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## On the job

### New chief takes over

BY KEVIN BROWN  
STAFF WRITER

It was midmorning on his second day on the job, and new Plymouth Township police Chief Lawrence Carey had yet to find the time to organize his office.

After attending his first weekly meeting of township government department heads, Carey returned to his office Tuesday lugging several thick binders.

Gesturing to some framed items stacked on a counter, he said, "I haven't had time to hang up my stuff."

Since starting at 7:30 a.m. Monday, the longtime Troy police chief, 53, has been getting acquainted with department personnel. On Monday, he attended his first meeting of the Western Wayne County Tactical Team.

### PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP

In Troy, Carey managed 127 officers. He's managing 25 in Plymouth Township. Still, Carey said he's struck by the similarities between the two departments.

"Staff meetings are the same, it's the same issues, police work is the same, except maybe the volume," he said.

One issue for police in Troy was that criminals used a freeway running through town to access neighborhoods. Plymouth Township faces



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRISLER

**Starting:** Lawrence Carey, formerly the Troy police chief, took over the reins of the Plymouth Township Police Department as of Monday.

the same problem, as car thieves and home burglars have quick access to M-14 and I-275.

"It's like I was transferred from one office to another," Carey said.

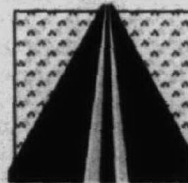
Asked if changes are planned in the department, he said, "Lt. (Robert) Smith has been working on policies and procedures. I'm a very strong believer in staying up-to-date on policies and procedures."

"It's not like things are broken here. We need to make some improvements. "But we want to go easy, change sometimes upsets people," Carey said.

Asked if the township supervisor and board of trustees who hired him have given him a directive for changes, Carey said, "one of the things is to apply some experience and leadership and continue to develop the staff."

He is to be publicly sworn in before the township board at the 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 13, meeting.

## City prepares for new road projects



BY KEVIN BROWN  
STAFF WRITER

City officials are keeping in mind delays that occurred on Ann Arbor Trail last year as they prepare bids for the second year of construction in the road improvement program.

Bids are being prepared for a new wave of city street repairs this year, including Main Street north and south of downtown.

And city officials said Monday they want to head off problems experienced last year, specifically a months-long delay to complete paving of Ann Arbor Trail east of Kellogg Park.

"I need to be educated on lessons learned," City Commissioner Dave McDonald told the city administration.

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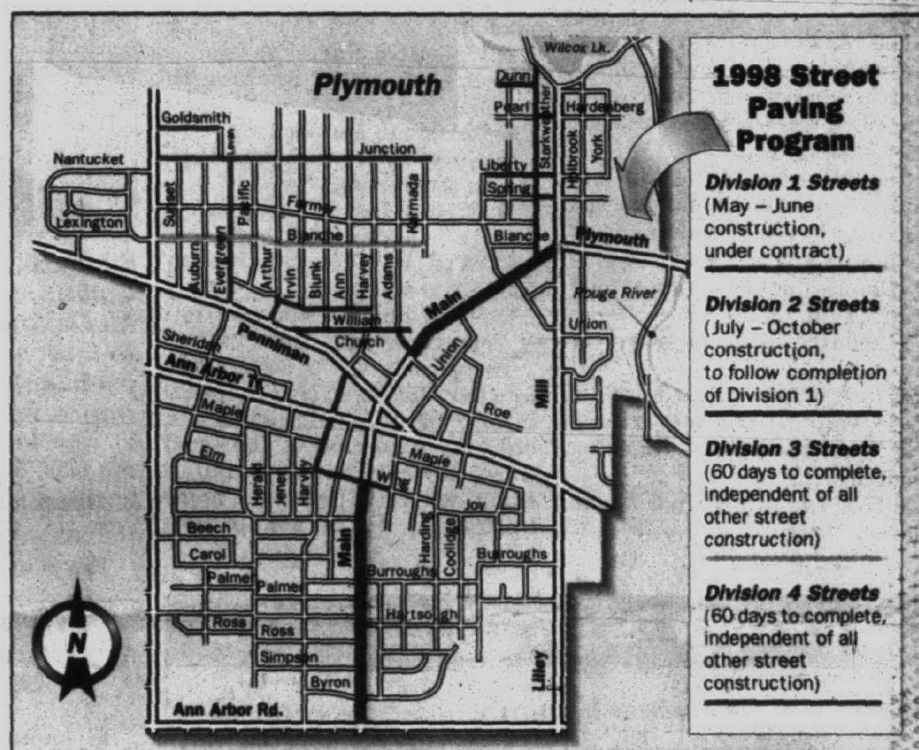
■ 'Most of us talked to people who were dumbfounded as to how long it took over there.'

Commissioner Dave McDonald  
—About Ann Arbor Trail

took over there," he said.

The city's engineering consultant firm, Dietrich, Bailey and Associates, is preparing bids for this year's scheduled

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## City offers its alternative for program

BY KEVIN BROWN  
STAFF WRITER

A proposal detailing how the city and township governments could jointly run recreation services has been outlined by the city administration.

It proposes a joint operating agreement by which the city and township jointly fund and administer recreation services.

"This alternative is recommended on the basis that it best meets the needs

of both the city and township and will most effectively provide a community recreation program," said City Manager Steve Walters in the proposal.

The outline of how a joint recreation program could happen is to be presented to township officials at the next meeting of the joint city-township recreation committee Jan. 14.

At that meeting, the Plymouth YMCA is also to present a proposal for providing community recreation ser-

vices. Both the YMCA and the city were invited to present proposals at that meeting.

The joint recreation committee began meeting in the fall, to tackle the issue of how to provide recreation services in greater Plymouth. The committee was formed after a community-wide survey showed residents seek greater recreation services.

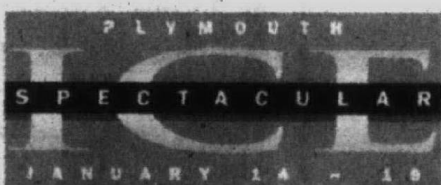
The study was also implemented after city officials in recent years com-

### JOINT RECREATION

plained that city residents paid to operate a recreation program out of the Plymouth Cultural Center, yet the township government doesn't contribute money to support the program.

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## College students to compete



BY KEVIN BROWN  
STAFF WRITER

The Central Region College Championships are set for Jan. 17-18 at the Plymouth International Ice Spectacular.

In past years, the competition has sparked creative ice sculpted pieces including a gymnast balancing on an elephant, and a golfer ready to tee off.

To enter a Plymouth Ice Sculpture Spectacular "Guess the Temperature" contest, please turn to A2

Carver and Henry Ford Community College instructor Richard Teeple coordinates the event. He said the purpose is to find the best all around student ice carver.

"The two-student teams come from all over the U.S.," Teeple said.

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### Relax and celebrate



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRISLER

**New Year:** Rennie Beyst practices the graceful martial art of Tai Chi at the Plymouth Inn on Haggerty Road. Beyst and other senior residents spent a good part of a day celebrating the new year with a different kind of flair. For more photos and a story, please turn to A3.



# United Way reaches its goal

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI  
STAFF WRITER

The made it and then some. "We surpassed our goal," said Jay McDonald, Plymouth Community United Way campaign and marketing director. "We are very happy from that standpoint."

Despite a sluggish start, the local United Way campaign, which has been under way since late summer 1997, had a \$870,000 goal. The commitment from local contributors has reached \$920,000, which represents an 8 percent increase over last year's campaign and a record dollar amount for the Plymouth Community United Way.

"There is a small number of industrial accounts that are still running their employee campaigns," said Denise King, executive director of Commu-

**'The industrial base carries the weight around here. A lot of the big companies have foundations. And Labor has always been terrific when supporting human services.'**

Jay McDonald

—Plymouth Community United Way campaign and marketing director

nity Opportunity Centers and the 1997 campaign chairwoman. "We would like to declare this year's campaign a success."

Thirty-five new industrial and business campaigns were held during the campaign that raised thousands of dollars. Key to the campaign's goal was the charitable giving from Johnson Controls, Ameritech, National Bank of Detroit, Ford Motor Company, General

Motors Corp., Detroit Edison, Unisys, Graco Inc., and Simpson Industries, among others, King said.

"The industrial base carries the weight around here," McDonald said. "A lot of the big companies have foundations. And Labor has always been terrific when supporting human services."

Money raised by the local United Way remains in the Plymouth-Canton community

as long as contributors don't designate it for something else, McDonald said.

Volunteers were applauded by McDonald and King for playing such a crucial role in the campaign. Volunteers are invited to the wrap-up session and campaign celebration for the local United Way Jan. 16 at Computware Sports Arena.

"We can always use more volunteers," McDonald said, especially those willing to call on companies during the campaign.

The 1998 campaign begins the end of August.

"Many thanks to all the businesses, their employees and local individual donors who have shown their support of the Plymouth United Way," said Marie Morrow, president of the Plymouth Community United Way.

## Streets from page A1

street repairs.

The repair program was approved by city voters in November 1996. City property owners are paying 1.99 mills to pay for a range of street improvements over a 20-year cycle.

The repairs are being done in the first three years of each 10-year financing cycle. Streets are scheduled for work according to most immediate need.

City Manager Steve Walters said a report on lessons learned during the Ann Arbor Trail paving delays will be presented to commissioners at their next meeting Jan. 19.

Scheduled for work this year are:

- North Main from Church to North Mill.
- South Main from Ann Arbor Road to Wing.
- Starkweather from North Main to Wilcox.

■ Dunn Street.

■ Pearl and Spring from Starkweather to North Mill.

■ Liberty from Amelia to North Mill.

■ Church from Penniman to South Main.

■ Harvey from Wing to Penniman.

■ Wing from Harvey to Deer.

■ Blanche from Sheldon to Adams.

■ Goldsmith and Junction.

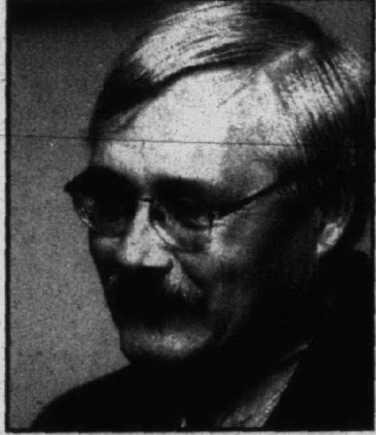
■ North Evergreen from Penniman to Junction.

■ Arthur from Penniman to William.

■ William from Arthur to North Harvey.

Dietrich Bailey estimated construction costs at \$2.345 million.

The streets are being divided into four divisions for bid presentation. "By allowing bidders to bid only a portion of the total work, say only one or two divisions, we anticipate that more contractors will be able to sub-



**Educate: City Commissioner Dave McDonald says he needs to understand past problems with road improvements.**

mit bids," said Robert Lindstrom of Dietrich Bailey in a report to the city.

The plan calls for seeking bids

in February.

Municipal Services Director Paul Sincok said he'll present a report at the next commission meeting detailing anticipated sewer repairs that will coincide with street construction.

The completion of construction on Ann Arbor Trail was delayed from early summer to midfall. City officials said reasons for the delay were repairs to an especially aged, fragile water system, and a glut of construction work arewide that meant a shortage of workers.

Main Street repairs were scheduled for last year. They were added to this year's program after delays suggested they might not be completed last fall.

Walters said city officials have yet to determine penalties to be assessed on last year's street contractor Iafate Construction, for construction delays.

## City wants comments

Plymouth's City Commission wants citizens to get involved with the Plymouth 2000 Project.

City officials are putting together this project as a strategic plan to guide future operations and make government more responsive to citizens.

To promote the effort to get citizens interested, city commissioners on Monday approved a mission statement for the city government as a New Year's resolution of sorts:

"The mission of the city of Plymouth is to ensure the quality of

### PROJECT 2000

life of its citizens by providing those public services which can best be delivered by local government, with modern and cost-effective methods, on the basis of needs expressed and evaluated regularly through citizen participation."

A public hearing will likely be scheduled to get citizen comments on strategic planning, officials say.

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Jan. 10-15, 1996:	32 degrees
Jan. 15-20, 1997:	0 degrees (Saturday, Jan. 18)

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Four winners will be drawn from a box containing all coupons with the correct temperature.

■ The first coupon pulled will be the grand prize winner and walk away with \$1000.00 in cash and dinner at Kellogg's in the Computware Sports Arena.

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## Ice from page A1

Team members must individually produce a carving dictated at the start of the event, and they have one hour to do the piece.

Judges review carvings on 10 criteria: attention to details, finished appearance, proportion, technical skill, use of a variety of tools, first impression, how much of the ice block was used, structural technique, design and composition, creativity, and artistic impression.

Each category carries a maximum of 10 points, meaning a top score for all categories is 100. The criteria were created by the National Ice Carving Association.

The second carving category is an individual freestyle event. "The carver has three hours to complete a carving of their choice, judged on the same criteria," he said.

"If you can show a lot of action in a sculpture, the better it's going to show," Teeple said.

"Human figures are harder to sculpt than objects. Birds, animals and fish show real well in ice. Judges like to see originality," he added.

The third college carving competition is a team freestyle event. "Two carvers carve whatever they would like utilizing all three of the blocks. They have four hours," Teeple said.

One winning carving depicted eagles in flight.

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Richard Teeple  
—Henry Ford Community College instructor

Winning teams prizes and medals, and qualify for national competition.

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The competition starts Saturday Jan. 17 with compulsory carvings from 10-11 a.m. and freestyle carvings from 1-4 p.m. The team event is from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 18.

To learn more about the college competition, punch up [www.henryford.cc.mi.us/events/ice](http://www.henryford.cc.mi.us/events/ice) on the Internet.

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# Year of the Tiger

## Senior residents celebrate 1998



**Learning:** Kim Murley, a folk musician who studied in China, teaches the art of Tai Chi to residents at Plymouth Inn as they celebrated the Chinese New Year Monday. Kim is the daughter of activities director Pam Murley.

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI  
STAFF WRITER

There's plenty of ways to celebrate the dawn of the New Year and senior residents at the Plymouth Inn decided to go international.

"We're celebrating the Chinese New Year early," said Pam Murley, activities director.

Her daughter, Kim, a folk musician, brought her knowledge and experience of the Chinese culture to help the residents celebrate the Year of the Tiger Monday.

Kim spent two years in China studying at the Shanghai Conservatory of Music and brought three Chinese folk instruments to Monday's celebration.

The morning started off with Chinese folk music by Kim for the residents, followed by a lesson in calligraphy. Residents geared up for the next lesson - Tai Chi, which is moving meditation.

■ 'They were really all abuzz about it.'

**Pam Murley**  
Activities director

"She got three volunteers to come up with her to show everyone how to do it," Pam Murley said. "Then several others got up to try it."

When residents were nicely relaxed, Kim taught them how to use chopsticks - in time for their Chinese celebration meal. "Some of them tried to use the chopsticks," Pam Murley said.

She also personalized the celebration by providing each resident with small stories about their Zodiac signs, including birthdates.

"They were really all abuzz about it," Pam Murley said, as residents anticipated the celebration.



**Trying it:**  
Rose Pompei practices using her chopsticks before an authentic Chinese

meal at the Plymouth Inn where residents celebrated the New Year with an Asian flair. The residence for seniors regularly hosts special events.

STAFF PHOTOS BY BILL BREHLER



**Relax:** Kim Murley shows senior residents how to relax and meditate through movement.

## Recreation from page A1

Referring to negotiations that led to the creation of a joint city-township fire department, Commissioner Dennis Shrewsbury asked, "Are we going to have another argument over population in the city and township and the SEV (home values)?"

"Probably," responded commissioners Ron Loiselle and Dave McDonald.

Loiselle said that at least there has been progress to get township officials "to recognize it's a budget priority, something our citizens want."

By the joint operating proposal presented by the city, an agreement between the city and township to provide recreation ser-

vices would provide for:

■ Creation of a Plymouth Community Recreation Board with equal city and township representation and another member selected by the board. "There could also be one or more members appointed by the school board," Walters said, as is done in Rochester.

■ Annual review and approval of an operating budget by both the city and township governments.

■ Assignment of accounting and personnel record keeping to the city or township. "The responsible unit would maintain an accounting system and personnel system consistent with its

own general systems and would provide these services without charge," Walters said. Accounting would be subject to annual audit.

■ A provision detailing how costs would be shared by the city and township and how revenues would be treated. Another provision would inventory assets of the recreation board, and detail how additional assets would be acquired.

■ A provision detailing how the city's recreation employees, contracts and programs would be transferred to the recreation board.

## COP CALLS

### Break-in

Plymouth Township police are investigating a break-in at a house on Oak Lane after thieves made off with video games, a camcorder, jewelry, coins and other items.

According to the incident report, a family left the home for vacation New Year's Eve and returned at

4:30 p.m. Saturday to find mud on the floor.

Upon further investigation, they found closets and drawers had been gone through and items missing.

Police said thieves broke out glass from a 14-by-10 inch basement window to get in the house. There are no witnesses or suspects to the break in, according to the police report.

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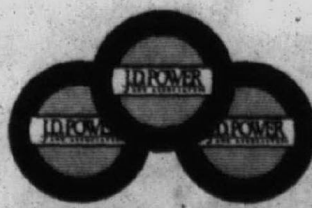
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BY KEN ABRAMCZYK  
STAFF WRITER

International air travelers can expect shorter lines at Detroit Metro Airport once an expansion of the customs and immigration area is completed later this month.

The international terminal's hourly capacity will increase from 800 to 1,200 passengers once the expansion is completed. "It will reduce lines for arriving international passengers," said Mike Conway, airport spokesman. "People will move through customs and immigration faster."

It is another small piece of the airport expansion puzzle, which is geared toward turning southeast Michigan into a bastion of business.

County officials are promoting that expansion with an aggressive marketing campaign to interest real estate firms, manufacturers and industrialists in developing 25,000 acres in an airport development area between Metro and Willow Run airports.

County officials hope to create 90,000 new jobs in an airport development area that will disburse a \$2.25 billion annual payroll into the local economy and \$115 million in property tax revenue.

"This zone, we believe, is perfect for creating a major commercial-industrial center and corridor," said County Executive Ed McNamara at a real estate forum in November. "We envision creating an industrial airport 'shopping center.'"

While zoning classifications and site plans have yet to be hammered out with township and city officials in Romulus, Taylor and Van Buren Township, the Wayne County Jobs and Economic Development Department seeks land developers to construct distribution and



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Ed McNamara  
—county executive

warehouse centers and manufacturing facilities in those communities.

The development area is bounded by Inkster, Eureka, I-275, I-94 and Ecorse Road. It includes stretches of Belleville, Haggerty, Inkster, Merriman and Wayne roads, between I-94 and Ecorse Road.

The \$17.6 million expansion of customs will complete \$60 million in interim improvements, all part of the \$1.6 billion in airport expansion through 2001. Last year construction was completed on the new International Departures facility. Northwest's baggage handling capacity was increased, and moving sidewalks installed between Concourses C and D.

The midfield terminal design will be completed in 1998. Travelers can expect to be flying in and out of the new \$786 million, 74-gate terminal in the fall of 2001. A 5,000-space parking deck and fourth parallel runway also will be completed by that date.

Here are some of the other Wayne County projects for 1998:

■ Tiger Stadium: The new ballpark for the Detroit Tigers is scheduled to open in the year 2000 and is being funded by both private and public sources.

The project costs approximate-

ly \$260 million — \$145 million in private funds from Ilitch and a bank consortium led by Comerica; \$55 million from the Michigan Strategic Fund, and \$60 million from the Detroit-Wayne County Stadium Authority.

The ballpark will be constructed with brick and steel in an open-air style and is expected to seat approximately 40,000 people. Officials broke ground on the facility in October.

■ Lions Stadium: The Detroit Lions are expected to break ground on their new downtown stadium in 1998, but no details were available yet on the date.

■ Roads: Partnership '98 will resurface or rebuild 141 miles of county primary roads rated in "poor" or "very poor" condition over the next three years.

In addition, a special county maintenance program is expected to add five to seven years to county roads now rated "good" to "fair." Partnership '98 will be funded with \$60 million in county bonds.

In the fall Wayne County began a crack sealing program on 79 miles of asphalt roads.

"Every road we treat with this extensive maintenance program means fewer potholes in the spring," McNamara said. "Between our ability to resurface

more poor roads and preserving more good ones, motorists can look forward to a dramatic improvement in the condition of roads in Wayne County."

■ Juvenile Detention Facility: Completion of this new \$45 million, 183,000-square-foot facility is expected in late 1998.

Located across from the Wayne County Jail and the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice in downtown Detroit, the facility will house up to 188 youth offenders aged 17 and under.

■ Detroit Metro Airport's neighborhood compatibility program: Between 150 and 200 homes will be insulated to help soundproof them from airplane noise. About \$8 million has been appropriated for this program.

■ Chandler Park Aquatic Center: Construction of Detroit's newest recreation facility will be complete by July 1998. Wayne County will build a \$7.8 million Family Aquatic Center in Chandler Park on Detroit's east side.

The facility will feature two giant water slides, a wave pool and a kiddie pool with aquatic play structures. With the exception of the Belle Isle water slide, the Chandler Park Aquatic Center will be the only water recreation area within 45 minutes of Detroit.

■ Newburgh Lake restoration: This \$12 million restoration project calls for dredging the lake to remove sediment containing polychlorinated biphenyls and restore the habitat for aquatic life and wildlife, and expand the recreational uses of the lake.

Once the lake has been restocked, county officials say anglers will be able to catch non-contaminated fish.

Dredging will continue throughout the spring and summer, but officials don't expect the entire restoration to be completed until the spring of 1999.

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## OBITUARIES

## WALLY LESOWYK

Services for Wally Lesowyk, 78, of Harsens Island, Mich., were held on Jan. 3 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Jerry Yarnell officiating.

Mr. Lesowyk was born on Nov. 12, 1919, in Detroit. He died Dec. 29 in Berwyn, Ill. Mr. Lesowyk retired from the City of Detroit after 37 years of service. He moved to Harsens Island from Detroit in 1978. He served in the Marine Corps in World War II.

His survivors include his wife, Dorothy of Harsens Island; two daughters, Barbara Palkoski of Whitmore Lake, Linda Hyslop of Beaverton; three sons, Walter of Whitmore Lake, Lawrence of Vassar, William of South Lyon; two sisters, Patricia Gildersleeve of Lathrup Village, Polly Capelina of Detroit; and eight grandchildren.

## THOMAS H. HOVERMALE

Services for Thomas H. Hovermale, 61, of Livonia were held on Jan. 5 at the Calvary Baptist Church in Canton, with the Rev.

Roland F. DeRenzo officiating. Visitation was held at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home in Livonia.

Mr. Hovermale died on Dec. 31 in his home. He worked for 30 years in the Taylor school district as a teacher, counselor and administrator. He retired in 1988. He then worked at the Plymouth Christian Academy as principal for three years. For the last five years, Mr. Hovermale served as an associate pastor at the Calvary Baptist Church in Canton. He also served as minister of music at the Calvary Memorial Church in Detroit, The First Baptist Church of Wayne, and the Calvary Baptist Church of Canton. He received his bachelor's, master's and specialist degrees from Eastern Michigan University. Mr. Hovermale also loved playing golf and fishing.

His survivors include his wife of 39 years, Shirley; three sons, Greg (Kelly), Brad (Joyce), Mark; four grandchildren, Steven, Austin, Ryan, Jonathan; and one brother, Jurvis.

Memorials may be made to the

Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy, Canton 48187 in Thomas Hovermale's name.

## RALPH E. PHILLIPS

Services for Ralph E. Phillips, 66, of Plymouth were held on Jan. 4 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth, with the Rev. Howard Belnap officiating.

Mr. Phillips was born on April 14, 1931, in Altus, Ark., and died Dec. 31 in Detroit. He was owner and operator of Grow Computer Inc. of Plymouth. He worked as an instructor of robotics at the GM plant in Hamtramck. He came to Plymouth in 1962 from California. He was a member of the Plymouth Elks Club.

His survivors include his mother, Carrie Phillips of Plymouth; three sons, Michael (Patricia) of Nevada, William (Deborah) of Westland, Jeffrey of Nevada; one sister, Jean Wells of Livonia; two brothers, James Phillips of Garden City, William Phillips of New Mexico; and seven grandchildren.

## ORVILLE MELVIN BRITZ

Services for Orville Melvin Britz, 73, of Romulus were held on Jan. 5 at St. John Evangelical

Lutheran Church in Westland, with the Rev. Keith Schreiner officiating. Local arrangements were made by the Uht Funeral Home. Burial was at Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock.

Mr. Britz was born on Jan. 18, 1924, and died Jan. 2 in Garden City Hospital. He was a groundskeeper at University of Michigan-Dearborn. Mr. Britz also worked as a die setter for the Spring Co. in Plymouth for 10 years.

His survivors include his wife, Flora M. Britz of Romulus; one daughter, Priscilla Bolt; three sons, Kenneth Sirdan Sr., Thomas Britz, David Britz; one sister, Virginia Giese; 10 grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church of Westland.

