livonia. Phone (734) 425-8170. Fax (734) 425-0072. Open: 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday; 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday; closed Sunday. Menu: Twenty-six sandwiches ranging in price from \$2.50 to \$4.40. Salads, fries, pickles, deserts, soup, chili. Average lunch price: \$5, all major credit cards accepted.

**Luigi's** — 23360 Farmington Road, in the Downtown Shopping Center, across from

CVS/Pharmacy in Farmington, (248) 477-1880. Open: 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., Monday-Friday; 4-10 p.m., Saturday; closed Sunday. Menu: Italian cuisine (a mix of northern and southern dishes), appetizers, soups, salads, sandwiches, pasta, seafood, and, chicken, beef and veal entrees. Desserts, vegetarian meals and daily specials. Wine, beer and liquor served. Reservations accepted for parties of five or more. Cost: Entrees range in price from \$6.95 to \$15.95. Burgers and sandwiches are \$3.95 to \$5.95. Credit cards: All cards except Diners Club.

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