## ROBERT J. ANTHONY

Services for Robert J. Anthony, 88, of Northville were held on Jan. 6 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, with the Rev. Jack Dunn officiating. Burial was at Parkview Memorial Cemetery in Livonia.

Mr. Anthony was born on May, 4, 1909, in Petersburg, Va., and

died on Jan. 3 in Livonia. He retired in 1969 from the Ford Rouge Plant where he was a machine operator for 44 years. He came to the Plymouth community in the 1930s. He was a member of the Riverside Park Church of God. Mr. Anthony also loved to travel.

Mr. Anthony was preceded in death by his two sons, Robert Anthony and Raymond Anthony.

He is survived by his wife, Alberta of Northville; two stepdaughters, Bertha (William) Whitely of Plymouth, Stella (Donald) Beaver of Livonia; one stepson, William (Carol) Brown of Plymouth; two grandsons, Timothy Anthony of Galesburg, Mark Anthony of North Carolina; one great-grandson; five step great-grandchildren; three step granddaughters, Kim Baker of Westland, Laurie Kowalski of Canton, Pamela Sudz of Plymouth; and one step great-grandson, Clyde Beaver of Livonia.

Memorials may be made to Riverside Park Church of God.

## IRENE H. TURK

Services for Irene H. Turk, 82, of Plymouth were held on Jan. 7 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, with the Rev. Stanley Tokarski officiating. Burial was at Detroit Memorial Park in Redford Township.

Mrs. Turk was born on May, 8, 1915, in Detroit, and died on Jan. 4 in Plymouth Township. She was a clerical worker at Unitax Service in Plymouth. She came to the Plymouth community in 1955 from Wyandotte. She was a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Plymouth. She was a member of the Plymouth Elks and the Vivians Auxiliary of the Elks. She was a member of the National Farm and Garden Club of Plymouth. She loved doing crafts and artwork. She also enjoyed gardening, cooking, and being with her grandchildren.

Her survivors include her husband, Stephan "Steve" of Plymouth; one son, Stephan (Lynn) of Milford; one daughter, Deborah (James) Brennan of Northville; and five grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Washtenaw.

## JUNE M. HAMMOND

Services for June M. Hammond, 72, of Plymouth were held on Jan. 6 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, with the Rev. Andrew J. Forish officiating.

Mrs. Hammond was born on June 28, 1925, in Superior, Wyo., and died on Jan. 4 in Plymouth. She was a homemaker most of her life. In the 1960s, she worked as a nurse at Garden City Hospital. She came to the Plymouth community 28 years ago. She was a member of the Hampton, Ill., Historical Society. She also loved genealogy.

Mrs. Hammond was preceded in death by her husbands, Dr. Walter Hammond and David Nairn; her two daughters, Judy Nairn and Sue Fields.

She is survived by her two daughters, Sandra Nairn of Windsor, Ontario, Jill Kelly of Lafayette, Calif.; three grandchildren, Lisa Gibb of Harrow, Ontario, Carson Fields of Eugene, Ore., Elliott Fields of Eugene, Ore.; two great-grandchildren, Allison Gibb of Harrow, Ontario, and Joshua Gibb of Harrow, Ontario.

Memorials may be made to the Karmans Cancer Institute.

## ROBERTA LUCILLE ORR

Services for Roberta Lucille Orr, 81, of Plymouth were held on Jan. 3 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, with the Rev. Dean A. Klump officiating. Burial was at Cadillac Memorial Gardens in Westland.

Mrs. Orr was born on June, 14, 1916, in Missouri and died on Dec. 31 in Livonia. She and her late husband, Milton Orr, owned and operated Bill's Market in Old Village from 1954 to 1986. She came to the Plymouth community in 1937. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth. She was a member of the Plymouth Elks Lodge 1780 and also a Vivian. She was a former member of the Eastern Star Northville Chapter. She was a member of several senior groups and she was a Soroptimist. She was also a member of the Nomads Flying Group.

Her survivors include her sister, Barbara (Harry) Morgan of Livonia; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to Angela Hospice.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
PLANNING COMMISSION

## NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR USE SUBJECT TO SPECIAL CONDITIONS

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Planning Commission has received a request from Nabeel W. Faris, Applicant, to Approve the Use Subject to Special Conditions for a Day Care Center pursuant to Zoning Ordinance No. 83. The subject property is located at the southeast corner of North Territorial Road and Ridge Road. Application No. 1493/1097. Tax I.D. No. 78-007-01-0009-005.

The Planning Commission seeks input to determine if approval of the Use Subject to Special Conditions should be issued under Section 6.2 of Zoning Ordinance No. 83. The land is currently zoned R-1-E, Single Family Residential District.

Questions regarding the request may be directed to the Community Development Department during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The Planning Commission will consider the request at its regular meeting on January 21, 1998, commencing at 7:00 p.m. Written comments concerning the request will be received prior to the meeting. The meeting, application review and address for written comment is: Plymouth Charter Township, Community Development Department, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170. Telephone Number 453-3840, Ext. 209.

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Planning Commission

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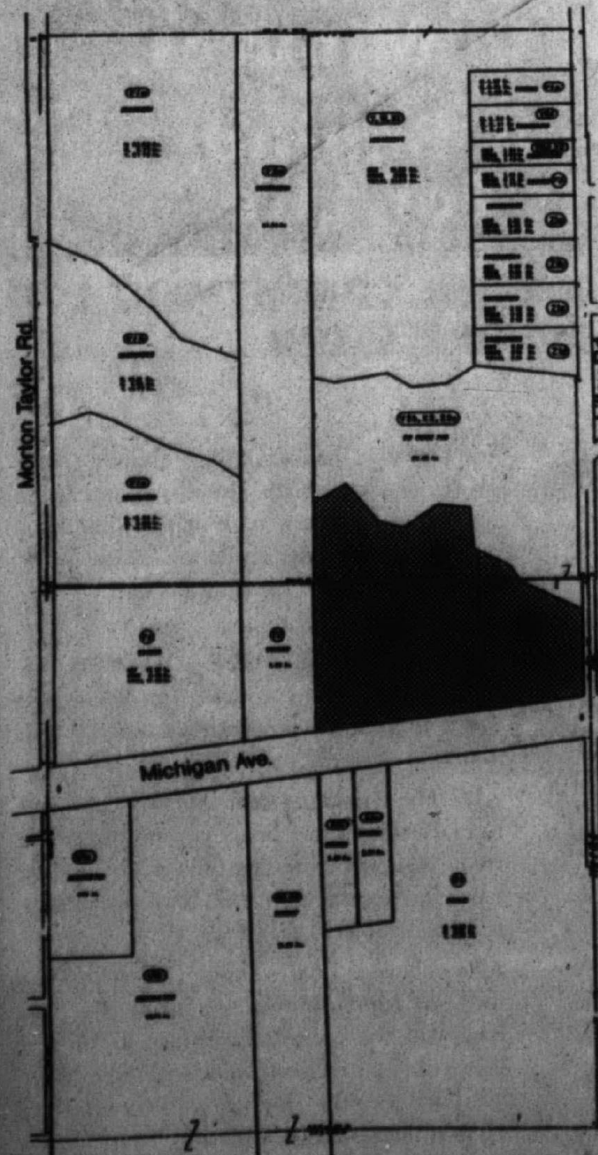
CANTON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION  
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

## 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, February 2, 1998, in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

SINGLE/PERAKIS REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NO. 138 99 0008 000 FROM C-1, VILLAGE SHOPPING, AND PARCEL NO. 138 99 0009 000 FROM MULTIPLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL, TO RP, RESEARCH PARK DISTRICT. Property is located on the north side of Michigan Avenue west of Lilley Road.

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission will be received at the above address up to the time of the hearing.



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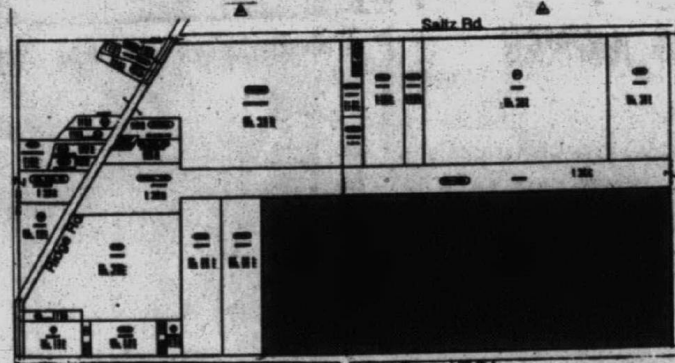
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, January 19, 1998, in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

CONSIDER A REQUEST TO ESTABLISH CHERRY HILL VILLAGE PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PDD) AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27.04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE INCLUSIVE OF PARCEL NOS. 087 99 0011 000 AND 072 99 0022 000. Properties are located on the north side of Cherry Hill Road between Ridge and Beck Roads. Preliminary Plan-1st Public Hearing.



Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission will be received at the above address up to the time of the hearing.

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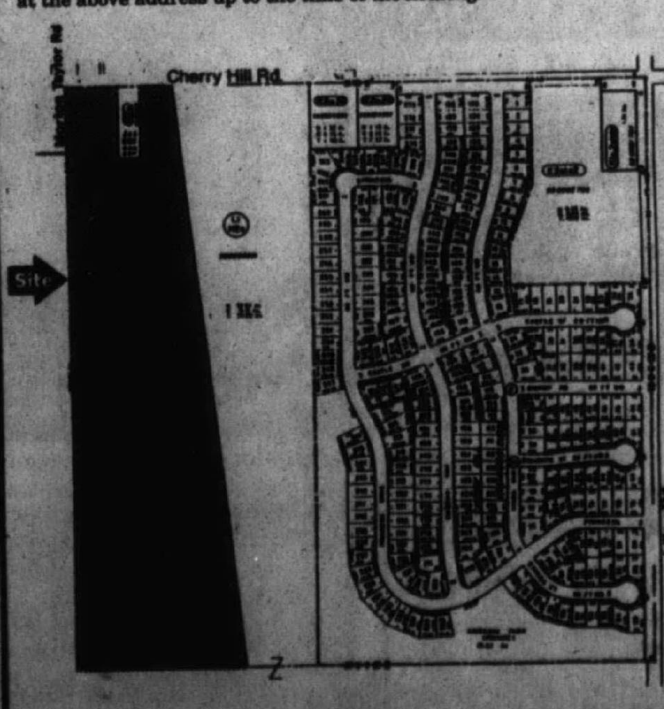
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CONSIDER A REQUEST TO ESTABLISH COBBLESTONE VILLAGE PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PDD) AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27.04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE INCLUSIVE OF PARCELS 090 99 0006 002, 090 99 0007 000, AND 090 99 0009 000. Properties are located on southeast corner of Cherry Hill and Morton Taylor Roads. Preliminary Plan-1st Public Hearing.

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission will be received at the above address up to the time of the hearing.



VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

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- Malicious Countdown, Robert Ludlum
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- The Letter, Richard Paul Evans
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- Comanche Moon, Larry McMurtry
- Unsheltered Exposure, Patricia Cornwell

## NON-FICTION

- Angela's Ashes, Frank McCourt
- Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil, John Berendt
- The Man Who Listens to Horses, Monty Roberts
- Walk Tall Next Year, Doris Kearns Goodwin
- The Dark Side of Camelot, Seymour M. Hersh
- Children Soldiers, Stephen E. Ambrose
- Celestine Vision, James Redfield
- Slave: My True Story - In Her Own Words, Andrew Morton
- The Royals, Kitty Kelley
- The Perfect Storm, Sebastian Junger

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
PLANNING COMMISSION

## NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR USE SUBJECT TO SPECIAL CONDITIONS

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Planning Commission has received a request from Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, Applicant, to Approve the Use Subject to Special Conditions for a Church pursuant to Zoning Ordinance No. 83. A three phase project is proposed. The first phase would include a sanctuary, fellowship hall, offices, meeting rooms and chapel. The second phase would include a gymnasium, recreational facilities, and concessions building. The third phase would include a school. The subject property, 35.73 acres, is located at the northwest corner of North Territorial Road and Beck Road. Application No. 1494/1097. Tax I.D. Nos. 78-008-99-0002-002 and 78-037-99-0008-003.

The Planning Commission seeks input to determine if approval of the Use Subject to Special Conditions should be issued under Section 6.2 of Zoning Ordinance No. 83. The land is currently zoned R-1-E, Single Family Residential District.

Questions regarding the request may be directed to the Community Development Department during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The Planning Commission will consider the request at its regular meeting on January 21, 1998, commencing at 7:00 p.m. Written comments concerning the request will be received prior to the meeting. The meeting, application review and address for written comment is: Plymouth Charter Township, Community Development Department, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170. Telephone Number 453-3840, Ext. 209.

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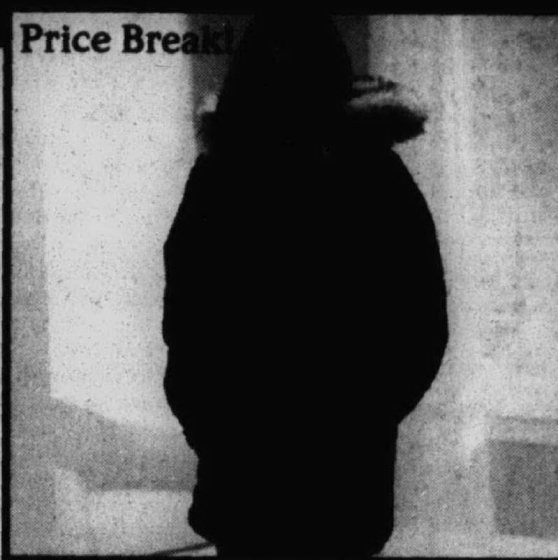
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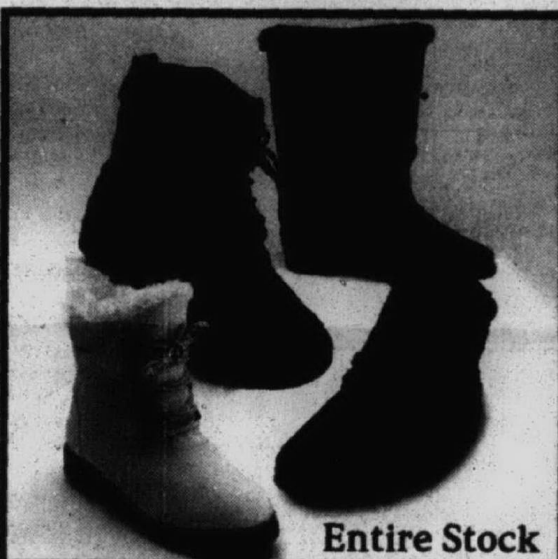
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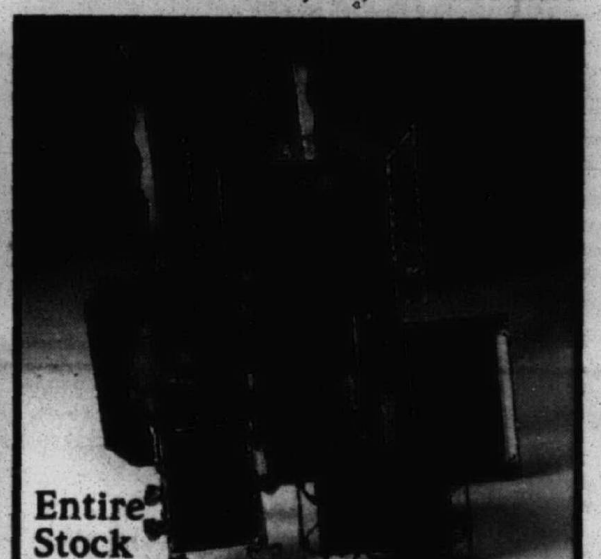
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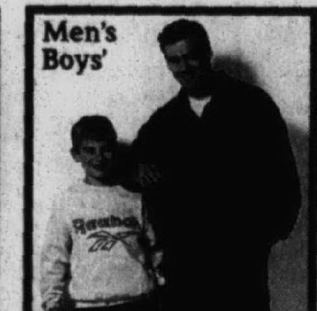
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# Building trades council backs McNamara's re-election

Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara's record of supporting the objectives of construction union workers has won him the early endorsement of The Greater Detroit Building Trades Council as he seeks re-election in 1998.

"Ed McNamara has always been a friend of organized labor, and we feel it's important to let our members and the general public know early on that we're supporting him in 1998," said

Mike Diamond, the council's secretary-treasurer.

The Greater Detroit Building Trades Council is an umbrella group representing the interests of 38,000 unionized construction workers and 14 different building trade unions in Southeast Michigan.

Diamond said the \$1.6 billion project that's underway to expand Wayne County's Metro Airport will be part of McNamara's legacy — as will what trade

officials call his enthusiastic support of a union-only labor agreement to make the project a reality.

Thousands of trade union workers who work on the airport will earn collectively bargained wages and benefits, which will in turn put more money back into the economy of southeast Michigan.

McNamara has supported the use of unionized trade workers on other projects that used

Wayne County dollars, including the Juvenile Detention Facility and Wayne County morgue, to name a few.

"Another reason why we're backing Ed McNamara is that we don't see a need to change the course of a ship that's headed in the right direction," Diamond said.

McNamara has served as Wayne County executive since January 1987. As the chief executive officer of Michigan's

largest county, he oversees a \$1.9 billion annual budget and a work force of more than 5,000. With a population of 2.1 million, Wayne County is larger than 17 states.

Trade officials also cite McNamara's performance in office as another reason for the endorsement. When McNamara took office, Wayne County was saddled with a \$135 million deficit, poor services and payless paydays. Since then, the county has

enjoyed nine straight balanced budgets, restored the county's bond rating to investment grade and attracted \$1.2 billion in private sector investments.

"Ed McNamara has a proven record as an excellent administrator," said Greg Hicks, president of the Greater Detroit Building Trades Council. "We're proud to be the first in line to endorse him for another four years."

## 5 to run for county commission

Five candidates have filed to run for the 9th District seat on the Wayne County Commission to represent Dearborn Heights, Redford Township and part of Livonia.

Candidates needed to declare their candidacy by 4 p.m. Tuesday with the Wayne County elections division. They have a deadline of 4 p.m. Friday to withdraw if they choose not to run.

The field includes Republicans William Bates and Kathleen Husk. Both are from Redford. Democratic candidates, all from Dearborn Heights, are Shaun McLachlan, Edward Plawewski Sr. and Peter Zajac.

All the candidates paid \$100 filing fees, except Zajac, who turned in nominating petitions.

A primary election will be held Feb. 10 in Redford, Dearborn Heights and a portion of Livonia east of Middlebelt to narrow the field of five down to two candidates. The winning Democrat and Republican face each other in a general election on March 10.

The commission seat is currently held by Plawewski, who was appointed by county commissioners Nov. 20, after Michelle Plawewski, his granddaughter, resigned from the commission that day.

## Nature center plans family program

Have you ever wondered which animal made those tracks you see in the mud or snow?

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These activities are most appropriate for children ages 5 and up, but the whole family is welcome.

Fee is \$1 per person. Participants will meet at the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, in Westland. Parking is available off of Hines Drive.

For information call the center at (313) 261-1850.

## New state license plate debuts at auto show

Michigan Secretary of State Candice Miller is expected to unveil the new Michigan driver license today at the North American International Auto Show at 10 a.m.

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# Appeals court backs Kmart in age discrimination lawsuit

BY TIM RICHARD  
STAFF WRITER

Eleven former Kmart advertising employees lost their age discrimination case against Kmart Corp. in the state Court of Appeals.

But they did win an undisclosed settlement from Meridian Retail Inc., the company to which Kmart farmed out its advertising work in 1993.

"We conclude that plaintiffs failed to establish that age was a determining factor in Kmart's

decision to outsource the CAD (creative advertising department) to Meridian," the appeals court said.

It added the plaintiffs "also failed to establish a conspiracy between Kmart and Meridian to discriminate against them on the basis of age."

"Plaintiffs failed to rebut Kmart's articulate legitimate reasons for outsourcing the CAD department. We therefore conclude that plaintiff's age discrimination claim against Kmart was properly dismissed" by Oakland

Circuit Judge Steven N. Andrews.

The 3-0 appellate decision was signed by Judges Jane E. Markey of Saginaw, Kathleen Jansen of Macomb County and Helene N. White of Detroit.

Robert Sosin, the Franklin attorney who represented the ex-employees, said the settlement with Meridian was "satisfactory under the circumstances," but that the employees weren't "made whole."

His clients included Martha Crofcheck, Joan Pace, Dino

Linaras, James Bierbusse, Frank Stachurski, Bonnie Meier, Nancy Reynolds, David Pierce, Kevin Kerin, Mircea Muntean and Patrice Chapman.

Kmart, at its world headquarters in Troy, decided in December of 1993 to eliminate the CAD and outsource the work to Meridian. Kmart eliminated 73 of the 83 jobs, including the plaintiffs'.

The appeal charged that:

■ Kmart "organized Meridian exclusively for the purpose of Meridian doing business for and

with Kmart, and that Meridian was the mere alter ego of Kmart."

■ "None of the plaintiffs were offered comparable jobs with Meridian" despite their experience and qualifications.

■ Meridian agree to "use its best efforts" to hire as many CAD employees as possible. Meridian interviewed 69, offered jobs to 80 of those under age 45 and to 35.7 percent who were 45 or older.

Six of the 11 plaintiffs said Kmart's agents "created implied

contracts of employment, and that Kmart's policy statements and employment application created legitimate expectations that plaintiffs could be terminated only for cause."

But the appeals court said Kmart's statements "were either not clear and unequivocal or did not demonstrate a clear intention to create a contract to terminate only for cause."

Sosin said his clients had made no decision on whether to appeal to the state Supreme Court.

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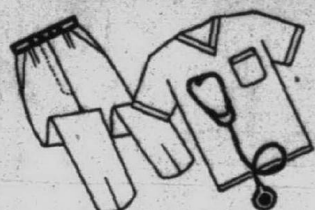
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## Plymouth couple funds college scholarship

As a young man, Robert K. Barbour knew he wanted a college scholarship.

After graduating from high school, he attended Penn State University. When he was called to serve in World War II, his education was put on hold.

Once he returned, he attended night school while he was employed at the Burroughs Corp. His education was delayed when his company transferred him to a number of cities. Still determined, he enrolled at different colleges as he relocated, often losing credits each time.

Although it took 13 years, he completed his bachelor's degree.

As part of their estate plan, Robert Barbour, who died this past July, and his wife, Betty, established an endowed scholarship at Madonna University. The Robert K. and Betty J. Barbour Endowed Scholarship is to

assist students in their educational pursuits.

"Both my husband and I value education and it is my wish, as was always Bob's, that through this scholarship fund, students will be able to overcome any obstacles they might have in obtaining a college degree," Betty Barbour said.

Members of Madonna University's President's Cabinet, the Barbours were both retired from NBD Bank. Robert, a former vice president and regional director, retired in 1985 after 34 years with the bank. Betty worked for 41 years and was a branch manager and banking officer. Betty Barbour continues to reside in Plymouth.

"Through their support, the Barbours are furthering the mission of Madonna University, making education accessible to a diverse student body," said Sister Mary



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Francilene, president. "We are grateful for their generosity, and will move on to the 21st Century knowing that it is because of such caring benefactors that

Madonna University will continue to provide education for truth, goodness and service."

## State shifts programs for blind to local schools

BY TIM RICHARD  
STAFF WRITER

Michigan's efforts to aid the blind - also known as "visually impaired," or VI to educators - are shifting from a residential school in Lansing to local school services.

"The home school district is best. We give aid on curriculum, orientation, the math code and short-term placement," said Kathy Brown, principal of the 18-pupil Michigan School for the Blind.

Brown reported on the MSB program Dec. 15 to the State Board of Education meeting in Lansing.

Board vice president Dorothy Beardmore, R-Rochester Hills, said she has had calls from par-

ents who have a child for whom visual impairment or blindness is the only impairment. "Otherwise, they may be gifted. On campus, we have the multiply-impaired," she said.

"It's not the old residential school," said Arthur Ellis, state superintendent of public instruction.

"Kathy has expanded the outreach and indirect services," said Mike Williamson, deputy superintendent.

One example is a program operated in western Wayne County for children from several districts, housed in the former Dickinson Junior High in Livonia.

Because programs are so varied, Brown was unable to give numbers of children served. "We need to see the numbers indirectly served," said board member Barbara Roberts Mason, D-Lansing, "so people can see the impact."

At the local level, Brown said, VI aid may involve lengthening the school day or the time one needs to go to school.

For every student, the program involves observation in the home or community, a functional vision evaluation, psychological evaluation, and short-term instruction.

Outreach services include:

■ "Space Camp" in Huntsville,

Ala., designed for VI children.

■ Sport camp - elementary students are on campus for four days for a variety of athletic events; in collaboration with Western Michigan University.

■ Insite basic training - for professional staff in home intervention for families of infants and toddlers who are multi-handicapped.

■ Braille strategies workshop - for professionals teaching Braille to multiply-impaired students.

■ Camp challenge - two days of activities to develop teamwork and trust.

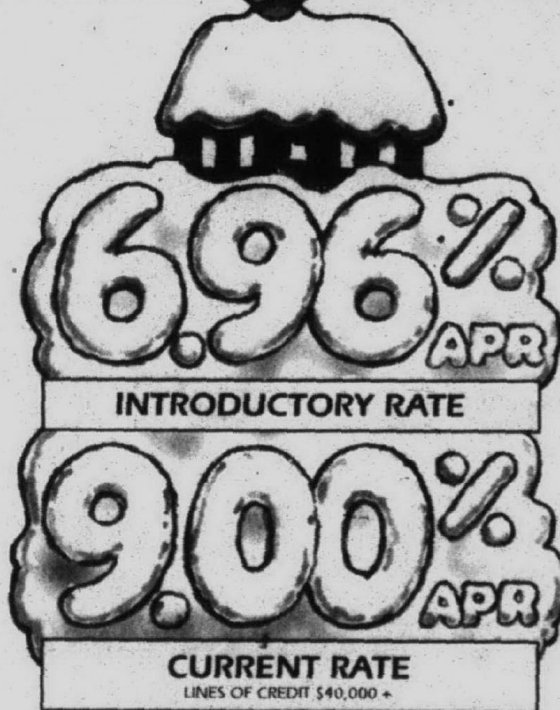
■ Middle school weekend and high school weekend - a weekend on campus with peers from each group.

■ Technology workshop - a day in January and April where distributors demonstrate on campus their new equipment and software.

For parents and the public, MSB offers a lending library, Internet website, and VI awareness programs for third grade pupils.

MSB is one of two such schools operated by the state. The other is Michigan School for the Deaf (MSD), Flint.

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## Feder cons

BY TIM RICHARD  
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U.S. District Judge Duggan has at last decided to follow the validity of the term limits.

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# Federal court sets precedent on constitutionality of term limits

BY TIM RICHARD  
STAFF WRITER

U.S. District Judge Patrick Duggan has at least one precedent to follow when he decides the validity of Michigan's state term limits.

A U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals panel in San Francisco decided Dec. 19 that California's even tougher term limits don't violate the U.S. Constitution.

The 9th circuit, sitting en banc, rejected 9-2 the claim of Assemblyman Tom Bates that term limits violated his constitutional rights and were unfair to voters who wanted to choose their own leaders.

Bates had won at the federal district court level. On Oct. 7 he won a 2-1 decision before a three-member panel in the 9th Circuit. But the full bench decided to re-hear the case and ruled against Bates.

Bates said he will appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court. He contends voters didn't understand that California Proposition 130 of 1990 contained lifetime bans.

## Cases similar

California's and Michigan's term limit rules rank Nos. 1 and 2, respectively, in harshness, says Bill Ballenger, proprietor of Inside Michigan Politics newsletter. The differences:

■ California allows an eligible to serve three Assembly terms of two years (total six years) or two Senate terms of four years each.

■ Michigan's rule is three House terms and two Senate

terms, a total of 14 years.

Both contain lifetime bans on further service in the Legislature.

Duggan, a federal judge for 11 years and Livonia resident, on Oct. 29 denied the plaintiffs' request for a preliminary injunction to block term limits until the court case is finally settled.

Plaintiffs are Wayne State University law professors John Mogk and Robert Sedler. "We would have preferred to have the 9th Circuit see it our way as a severe limitation on the right to vote," said Mogk. "But it is not the final word. I'm sure this case will go to the (U.S.) Supreme Court."

Arguing for the state is assistant attorney general Gary Gordon.

The case has political overtones. Term limits generally have been favored by conservatives. They contend a turnover in office is necessary to keep a fresh, citizen-oriented outlook among lawmakers.

Patrick Anderson, conservative economist and former chair of the 11th Congressional District GOP organization, heads the Term Limits Defense Committee. He said the California decision "dramatically strengthens our case because now there's no court in the country that is holding term limits unconstitutional."

"It makes it completely unlikely that Judge Duggan could find a reason to throw out term limits," Anderson said.

Motions and briefs were to

have been submitted to Duggan by Dec. 29. Court clerk Marilyn Oren said it's up to Duggan to decide if there will be oral arguments.

Judicial canons of ethics require a judge to abstain from public comment about a pending proceeding. A judge may, however, explain procedures for public information.

## Duggan's philosophy

Duggan was an appointee of President Ronald Reagan and, as such, is pictured as a judicial conservative. Actually, Duggan is a former local and state Jaycees president who comes from the moderate wing of the GOP, where he was a strong supporter of U.S. Rep. Carl Pursell (1976-90).

A clue to his thinking may come from a 1986 Livonia Observer interview in which Duggan was quoted as saying:

"I believe in judicial restraint. You shouldn't be too quick to issue injunctions."

"Courts should move slowly and cautiously in getting involved with matters. There are many problems that exist that should be resolved in forums other than the courts."

As written, Michigan's term limits amendment applies in 1998 to state representatives elected in 1992. The clock didn't begin running on Gov. John Engler, Secretary of State Candice Miller, Attorney General Frank Kelley and the 38 state senators until 1994. Their offi-

cial second terms don't expire until 2002.

## Who's affected

So term limits will affect 29 Democrats and 36 Republicans in the state House. It starts at the top with Speaker Curtis Hertel, D-Detroit, and minority leader Ken Sikkema, R-Grandville, and covers Appropriations Committee veterans Morris Hood, D-Flint, and Don Gilmer, R-Augusta.

Here is a rundown of area seats:

19th - Lyn Bankes, R-Redford - eighth term; plans to run for Wayne County commissioner.

21st - Deborah Whyman, R-Canton - third term; announced for state Senate vacancy.

Unaffected: Gerald Law, R-Plymouth, who is in his second term after serving from 1983-91; Eileen DeHart, D-Westland, second term; Tom Kelly, D-Wayne, second term; Bob Brown, D-Dearborn Heights, first term.

Voters in 1992 approved the term limits amendment to the constitution 2.3 million to 1.6 million, an approval rate of 59 percent. It was placed on the ballot by an initiatory petition.

As written, it also covered members of the U.S. Congress. Federal courts, however, ruled that section violated the U.S. Constitution. But state office term limits were unaffected by that ruling.

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## Rivers to host meetings for 13th District residents

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On Jan. 15, Rivers will be at the Early Bird II, 27412 Michigan Ave., in Inkster from 8:30 to 10 a.m. On Jan. 16, she will

visit Rex's Family Restaurant, 35111 Michigan Ave. in Wayne during those same hours.

All interested constituents can attend.

Any further questions can be directed to Michelle Heikka, of Rivers' district staff, at 722-1411.

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## Ice festival

### Retail should take advantage

**M**ike Watts, Plymouth Ice Sculpture Spectacular executive director, puts it very simply: The popular annual ice festival is all about publicity for downtown Plymouth.

Sure, the media makes certain that the ice sculptures and carvers get the attention. But it's all for the greater glory of Plymouth, particularly the retail life of Plymouth.

As Watts has said, even if it's 50 degrees during the festival and the sculptures melt, there's still plenty of visitors here and the media will still report from Plymouth and about Plymouth.

That's why it's so important that the businesses in Plymouth get on the bandwagon. The ice festival truly serves them.

We urge stores to welcome the thousands of visitors who will soon arrive in Plymouth. Extend yourselves. They are potential customers and ambassadors for Plymouth.

We also urge shops and eateries to stick to

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the unified business hours established for the festival. Visitors may or may not buy big during the festival. But they will certainly learn where the stores are and what they have to offer for future shopping. Publicity can bring return business.

It's not a bad idea either to contribute to the festival - it's run by a nonprofit board - and to purchase an ice sculpture to be placed in front of your business.

Businesses, especially retail shops and eateries, would do well to remember that the ice festival benefits them.

## Most bills pander to fears

**M**ichigan's prisons are like Pac-Man in the video game which incessantly consumes other creatures.

Under the last two governors, the Corrections Department has quintupled its budget to \$1.3 billion. Now, with its prisons overflowing at the 40,000 mark, Michigan is exporting prisoners to other states. State officials talk of building five more prisons that will cost \$18,000 to \$40,000 per inmate to run.

So what has been the Legislature's response? No one proposes more taxes to pay for new prisons. Instead, lawmakers sit up at night around the kitchen table inventing new crimes and longer punishments, to warehouse more offenders for ever-longer periods of time. The most common term in their news releases isn't "efficiency" or "taxpayers" or "kids" but "tough new laws."

Consider a state Senate news release:

■ "Tough law against those who prey on victims by impersonating utility workers," sponsored by Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton, signed by Gov. John Engler.

■ "Sentencing guidelines," generally higher - Sen. William VanRegenmorter, R-Jenison, passed by the Senate.

■ "Expanded truth-in-sentencing, requires all convicted felons to serve at least their minimum sentences; no reduction in minimums for 'good behavior'; longer stays for bad behavior" - VanRegenmorter; passed Senate.

■ "Andre's law - provides option of capital punishment for a person convicted of raping and killing a child" - constitutional amendment proposed by Sen. Joel Gougeon, R-Bay City; no Senate action.

■ Ban on assisted suicide - VanRegenmorter; passed Senate.

A big game in Lansing should be called Crime of the Month. The idea is to create special categories within a crime for special classes of victims. It's like the Old World caste system where you get two years for hitting a perceived nobleman and one year for a peasant.

It started with the 1967 Detroit riots when lawmakers proposed the death penalty for killing police and firemen. The next step was a special category called "ethnic hate" crimes, where punishment would be enhanced if you attacked someone from another ethnic group.

In recent years, there have been bills to enhance punishments for whacking senior cit-

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izens, then for carjacking, then one prohibiting parole for a carjacker (Rep. Eileen DeHart, D-Westland), then for hurting pregnant women, then for more adult trials (and prison sentences) for minors.

This year, sensing that teachers' union bashing had gone too far, senators produced bills for extra punishments for assaulting a teacher.

Moving traffic violations are bad, but they get enhanced fines if you speed in a highway construction zone.

The most recent entry came during the Christmas holidays when public service ads targeted drunken drivers. Rep. Andrew Raczowski, R-Farmington Hills, didn't even have a bill in draft form before he announced he would seek doubled penalties for drunken drivers with kids in the vehicle.

Assaulting anyone is bad, but there would be a separate crime for assaulting a Corrections officer (Rep. Frank Fitzgerald, R-Grand Ledge).

Rep. Penny Crissman, R-Rochester, has two bills to allow garnishment and attachment of the institutional accounts of jail prisoners and Corrections inmates.

Rep. (now Sen.) David Jaye, R-Macomb, is seeking chemical castration of sex offenders as a condition of parole.

Most of the bills amount to pandering to public fears. Nearly all would crowd prisons even more. Absolutely all would take state money (after 24 tax cuts since 1991) away from colleges, schools, natural resources, safety inspections, health care and adoptions.

There's no end.

Don't be suckered by the "tough new laws" slogan aimed at your interest group. They are talk, and talk is cheap.

Lawmakers need to dream up more responsible ways to deal with criminals.

## Crowds



**Publicity:** Businesses would do well to get involved with the ice festival. It draws thousands of visitors - potential customers - as well as attention to downtown.

## LETTERS

### Santa says thanks

**T**o all our visitors, big and small to Santa's Place in Kellogg Park:

On behalf of Christmas Carol, I would like to thank you for all the wonderful hospitality during the Christmas season. The joy you brought into the room with your laughter, smiles and eagerness to share a part of your world with us will be memories to treasure forever.

This especially includes the little ones who found my hair and beard too much to take in one setting, jumping back into the safety of mom and dad's arms. As stated when you visited, you were doing what you should, and I understand that completely.

I must say you put Mrs. Claus' mind at ease with all the goodies you brought for Christmas Carol and I to share. She gets a little nervous with us traveling so far away from home before Christmas and all your gifts let her know that we were well taken care of.

All of your beautiful pictures that you brought Stephenie, Jennifer, Leah, Alyssa, Samantha and others will be going into a special book. Laura and Christopher, Ellita and Nick, Mrs. Claus would like to thank you also for the treats. We shared them on Christmas night. Ellita, thank you also for the song you wrote. We now have a new song to whistle in the workshop. Kerri and Sarah, thank you for the bell, each one of the reindeer wanted to wear it but we decided to share it so we put it up front in the center of the sleigh.

In closing, I would again like to say thank you for the Merry Christmas we have had because of all of you. May the kindness and warmth you have shared with others during the holidays be yours the year throughout.

As always, I'll see you before you see me. Mrs. Claus and I will be traveling a bit, but we will be in disguise.

Happy Holidays. And I almost forgot - thanks for the cookies and milk. Oh yes, Dasher and the others would like to thank you all for the carrots and reindeer food.

**Santa Claus  
North Pole**

### Thank you for support

**T**he Plymouth Canton Music Boosters and the Plymouth Canton Educational Park Marching Band wish to thank you for your

financial support in taking out an advertisement in our Great Lakes Invitational Program. This year's Great Lakes Invitational High School Marching Band Competition was held on Saturday, Oct. 18, 1997, at the Plymouth Canton Educational Park Football Stadium. The competition started at 2 p.m. and ended at 11 p.m. with an awards ceremony.

Twenty-nine bands from southeastern and central Michigan performed their programs. The Plymouth Canton school district eighth-grade bands performed the National Anthem and the host band from Plymouth Canton performed their 1997 show entitled "Where the Wild Things Are."

This event was attended by over 10,000 people who witnessed the results of the hard work and dedication of over 4,000 high school students to excellence. Thanks again for your support in helping to make this day a success.

**Kay Huff and Mike Davis  
Great Lakes Invitational chairpersons  
Marjorie McGuire and Tammy Summers  
program chairpersons**

### Justice?

**P**arents in Warren are fined for not controlling their son and are taken to court like criminals.

A parent in Novi was found guilty by a jury for trying to discipline and control her daughter.

A parent in Howell was taken to court too, again for discipline and trying to control her daughter.

What kind of justice is this? Court if you don't and court if you do. I think there is something wrong with this system. Maybe these prosecutors have too much time on their hands, or since they are not smart enough to prosecute the real criminals on the streets, they have decided to punish the honest law abiding parent for doing their job. I think it's time to replace these so-called prosecutors with more realistic people, who will pursue the real criminals in society and make our cities safer; not plague parents.

As far as I know, there is no law that demands a parent either discipline or not discipline their children. These matters are the parents' preference and should be left that way, except in cases of extreme abuse.

**A. Thomas  
Troy**

## COMMUNITY VOICE

### QUESTION:

**Do you plan to attend the auto show and what kind of car would you buy?**

*We asked this question at the Canton Public Library.*



"Yes. Right now it would be a new Dodge pickup."

**Jim Ince  
Canton**



"No. I would buy a Jag."

**Lynn Walkuski  
Canton**



"Actually, I have to. My husband works for Ford. I would purchase a Jaguar."

**Michelle  
Gadomski  
Canton**



"Oh, yes. I think I would buy a Chevy Camaro. My grandson sells them for Lou LaRiche."

**Tim DeConinck  
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## POINTS OF VIEW

## Those of all backgrounds need to work together as one

We come together, this diverse group of citizens from the metro Detroit area, to talk about race relations. Control is maintained by a well-prepared agenda of the National Issues Forum. So we will really never get a chance to look into each others' souls, at least not on this night. We all seem to be on our best behavior — no show of passion except for one white guy adamant in his proclamation that there is no excuse for poverty. All one needs to do, he tells us, is pull up his bootstraps and buckle down. The American dream awaits even the most destitute. It seems obvious, he's never been destitute.

I used to be like him — such concrete opinions. Everything was black and white. Now I think in shades of gray. I've come to realize that most people have limited perceptions of life. At birth we're all assigned a window with a view and some are quite content with their assignment. The scenery may change with the seasons, but the onlooker never changes his seat. For me, it was different. I spent my life peeking out of as many windows as possible. Ultimately, it has improved my overall vision.

Searching the faces of this group, I

wonder about their stories. I am not black, but I know prejudice, I want to tell them. As a career, I chose the road less traveled, a woman in a man's world — engineering and construction. It was long before women's liberation and affirmative action. To be told, "We don't hire women" was acceptable. Sexual harassment was an everyday occurrence. I carry my resentment for the white male establishment to this very day. Yet it will never affect my performance on the job nor my ability to keep the lines of communication open.

I learned very early on that life is not fair. Women, minorities, the disabled, poor, old, overweight, unattractive, undereducated — that means most of us — are at a serious disadvantage. Yet society was here long before I came along. And it takes years to make changes — changes that cannot be forced. I know, I tried. So you learn to play the game. Even when you don't like the rules there are ways to use them to your advantage. You walk the walk and talk the talk while you're in their arena. Then you go home to the "real" world and slowly work on changing the system.

I'm well aware my career didn't commence on the proverbial "level



JANE MCCARTHY

**I like to think Martin Luther King would have been proud of me.**

playing field." It's also quite apparent that the distance of my marathon was a hell of a lot farther than the white guys running next to me. The finish line is still out of sight and I know I'll never drink out of the winner's cup. Lashing out in anger would not change the outcome, only divide us further. Instead I can take solace in the fact that I've made the path a little smoother for those who come after me. I like to think Martin Luther King would have been proud of me.

Nearly two hours have passed and there have been no revelations in the discussion. My mind drifts to another

time. I recall traveling the countryside in the '60s, proud to say I was from Detroit, the automobile capital of the world and home of Motown. But even then, conversations inevitably led to questions about race relations. Surprised that outsiders would be so aware of our dirty laundry, and defensive about the reputation of my beloved city, I could give no good explanation. More than 30 years later, I still can't. All I know is that a once-vibrant metropolis lies torn and bleeding while two distinct warring factions refuse to come to terms on a settlement. Should not the greater good of the whole take precedence over individual selfishness? Where is the shame?

We're engaged in a team sport here, my friends, this society for which we all are a part. Even if you don't really like your teammates, we have to work together for the ultimate goal. A city's future hangs in the balance. And we can't sit back while one or two of us carries the load. Steve Yzerman proved that. For 13 years, with all his heart and determination, he still was unable to win hockey's greatest prize, the Stanley Cup. It took 24 players, who did not even speak the same language, unified in

purpose, before the dream became a reality. And it mattered not that five members of this assemblage at one time had been universally hated by the entire free world. These five players implored the press to refrain from describing them as the "Russian 5." They were Detroit Red Wings first and foremost. Fighting off jeers of opposing fans in cities across North America and, without forsaking their individuality or heritage, they enmeshed their skills with the others to become world champions. As we got to know these incredible personalities, their differences seemed enamoring rather than foreign. In the end, we all tasted of the glory and basked in the afterglow.

The people leaving the room now will probably never see one another again. This experiment in sharing, a seed of opportunity, will find little support for its germination. We cannot continue to pass up our chances. All the new stadiums, skyscrapers and houses will not rebuild the city of Detroit. Only the people can do that. And it will never happen if we can't even talk to each other. Is anyone out there listening?

Jane McCarthy is a Livonia resident.

## Debate over global warming justifies a look back into history

In times like these, I think of Dr. John A. Dorr Jr., professor of geology at the University of Michigan.

Dorr (1922-86) was not one of the razzle-dazzle superstars like Gardner Ackley in economics or Paul McCracken in business administration, but still he was a class A teacher and scientist, a man of kindly patience with us lit. school clods, the kind of intellectual linebacker that made U-M No. 1 in far more than football.

Dorr was co-author, with Donald Eschman, of "Geology of Michigan" (1970, U-M Press). The work is still on the shelves of real bookstores and state DNR gift shops. Even in the post-Christmas sales, they never discount "Geology of Michigan," which runs around \$30.

By "times like these," I mean the debate over global warming. The United Nations and the so-called "developing" nations say that the globe is warming, that it is bad, and that it's up to the United States to

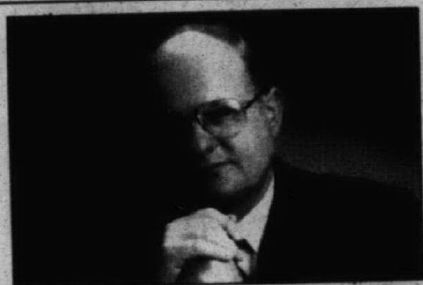
cure the weather by curbing our industry (though they won't curb theirs).

"Geology of Michigan" shows us weather changes are the immutable rule, not a recent phenomenon.

More than a billion years ago, the Upper Peninsula was the scene of much volcanic and lava flow activity. If you'd camped then at Van Riper or L'Anse state park, you wouldn't need a fire to toast your marshmallows.

The Paleozoic epoch (600 million to 230 million years ago) was the "era of inland seas." That's seas, not lakes; salt water. "Reefs are of increasing interest to geologists because they often contain gas and oil ... reef building corals grow rapidly only in freely circulating waters where food and oxygen are abundant and only flourish within the temperature range of 77-84 degrees F."

In other words, our water temperatures were Florida-like. It was when oil and gas were formed under what is



TIM RICHARD

now Farmington Hills and Kensington Metropark.

Within the Paleozoic was the Pennsylvanian period when coal was formed in parts of mid-Michigan. Conditions in an area bounded by Jackson, Grand Rapids, Roscommon and Bay City were like the current Dismal Swamp of Virginia and North Carolina — "low-lying, swampy regions of high rainfall, poor drainage, and lush plant growth ... (T)hey lack annual growth rings which, if present, would

reflect summer growth and winter dormancy."

Fossils show that there were bowhead whales at Oscoda, walrus near Gaylord, sperm whales, sharks near Saginaw and lungfish burrows near Grand Ledge. The weather was different, wasn't it?

We then encounter the Pleistocene epoch (500,000 to two million years ago). Glacial ice covered North America as far south as the Ohio River and Europe down to the Normandy coast of France. It was a mile or two thick, which probably inhibited camping and business. Saginaw Bay drained southwest through the Mississippi.

As glaciers melted, Michigan was home to such sub-arctic creatures as the musk ox, caribou and seven-foot beavers.

Dorr and Eschman concluded that we have been in a gradually warming climate for the last 12,000 years. So it wasn't just the fault of James Watt and Henry Ford.

There are many short-term fluctuations in the climate. An ancient map perhaps thousands of years old shows Antarctica's shore as dry land, not ice. National Geographic reported sunspots may govern 20-year weather and rainfall cycles on Earth.

Krakatau's eruption near Java in 1883 hurled ash around the world that cost North America an entire summer. And can any westerner forget the weather effects of the 1980 eruption of Mount St. Helen?

Well, yes, people can forget, and they can become hysterical about global warming. But as we University of Michigan students used to tell New York visitors who griped about "crazy Ann Arbor weather" — if you don't like Michigan weather, wait a few minutes.

Tim Richard reports on the local implications of state and regional events. His voice mail number is (734) 953-2947, Ext. 1881.

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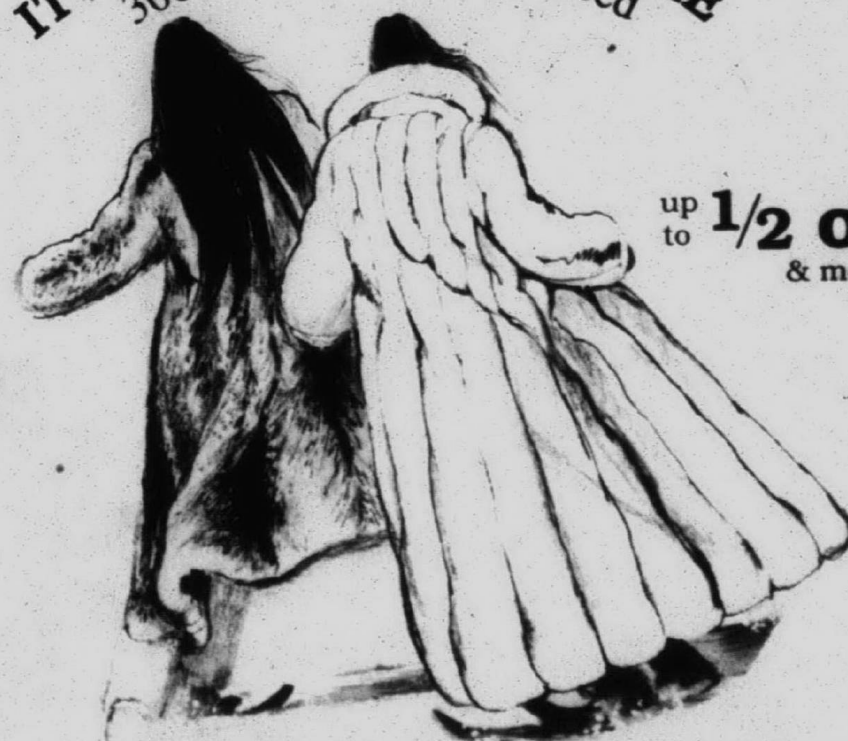
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## DEPLOYMENT

Navy Ensign Simone R. Walston, a 1988 graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School of Canton, recently returned from a five-month South American deployment aboard the dock landing ship USS Whidbey Island. Walston is one of more than 300 Sailors and 400 Marines aboard the ship which departed its homeport of Little Creek, Va., as part of the U.S. force that participated in Unitas. Walston is a 1995 graduate of Hampton University, Hampton, Va., with a bachelor of arts degree.

Marine Cpl. David C. Smith, son of Linda C. Drury of Canton, is currently halfway through a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific Ocean with Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 164 (HMM 164), part

of the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU), embarked aboard the ships of the USS Peleliu Amphibious Ready Group (ARG). The 1993 graduate of Canton High School joined the Marine Corps in February 1994.

Marine Lance Cpl. Jeffrey J. Schwinn, son of Marilyn Schwinn of Plymouth has completed a six-month deployment with Battalion Landing Team 1/2, 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU), embarked aboard the ships of the USS Kearsarge Amphibious Ready Group (ARG). Schwinn's unit is an expeditionary intervention force with the ability to rapidly organize for combat operations in virtually any environment. Schwinn is an 1989 graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School of Canton.

## BASIC TRAINING

Navy Seaman Recruit Adam R. Wolski, son of John E. and Robin E. Wolski of Canton, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

During the eight-week program, Wolski completed a variety of training which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, fire fighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis is also placed on physical fitness. Wolski is a 1997 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School of Plymouth Canton.

## COMMISSION

Air Force Tech. Sgt. Mark S. Braidwood has been named non-commissioned officer of the quarter. Braidwood is a munitions operations deputy element chief with the 4th Equipment Maintenance Squadron at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, Goldsboro, N.C. He is the son of Janice K. Carbray of Flint, Mich., and Duane C. Braidwood of Canton. The sergeant is a 1978 graduate of Clarendville High School, Livonia.

## Beanie Babies



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRENNER

Old Village: Jerry Sindici, owner of Robin's Nest on Starkweather, is surrounded by Princess Diana Beanie Babies. In time for the ice festival, Sindici is having an ice carving made for outside his store resembling the limited edition toy honoring the late Diana, Princess of Wales.

## Ameritech New Media may now offer HBO

As of Jan. 1, for the first time, Ameritech New Media will be allowed to offer HBO to its cable TV customer in Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Northville, Northville Township and Canton Township.

Media One's exclusive contract with HBO expired Dec. 31, 1997, enabling Ameritech - which offers service in these communities - to offer the popular HBO, HBO2, HBO3 and Cinemax to its customers.

Certain exclusive contracts were outlawed under the federal Cable Act of 1992, but the Media

One contract was grandfathered until its expiration.

In May, Ameritech urged the Federal Communications Commission to update its rules governing contracts between cable companies and programmers to ensure that new entrants to the cable industry, such as Ameritech, would have full and fair access to popular programming.

On Dec. 18, the FCC voted 5-0 to consider Ameritech's proposal. Ameritech has signed cable television franchises with 31 communities in the Detroit area

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 BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
 REGULAR MEETING SYNOPSIS  
 4:00 P.M., MONDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1997**

Regular meeting called to order at 4:18 p.m.  
 Present: Thomas Yack, Kathleen Keen-McCarthy  
 Agenda - adopted as amended.  
 Minutes - regular meeting of November 24, 1997 - approved.  
 Schedule of operating expenses totaling \$611,615.40 - approved.  
 Operations and Maintenance Monthly report - received and filed.  
 Operations Managers Report - received and filed.  
 Budget Amendment - Short Term/Long Term Disability (FY 97/98) - approved.  
 Amendment to Resolution #97-11-3; Voiding of Requisitions #213, 214 & 215 - approved.  
 Budget Amendment - Capitalized Assets; New Construction Line Items (FY 97/98) - approved.  
 Agreement; Plante & Moran Investment Advisors - Postponed until next regular meeting.  
 Holiday Schedule - approved.  
 The regular meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Chairman,  
 Thomas J. Yack

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.  
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**PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE  
 CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN  
 7:00 P.M.  
 WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14, 1998**

A regular meeting of the Planning Commission will be held on Wednesday, January 14, 1998 at 7:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall to consider the following:

**SITE PLAN REVIEW - USER CAR SALES OFFICE ADDITION**  
 684 W. ANN ARBOR ROAD  
 ZONED: B-3, GENERAL BUSINESS  
 APPLICANT: DICK SCOTT DODGE

**SITE PLAN REVIEW - DENTAL OFFICE ADDITION**  
 690 S. MAIN STREET  
 ZONED: B-3, GENERAL BUSINESS  
 APPLICANT: GEORGE ATSAIIS

**SITE PLAN REVIEW - CHANGE OF USE - OFFICE**  
 125 S. HARVEY  
 ZONED: B-3, CENTRAL BUSINESS  
 APPLICANT: CRAIG DONOVAN BUILDER

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR:  
 SITE PLAN REVIEW - SPECIAL USE**  
 112 N. HARVEY  
 ZONED: RM-1, MULTIPLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL  
 APPLICANT: FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Thursday, January 8, 1998

## COMMON SENSORS



JACQUE MARTIN DOWNS

## Resolutions teach us art of self-control

Let's face it. Some New Year's resolutions that we resolve to do are painful. From our initial conscious thought that says "I need to change this," which occurs after another troubling consequence, to the end result when we give up on it and conclude, "I just cannot do this for another second," for most people the discipline and patience it takes to hold to a difficult resolution is too much. The value of some New Year's resolutions is that they train us in the art of self-control. They also help children realize that certain habits can take on a life of their own and we may need to rein them back in. Talking about and developing one resolution per person in your family is an opportunity for everyone to sit together and talk about areas of their life they could improve upon. Further, if a person feels that they have nothing to look at, it's a good time to enlist the help of another person to help them see a deficiency that needs correcting. Dad may talk about junior's lack of responsibility in keeping the bedroom picked up and junior may bring up the fact that mom is always in a bad mood when junior comes home from school. Mom may bring up how dad

Please see SENSORS, B7

## Volunteers help spruce up shelter

Retail associates, plumbers, auto executives and business and professional women have helped make the First Step Shelter a nicer place for the women and children who need a safe place to away from domestic violence.

BY SUE MASON  
STAFF WRITER

Greatly appreciated is an expression Virginia Williams uses often in talking about the donations and volunteer efforts.

As the facilities coordinator for the First Step Shelter, she knows how important such things are to the non-profit.

The shelter, a former nursing home, provides temporary housing for up to 38-42 women and children who because of domestic violence are forced to leave their homes for a safer environment.

"These are things that as an agency we can't afford to do, but make a very big difference for the women here," said Williams.

Her thank you list for 1997 includes executives from the Ford Motor Company who spent a day painting and fixing up the shelter and some 100 Hudson's, Target and Mervyn's employees who as part of Dayton-Hudson's "Weekend of Giving" did more painting and landscaping.

The Western Wayne County Plumbers Association also donated more than \$10,000 worth of sinks, faucets, showers and toilets and handled the installation.

"It was greatly appreciated," Williams said. "This is an old building with old plumbing, so it was greatly needed and greatly appreciated."

And thanks to volunteers and donations, the women and children at the shelter had a Merry Christmas.

The Holiday Inn in Southgate donated money and all of the food for their Christmas dinner, which was prepared by members of the Jewish Federation of Women.



Before and after: With yellow enamel paint and the carpet gone, volunteers Denise Allen (front, row, from left), Courtney Wilmering, Manhoush St. Clair, Roya St. Clair, Karen Wilmering, Brad Turowski (second row, from left) Jarret Rogin, Veronica Bilicki, Sherri Rogin, Lana Hollway, Ryan Wilmering (back row, from left), Richard Wilmering, Bob St. Clair, Mark Bilicki and Barbara Lewellyn struck a pose before the rest of dresses and crib were moved into the finished room.

With the help of donations, staffers set up a Christmas store so mothers could "shop" for what they wanted for their children and children could shop for their mothers. The staff also shopped for the mothers, so "everyone got something," Williams said.

"Just to see their faces makes it so fulfilling," she added. "Many times they break into tears because they don't expect anything."

### 12-hour transformation

Also on the list is the Suburban West

Business and Professional Women's Club. Members scraped, scrubbed, they even slid across the floor on their behinds. They ripped up carpet tiles and put down new vinyl flooring. They

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# Detroit's jewel

## Institute of Arts has wealth of art with Michigan connections

BY SUE MASON  
STAFF WRITER

Judy Knowles starts out with a few important facts about the Detroit Institute of Arts. She has picked up the tidbits during her 20 years as a volunteer docent at the DIA.

It's a fact, she says, that the DIA is the fifth largest fine arts museum in the United States. An internationally renowned museum, its collection spans the Stone Age to the Modern Age.

It's also a fact that one of its greatest strengths of the DIA is its collection of American art. It ranks in the top one-third in the country with its collection ranging from early colonial times to the 20th century.

"I'm in my 20th year as a volunteer and after all that time, you would think that it would get old, but it's not that way," Knowles told her Livonia Town Hall audience. "It's been a wonderful experience."

A native of Connecticut, Knowles studied at the Katherine Gibbs School in Boston and was an administrative assistant to the director of the Hydro Lab at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Her move to Michigan began her long involvement with the arts, with her areas of study covering European, American, Asian, African, Native American and pre-Columbian art.

The former owner of a small



Judy Knowles

public relations and communications business in Birmingham, she has been a volunteer at the DIA since 1978, serving as chair of the Speakers Bureau, Hospitality DIA Committee and on the executive board of the Volunteer Committee.

### Local connection

For her speech, Knowles focused on American art with a connection to Detroit and Michigan, focusing on such artists as John Singleton Copley, Frederic Edwin Church, starting with the

work of Boston-born painter John Singleton Copley, John Singer Sargent, James Abbott McNeill Whistler and Mary Stevenson Cassatt.

A self-taught artist, Copley was the most popular portrait artist along the Eastern seaboard in the 1760s. Among paintings hanging in the DIA is his portrait of Col. John Montresor, done before the colonel was sent to Detroit "to help keep the peace."

"You can almost feel the velvet on the collar and the wooliness of the coat," Knowles said of the portrait. "But that's still subservient to the face. Copley had a direct approach to his subject. You could take off the uniform and put on today's clothes and not tell the difference."

"We have quite a few Copleys at the museum."

Copley did 350 portraits, including those of John Hancock, John and John Quincy Adams and Lord Cornwallis, before leaving for London in 1774. Once there, he turned his attention to painting historical pieces.

"In Europe, a painter needed to aspire to historic proportions," Knowles said.

Copley's first was "Watson and the Shark," based on the story of 14-year-old Brook Watson, an orphan who worked on the merchant ships and lost his leg while swimming in shark-infested waters. Fitted with a pegged

leg, Watson eventually became the Lord Mayor of London.

After the Revolutionary War, landscapes became popular, especially the works of the Hudson River School, a group of young artists who lived along the river.

Landscape paintings remained popular for 75 years, with Church the foremost artist of that genre in the mid-1800s. His painting of a volcanic eruption, "Cotapaxi," is one of the most important acquisitions by the DIA of that period. Done on commission in South America, the painting was rolled up, taken across the country and exhibited, according to Knowles.

"He was the master of working with light and atmosphere," Knowles said. "The person with the llama shows how insignificant we are with nature."

### Famous for work

Born in Florence, Italy, to American parents, Sargent was an internationally famous portrait painter of the late 19th century and his painting of Madame Paul Poisson, done in 1885, is on display at the DIA.

"He carefully posed his subjects," Knowles pointed out. "The ladies flocked to him because he would make them look beautiful."

Whistler was another expatriate painter who "rebelled against artists who looked to

nature to make things look real," according to Knowles.

He became the center of controversy when he sued art critic John Ruskin for libel, went to court and won a farthing in damages. Commenting on Whistler's "Nocturne in Black and Gold: the Falling Rocket," a part of the DIA collection, Ruskin said he didn't know how "he could throw a pot of paint (at a canvas) and ask 200 guineas."

"The painting is of fireworks going off in the evening," said Knowles. "It was the beginning of abstract art. Whistler was 75 years ahead of himself."

It was Cassatt's "Reading to Anomie" that was the first piece of art purchased as a subscription piece for the DIA. Painted in 1882, the painting was acquired after the art loan exhibition in 1883.

"Mary Cassatt was a strong-minded individual who left her home in Philadelphia for Paris," Knowles pointed out. "She was the only female American artist allowed to exhibit her work with impressionist painters in France. She died on the Titanic."

She also touched briefly on the works of silversmith Paul Revere, represented by a teapot at the DIA, sculpture Randolph Rogers who left Ann Arbor for Rome "where the marble was," and Mary Chase Perry Stanton, known for her Pewabic pottery work.

"American art is very eclectic and filled with traditions," she said.

Knowles also took time to talk about upcoming exhibits at the DIA - "Angels from the Vatican," due in this summer, and the drawings of sculptor George Segal - and one item in the museum meant to be touched.

"The bronze donkey was donated so that there would be something in the museum that children could touch. It's been touched many times that it's worn to a warm patina now."

### The next Livonia Town Hall

will be Wednesday, Jan. 21, at the St. Mary's Cultural Center, 18100 Merriam, Livonia. Philip Mason, a distinguished professor of history, will fascinate the audience with stories about rum-runners, speakeasies, bathtub gin and Prohibition.

The lecture will be at 10:30 a.m., followed by lunch at noon. Single lecture tickets cost \$15 and can be purchased at the door. Individual luncheon tickets cost \$12 and must be reserved one week in advance by calling Emily Stankus at (734) 420-0383.



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## WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

### Barrett-Yessian

Gary Lee and Sandra Lee Barrett of Flat Rock, formerly of Redford, announce the engagement of their daughter, Barbara Ann, to Tod Robert Yessian, the son of Mary and Dana Woods of Lincoln Park and Robert and Dale Yessian of Canton.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Redford Thurston High School. She is employed as an inside sales manager at Pennsylvania Steel Corporation in Redford.

Her fiancé also is a graduate of Trenton High School. He is employed as plant/operations manager at Pennsylvania Steel Corporation.

A May wedding is planned at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Trenton.



### Muniz-Marushak

Rene and Karen Muniz of Lincoln Park announce the engagement of their daughter, Mona Marisa, to Nathan Edward Marushak, the son of Lyle and Joy Marushak of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Lincoln Park High School and Eastern Michigan University. She is employed as a teacher at the Kiddie Academy of Novi.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and Eastern Michigan University. He is a graduate student at EMU, studying computer science. He is employed as a computer engineer for Open Networks Engineering in Ann Arbor.

An April wedding is planned at St. Michael Lutheran Church



in Canton.

### Russo-Brining

Salvatore Joseph Russo, Jr. of Lawrence, N.Y., and Jennifer Ann Brining of Canton, were married June 14 at our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Plymouth by Deacon Donald Leach and the Rev. John Sullivan.

The bride is the daughter of Dennis and Cheryl Brining of Canton. The groom is the son of Salvatore and Ann Marie Russo of Lawrence, N.Y.

The bride is a 1992 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and a 1996 graduate of the University of Michigan School of Business with a bachelor of business administration degree.

The groom is a 1992 graduate of Chaminade High School in New York and a 1996 graduate of the University of Michigan with a bachelor of science degree in psychology.

The bride asked Lisa Brining to serve as her maid of honor with Ann L. Russo, Christine Lapadula, Cathleen Russo and Suzanne Tihanyi as bridesmaids.



Anthony Russo served as best man with Thomas Lapadula, Marcello Barone, Mark Yezbick and Jason Schmidt as groomsmen.

The couple received guests at the Mayflower Meeting House in Plymouth before leaving on a trip to Aruba. They are making their home in Canton.

## Seminar helps brides plan their wedding day

Brides-to-be about to plan their wedding day can get help at a wedding seminar being organized by Mark Salloum of VideoMagic Productions in Livonia.

"How To Shop for Your Wed-

ding Day" will offer two two-hour seminars on Sunday, Feb. 8, at the Dearborn Inn.

The seminars are designed to educate couples about what they should look for in a good DJ, photographer, baker, bridal

dress and similar wedding services.

In addition, couples will have an opportunity to speak with participating businesses one-on-one to answer questions or book services.

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## RELIGION CALENDAR

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

## NEW OFFICERS

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church of Livonia has installed and ordained several members into the offices of elder and deacon. Named elders on Jan. 4, were Jeff Cunningham of Livonia, a business planner at General Dynamics in Sterling Heights; Melody Jackson, finance manager at ComSource Inc.; Hal Dickson, a retired Ford Steel financial analyst and 37-year member of St. Paul's; and Bill Stuart, an instructor at Oakland Community College.

The new deacons are Cathie Cheslak, a travel consultant at Randolph Travel; Sharon Dean, a teacher's aide in the Crestwood School District; Carol Dickson, retired Redford Township assessor and 37-year member of St. Paul's; Christian Kreipke, a medical anthropology student and practicing musician; Kathy Schulz, a day care operator; Kay Vincent, a teacher's aide in the Redford Union School District, and Chris Richards, a manufacturing engineer with Zenith.

## NEW BEGINNINGS

New Beginnings, a grief support group held year-round at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile Road, east of Merriman Road, Livonia, continues with its monthly speaker series on Thursday, Jan. 8, with "Moving On." There are no fees. Anyone may attend any or all sessions as they feel the need. For more information, call the church office at (734) 422-6038, Marilyn Wilkinson at (248) 380-7903, or Rosemary Kline at (734) 462-3770.

## PARENTING TODAY

Having trouble communicating with your kids? Find out how to really talk to your children by attending the Active Parenting Today classes offered at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile Road, Livonia. The 6-week course will be offered 6:30-9 p.m., beginning Thursday, Jan. 8. The cost of the course is \$15 (spouses are free).

and includes a parent's guide. Preregistration is preferred. For more information or to register, call the church at (734) 422-1470.

## SINGLE POINT

Single Point Ministries' "Talk It Over" program will feature Mike Collins speaking about "How to get the most out of your retirement plans" and "Estate planning techniques including wills and trusts" at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 9, in Knox Hall of Ward Presbyterian Church, 17000 Farmington Road, Livonia. A free-will offering will be accepted.

The organization's Bring Your Own Sneakers program is set for 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 10, at the Livonia YMCA. The cost for the family event is \$6 for adults and \$2 for children ages 14 and younger. Swimming, tennis, volleyball, wallyball, racquetball and other sports will be available.

Indoor volleyball is offered at 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays in Knox Hall. A \$1 donation is suggested to help maintain the equipment. The third Friday of every month (Jan. 16) is game night where participants are encouraged to bring their favorite game and pay \$1 at the door for snacks and beverage. Free child care is available.

For more information, call (734) 422-1854.

## SUNDAY LESSONS

"Sixty Ways to Have More Fun" will be the lesson at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 11, at Church of Today West in Village Oaks Elementary School, 23333 Willowbrook, between Haggerty and Meadowbrook roads, Novi. The church also offers youth education, a course in miracles at 7 p.m. Tuesdays and others courses in 47, meditation and unity basics. For more information, call (248) 449-8900 or at its Web site, <http://www.cotw.com>.

## MEMBERSHIP CLASS

Membership classes for those wishing to join St. Matthew's United Methodist Church will begin at 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 11, at the parsonage. The five-week course covers St. Matthew's Church, the United Methodist tradition and Christianity as a whole. For more information, call Don Besecker, church life coordinator, or the Rev. Chuck Sonquist, at (734) 422-6038. The



**In concert:** Darla McFadden, a Christian music artist from Indianapolis, Ind., will perform at 10:45 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 11, at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburg Road, Livonia. McFadden began her signing with her family and excelled in music throughout her school career. She has pursued her ministry through church and special event concerts and recordings and has made several guest appearances on the Trinity Broadcasting Network. Signed with Daywind Music Group in Nashville, Tenn., her latest release is "He Is Worthy." For more information, call the church at (734) 464-0990.

church is at 30900 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia.

## DIVORCECARE

DivorceCare, a special 13-week video seminar and support group, is being offered 7:15-9:15 p.m. Sundays at St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 Sheldon Road, Canton Township. The series features nationally recognized experts covering such topics as "Facing Your Anger," "Facing Your Loneliness," "Depression," "New Relationships," and "Forgiveness." Child care is available. Call (734) 459-3333 for more information.

## 'MIRACLES' COURSE

Unity of Livonia continues its "A Course in Miracles" 1-3 p.m. Mondays throughout January and February at the church, 28660 Five Mile Road, Livonia.

The course combines spiritual wisdom and psychological insight into a practical answer to mankind's deepest innermost need. The purpose of the course is to teach the process of "removing the blocks to the awareness of love's presence."

For more information, call the church at (734) 421-1760.

## TEAMKID

TeamKid, a unique club which blends activity with interactive learning, discipleship and Bible memory, meets 5:45-8 p.m. Sundays at Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman Road, Garden City. The program is for children in grades 1-6 and provides practical Biblical answers in a fun and interesting setting. For more information, call the church office at (734) 421-0472.

## AGLOW INTERNATIONAL

The Farmington Chapter of Aglow International will host an evening of praise with Gloria Wyatt and Vi Rawlings at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 12, in the downstairs meeting room the Farmington Hills Library, 32737 W. 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills. Doors open at 7 p.m.

Participants will praise God with the spoken word (pop-up praise reports and testimonies) and in song with musicians Wyatt and Rawlings. Refreshments will be served.

For more information, call chapter president Karen Dahlgren at (313) 682-3733.

## WEIGH DOWN WORKSHOP

Several churches in the area, including Canton Township's Geneva Presbyterian and Livonia's St. Matthew's United Methodist churches, are offering the "Weigh Down Workshop," a bible-based weight loss program. The workshop includes videotapes, audiotapes, group discussion and a workbook to use as a daily journal. The cost of the materials is \$104.

An orientation will be held at 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 12, at St. Matthew's, 30900 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia. The 12-week session will run Jan. 19-April 6. For more information about the orientation, call Beth McBain at (734) 495-0342.

The Geneva Presbyterian's group will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesdays at the church, 5835 N. Sheldon Road, Canton Township. Contact the church at (734) 459-0013 for more information.

People interested in the workshop but are not available on Mondays and Tuesdays can call

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## MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Men Who Make a Difference, a small group of Christian men dedicated to the biblical principles of building a "Godly Man," meets at 7:30 p.m. Mondays at Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman Road, Garden City. The group is open to men of all denominations who wish to diligently seek the face of Jesus. For more information, call (734) 421-0472.

## TAI CHI CLASSES

The Taoist Tai Chi Society of Michigan is offering beginning and continuing Tai Chi classes 7-9 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia.

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## ATTENTION DEFICIT DISORDER

The Parent Teacher League of St. Paul's Lutheran School is hosting an educational program offered by William Beaumont Hospital and Dr. Irma Kline at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 13, at the school, 20805 Middlebelt Road, at Eight Mile Road, Farmington Hills.

Kline is the head of the Center for Human Development Program at Beaumont. She has more than 25 years of experience in the special education area and is responsible for the development and clinical diagnosis of attention deficit disorders versus behavioral learning disorders.

People who answer "yes" to any of these questions - "Does your loved one have a difficult time in academics at school?" "Does your loved one have a difficult time fitting in with other people?" "Does your loved one have a difficult time staying on track with his or her structured responsibilities?" - should participate. This is an adult-only program.

For more information, call (248) 474-0675.

## NEWBURG NIGHT OUT

Newburg United Methodist Church will present its eight-week Newburg Night Out program 6:30-8 p.m. Thursdays, beginning Jan. 16, at the church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia.

An inexpensive dinner will be available 5:30-6:30 p.m., followed by classes in "Parents of Adolescents," an educational series and discussion group to learn specific skills to guide your teen successfully into adulthood; "That the World May Know," a video tour of Biblical sites; "The Search for Meaning," exploration of the book, "The Search for Meaning" and learn how to come to grips with what it means to be a human being who lives, loves, works, plays, suffers and dies; and "Genesis and the Hidden Face of God," an exploration of the Genesis programs produced by PBS and led by Bill Moyers in conjunction with 38 biblical authorities.

Running at the same time will be drama and choirs for children. There also will be child care for younger children. For more information, call the church at (734) 422-0149.

## BETHANY SUBURBAN WEST

Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization which pro-

vides spiritual, social and support assistance divorced and separated Christians, will have its annual auction/fund raiser at 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, at St. Kenneth Catholic Church, 14951 Haggerty Road (south of Five Mile Road), in Plymouth Township. Participants should bring new, wrapped gifts priced between \$5 and \$20, and be ready to bid on items. All proceeds go to the COTS homeless shelter.

The group also meets on Sundays for breakfast and Mass - 10 a.m. at the Redford Inn, Five Mile Road west of Beech Daly Road, Redford, and at 11:15 a.m. at St. Aidan's Church, Farmington Road north of Six Mile Road, Livonia - call Val at (734) 729-1974 - for coffee and conversation at 7 p.m. Tuesdays at Archie's Restaurant, Plymouth Road east of Merriman, Livonia, and for pinocchio at 7 p.m. every other Friday - call Rose at (734) 464-3325.

## STONE SOUP WEEKEND

Stone Soup, a winter weekend for people of all ages will be held 7-9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 30, and 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 31, at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia.

Designed to bring people together for fun, fellowship and education, participants will gather in Gutherie Hall Friday evening for singing and games.

On Saturday, there will be a continental breakfast at 9 a.m., followed by the program of exploring who each person is and what gift each brings to the gathering. Following lunch, there will be a guest speaker and craft activities for the whole family.

After dinner, there will be activities for all ages, with a Gong Show, filled with silly skits, closing out the weekend. Stone Soup costs \$10 per person and \$25 per family and covers the pizza, continental breakfast, lunch, dinner and program. Child care will be provided for the youngest children on Saturday morning and afternoon, if needed.

To register, send a check, payable to Newburg United Methodist Church, to 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. For more information, call the church office at (734) 422-0149.

## SAYING THANKS

Michael Coggins, president of Aid Association of Lutherans, Branch 1983, presented a "Just Say Thanks" check to the choir of St. Paul Lutheran Church of Farmington Hills after its Christmas Cantata on Dec. 19. Rodger Williams, music director at St. Paul, accepted the check.

The "Just Say Thanks" Recognition Program is designed to recognize the special efforts of volunteers in the church or community. The members of St. Paul's choir volunteer many hours a month in practice and singing at St. Paul's worship services.

The church's worship services are 6 p.m. Saturdays and 9:15 a.m. Sundays. For more information, call (248) 474-0675.

## CONFIDENTIAL HELP

Life Care Ministries of Livonia offers a free, confidential Christian telephone listening service 10 a.m.-10 p.m. by calling (734) 427-LIFE Monday through Saturday. Life Care Ministries can be reached through P.O. Box 530611, Livonia 48153-0611.

## Birmingham Temple sponsors workshop

Birmingham Temple will again sponsor an intermarriage workshop 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17.

The workshop is designed to help resolve problems of intercultural marriage for couples who are tired of too many questions and not enough answers. Issues that will be discussed include sharing philosophies, raising children, dealing with the community and accepting the children's decisions.

The cost is \$15 per person, including lunch. To register,

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## Try these 3 ways to become after-holidays blahs buster

BY SHARON J. METAXAS

Feeling broke, fat and a bit depressed? If you are like most people, the aftermath of buying and eating is beginning to set in. Along with the dark cold days comes the charge card bills and the extra 10 pounds. It's no wonder that most people want to climb in bed and not come out until spring.

Though many will run out and purchase exercise equipment that they will hardly use, there are some less expensive and more enjoyable alternatives to combat the "blahs."

Holidays are very stressful. Everyone carries some sort of fantasy about what families and holidays should be like. Unfortunately, the reality is never quite the same no matter how hard you try.

Families typically fight, get jealous, and find some way to make you feel inadequate. It is depressing to realize again this year that nothing has changed.

The expectation of the romance of the holiday is much like the anticipation of falling in love. All the fuss and expense does not guarantee that you will feel special and loved.

When the disappointment hits, depression sets in. This is the time to make the romance and

find the support you could not during the holidays.

Instead of depriving yourself of food, punishing yourself for spending too much money and withdrawing, create a support group, put romance in your everyday life and pamper yourself. Here are some ideas that do not take a lot of money.

(1) **Instead of a "secret Santa," find some people willing to create a "Blahs Buster" group.** Draw names so each of you are responsible to give warm caring messages to one person. Surprise your person with notes, cards and small tokens of encouragement. Try it for one month, put a limit on how much can be spent and plan a party to reveal the secret supporter.

Couples can do this with each other but need to clarify and agree in specifics. This can only be adapted to supporting weight loss.

(2) **Force yourself to get out of the house and be with other people.**

Become a critic with your spouse, a friend or a group of people. Decide what you want to explore, for example, who has the best coffee, bagels or antiques, and set up a scale to grade each. If you like restaur-

rants, allow yourself to eat only what you are critiquing. Schedule visits and evaluate. Compare with friends.

Join a class just for fun. Invite people over and have theme nights like game night or movie night.

Women can plan makeovers or manicures on each other.

Men can have sports nights. Plan day trips or one night at a hotel.

(3) **Add romance at home.** Burn candles or potpourri. Enjoy a snack while taking a bubble bath. Buy one stem of fresh flowers every week. Write three positives everyday. Yell in the shower just to get it out. Sing, dance and listen to music whenever you can. Do something childish everyday. Tell yourself you are wonderful in front of a mirror. Give yourself permission to make mistakes.

We all need to feel important. It is easier to feel special with the help of others but when they are not there you can combat the blahs by supporting yourself.

Sharon Metaxas is a social worker, with more than 15 years experience, at Northwestern Community Services in Garden City.

## Meetings have 'roots' in mind

With its Christmas dinner at the Plymouth Historical Museum behind them, members of the Western Wayne Genealogical Society are getting ready for the new year and meetings ranging from a visit from the Lincolns - Abraham and Mary Todd - and using computers in genealogical research.

The society meets at 7:30 p.m. the third Wednesday of the month at the Livonia Senior Citizen's Activity Center, 15128 Farmington Road at Five Mile

Road, Livonia. A beginning genealogy class meets at 6:30 p.m. The meetings are open to the public at no charge.

On Jan. 21, Kathy Petlewski of Schoolcraft College will speak about "Beginner Computer and Genealogy," while Fred and Bonnie Priebe, teachers who are fascinated by Lincoln history, will visit as the President and First Lady on Feb. 21.

David Cash of G.R. & R.G. Funeral Home will talk to members on how to use funeral home

records on March 18, followed by Marge Najarian's presentation, "The Mother of all Research Centers - Salt Lake City" on April 15. A genealogical society member who recently visited the research facility, she will offer advice for anyone planning to make a trip to it.

Closing out the year will be a May 20 presentation, "More About Computers."

For more information about the society, call (734) 425-8832 or (734) 455-1122.

### NEW VOICES

**Jeff Sherek and Connie Hamilton** announce the birth of **Devin David Sherek** Aug. 29 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He has a sister, Nicole, 3. Grandparents are Joe Hamilton of Westland and the late Debbie Oliver, Rick Sherek of Biwabik, Minn., and Barbara Sherek of Elk Grove, Calif. Great-grandparents are Tony Dubovik of Elk Grove, Calif., and Tony Sherek of Biwabik, Minn.

**Jill and Jeff Meyers** of Canton announce the birth of **Abigail Ellen** Oct. 30 at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor. Grandparents are Robert Hunter of Trenton and the late Lyla Hunter, Joseph and Nancy Meyers of Plymouth and Dorothy Mayer of Dearborn Heights.

**John Oliver and Darlene Egbert-Oliver** of Canton announce the birth of **Eric David Oliver** Oct. 10 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Allen and Judy Oliver of Twinsburg, Ohio, and David and Lois Egbert of Belleville.

**Kevin and Shelley Foster** of Dearborn Heights announce the birth of **Bradley James** Dec. 3 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. He joins a brother, Jacob Ryley. Grandparents are Debby Anderson of Wayne and Debby Foster of Westland.

**Dave Sr. and Rose Black** of Garden City announce the birth of **Lauren Christine** Oct. 11 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She joins siblings, David Jr., 25, Joe, 24, Alan, 17, and Amanda, 14. Grandmother is Cecelia Black of Garden City.

**Jimmy Young and Jennifer Jackson** of Westland announce the birth of **Travis James Young** Dec. 2 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne.

Grandparents are Jim Young of Sumpter and Kenneth and Porcha Jackson of Westland.

**Jeannette Goines** of Westland announces the birth of **Cody Wade Lyle** Oct. 11 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandmother is Barbara Goines of Westland.

**Jim and Kathy Smith** of Wayne announce the birth of **Ashley Isabel** Nov. 4 at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn. Grandparents are Bill and May Roark of Garden City and Dwight and Susan Smith of Dearborn. Great-grandmother is Isabel Isherwood of Garden City.

**Micky and Leah Smith** announce the birth of **Asha Tyler** Oct. 16 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Asha joins a brother, Todd, 10. Grandparents are Robert and Carol Smith of Westland and Earl and Kathryn Sprutte of Livonia.

**Eric and Priscilla Horde** of Wayne announce the birth of **Tyler William** Nov. 9 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. Grandparents are Linda and William Scrovi of Westland and Rose and Troy Horde of Garden City.

**Terry Vanover and Nancy Kwiatkowski** of Redford announce the birth of **Terry Lee Vanover Jr.** Oct. 28 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Verne and Patricia Burgess, and Lowell and Maudie Wood, all of Redford.

**Anthony James and Traci Dawn Claxon** of Canton announce the birth of **Tyler Brandon** Nov. 11 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. He joins a brother, Anthony John. Grandparents are Trish Lynch of Northeast, Penn.,

Mr. and Mrs. David Huey of Glen Campbell, Penn., Mr. and Mrs. John Claxon of Grosse Ile, and Mr. and Mrs. Phil Tackett of Westland.

**William Chomos and Yvonne Eller** of Westland announce the birth of **Jacob Michael Chomos** Oct. 29 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He joins siblings, Billy, 8, Shelby, 5, and Andrew, 4.

**Charles and Delinda Brooks** of Garden City announce the birth of **Jessica Lynn** Nov. 11 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. She joins a brother, Justin. Grandparents are Norman and Nancy Brooks of Garden City and Nancy M. Wilder of Bean Station, Tenn.

**Oren (Skip) and Jamie Ward III** of Garden City announce the birth of **Emily Spencer** Oct. 30 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She joins a sister, Sydney Taylor, 8. Grandparents are James and Mary Taylor of Wayne.

**Clifford and Jane Hettel** of Livonia announce the birth of **William Daniel II** Nov. 7 at William Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak. He joins a sister, Sarah Bess, 10, and Grant Clifford, 5. Grandparents are George and Arlene Grant of Redford Township and William and Audrey Hettel of Farmington Hills. Great-grandparents are Frederick and Norma LaRouche of Brighton.

**Dewayne and Carrie Howard** of Westland announce the birth of **Katelyn Marie** Nov. 11 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. She joins a brother, Kenneth Dewayne. Grandparents are Kenneth and Hope Hunt of Ypsilanti, and Cecil Howard and Carole Shell of El Paso, Texas.

### CRAFTS CALENDAR

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

**SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE** Applications are being accepted for the spring craft show Saturday, March 7, at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia. The fee is \$90 for a 12-by-

12-foot space, \$55 for a 10-by-10-foot space and \$40 for a 8-by-9-foot space or an 8-by-4-foot hallway space. There is an additional \$15 fee for electricity. Applications must be received by Friday, Jan. 9, to be eligible for the first jury round. To receive an application, call the department of marketing and development at (734) 462-4417.

**MADONNA UNIVERSITY** Madonna University is accepting applications from crafters for its 13th annual spring arts and

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BY MARY RODRIGUE  
STAFF WRITER

As a member of the Plymouth Hills Fire Department for seven years, Joe Zylka has been a first aid and CPR instructor for his own.

"I loved public safety, and I was a long time in the fire department," he said. "I left the force last year because of a business, which he said was his Plymouth Hills Fire Department."

Since last summer, Zylka has produced a series of "Home Emergency Babysitting" and "Home Safe for Kids" videos, which are available in public libraries.

Two more videos are being produced for release. The next one, "Ultimate Less-controlled Home," is being produced in Farmington Hills in late February.

"Chief" (Richard) Zylka has been a firefighter for 15 years. The video was produced as part of a home safety program, which has had a major impact on the community. Zylka's own firefighter has many house fires.

"People understand the importance of home safety," he said. "I see a lot of people who don't have the necessary smoke detectors in their homes, especially where children are." But he was not a firefighter because of a false alarm.

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# Ex-firefighter uses experiences to produce safety videos

BY MARY RODRIGUE  
STAFF WRITER

As a member of the Farmington Hills Fire Department for seven years, John Zylka taught community classes on fire safety, first aid and CPR, and a popular babysitting course he developed on his own.

"I loved public education; there is a longing out there for safety information," said Zylka, who left the force last year to launch SafetyTech, a home safety business, which he operates out of his Plymouth Township home.

Since last summer, he has produced a series of three videos - "Home Emergencies," "Safe Babysitting" and "Making Your Home Safe for Children." They are available in both Farmington public libraries and can be purchased separately or as a set. Two more videos are in the works for release later this year.

The next one, "Fire Smart, the Ultimate Lesson," will feature a controlled house burning in Farmington Hills to be conducted in late February or March.

"Chief (Richard) Marinucci has been a huge help," Zylka said.

The video will focus on every aspect of a house fire, from the actual burning to the emotional impact on the family and rehabilitation of burn victims at the University of Michigan Burn Center.

Zylka's own experience as a firefighter has shown him how many house fires can be avoided.

"People underestimate how necessary smoke detectors are," he said. "I suggest one in every room, especially in bedrooms where children sleep."

But he warns that they can cause a false sense of security.

"I've been in house fires where the homeowner had working fire detectors, but the sensing unit was clogged with spider webs or insects," he said. "The test button works when pressed, but the sensor may not detect smoke, if it's clogged. Vacuum it."

Zylka recommends changing smoke detector batteries annually, or buy the new 10-year lithium batteries. He says detectors are only good for 10 years anyway. After a decade, throw them out and buy new ones.

"What I encountered most on emergency runs was the attitude that 'It can't happen to me,'" he said. "In many cases, the fires could've been minimized or prevented."

## Ounce of prevention

For instance, a pot burning on a stove could be extinguished by simply turning off the stove. Grabbing a hot pot will result in burned hands and possibly spreading the fire to the kitchen floor.

Zylka recommends keeping small appliances unplugged when not in use, planning a good escape route in case of fire, and going over it with all family members.

"Kids are usually better at this than adults; they're great safety learners," he said.

Zylka's oldest daughter, 11-year-old Deanna, reminded him to check the small appliances recently and he was surprised to find a plugged in hot glue gun in the basement.

Another big issue is carbon monoxide detection.

"Especially this time of year, with windows closed and furnace running and fireplace burning," he said. "Have a good UL approved digital readout carbon

monoxide detector on each level of the home. So many symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning mimic the flu. The big test is do the symptoms stop after leaving the home?"

Zylka wrote, produced and hosted the videos with help from friends and family. His sister-in-law, a graphics designer, created the company logo and designed the video boxes. All four of his children, Deanna, Melissa, 8, Tommy, 5, and Allison, 3, appear in the safe babysitting video. And friend Jeff Carter, owner of Communicore, a video production company in Plymouth, donated his time and services.

Zylka also makes homes child safe for clients and gives safety talks to community groups. He finds three groups most willing to soak up the information - children, new mothers and people who have already experienced some calamity.

He says "Safe Babysitting" is aimed at all caregivers of children, from preteens to grandparents. It includes everything from how to select a sitter, to identifying an emergency, security concerns and learning basic first aid.

Besides fire prevention and detection, the "Home Emergencies" video covers water and electrical emergencies, odor investigations, security concerns and medical emergencies.

"Making Your Home Safe for Children" goes on location to a home in Orchard Lake and teaches a new mom how to make her home child safe room by room. The video also includes information on safeguards against AIDS, air bag safety tips, choking hazards, poisons, hidden home hazards, electrical concerns and garage door safety



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**Lessons learned:** John Zylka has used his experience teaching community classes on fire safety, first aid, CPR and babysitting to create a series of videos to launch SafetyTech, a home safety business.

tests.

"I stress that I don't childproof homes, I make them safe for children," he said. "Parents simply can't forget they have children. Don't have a false sense of security just because you've taken basic precautions."

## Hard to forget

He recalls the case of a toddler who opened an oven door despite a safety latch, attracted by the glowing orange element of the burner. His hands were severely

burned.

"The mother wouldn't have left him alone in the kitchen, if it weren't for the safety latch on the stove," he said. "You can't forget you have a child there. There is only so much you can do."

Zylka recently received the Crystal Award of Excellence from the Communicator Awards, an Arlington, Texas, organization that recognizes outstanding work in the communications field.

"That is a huge compliment to the series," he said.

"John is doing a good job of getting the information out," said Farmington Hills Fire Lt. Mike Garr. "Generally, people take most things for granted. Through tragedy, they become more aware. Any medium people can learn from, be it videotapes, a talk, a call to the fire department, is a good thing."

For more information on the home safety videos, call 1-800-723-3637.

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doesn't call to say he is going to be coming home late. Each person now takes that information to create their resolution.

This is much easier said than done because, admit it, nobody wants to leave their comfort zone. It is far easier to stay where we are right now. But keep in mind, it means another year of being 30 pounds overweight, another year of squabbling with your children about their homework, another year of doing the same thing you've done for the last umpteen years.

"If you always do what you always did, you'll always get what you always got."

Yeah, yeah, yeah ... how many times have you heard that? So what can I say to you that is going to make these resolutions stick? Yes, I do wish I had a magic wand that would sprinkle the self-control dust all over you, so this effort would be painless. But the pain is what brings success and happiness. Happiness is the outcome of hard work, diligence, patience and self-discipline.

This is the year to reframe this whole resolution business and regard the changes you are going to make as an opportunity to put someone other than yourself in the No. 1 spot.

If other people are distressed and irritated with your behaviors, it may be time to stop tuning them out and say, "Ya know, I am disregarding my family when I continue to come home when I feel like it, without calling to say I'll be late," or, "I am allowed to be in a bad mood when junior comes home from school, but maybe I need to improve my attitude, so that I don't take it out on him," or, "Boy I hate cleaning my room, but I know it's important to my parents and I will do it out of respect to them."

In other words, the self-discipline comes from putting others'

needs before our own. Novel idea?

In this day and age, it is. We have so thoroughly embraced the '70s motto of "Do your own thing" that we have completely wiped out any consideration for others.

Maybe this is the year where No. 1 is finally going to come first. You have always put your own needs on the back burner, and they're fairly comfortable there. But those 30 pounds still sit, lurking, waiting for you to address. That idea of going back to school festers in the back of your mind. An exercise plan seems so smart.

So how good to yourself do you have to be before you'll give yourself the gift of action? Is it another year away? Consider this: Self-esteem increases with the accomplishment of goals.

To jump to this new way of thinking means developing an attitude adjustment. Attitude adjustments are not exactly frontal lobotomies, so you don't need to be scared of them. They only require putting up stop signs in your head.

When a thought comes over you that says, "Why am I doing this anyway?" the stop sign goes up and the new thought pattern becomes, "This is smart for me"

or "This is good for our relationship." Stop signs need to be put up when you hear yourself saying, "I hate this; this isn't fun." In place of that thought goes, "I am not enjoying this resolution, but I am doing it anyway."

So this year's resolution can now be: "I will resolve this year to give up giving up." As the Nike ad says, "Just Do It."

If you have a question or comment for Jacquie Martin Downs, a prevention specialist and the director of Hegira Prevention Programs, write her at The Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.



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SWM, 30-50, 6'3", fun, humorous, loves people. This understanding, considerate, kind, caring, sharing SWFF who loves children. Serious replies only. #8733

## TRUST

Independent DWF, 28, 5'10", 125lbs, mother of one/home-owner, is shy, yet very ambitious. Seeking tall SWM, 28-35, who is sensitive, romantic and has a variety of interests. #8737

## LOOKING FOR MR. RIGHT

DWF, 28, best to be seen. Searching for very attractive, fit, fun guy to spend time with. Sense of humor required. #8775

## 51 YEAR-OLD ENTREPRENEUR

Pretty, successful, giving, loving, looking for her soul mate. Fun, exciting, charismatic. Any sincere, successful, Caucasian gentleman, 45-70, please respond, and float your boat, and make your day. #8464

## LOOKING FOR A MAN IN UNIFORM

SF, 5'6", 120lbs, brown/hazel, good sense of humor, likes sports, seeks SM, 35-47, down to earth, preferably a policeman of fireman, race not important. #8545

## BEAUTIFUL SUCCESSFUL DOCTOR

30s, 5'5", white, slim, elegant, charming, accomplished, well-traveled, honest, sincere. Loves sports, golf, theatre and cooking. Seeking educated, successful, mature gentleman, 32-45, for peer relationship, to start family. #8470

## LADY WITH CLASS

Bisexual SF, 40ish, enjoys jazz, week-end getaways, dining, concerts, movies, theatre, and quiet evenings at home. Seeking spontaneous SM, 45-55, 6', must have good sense of humor. Race open. #8477

## WOULD YOU BE MY ANGEL?

SWF, 43, 5'7", brown/hazel, NS, enjoys sports, jazz, C&amp;W, quiet times at home. Seeking honest, sincere, romantic S/DWM, 38-55, NS. #8478

## HAWAIIAN HEART

Attractive, sincere, kind-hearted, humorous DWF, 36, 5'8", dark brown, Hawaiian, part-time college student, mom, enjoys bowling, billiard, dancing, sunbathing. Seeking honest, sincere, fun-loving SWM. #8517

## LET IT SNOW

Attractive, fun SWF, 35, 5'5", blonde/blue, medium-build, seeks friendship, romance, and something to do in the winter and skiing, snowball fights, and hot chocolate by the fire. #8313

## LET'S LIVE

Attractive, SWF, 5'10", 29, fit, outgoing, enjoys traveling, sports, music, dining out and laughing, seeking DWM, 30-42, tall, fit, employed, and very responsible but not married to his job and a good sense of humor. #8312

## PRETTY, SLENDER, SENSUAL

Sophisticated, smart, sexy, "sweetheart" seeks best friend/lover for life, good-looking, in-shape-refined, cultured, romantic, 50s, "nice guy." Let's enjoy adventure and world travel and life's finer things. #8317

## NOT DESPERATE

DWF, 45, 5'3", 130lbs, NS, no kids, seeks the same in male. Many interests. I'm caring, giving, spontaneous, hopelessly romantic, down-to-earth, employed. Would like to meet special friend, or more. Royal Oak. #8361

## SEEKING TOOL-TIME AL

SWF, 33, 5'5", NS, enjoys the outdoors, concerts, biking, fishing, seeks SWM, 28-37, who would someday like to build a dream house in the mountains. #8362

## A GOOD WOMAN

Intelligent, attractive DWWF, 38, blonde/green, full-figured, has kids and great sense of humor. Seeking stable, fun, tall, courageous, intelligent man for friendship, maybe more. #7846

## SOMEONE SPECIAL

SWF, 70, feels younger, seeking WM, 65-70 who is sexy, passionate, loving and honest, who loves to laugh and have fun. I am a lady with many interests, so give me a call. #7849

## OLD-FASHIONED

Divorced mother of one, 50, very shy, blonde/brown, blue eyes, 5'7", 108lb, enjoys dancing, old music, and winter activities. Seeking caring, true romantic, sensitive, old-fashioned guy. #7853

## LADY

Fun, honest SWF, 33, loves animals, looking for marriage-minded SWM, 35, Plymouth area. #7854

## PRETTY, BRUNETTE

DWF, 40ish, NS single mom, enjoys movies, music, dancing, driving out. Seeking romantic, caring honest S/DWM, 40-45, for friendship, possible LTR. #7902

## ARE YOU THE ONE?

Attractive SWF, 26, Auburn/blonde, hopelessly romantic, seeks attractive SWM, 28-32, who enjoys the outdoors, movies, museums, sports, quiet times, for LTR, for Mr. Right. #7907

## SPECIAL WOMAN

Affectionate DWF, 44, full-figured, red-head, loves dancing, cuddling, quiet times at home. Seeking SWM, NS, 40-50, who wants a one-on-one relationship. C&amp;W dancing a plus. No games please. #7935

## LOOKING FOR A MIRACLE

DWF, 5'4", 128lbs, black/brown, humorous, employed, seeks S/D Indian M with long hair, 5'7"-5'9", 35-45, handsome, slim and fit, fun, kind for quiet evenings and more. Friends first. #7936

## NORDIC SKI ENTHUSIAST

Attractive, fit, petite SWF, 40 plus, seeks ski partner, for weekend trips, North, Lower, US. If you know difference between "free style/skiing" and "classic", can ski 20K plus (both styles), call me. #8046

## FUN-LOVING, PRETTY, CULTURED

Blonde lady, fun and adventurous, respects life and people, appreciate kindness and honesty. Seeking emotionally available, secure, tall gentleman, 45-60, for travel, adventure, and companionship. #8050

## I HAVE ELAN

Eclectic, attractive, active, classy, slender SF, 5'7", brunet/hazel, NS, enjoys tennis, golf, dancing, boating, most music, gardening, spectator sports. Seeking a tall, special, loyal, active, flexible, fun gentleman, 50+. #8086

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Playful, fun SWF, 27, 5'2", medium build, brown/brown, enjoys outdoors, sports, camping, dancing, and more. Seeking SWM, 24-35, with similar interests, to make me laugh for friendship, and maybe more. #8051

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You're in mine, if you're a tall, medium-large built S/DWM, honest, affectionate, NS and financially secure. DWF, 37, 5'9", light-brown/blue, attractive, full-figured, NS, various interests, with one child. #8176

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## SATISFACTION GUARANTEED

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## SEEKING BLACK MALE

Attractive widowed WF, 59, blue eyes, would like to meet black male, 55-65, for relationship. I enjoy the outdoors, fishing, walks, quiet times, and more. #8572

## SPARKLING, SPUNKY, STYLISH

Sensual, gorgeous, fit, 40, 5'7", 130lbs, MA, degreed, into biking, reading, antiquing, giggling, seeks SWM, NS, degreed, fit, outgoing guy. #8668

## FUSBY BUT FUN

Petite SWFF, 45, enjoys reading, movies, sports, concerts, and late living, seeks "normal" PM, 43-52, average height/weight. #8273

## GREAT COMBINATION

Classy, vivacious, energetic SWFF, 23, blonde/blue, enjoys dancing, theater, travel, conversation, Pistons, and the Red Wings. Seeking SWPM, 30+, to share same interests. #8307

## LOOKING FOR THE SAME!

Let me introduce myself. I'm a 48, NS, DWF, with red hair, I only have one natural high and that's a life! I have strong moral and values. Let's talk soon. #7953

## A FRESH NEW BEGINNING

Physically fit DWM, 43, 6'8", 140lbs, seeking companionship, to enjoy movies, dinners, walks in the park. A fun-loving, good-hearted S/DWF, 35-45, with similar interests, for friendship first, maybe more. #8767

## YOU PICKED THE RIGHT AD

Handsome SSM, 32, independent, open-minded, seeks SWF, who is internally/externally beautiful. Guess what, the best is yet to come! #8771

## A TWO-PERSON TEAM

Hard-working, self-employed DWM, 59, 5'6", 165lbs, brown/blue, full-beard, NS, ND. Seeking a sincere lady, 54-64, to share life's pleasures with. #8772

## LTR IN LIVONIA

Young SWPM, 48, 5'10", handsome, large frame, western dances often, has handicap of 6 golfing. Seeking attractive SWF, 35-55, comfortable in jeans or formal gown at private country club. #8637

## TIRED OF THE GAMES...

That's the way I feel. Seeking SWF, 25-35, preferably no kids/never married, with similar interests in hockey, walks, dogs, and having fun. #8727

## OPEN-MINDED WOMAN?

SWM, middle-aged, 5'8", 175lbs, brown/green, short beard, trimmed mustache, glasses, engineer, seeks active, attractive, intelligent SF, for tennis in summer, racquet ball in winter, and other agreeable pursuits. #8730

## FAT GIRLS

Easy-going SWM, 42, 5'7", 170lbs, medium build, knows how to treat a real big lady. Seeking a plus-sized female, 200-400lbs, for friendship and fun. Age/race open. #8731

## ANYONE OUT THERE?

DWWF, 48, 5'9", 190lbs, NS, honest, active, enjoys nature, outdoors, sports, friends, walks, music and dancing. Seeking HW proportionate female to share romance leading to LTR. #8732

## BRAD PITT TYPE!

Very attractive blue-eyed blond, tall, fit and trim SWM, 32, great smile, awesome in jeans, 195lbs, Seeking sweet and hot, very pretty SWF, 5'5", 22-32, under 130lbs. #8735

## EBONY AND IVORY

SBM, 36, 6'2", 215lbs, is attractive, intelligent, financially/emotionally secure. Seeking SWF, 25+, 5'5", who is attractive, emotionally secure, open minded and confident. LTR-minded. #8736

## ATTRACTION, PROFESSIONAL

German-American, 38, 6'2", 200lbs, brown/hazel, enjoys tennis, golf, skiing, working out and travel. Seeking an attractive, affectionate SWF, 28-38, with similar interests for a possible LTR. #8738

## TOOL-TIME GUY

Yes, I can fix or build anything. This handsome, confident, secure, technically-degreed DWWF, 40, 5'7", 150lbs, would love a home in the mountains. If you're dually attractive inside/outside, we should talk. #8740

## FIRST TIME AD

Widowed BCM, 46, 6'4", 200lbs, father of 9 year-old twin girls. Seeking attractive woman, 36-48, who has God first in her life and loves children. #8776

## ARE YOU LONESOME TONIGHT?

SWM, late forties, 5'11", 180lbs, former Elva impersonator, loved dancing, walking, sports, and romance, seeks good woman, 30-45, for serious relationship. #8544

## MY FIRST AD

DWM, 40, ND, NS, likes working out, rollerblading, taking walks, movies, quiet evenings around the house, with my dog, seeks female, 35+, height/weight unimportant, but must have nice personality, and similar interests. #8546

## SENSITIVE CARING GENTLE

DWM, 49, 5'5", 180lbs, I'm serious about LTR. Are you? Walks, bicycling, golf, reading, music are a few of my interests. If you're 40-50, don't play mind games, give me a call. #8547

## VERY ATTRACTIVE

SWM, 28, 5'11", 175lbs, brown/blue, 26, college graduate, financially independent, never married, enjoys cooking, movies, outdoor activities, hunts and fishes now and again. Seeking SWF, 23-30, who is interested in developing a possible LTR. #8474

## ADVENTUROUS

SWM, 28, 5'10", 155lbs, professional, dark hair and eyes, considered good-looking, enjoys traveling, skiing, sport events, good conversation, humor, romantic dinners, and much more. Seeking an outgoing and attractive woman. #8478

## CUTE CONSERVATIVE MALE

SPM, 37, physician, seeks intelligent, attractive SWF, for special relationship. #8480

## CALL MY DAD

Warm, kind, sensitive, down-to-earth DWWF, 38, 6'9", brown/hazel, custodial parent of two, social drinker, enjoys movies, cooking, dining, Cedar Point, camping, socializing. Seeking DWF with kids, for companionship, monogamous relationship. #8482

## THE ULTIMATE MAN

Extremely attractive, romantic, honest, passionate, sexy SWM, 24, 6', great kisser, seeks slender, attractive, active SWF. Age unimportant. If you like being swept off your feet, give me a call. #8483

## ANIMAL LOVER

Attractive, educated SWF, mid-50s, HW proportion



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## OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

### College report

A glance at the basketball leaders in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference reveals several local names.

In the men's standings, Madonna University's Narvin Russaw is best in rebounding, averaging 8.77 per game. The Crusaders' Mark Hayes is third in scoring with an 18.6 points-per-game average.

Also among the WHAC leaders is Dan McKian, a Plymouth Salem HS graduate now attending Siena Heights College. McKian, who is averaging 10.2 points per game for the 13-3 Saints, is fourth among rebounders (6.94).

In the women's standings, Madonna's Katie Cushman is third in scoring with a 15.6 points-per-game average and Chris Dietrich is sixth at 12.6. Lori Enfield is the Lady Crusaders' top rebounder, averaging 6.82 boards a game, which puts her fifth in the WHAC. Madonna is 8-4.

### Tiebreak heartbreak

The Canton Conquest, an under-11 girls select soccer team, tied for first in the first indoor session at Total Soccer in Southfield with a 7-0-1 record, but were made second in a tiebreaker.

At the Holiday Challenge Tournament at Fraser's Total Soccer, the Conquest won four-straight games before losing in the finals to a team from Macomb.

Conquest team members are Erica Arndt, Brittany Armstrong, Kristen Boylan, Jessica Cleary, Brittany Cervi, Lisa Ealy, Taylor Foley, Amy Gizicki, Alicia Hay, Andrea Johnson, Kelly Lepper, Megan McMullen, Katie Polera, Molly Priebe, Katie Raker and Ashley Smith. The team is coached by John Johnson and Rich Priebe.

### AAU hoop tryouts

The Western Wayne County Wildcats, an AAU-affiliated organization, will host tryouts for its 12-and-under girls team from 7:30-9 p.m. Monday at Pioneer Middle School in Plymouth.

For more information, call Bob Blohm at (313) 416-2923 or Fred Thomann at (313) 459-7315.

### Caesars travel tryouts

Tryouts are planned for the 1998 Little Caesars travel baseball teams in the 10-, 12-, 14- and 16-and-under age groups. Teams will play a 40- to 50-game schedule.

For tryout dates and times please call the Little Caesars baseball office at (313) 562-4667.

### 3-on-3 hoop tourney

The Michigan Youth 3-on-3 Youth Basketball Tournament will stage district qualifying at St. Raphael Grade School in Garden City.

Boys and girls age divisions include grades 5-6, 7-8, 9-10 and 11-12.

The cost is \$80 per team (four players per team) with a three-game minimum.

You must be registered by Jan. 8. For more information, call (313) 513-7333.

### Floor hockey

A youth floor hockey skills clinic will be held at Canton's Summit Park beginning Jan. 26.

The clinics will be 4-5:50 p.m. at the Community Center on Jan. 26, 27 and 28. Games will be played on Saturdays.

Boys and girls in grades one through five are eligible. There is a \$35 fee per child. Canton Parks and Recreation, in conjunction with the Wayne-Westland YMCA, is sponsoring the clinics and games.

There will be six skill clinics and five games. Emphasis is placed on participation and fun.

Registration is Jan. 8 from 6-8 p.m. at the Canton Parks and Recreation office, 46000 Summit Parkway. For more information, call (313) 397-5110.

Anyone interested in submitting items to Sports Scene or Sports Roundup may send them to sports editor C.J. Risak, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI, 48150, or may fax them to (313) 591-7279.

## Chiefs falter down stretch

BY C.J. RISAK  
STAFF WRITER

Everything was going so well.

Not even Plymouth Canton basketball coach Dan Young could realistically have thought his team would be within striking distance of Ann Arbor Huron with under two minutes to play. Canton, after all, had won just one of its first five games, while Huron was unbeaten in its first four.

And yet there the Chiefs were: With 1:43 left, Dan McLean outfought a couple of River Rats to rebound a Joe Cortellini miss. McLean's putback rolled in and he was fouled, giving Canton a chance to go ahead by three.

McLean missed the free throw, however, and it was all downhill from there. The Chiefs missed their last four shots and committed three costly fouls when the game was still in doubt.

The result: Huron scored the game's final nine points to secure a 53-46 victory Tuesday at Canton.

The River Rats improved to 5-0. The Chiefs are 1-5.

"If you can come back after giving up the lead on the road and win, it shows some character," said Huron coach Harold Simons. "And this is our first road game."

Canton's Young would not disagree. "They made the plays down the stretch, when they had to, and we didn't," he said.

The most apparent flaw in the youthful Chiefs (just one senior) was their lack of maturity when the game was in doubt. In three of their five losses this season, they were within striking distance in the final minutes — and lost.

Against Huron, they survived some of their mistakes, but couldn't handle all of them. After McLean missed his free throw with 1:43 left, the Chiefs were whistled for a foul on the rebound. Rotolu Abeyiyi missed the first in his one-and-one, but Canton repeated its mistake by again fouling on the free throw rebound.

Kendall Tucker made one-of-two, pulling the River Rats to within 46-45. It didn't get any better for the Chiefs; Cortellini missed a rushed three-pointer, and with 50.3 seconds to go Ramal Hunter scored off an offensive rebound and was fouled.

He converted his free throw to put



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRENNER

**Rundown:** Several of Ann Arbor Huron's players were left chasing Canton's Joe Cortellini (with ball) Tuesday, with little success. The junior guard nailed four three-pointers en route to a 20-point performance. Unfortunately, it wasn't enough to prevent a Canton loss.

Huron up 48-46, a lead that proved insurmountable for Canton. Tucker's steal and breakaway basket with 29 seconds to go iced it for the Rats.

"I thought we played well enough to win the game," said Young. "We had a

chance. Our effort was solid."

So was the Chiefs' shooting, particularly Cortellini's. The 5-foot-11 junior guard nailed four three-pointers en route to scoring 20 points. For the game, Canton connected on 19-of-40

shots from the floor (47.5 percent); Huron was 18-of-43 (41.9 percent).

After a red-hot first quarter, during which they made 6-of-9 from the floor (including two triples) to take a 14-12

Please see BASKETBALL, C5

## Rocks reach semis; Chiefs win silver



Last Saturday's trip to the Portage Northern Invitational proved a successful one for Plymouth Salem's volleyball team — even if the Rocks didn't reach the tournament finals.

After all, this is a team that's grown used to prosperity. But in a field like this one, featuring 27 of the state's best teams from all classes, tying for third in the upper division isn't so bad.

"We had a really good day," said Salem coach Brian Gilles, his team 7-4 after recording four wins in six matches Saturday. "We asked the kids afterward to step it up just one more notch and we'll be right where we want to be."

Which is among the state's elite. The Rocks

weren't far from it Saturday; both of their losses were very close.

The tournament opened with nine three-team pools. The Rocks won both their pool-play matches easily, beating St. Joseph's 15-4, 15-3 and Flint Powers 15-6, 15-2.

That put them in the best of the three divisions, the Gold, with eight other teams. The Gold Division was then divided into three three-team pools; Salem split its two matches, beating Concord 15-2, 15-3, then losing to Portage Central 16-14, 15-13.

The final round of competition was a 12-team, single-elimination tournament, with all nine Gold teams and the three best Silver Division teams. The Rocks were seeded fourth, giving them a first-round bye.

In the tournament quarterfinals, Salem topped

East Kentwood 15-10, 15-7 to advance to the semis against Stevensville Lakeshore, the top-ranked team in Class B. The Rocks gave the Lancers a fight before losing in three sets, 15-8, 6-15, 16-14.

There were several standouts for Salem. Jenny Trott collected 27 kills, 49 digs and seven service aces in the tournament; Amanda Abraham had 24 kills, nine solo blocks and eight block assists; Angie Sillmon totaled 23 kills, 10 solo blocks and four block assists; Kelly Street accumulated 25 kills; and Andrea Pruett had 15 kills.

Although their overall record may not reflect it, Gilles is happy with his team's progress. "We're where we want to be," he said. "If we get a break or two (in this tournament), we'd be right there."

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## Good, but not great

### Salem takes 2nd at Invite, but loses ground to Holt

BY C.J. RISAK  
STAFF WRITER

Considering the caliber and the number of teams that competed at last Saturday's Plymouth Salem Wrestling Invitational, the Rocks' finish — second in the 18-team field — was good.

And not so good.

Placing second wasn't really so bad, considering the team that won the tournament was two-time Class A state champion Holt. The Rams totaled 212 points.

What wasn't especially pleasing to Salem coach Ron Krueger was the distance separating the two teams. The Rocks scored 170; third place went to Trenton with 157.5, with Belleville fourth (155) and Livonia Stevenson fifth (149).

Canton, still struggling with injuries and illness, was a disappointing 16th (26).

"For our part, I felt we did some things that we're OK and we did some things that weren't OK," said Krueger. "Don't get me wrong. I'm not unhappy at all, but some of our kids could have done better."

Changes in both Salem's and Holt's lineups made a difference, certainly. But clearly, Krueger was hoping for something closer to the Rocks' performance last month. In those two previous tournament meetings with the Rams, Salem beat them once and was narrowly beaten by them in the other.

"We just didn't wrestle well," he summarized. "It seems we always have some weekends (every year) where we just don't wrestle well, and this is one of those weekends."

Why? "Because we've been working hard over the vacation break," Krueger answered. "And they're coming in fresh."

Salem had seven wrestlers reach the final four, but just one titlist: Anwar Crutchfield at 160 pounds. Crutchfield pinned Brighton's Matt Stone in 3:29 in his opening match, then decisioned Greenville's Russel Hopkins 12-3 and Belleville's Steve Wolf 5-2 to advance to the final against Ann Arbor Pioneer's Chris Kirby.

Crutchfield beat Kirby, 7-3, to claim



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**A winning effort:** Salem's James Greene (on top) gets Belleville's Derrick McCarter into position for a pin, which Greene eventually did in this 145-pound match. Greene eventually finished fifth.

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# Ocelots open league with 2 wins

By RICHARD L. SHOOK  
STAFF WRITER

The difference between Schoolcraft College and Oakland Community College is problems.

OCC has them. Schoolcraft causes them.

Schoolcraft, a fast-rising power in the junior college ranks, raised its record to 13-3 Monday with a 114-92 victory over injury-plagued OCC.

The Raiders dropped to 1-11 overall, 0-1 in the Eastern Conference, while the host Ocelots won their second conference game in as many tries.

The fast start has Schoolcraft setting its sights on the junior college title.

"We play at Delta on Wednesday (last night) and go to Alpena on Saturday," Schoolcraft coach Carlos Briggs said. "If we can get through those two, we can make a run at it."

"The key is getting off to a good start, getting our confidence."

The Ocelots should have confidence. They have a good starting five and a solid bench. The players move the ball and pay attention to defense most of the time.

"We didn't play for 40 minutes," said Briggs, whose team broke from a 6-6 tie and sprinted out to a 38-21 lead in a span of 10 minutes during the first half.

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"But you have to remember these are 18- to 20-year-old kids. They don't understand that you have to play with intensity the whole game."

The Raiders sliced the margin to 40-29 before finally trailing, 57-38, at the half.

OCC scored the first nine points of the second half and 11 of the initial 13 to cut the Schoolcraft lead to 59-50. But the Ocelots raced out to leads of 75-53, 89-59, and 99-62 before easing up again.

Kevin Melson scored 34 points, 27 in the first half, to lead Schoolcraft. Derek McKelvey added 24, Emeka Okonkwo 19 and Jamar Eddins 10. McKelvey made all but two of his eight three-point tries.

Brad Burlingame led all scorers with 38 points for OCC, including 8-for-13 from three-point range. Glen Gray scored 21, and Montez Briggs and Willy Davis had 10 apiece.

"We're small in size, and we're small in size," Dr. James Berry, coach at OCC, said after his team was worn down. The Raiders dressed only seven players and may have lost one of those, reserve Josh Sabol, to a possible broken ankle during the

second half.

"We've gone through more adversity than any other group I've ever been around," Berry said. "Especially with injuries this year."

OCC lost post player Isaiah Carter to a broken foot, its backup point guard underwent knee surgery and Davis is still recovering from a broken foot suffered last summer.

Still, the Raiders played with poise through the first few minutes of the second half.

"They're young," Berry said. "It's difficult for them to keep their focus for a long amount of time. It's a sign of their immaturity."

"We were down by nine and their impatience showed. They tried to get it all back at once. That's typical of a young team."

"Our kids play well together," Briggs said. "This is a good group of guys. A lot of kids score and a lot of kids are happy."

"Pete (point guard Males, from Garden City, who had eight assists) does a good job for us. We try to focus on assists."

They could know by the end of the weekend how high to set their sights, too.

**SC 92, St. Clair CCC 76:** Schoolcraft opened its Eastern Conference schedule last Satur-

day with an impressive victory over host St. Clair County Community College.

It's been a while since the Ocelots have won at St. Clair, but then again, it's been a while since they've been this impressive.

Schoolcraft pulled away from a 35-32 halftime lead to its 16-point triumph. McKelvey's 20 points was best for the Ocelots, but he had plenty of support: Okonkwo totaled 19 points and 10 rebounds; Melson had 16 points, nine boards and six steals; Eddins finished with 15 points and 13 rebounds; and David Jarrett (Westland John Glenn) and Mario Montgomery each collected nine points. Males dished out nine assists.

Todd Fowler, Bill Tate and Joe Kozel each scored 16 points for the Skippers, who slipped to 6-8 overall, 0-1 in the conference.

"We turned our man-to-man defensive pressure up, went to the offensive boards and converted off of turnovers," said Briggs. "And we got good play from the bench — they stepped it up."

"We moved the ball well as a team. It was our best team effort."

SC converted 29-of-46 floor shots (63 percent), grabbed 17 offensive rebounds and made just 10 turnovers.

## Legwand gets all-star status; shorthanded Whalers tumble



To no one's surprise, the vote is in, and the public's choice to represent the Plymouth

Whalers at the Bell All-Star Cup Jan. 13 is David Legwand, their rookie scoring sensation.

Legwand, from Grosse Pointe Woods, edged Harold Druken to be the Whalers' representative. Additional all-stars were chosen by East and West Division management teams, and were announced Wednesday.

Legwand, who has been in Finland to compete in a World Junior Tournament, leads Plymouth in scoring with 36 goals and 23 assists for 59 points in 30 games. Druken has 20 goals and 20 assists (40 points) in 35 games.

Legwand leads all Ontario Hockey League rookies in scoring. According to the National Hockey League's Central Scouting Bureau, he is the OHL's top prospect available in this year's NHL Entry Draft.

### Whalers stumble

With at least two key members missing, leading scorer David Legwand and starting

goalie Robert Esche, the Whalers proved no match for either the Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds or the London Knights last weekend.

At Sault Ste. Marie Friday, Plymouth surrendered four third-period goals in losing 8-5. Harold Druken and Yuri Babenko scored two goals apiece for the Whalers; Druken also had one assist. Julian Smith added a goal, with Randy Fitzgerald getting three assists and Kevin Holdridge two. Robert Holsinger played most of the game, making 35 saves.

At home against the West Division-leading Knights Saturday, Plymouth was no match in suffering a 4-0 defeat. Jay Legault scored two goals and assisted on two others for London; Krys Barch had three assists.

Brandon Sacco was in goal for Plymouth; he made 28 saves. Gene Chiarello got the shutout for London, making 27 saves.

The loss left the Whalers with a 21-12-3 record and 45 points, five behind the Knights (24-11-2). It was Plymouth's third-consecutive defeat.

# Strong 2nd half lifts Lady Ocelots to victory over Oakland CC

Half a game.

That's what Monday's women's basketball confrontation between Schoolcraft College and Oakland Community College was — a game for the first half only.

The Lady Ocelots took a 33-30 halftime lead and turned it into

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a 67-50 rout with some defensive pressure that limited the Lady Raiders to five second-half baskets.

"Our defense really stepped it up (in the second half)," said SC

coach Ed Kavanaugh after his team improved to 2-0 in the Eastern Conference and 6-6 overall. "Most importantly, we limited their offensive rebounds. And we seemed to get a second wind in the second half, too."

That "second wind" ignited the Ocelot defense, which allowed OCC just five baskets in 32 shots in the second half (15.6 percent shooting).

Theresa Cooper and Crissy

Harmon each collected 17 points for SC, with Cooper hauling in 23 rebounds and making seven steals.

Kim Washnock (from Farmington HS) added 12 points (eight in the second half), 11 rebounds and four steals, and Stacy Cavin contributed nine points and 10 boards.

For OCC (4-8 overall, 0-2 in the conference), Carrie May finished with 13 points and Jaclyn

Pilkiewicz totaled 11 with 14 rebounds, four assists and four steals.

Since getting hammered twice at the Macomb CC Tournament Dec. 19-20, SC has turned it around. "We're improving," agreed Kavanaugh. "I can't believe it. Since we had that bad weekend at Macomb, we've been playing good basketball."

**SC 72, St. Clair CCC 70:** With the first half draining away, the Lady Ocelots found themselves down 17 points, with their chance at a great start to the conference season quickly sinking.

But SC rallied, trimming the deficit to 35-26 by halftime and then overtaking St. Clair CCC with a 46-35 second-half outburst Saturday at St. Clair.

Crissy Harmon sparked the comeback, scoring 16 of her team-best 20 points in the second half — including four three-pointers. Amber Tackett also came through down the stretch, scoring 17 points, including 13 in the second half. Jenni Talbot (from Garden City) finished with 11 and Theresa Cooper had 10.

Erica Sopha's 22 points led the Skippers (4-8 overall, 0-1 in the conference).

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"This is the best we've ever been, coming out of these two tournaments (at Madonna University and Portage Northern). So it's a good start, thus far."

### Canton wins Silver

After a rough start at last Saturday's Walled Lake Central Invitational, Plymouth Canton rebounded to go unbeaten and win the Silver Division.

The 16-team tournament opened with four four-team pools, something the Chiefs did not handle well. In their three two-game matches in pool play, they managed to win just one game, splitting with Birmingham Marian. They lost twice to both Birmingham Groves and Rochester Adams.

That relegated Canton to the Silver, or consolation, Division. And that's when the Chiefs awoke, winning six consecutive games to capture the division crown.

Their victories came against Royal Oak Kimball, Groves and Rochester.

The turnaround pleased coach Cynthia Montgomery. "Our pool was pretty tough," she said. "They did a good job. They got a trophy and medals, which was nice."

Montgomery was particularly pleased with the play of middle hitters Stephanie Chefon and Amy Plagens, outside hitter Elizabeth Elsner, and setter/outside hitter Robin Hamilton.

The rebound was especially nice with Canton heading into another layoff — the Chiefs don't play again until the Salem Invitational Jan. 17.

They open Western Lakes Activities Association play two days later (Jan. 19) when they host Walled Lake Central, which won its own tournament by beating Marian in the Gold Division final.

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STAFF WRITER

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# Young's dominance elevates Shamrocks over Borgess

BY STEVE KOWALSKI  
STAFF WRITER

More nights like this from Redford Catholic Central senior center Chris Young and the new stats computer purchased by coach Rick Coratti is liable to short circuit.

If Young's all-around performance in Tuesday's 73-62 victory over visiting Redford Bishop Borgess is enough to do it, consider the lap-top a good investment.

Young scored 13 points, grabbed 15 rebounds and blocked at least seven shots — a few more than the computer gave him credit for.

Call up the computer technician. Young dominated the first quarter despite not scoring a point, and the Shamrocks used an 11-0 run to take an 18-8 lead.

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By the time Young finally scored, making a free throw with 5:06 remaining in the first half, he already had four blocks and five rebounds.

Borgess center Sam Hoskin, who has signed with Eastern Kentucky, was held to one point in the first half and finished with 14 points and 13 rebounds.

The Shamrocks enjoyed leads of 35-19 at halftime and 48-36 after three quarters in the Catholic League Central Division opener for both teams.

"The game situation didn't call for me scoring and everyone picked it up," said Young, who has signed with Michigan. "Their coach (Rosey Barnes) said he had the best center in the Catholic League

last year and that still gets at me."

Four CC players joined Young in double figures, led by sophomore Rob Sparks with 15 points, junior Nick Moore with 14, and junior Dave Lusky and senior Don Slankster with 12 each.

"Chris came out this game determined to dominate," Moore said. "There was a lot of talk about starting off the (Catholic League) season strong. We wanted it more. They knew we were going to Chris and knew I put up some shots. Dave and Don put up some shots and that was key."

The victory improves CC to 3-1 overall. Borgess, the defending Class C state champion, is winless in four games.

Borgess senior guard Aaron Jessup had a game-high 23 points after missing his first six shots from the floor. The Shamrocks' zone didn't give Spartans' senior point guard Kevin Jordan much

room to operate, however, and he finished with only seven points.

Junior guard Curtis Allen gave Borgess a spark off the bench with four points in the final quarter when the Spartans scored eight straight points to get the deficit that was as high as 19 to 10.

Barnes is hoping the Spartans' struggles are due to a tough schedule, which includes losses to Detroit DePorges, Martin Luther King and Finney.

"Playing one of the better schedules in the state will help you see what caliber of team you are," Barnes said. "We hope to get it turned around and it will pay dividends at the end of the year. I'm disappointed. We've just got to get in there and work harder. Young is a real good player and at 6-10, 6-11, he's going to block shots."

Borgess made only 20 of 66 shots from

the floor, including 3-19 in the first quarter. CC was 28-56 from the floor and more importantly, held a 40-26 rebounding advantage.

The Shamrocks swept the Spartans in three games last year and Coratti thinks rebounding is the key.

"You've got to rebound, keep them off the glass and limit their shots — then you've got a chance," Coratti said.

Sparks made seven of eight shots from the floor, including a pair of shots from three-point range. So wearing the No. 25 isn't all he has in common with former CC sharpshooter Marc McDonald, now at Loyola (Chicago).

"We knew he could shoot and that's why he's playing Marc's spot," Coratti said. "He came of age tonight. I think we have some pretty good pieces and we're potentially a pretty good team."

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lead, the Chiefs cooled. Huron outscored them 17-7 to take a 29-21 lead at the break. Hunter had six points in the period.

The third quarter, however, was a reversal. The Chiefs limited Huron to 3-of-9 shooting while making 7-of-11 themselves to outscore the Rats 17-11, narrowing the gap to 40-38 to start the fourth.

Two Cortellini three-pointers to open the period put Canton up 44-40, but the Chiefs managed just one more basket — McLean's putback — in the stanza.

No one else reached double figures in scoring for Canton. Eric Larsen was next best with seven. Huron got 15 points from Hunter, and 12 apiece from Levar Sommerville and Adebisi.

"I thought we played good defensively, and we passed and caught the ball well," said Young. "Playing good team defense, that's a hard thing to do. It takes time."

Which is just how Young is approaching his team this season — patiently. "They've got to learn from this," he said. "Hopefully, in January and February they'll be able to finish it."

That would be the best time to put together a winning streak, after all.

**Salem 55, Milan 40:** Plymouth Salem didn't turn in a particularly outstanding performance, but the Rocks did show improvement Tuesday at Milan, and — most importantly — they came home with a win.

It was their fourth-consecutive

victory after starting the season with two losses. Salem will begin its Western Lakes Activities Association season Friday at home against Livonia Franklin with a 4-2 record. Milan is 1-4.

"It is looking a little better," said Rocks' coach Bob Brodie. "The competition wasn't as fierce as it was in the first two games (losses at Monroe and Huron), but we're playing a little better, too."

It wasn't until late in the game that Salem was able to finally pull away from the Big Reds, although the Rocks led after every quarter. They increased their 11-6 advantage after one period to 24-16 at the half, and pushed that to 43-31 through three quarters.

Nine players scored for Salem, with Andy Power leading the

way with 17 points; he also had six steals. Jeff McKian added 10 points and six assists. Tony Jancevski was the Rocks' best rebounder with seven.

Doug Woolard's 13 points topped Milan.

So did this win, their fourth straight, put the Rocks on track as it enters the WLAA campaign? Are they where Brodie wants them to be?

"No, not really," he replied. "I'm not happy where we are right now. We have room for

improvement at both ends of the floor. We didn't shoot the ball particularly well — we missed a lot of puppies."

What might help is a return home. Five of the Rocks' first six games have been on the road (they were 3-2).

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**BOYS BASKETBALL**  
Friday, Jan. 9  
Westside at Canton Agape, 6:15 p.m.  
Harper Woods at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.  
Cranbrook at Luth. W'sld, 7 p.m.  
Churchill at N. Farmington, 7 p.m.  
Canton at John Glenn, 7 p.m.  
W.L. Western at Farmington, 7 p.m.  
River Rouge at Wayne, 7 p.m.  
Garden City at Allen Park, 7 p.m.  
Redford Union at Taylor Truman, 7 p.m.  
Thurston at Trenton, 7 p.m.  
Franklin at Salem, 7:30 p.m.  
Harrison at Stevenson, 7:30 p.m.  
DeLaSalle at Borgess, 7:30 p.m.  
Redford CC at U-D Jesuit, 7:30 p.m.  
St. Agatha at Light & Life, 7:30 p.m.  
PCA at Franklin Road, 7:30 p.m.  
Huron Valley vs. St. Field Christian at Lawrence Tech, 7:45 p.m.

**MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL**  
Saturday, Jan. 10  
Alpena at Schoolcraft, 4 p.m.  
Tri-State at Madonna, 7 p.m.

**WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL**  
Thursday, Jan. 8  
Cornerstone at Madonna, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 10  
Alpena at Schoolcraft, 2 p.m.  
Madonna at Tri-State, 3 p.m.

**PREP HOCKEY**  
Saturday, Jan. 10  
Redford CC vs. A.P. Cabrini at Redford Ice Arena, 8 p.m.

**ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE**  
Saturday, Jan. 10  
Ply. Whalers at Belleville, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 11  
Ply. Whalers at Barrie, 2 p.m.

**GIRLS VOLLEYBALL**  
Thursday, Jan. 8  
Ladywood at Riv. Richard, 5:30 p.m.  
Mercy at Bishop Foley, 5:30 p.m.  
Luth. W'sld at Hamtramck, 5:30 p.m.  
PCA at A.A. Greenhills, 6:30 p.m.  
St. Agatha at Aquinas, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 10  
Salem Festival Invitational, 8 a.m.  
Bay City Central Tourney, 8 a.m.  
Madonna Tournament, 9 a.m.  
Ply. Christian Tourney, 1 p.m.  
Franklin Road Invitational, TBA.

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## Wrestling from page C1

the Rocks only title.

Others to reach the finals for Salem were Teono Wilson at 189, Josh Henderson at 125, John Mervyn at 112 and Charlie Hamblin at heavyweight. James Greene (145) and Dan Hamblin (140) each lost in the semifinals.

Wilson pinned his first three foes: Stevenson's Waleed Haddad (:57), Holt's Tom Shaver (:55) and Farmington's Andy Wood (1:07). He lost to Novi's Nate Plecha in the final, 5-4.

Henderson won three decisions, over Pioneer's Todd Hagopian 5-0, North Farmington's Trevor Clarke 12-0, and Trenton's Ryan Hieneman 3-1 in overtime. In the final, he lost 8-4 to Belleville's Kevin Fortin.

Mervyn, wrestling up one weight division from his normal 103, pinned Westland John Glenn's Jesse Purdon (:40), then decisioned Livonia Churchill's

Brian Kramer (9-0) and Adrian's Eric Jones (8-6 in OT). He was pinned in the final by Stevenson's Katsuhiko Sueda (5:05).

Charlie Hamblin wrestled just once at heavyweight to make the final. After a first-round void, he beat Holt's Cedric Ford 6-2 in the semis, then was pinned by Portage Central's Jim Kilcoyne in 46.

Greene advanced to the semis with a pin of Belleville's Derrick McCarter (2:57) and a decision over Ypsilanti's David Jones (13-4). He lost to Holt's Russell Clark, 8-4, then in the consolation bracket was beaten by Greenville's Josh Burns 14-3. He finished fifth after an injury default by Ypsilanti's Jones.

Dan Hamblin pinned Central's Troy Miller in :41 and beat Holt's Devin Lambert 6-2 to reach the semis, where he lost 3-2 to Novi's Mark Churella. In the consolation bracket, Hamblin pinned Canton's Kevin Stone in 2:40 before an injury default forced him to retire and settle for

fourth.

Rob Ash, wrestling at 103, was pinned in his second-round match by Pioneer's Leon Wooten (2:32), then battled back to place fourth overall with wins in the consolation bracket over Belleville's Brian Wilson (4-1) and Greenville's Brian Fuller (8-3). He was pinned by Stevenson's Joe Moreau in the third-fourth place match (4:59).

"Holt came back at us with a better lineup than I saw before," said Krueger. "Yeah, they beat us, but we did pretty well against the rest of the field."

The same could not be said for Canton. Several of the Chiefs' best wrestlers have been out since mid-December with injury and illness.

Stone, who finished sixth at 140, was their top scorer; he pinned Garden City's Josh Fee in 2:22, then lost 18-3 to eventual division champion Morgan Mullin's of Belleville. A 9-1 win over Ypsilanti's Nick Schneider in his first consolation match put him

up against Hamblin. In the match for fifth-sixth place, Stone lost 10-5 to Trenton's Jason Saineghi.

"We were disappointed with our finish, only scoring ahead of two other teams (John Glenn and North Farmington), but it was expected with three of our team leaders injured," said Canton assistant coach John Demick. "Kevin's finish wasn't that high, but he wrestled excellently, as did all of our first-year wrestlers."

"We can't expect to be too high up unless we can present a full and healthy lineup. We gave a good effort."

Salem hosts Farmington at 7:30 p.m. tonight in its first Western Lakes Activities Association meet of the season, then travels to the 16-team Wyandotte Roosevelt Invitational, Saturday at 9 a.m.

Canton wrestles at Northville at 7:30 p.m. tonight in its first WLAA meet. The Chiefs are at the Royal Oak Invitational Saturday.

## PLYMOUTH SALEM INVITATIONAL WRESTLING TOURNAMENT RESULTS Jan. 3 at Salem

**TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. Holt, 212 points; 2. Plymouth Salem, 170; 3. Trenton, 157.5; 4. Belleville, 155; 5. Livonia Stevenson, 149; 6. Novi, 140; 7. Greenville, 103; 8. Adrian, 97; 9. Portage Central, 95; 10. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 88; 11. Ypsilanti, 82; 12. (tie) Garden City and Brighton, 59 each; 14. Farmington, 39; 15. Livonia Churchill, 37; 16. Plymouth Canton, 26; 17. Westland John Glenn, 23; 18. North Farmington, 16.

## FINAL INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

**Heavyweight:** Jim Kilcoyne (Portage) pinned Charlie Hamblin (Salem), 0:46; consolation: Cedric Ford (Holt) decisioned Will McLoughlin (Adrian), 5-2; 5th-6th: David Sanders (Belleville) p. Brett Faulkner (Novi), 1:26.

**215:** Jon Talbot (Novi) p. Andrew Koryzo (Ypsilanti), 4:29; consolation: Grand Sarkisian (Holt) dec. Aaron Rubley (Adrian), 9-8; 5th-6th: Jeff Newton (Belleville) dec. George Oldham (Trenton), 4-2; 7th-8th: Brandon Pitzer (Brighton) p. Jared Chapman (Canton), 1:34.

**189:** Nate Plecha (Novi) dec. Teono Wilson (Salem), 5-4; consolation: Fabian Ortiz (Greenville) dec. Andy Wood (Farmington), 3-1; 5th-6th: Geoff Lockhart (Trenton) won by disqualification over Seth Caldwell

(Belleville).

**171:** Brian Hinzman (Garden City) dec. Darin Ross (Holt), 10-6; consolation: Vinnie Ascone (Churchill) dec. Dave Fuller (Brighton), 3-1 (double OT); 5th-6th: D. Gryniewicz (Pioneer) dec. Matt Caudill (Ypsilanti), 8-1.

**160:** Anwar Crutchfield (Salem) dec. Chris Kirby (Pioneer), 7-3; consolation: Justin Stamm (Portage) dec. Brian Barker (Stevenson), 8-3; 5th-6th: Steve Wolf (Belleville) dec. Chris Aldrich (Adrian), 9-2; 7th-8th: Matt Biddinger (Glenn) dec. Brian Panczazyn (Churchill), 3-2.

**152:** Mark Straub (Trenton) dec. Brandon Cooper (Holt), 6-4 (overtime); consolation: Matt Johnson (Belleville) dec. Paul Garrison (Ypsilanti), 2-1; 5th-6th: Jon Re (Portage) dec. Matt Duncan (Adrian), 15-1; 7th-8th: Josh McFarland (Stevenson) dec. Jeremy Grimm (Greenville), 4-1.

**145:** Russell Clark (Holt) dec. Greg Cooley (Trenton), 12-5; consolation: Josh Burns (Greenville) dec. Jeff Brach (Stevenson), 2-1 (double OT); 5th-6th: James Greene (Salem) won by injury default over David Jones (Ypsilanti).

**140:** Morgan Mullin's (Belleville) dec. Mark Churella (Novi), 5-3; consolation: Devin Lambert (Holt) won by injury default over Dan Hamblin (Salem); 5th-6th: Jason Saineghi (Trenton) dec. Kevin Stone (Canton), 10-5.

**135:** Dan Seder (Stevenson) dec. R.J. Eding (Holt), 14-3; consolation: Zeb Brimmer

(Greenville) p. Nick Benskey (Trenton), 2-19; 5th-6th: Joe Barnabi (Belleville) dec. Sam Boyd (Salem), 9-5.

**130:** Keith Scott (Trenton) dec. Gregg Parrott (Holt), 9-5; consolation: Adam Hopkins (Greenville) p. Ryan Atwood (Garden City), 1-53; 5th-6th: D. King (Belleville) won by technical fall over Hooping Garner (Portage), 15-0; 7th-8th: Tony Lama (Farmington) p. J. Weisensel (Ypsilanti), 4-08.

**125:** Kevin Fortin (Belleville) dec. Josh Henderson (Salem), 8-4; consolation: Ryan Hieneman (Trenton) dec. Adam Kushner (Brighton), 2-1; 5th-6th: Zac Merlington (Greenville) dec. Nate Mitchell (Novi), 16-3.

**119:** Chris Goins (Stevenson) dec. Ken Daily (Ypsilanti), 7-0; consolation: Dan Jig (Novi) dec. Manuel Garcia (Holt), 5-0; 5th-6th: Leif Olson (Brighton) dec. Dan Morgan (Salem), 6-3; 7th-8th: Ryan Bird (Belleville) dec. Steve Vasloff (Churchill), 6-5.

**112:** Katsuhiko Sueda (Stevenson) p. John Mervyn (Salem), 5:05; consolation: Nick Mockeridge (Belleville) dec. Eric Jones (Adrian), 3-2.

**103:** Leon Wooten (Pioneer) dec. Jack Scott (Holt), 6-1; consolation: Joe Moreau (LS) p. Rob Ash (Salem), 4:59; 5th-6th: Pat Sayn (Garden City) dec. Brian Fuller (Greenville), 4-3.

**MVP:** Jim Kilcoyne, heavyweight, Portage Central.

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## WINTER BALL

■ Canton Cor Foundation is fourth annual ter Ball on Fr at Laurel Mania. The event gourmet dinner and live music begins at 6:30 p.m. and dance attire is semi-formal, corporate are available. largest fund-raising foundation. C 5000 for research.

## ST. ANDREW'S SERIES

■ The music Andrew's Series 98 continues Andrew's 13th of "Amahl and Visitors" by Menotti. Performances take place at day and Sunday, 11, at St. Andrew's Church in Catherine in Tickets are \$8 for students, and \$4 of four or more available in calling the 663-0518.

## SINGLES' THURSDAY PROGRAM

■ Single Ladies presents Match 7:30 p.m., T 8, with Irene guest speaker also be an of Men Only," Layson as the er. Admissions more information (248) 349-0911.

## SINGLES' WEDNESDAY PROGRAM

■ Singles Wednesday presents recovery workshop p.m. Jan 8. The cost is information 0911.

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## WEEKEND

### YOUTH VARIETY SERIES

The third show in the six-show Youth Variety Series is scheduled for 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 10, in the Summit on the Park banquet room. Sponsors Project Arts and the Plymouth Canton Jaycees are presenting Brad Lowe's Fantasy E-Fek Puppets. Advanced tickets are on sale at the Summit Information desk for \$5 per person. Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$6 per person. Advance tickets are also available for the Chautauqua Express Feb. 21 show. For more information, call Tom Yack, Canton Township supervisor, at (313) 397-5380.

### WINTER BALL

Canton Community Foundation is hosting its fourth annual Canton Winter Ball on Friday, Jan. 9, at Laurel Manor in Livonia. The evening includes a gourmet dinner, open bar and live music. Reception begins at 6:30, dinner at 8 p.m. and dancing at 9 p.m. Attire is semi-formal, tickets are \$60 for an individual, corporate sponsorships are available. This is the largest fund-raiser for the foundation. Call (313) 398-5000 for reservations.

### ST. ANDREW'S MUSIC SERIES

The music at St. Andrew's Series for 1997-98 continues with St. Andrew's 13th production of "Amahl and the Night Visitors" by Gian-Carlo Menotti. Performances will take place at 7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 10-11, at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church Division at Catherine in Ann Arbor. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$8 for students and children, and \$40 for a family of four or more. Tickets are available in advance by calling the church at (734) 663-0518.

### SINGLES' THURSDAY PROGRAMS

Single Place Adult Ministries presents "Old-Fashioned Match Maker" at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 8, with Irene Slobin as the guest speaker. There will also be an open forum, "For Men Only," with Howard Layson as the guest speaker. Admission is \$4. For more information, call (248) 349-0911.

### SINGLES' WORKSHOPS

Singles Place Adult Ministries presents a divorce recovery workshop from 7-9 p.m. Jan. 8 through Feb. 19. The cost is \$30. For more information, call (248) 349-0911.

## AROUND TOWN

### MUSIC RECITAL

Madonna University will hold a music recital at 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 25, in Kresge Hall. Barbara Willsie, a mezzo-soprano, will be accompanied by Linette Popoff-Parks on the piano. Admission is by donation to the music scholarship fund.

### UNIQUE GIFTS

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### ARBOR HOSPICE

The community is invited to celebrate the opening of the Arbor Hospice Residence from 1-5 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 18. The residence is located at 2366 Oak Valley Drive at Ann Arbor-Saline Road across from the Ice Cube. The residence is a new community resource for terminally ill people who can no longer live at home. If you are unable to attend the opening and wish for a private tour, call Mary Hoadley at Arbor Hospice, (313) 677-0500 or 1-800-783-5764.

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### BOTSFORD CLASSES

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### SUMMIT ON THE PARK

The educational series sponsored by the Canton Chamber of Commerce, Summit on the Park, and Saint Joseph Mercy Health System continues with "Is Worksite Wellness Good Business?" from 8:30-10 a.m., Wednesday, Jan. 14, with speaker Mary Ann Jondle, Ph.D., at Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway (Banquet Entrance), Canton. The cost is \$10, which includes continental breakfast. For more information, call Marianne at the Summit, (313) 397-5110, or Carleigh at the Canton Chamber of Commerce, (313) 453-4040.

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### BLUE LAKE FINE ARTS

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tions may be obtained by calling the Blue Lake Scholarship Office at 1-800-221-3796 or (616) 894-1966.

Auditions for junior and senior high school ballet students from Southeastern Michigan who want to attend Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp next summer will be held at three locations during Jan. Auditions will be held in Detroit from 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, at 3226 Old Main, Wayne State University, and in Ann Arbor from 12:30-2 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 18, at Studio No. 1, School of Dance, 220 S. Main St., for students up to 13 years old and from 6:30-8 p.m. for those 14 years old and up.

### ADULT EDUCATION

The Plymouth-Canton Community School's Adult Education is holding registration for second semester new credit students. New paid students can register Jan. 12. The semester begins Jan. 26. Registration takes place at Starkweather Education Center, 550 N. Holbrook in Plymouth.

### ORIGAMI EXHIBIT

Madonna University will hold an origami art exhibit beginning Jan. 8 with an open reception at 4:30 p.m. at the university library. This reception will include

a presentation and free lessons. There is no charge. The exhibit will continue through Jan. 30 during regular library hours. Call (734) 432-5711 for information.

### EMU NEWS

Eastern Michigan University's "The Powerful Object: Fetish Works" sculpture exhibit, which has been described as "powerful, stunning and dramatic," will open from 3-5 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 13, with a reception in the Ford Gallery. The show, which runs through Jan. 30, is free and open to the public. Ford Gallery is located in Ford Hall, and is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information on the exhibit, call (734) 487-1268.

The Eastern Michigan University Dance program will present Dances of Earth, Sky, and Water at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Jan. 23-24, in the Quirk Theatre. Also performing will be the Tree Town Singers, a Native American drum group who sings in a traditional Great Lakes style. Tickets are \$8 general admission, \$5 for students, senior citizens and children under 12. Tickets are available at the EMU Theatre Box Office, Jan 16-

24. For more information, call Eastern's Theatre Box Office at (734) 487-1221.

### SAXOPHONE QUARTET

The Lowell St. Saxophone Quartet, comprised of EMU students, will be performing at the Alexander Recital Hall on the campus of EMU, at 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 15.

### PLYMOUTH YMCA

The Plymouth Community Family YMCA is currently accepting registration for the Winter of 1998 classes. The classes are being offered for Preschool through Adult. Some of the classes offered are Bumble Bee Indoor Soccer, Y Pucks and "Y" Hoops for Preschoolers. Contact the Plymouth YMCA at (734) 453-2904 for further information or to register with a Visa or MasterCard.

### ART CLASSES

The Plymouth Community Arts Council is now accepting registrations for winter 1998 art classes and workshops for all ages. Classes start Jan. 12. Choose from photography, batik, printmaking, music, pottery, basketry and children's theater. Call (313) 416-4ART.

### YOUTH SOCCER

The City of Plymouth Recreation Department will take Spring Youth Soc-

cer registration during the month of January at the recreation office, 525 Farmer St., 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. A birth certificate is required, \$40 for residents, \$60 for non-residents. Call 455-6620.

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The Salvation Army offers open gym time 1-4 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. There is a \$1 per person fee. For more information, call (313) 453-5464.

## SUPPORT GROUPS

### DIABETES

St. Mary Hospital Diabetes Support Group will be having a meeting 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 15, in the hospital auditorium. There is no charge or registration required. Call (313) 655-2922 or 1-800-494-1650.

### NEW BEGINNINGS

The New Beginnings Grief Support Group meets 7 p.m. every Monday at the Plymouth Church of Christ, 9301 Sheldon, just south of Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. Anyone who is grieving a loss of a loved one is invited to attend. There is no charge. For information, call (313) 453-7630.

### LEARNING DISABLED

Joel's Group is a group for the learning disabled and the educable mentally impaired that is looking for members. The group meets for social and educational activities Saturday nights. Call Joel Marwell at 476-8741.

### MDDA

MDDA (Manic Depressive-Depressive Association) holds its meeting the second and fourth Sundays 2-4 p.m. at Oakwood-Canton Health Center Community meeting room. For more information, call Nancy at (313) 455-8598.

### SUBURBAN WEST

Suburban Nights presents a consumer-run drop-in center open to persons with psychiatric disabilities (18 years and older) who want to meet new people. The program is open from 4:30-9 p.m. Monday-Friday and 12:30-9 p.m.

Saturdays. Information, call before 4:30 p.m. at (313) 425-3777. The club is located at 27596 Schoolcraft, Building 3, Livonia.

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The Plymouth-Canton Mothers of Multiples club meets 7 p.m. the first and third Monday of each month. Call Barb at (313) 207-5224. Playgroup meets every other Tuesday; call Sue at (313) 459-9324.

### CAREER WOMEN

The National Association of Career Women West Suburban Chapter meets on the third Tuesday of each month, at Ernesto's Restaurant, 41661 Plymouth Road in Plymouth; from 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. For information, call Judie, (313) 453-7272, Ext. 223.

### GOODFELLOWS

The Plymouth Goodfellows meet 7:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of every month at the City Hall on Main Street. Call 455-8611 or 451-3554.

### PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The Plymouth Community Council On Aging will hold its regular monthly meeting at 1:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 12, at the Cultural Center, 525 Farmer St., Plymouth. Karen LaMoria, Family Nurse Care, will be speaking on "How and Why To Have More Fun." For more information, please call Phyllis Hess, program coordinator, at (313) 453-1234, Ext. 236.

### BNI

Business Network International will hold their monthly meetings from 7:30 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 14, Thursday, Jan. 15 and Friday, Jan. 16. For more information, call the BNI regional office at (734) 397-9939.

### M.O.M.

Meet Other Mothers (M.O.M.) offers guest speakers and discussion. It meets at 9:30 a.m. the second and fourth Friday of the month at the First Presbyterian Church in Plymouth. Babysitting is provided. For more information, call Kate at (313) 453-3675.

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Join the Oral Majority Toastmasters Club at 6:45 p.m. Sundays at the old Friendly's building, at Ann Arbor Road and Lilley. For more information, call Marc Sullivan at (313) 455-1635.

## AUDITIONS

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One of Michigan's premier choirs, the Plymouth Community Chorus, is looking for people who love to sing. Auditions by appointment 7 p.m. on Jan. 13, 20 and 27. Rehearsals will begin Jan. 13. Male voices, especially tenors are needed, female openings are also available. (313) 455-4080.

## 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 313-459-4224. Deadline for Calendar items is noon Friday for the following Thursday's paper. Call 459-2700 if you have any questions.

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## CAMPUS NOTES

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

### EMU GRADUATES

Eastern Michigan University hosted commencement exercises for 1,470 students in EMU's Bowen Field House, honoring 400 candidates for advanced degrees and 1,070 undergraduate candidates. EMU's bachelor's degree candidates from Canton include: Stephen Richard Aumann, Shellie Marie Avery, Suzanne M. Barker, Gary John Barts, Rula

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Daniel Alan Wiles of Canton.

Plymouth graduates include: Cathleen Adams, Kristen Diana Baranowski, Allison Dorian Brenny, Jeanne Madeleine Cady, Jason M. Dimanin, Paul D. Faynce, Laura Ann Filppula, Rochelle Marie Gots, Michael Devon Grover, Benjamin Stuart Hendricks, Erika Maria Hinchcliff, Nicole Helene Laramee, Brian Joseph Muessig, Kelly Renae Najmowicz-Landin, Jason Ronald Ray, Christina Marie Schmidt, Sherri Ann Siebert, Darron Eric Tucker, Bethany Joy Veresh, and Laura A. Zubatch.

### SPORTS NEWS

Northern Michigan University senior Stephanie Edgerton, a member of the basketball team, saw action in two of three games. In the win over Mercyhurst, she played three minutes, scored two points, had one rebound and one steal.

In the win over Gannon, Edgerton played 9 minutes, scored 3 points, had 2 rebounds and 2 assists. For the season, Stephanie has played in 8 of 9 games. She has scored 30 points (3.8), has 14 rebounds (1.8), four assists and three steals. Edgerton is a graduate of Plymouth Canton High School.



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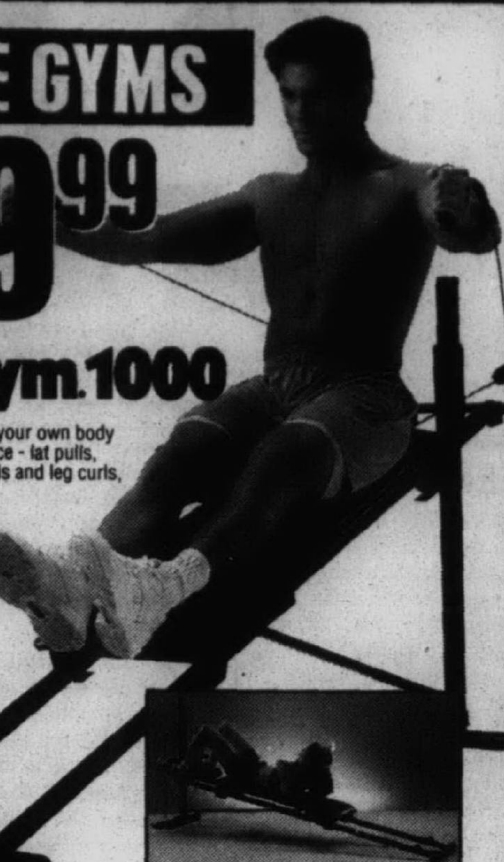
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## THE WEEKEND

### FRIDAY



Twenty-two year old pianist Terrence Wilson performs with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra led by Neeme Jarvi, 8 p.m. at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. Tickets range from \$42 to \$17 (box seats \$60), (313) 833-3700.

### SATURDAY

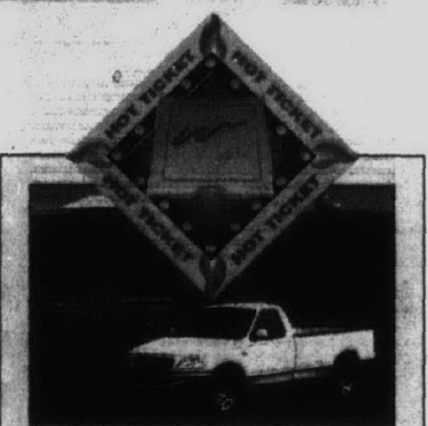


Sixteen of the world's best monster trucks go head to head at the U.S. Hot Rod Monster Jam at Pontiac Silverdome. Gates open 5:30 p.m., show starts 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$12 in advance, \$14 day of the show, (248) 645-6666.

### SUNDAY



University Musical Society presents Christopher Parkening in "A Celebration of Andres Segovia," 4 p.m. at Rackham Auditorium, Rackham Building, Ann Arbor. Tickets \$20-\$32, (734) 764-2538.



**Hot Tix:** See what's new on wheels at the 1998 International North American International Auto Show Saturday, Jan. 10, through Monday, Jan. 19, at Cobo Center, downtown Detroit. Tickets \$8 adults, \$4 seniors (65 and over), children (12 and under) free when accompanied by an adult, available at the door or call (248) 645-6666.

**Bluesy:** Marvell Thunder (Luray Cooper) is after the heart and guitar of Glory (Keesha Fleth) in Meadow Brook Theatre's production of "Thunder Knocking on the Door."



**What:** "Thunder Knocking on the Door," a musical written by Keith Glover and directed by Gary Anderson. Original music by Keb' Mo', Anderson Edwards and Keith Glover

**When:** Continues through Sunday, Feb. 1. Performances 8 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday; 2 p.m. Wednesday, Saturday & Sunday; 6:30 p.m. Sunday. Opening night - 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 10.

**Where:** Meadow Brook Theatre, Wilson Hall on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester Hills.

**Tickets:** Range from \$18-\$26.50; (248) 377-3300; group sales, (248) 370-3316.

**Cast:** Marlon M. Bailey (Jaguar, Jr.), Charity Clark (Good Sister), Luray Cooper (Marvell Thunder), Herb Downer (Dregster), Keesha Fleth (Glory)

STORY BY FRANK PROVENZANO

**F**eeelin' like you've been steamrolled by a tyrannical boss, cast aside by a vindictive lover or left by the side of the road like a tossed leather shoe on the Southfield Freeway?

And that's a good day. Maybe feelin' jinxed by a sadistic god who throws wild curves and builds unsurmountable slippery slopes?

That ain't merely bad luck or divine diplomacy gone wrong. Them's the blues.

Showing a resilient heart, toe-tappin' rhythm and plenty of grit, Meadow Brook Theatre elevates the plight of the blues to a mesmerizing parable in its latest production, "Thunder Knocking on the Door," which opens for previews this Wednesday.

"It's really a love story with blues music," said Geoffrey Sherman, artistic director of Meadow Brook Theatre.

Through allegory and bluesy melody, however, the lessons wrought from the parable are clearly based in the present.

The fantasy musical, written by Alabamian Keith Glover with songs by Grammy Award-winner Keb' Mo', was originally commissioned by the Alabama Shakespeare Festival in conjunction with the Center Stage in Baltimore and the Dallas Theatre Center.

To enhance the fable, Meadow Brook's scenic designer Peter Hicks has devised an abstract set to include four on-stage blues musicians, who sit, strum and pick as easily as rocking on

## MEADOW BROOK'S bluesy parable resounds to the heavens

a front porch on a cool Alabama evening. With earth-tones and a roughhewn structure made from logs, Hicks has created a crossroads where the blues meets salvation.

While the play is still "in development" with songs and dialogue expected to be rewritten right up until opening night, Sherman and playwright Glover hope the musical will soon show signs of being on its way to a New York production.

### A common myth

The circumstances in "Thunder" take on a mythic dimension. It's a familiar story found in various cultures. Basically, "Thunder" is a parable about challenging the devil incarnate through a competitive game of who's better, with the earth-bound mortal at risk of losing his soul.

But foremost, "Thunder" is an entertaining love story, said Director Gary Anderson. Without melodrama or over-the-top

rhetoric, Anderson has shaped the work into melodic appreciation of blues music. It's not, he said, a play strictly about the African-American experience.

"Thunder" begins with the legendary accomplishments of the tale's patron saint, blues guitarist Jaguar Dupree, who once "outlicked" the supernatural Marvell Thunder.

Time has gone by, but the bitterness over being outlicked has hardly diminished for Marvell Thunder.

So, Thunder challenges the next best thing to the late Dupree. He throws down the gauntlet to Dupree's son, Jaguar Dupree Jr., and daughter, Glory, a sightless slick-playing bluesmith who's part Blind Lemon Jefferson and part howling Sadie McKinney.

Junior, whose blues are more bravado than inspiring, is easy pickings for the cagey Thunder. In the dual of "my blues are badder than yours," Thunder easily wins the guitar that

Jaguar Dupree made for his son.

But if it's easy, it ain't the blues.

So, Thunder aims for Glory. Perhaps a case where the metaphor is just a bit too obvious. But then, maybe, the banal doesn't matter if the blues ring true.

It's time to let their blues do the talkin'. And Glory's got some case.

But first, the wager with Thunder has to inspire the kind of anxiety needed to fuel any deep-seated blues. The deal: if Glory wins, she regains her sight and Thunder turns to stone. If she loses, well, having the blues is going to seem like a holiday.

Ultimately, Meadow Brook hopes the Thunder-Glory confrontation will inspire audiences to slap a knee, bite a dog, kick the devil and sing, "Now I'm gonna give you my blues."

And when the catharsis known as blues music has run its course another message may linger.

### Other side of the street

"Thunder" shows our audience what happens on the other side of the street," said Sherman, who served as artistic director at the Hudson Guild Theatre, an Off Broadway playhouse in New York City before joining Meadow Brook last season.

The "other side" of the street isn't across the subdivision.

Please see **BLUESY, E2**

## MUSIC

# T-Bonist Bugs Beddow blows the blues

By CHRISTINA FUOCO  
STAFF WRITER

Trombone players Glenn Miller and Tommy Dorsey made music history. Fellow t-bonist/flutist Doug "Bugs" Beddow wanted to make an impression as well when forming the Bugs Beddow Band.

"I saw Bob Webber, leader of the (Detroit blues band) Regular Boys and I think that's great, a trombone player leading a band. I wanted to leave a mark. Glenn Miller and Tommy Dorsey, they were leaders of their bands and they were trombone players," Beddow said.

The hard-working five-piece band is making its mark locally with the trombone-driven originals, cookin' covers, and the comedic interludes and party atmosphere of its live shows.

"Our style is trombone-driven party blues with plenty of vocals,

horns and dancing. Everybody in the band sings lead. I pass the spotlight around quite often," Beddow said.

Bugs Beddow Band shows revolve around humor. Executive producer and marketing director Gary Quill wears a Bugs Beddow T-shirt and strolls around shows selling the band's six CDs. When the burly Quill hits the floor, the band yells out "We're giving them away," pauses and says "for money."

The Bugs Beddow Band's shows include originals and covers such as "Leave Your Hat On" by Randy Newman, "Poontango" by Mojo Nixon, "One Way Out" by Allman Bros., "Cheap Sunglasses" by ZZ Top, and "Unchain My Heart" by Ray Charles, all of which are found on its latest CD "Bone Appetit" Tour: Live at the 1997 Mid-Michigan Blues Festival. The album,

Beddow's sixth, was recorded in Fenton for the syndicated radio show "House of Blues."

"We didn't intend (for the recording) to be an album at the time. The band was playing with a lot of gusto, and that's the essence of the band. But you hear the band now, and we blow the album away. The band is so tight. That and the timing of the comedic interludes are a lot better now."

The "Bone Appetit Tour" CD is available through Bugs Beddow's website, <http://www.bugsbeddow.com>, Harmony House stores and Big Whale CDs, 2859 Orchard Lake Road (between Cass Elizabeth Lake and Middlebelt roads) in Keego Harbor.

The Orchard Lake-based Bugs Beddow Band wrapped up its 1997

**Who:** Bugs Beddow Band  
**What:** Performs in support of its "Gimme Five Tour"  
**When:** 9:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m. Friday, Jan. 16-Saturday, Jan. 17  
**Where:** Beale Street Blues, 8 N. Saginaw, Pontiac.  
**How:** There is a \$2 cover charge. Only those 21 and older will be admitted. Call (248) 334-7900 for more information.

### OTHER BUGS SHOWS:

• 9:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m. Friday, Jan. 23-Saturday, Jan. 24, at the Blue Goose, 28911 Jefferson Ave., St. Clair Shores, (810) 296-0590.  
• 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 3, during a Black Entertainment Television event at The Museum of African American History, 315 E. Warren, Detroit. (313) 494-5800.  
• 8:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 13-Saturday, Feb. 14, at the Fox and Hounds restaurant, 1560 N. Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. (248) 644-4800.

For more information about upcoming Bugs Beddow Band gigs visit its website at <http://www.bugsbeddow.com> or call (248) 546-BUGS.



"Gimme Five:" Doug "Bugs" Beddow, center, describes the sound of the Bugs Beddow Band as "trombone-driven party blues."

Please see **BUGS, E2**



## Bluesy from page E1

Rather it's across perceived racial and cultural boundaries. Yet clearly, this isn't a play written by a leading African-American playwright such as Pearl Cleage, Eugene Lee or Shay Youngblood.

Without political rhetoric or racial overtones, "Thunder" offers an entertaining plea, rather than didacticism, said Sherman.

"Prejudice is rooted in ignorance," he said. "Maybe we can offer theater as a way to educate, to get people to open up by understanding where this kind of music comes from."

After watching a production of "Thunder" last year at Center Stage in Baltimore, Sherman studied the script, then called Gary Anderson, founder and executive director of Plowshares

Theatre Company, a small theater group with an exclusive African-American focus in its drama repertoire.

Meadow Brook attempted to collaborate with Plowshares on August Wilson's "The Piano Lesson" early last season, and finally partnered with the Detroit-based theater group on the audacious "I Am A Man," written by Oyamo (Charles Gordon), a

Michigan-based playwright who is also on the faculty in the University of Michigan Drama Department.

Based on garbage workers strike, "I Am A Man" was unmistakably confrontational about race and social justice. The play was also a shock and surprise to Meadow Brook's typically reserved audience, many of whom expected the standard

fare of Neil Simon, Lillian Hellman and Arthur Miller.

During the run, Sherman received hate mail. He also noted, however, that he received many letters supporting his decision to produce plays of diverse contemporary playwrights.

In two years, Meadow Brook has made major strides. It wasn't until last year's production of Wilson's "The Piano Lesson" that

the theater presented its first drama by an African-American.

With "Thunder Knocking on the Door," Meadow Brook demonstrates that it'll continue to look to open new theatrical doors for an increasingly diverse audience.

Besides, regardless of race, gender or ethnicity, if you've got pain in your heart and rolling thunder in your veins, then you're a candidate for the blues.

## Bugs from page E1

"Bone Appetit Tour" with a "Blue Year's Eve" celebration at the Kingsley Inn in Bloomfield Hills.

This year's tour has been dubbed the "Gimme Five Tour." The logo is an oval with bright yellow streaks, white stars, and a manipulated drawing of Mickey Mouse's gloved hand.

"Since it's the 'Gimme Five' tour, we gave him extra fingers."

The 1999 tour will be called "Bone Voyage Tour."

### Elusive past

Beddow refused to talk about his or his band's past saying "we're all active members of the witness protection program. We all look forward to the future."

Sources say he was born May 17, 1953, in Detroit to parents Bill and Peg. He picked up the trombone in 1962 and the flute seven years later. Beddow grew up in the "poor section" of Franklin and graduated from Birmingham Groves High School

in 1970.

Although his parents preferred that he become a dentist, Beddow earned a bachelor's degree in music education from North-ern Michigan University in 1975. Upon graduation, he served as the head of the music department at Leland Public Schools for the next two years.

During the late 1970s, he performed with the "party funk R&B" band Newt and the Salamanders. Beddow also spent

time filling in for musicians who supported Maynard Ferguson.

In 1982, he formed a jazz band and cut an album with jazz guitarist Earl Klugh. Accolades came in as Beddow earned Detroit Music Awards for the best trombonist, and his band won best jazz album of 1992 for "Yuda Man."

After 12 years in jazz bands, Beddow changed his tune and dove into the blues.

"People can always connect with singers and words. (With jazz) there's too much sameness, not enough variety," said Beddow, who appeared in the 1992 Oliver Stone film "Hoffa."

"I have five guys to work with. I get every ounce of sound out of them."

The band's sound has given it the opportunity to open for Buckwheat Zydeco in front of 60,000 people at the Dearborn Homecoming Festival Aug. 2,

1997, and to share the stage with Lonnie Brooks, Spyro Gyra, Boz Scaggs, Eddie Money and Robert Cray.

For the last three baseball seasons, Beddow has played the national anthem at Tiger Stadium. The band has also performed as part of the OC4 Cable TV Awards for Southeastern Michigan since the show's inception 13 years ago.

For 1998, the Bugs Beddow Band already has 2/3 of the year booked but "we've left some options open," he said.

He and his band - guitarist/vocalist Jason Hinz, saxophonist/vocalist James Morse, drummer/vocalist Jim Pryor, and electric and string bassist/vocalist Don Turner - are hoping to perform in Belgium, Aruba and Australia this year.

"We met some people who were involved in the Detroit auto

show (the North American International Auto Show) last year. They hired the band for a private party and they want to bring us to Belgium," he said.

"None of them may pan out. Those are just things on the burner. Money is always a factor."

The band is going to spend the next six months "bashing out" new songs that will be included on the "Gimme Five" album, which will be recorded in June. While "Bone Appetit" was all covers, "Gimme Five" will include all original songs.

"It will have the signature Beddow sense of humor. There's nothing really deep there. We play concisely, accurately and full of feeling. We're by no means a traditional blues band. We're the blues band of the '90s."

"We like to make people laugh and dance. We accomplish both of those at shows."

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MOVIES

# Hoffman gets political in satirical 'Wag the Dog'



JOHN MONAGHAN

"Wag the Dog," the new political satire from Barry Levinson, works on the premise that Washington spin doctors have such power over the masses that they can stage a fake war. You'll likely view the whole picture with a smug smile on your face, laughing to yourself at how the American people can be so easily duped.

But, when you get right down to it, "Wag the Dog" uses its own backhanded methods to make an audience look silly. Like any good conspiracy theory, the movie gets you to deny the obvious (too many people are involved to

make this plan work) and swallow it hook, line and sinker.

The hook here is that, just two weeks before an election, the President has been caught with his pants down with a girl scout. Instead of bringing him in to face the music, a special crisis team stalls his return from overseas, stages a conflict with an innocent Albania, and successfully diverts the nation's fickle attention until election day.

Whether or not the President did it is irrelevant. For Conrad Bean (Robert DeNiro), the first rule of the media is: if it's on television, it's true, at least as far as the American people are concerned. So, with the help of Hollywood producer Stanley Motss (Dustin Hoffman), he creates his own television, fabricating heart-wrenching devastation and even penning a national

theme song.

Despite its excellent ensemble cast, "Wag the Dog" belongs to Dustin Hoffman, whose flamboyant producer stages the whole thing for the sheer challenge. The only problem is: Stanley never gets completely comfortable with the production's required secrecy, since he feels that his contributions in Hollywood (there is no Oscar for producing, after all) have never been fully appreciated.

Hoffman has been treading the political waters lately, from the reluctant title character of "Hero" to the TV news anchor in the recent "Mad City," both similar tales of media manipulation. Despite all his slickness and shallowness, you can't help but admire the producer's God-like ability to control the elements, both physical and political.

When the President thinks that a speech Stanley has written is too corny, the producer calls in a group of 30 White House secretaries to listen. They leave the office in tears and Stanley is on a roll again.

Director Levinson wisely shows the President only from the back or side. After all, "Wag the Dog" is about what happens behind the scenes with his savvy staff.

This gives some of Hollywood's best character actors a chance to shine, including Anne Heche as an uptight press secretary, William H. Macy as a CIA operative, sideburn-sporting Denis Leary as an expert in making money from product tie-ins. Even Willie Nelson shows up as a hound dog-loving, pickup-driving country music singer.

The movie also provides

Robert De Niro with one of his best recent roles, as a White House trouble shooter who pulls the strings. De Niro's Conrad employs the same deadpan style that has been his trademark lately, quietly orchestrating how much control to give to the wildly creative Stanley. Levinson (along with a stable of screenwriters, including David Mamet) make a mistake late in the film by wrapping things up much too patly. But even then I'm not complaining since Levinson (who started discrediting an audience's staying power with "Rain Man," "Avalon" and "Bugsy") has learned to make a movie under two hours again.

Even here, however, he starts to lose speed, especially when Woody Harrelson shows up. His lame "improvising" as the psychotic prison inmate-turned-fake-war hero only makes you

appreciate Hoffman and De Niro all the more. Unfortunately, movies like "Wag the Dog" belong back in the days of "Dr. Strangelove" and "The Mouse that Roared," when cynicism wasn't nearly so chic. Despite the sometimes nasty slant, it comes off almost old-fashioned.

Press materials loudly trumpet the movie's credentials as an "independent" project (how it was made for a modest budget on a 29-day shooting schedule), but this is a dupe too. Even at his most independent and quirky, Levinson is still just another Hollywood big shot coyly manipulating the masses.

John Monaghan welcomes your calls and comments. To leave John a voice mail message, dial (313) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, mailbox 1866.

## Winter is the perfect time to experience the arts



ANN DELISI

The timing of the New Year serves a resolution to support the arts better than any other. How can you diet with all those leftovers tempting you? And look out the window - are you really going to jog in that?

On the other hand, winter's the prime season for indoor entertainment. Hey, this is Michigan - what choice do we have? It's indoors or hypothermia. And the metro area's performance venues oblige our need for diversion with a full

slate of offerings. And at Backstage Pass, we're resolute in our commitment to give you all the information you need to get out of the theaters, galleries and museums to support the visual and performing arts in Southeast Michigan.

Tonight Backstage theater correspondent Blair Anderson will host an in-studio performance from "A Closer Walk with Patsy Cline," running at the 7th House in downtown Pontiac. The show follows the life of Patsy Cline as she rises through the male-dominated ranks of country music of the '50s to become the genre's first female star - a superstar, really, whose music and influence transcended genre limitations.

Blair says the show includes 20 of Patsy's best songs. "In any music revue there's some kind of device that strings together musical selections. In this case it's a radio tribute where a DJ recounts the musical accomplishments of Patsy Cline."

The DJ is played by Tim Pryor, an original member of Detroit's Second City cast and a gifted stand-up comedian. Blair describes Tim's character as "the cohesive glue. He appears not only as the DJ but also as a stand-up comedian performing at three venues, the Grand Ole Opry, a casino in Las Vegas and Carnegie Hall. At one point he's playing Sheky Green, with one liners, and he adapts so nicely and interacts so well with the

audience."

Susan Arnold surprised Blair with her vocal talents in the title role. "I always knew she was an accomplished actor, but really very impressive are the singing qualities she brings to the role. It's her rendition of Patsy Cline, and Susan really captures her - the mannerisms and rich country flavor."

Also tonight, our pop culture shaman Lex Kuhne hosts a segment on local artist Tom Thewes. I asked Lex for a preview. "You've seen Tom's work is magazines like Wired and Access, and it many advertising campaigns. He's a commercial and exhibiting artist based in Royal Oak, but unlike most creative types in that town, Tom has fully

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"Thunder Knocking on the Door," a story about a young blind woman trying to win back her sight in a blues guitar-duel with an unearthly musician, and features songs by Grammy Award-winning blues artist Keb Mo played by a live onstage blues band, through Sunday, Feb. 1, Meadow Brook Theatre, Wilson Hall, Oakland University, Walton Boulevard and Adams Road, Rochester. Previews: 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 8-Friday, Jan. 9 (\$18). Regular run: Saturday, Jan. 10-Sunday, Feb. 1, 8 p.m. Tuesdays-Thursdays, 2 p.m. Wednesdays, 2 p.m. Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays (\$22), 8 p.m. Fridays and 6:30 p.m. Sundays (\$26.50), 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturdays (\$32), with discounts for students, seniors, groups. No 6:30 p.m. performance Sunday, Feb. 1. (248) 377-3300

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Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Carousel," 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 8, 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 9-Saturday, Jan. 10, and 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 10, at the center, Macomb Community College, 44575 Garfield Road (at M-59, Hall Road), Clinton Township. \$29, \$26 students/seniors. (810) 286-2222/(248) 645-6666

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"Saturday, Sunday, Monday," by Eduardo de Filippo, 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 8-Saturday, Jan. 10; "Of Mice and Men," by John Steinbeck, 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 16-Saturday, Jan. 17, at the theater, 4743 Cass Ave., on the Wayne State University campus, Detroit. \$10-17. (313) 577-2972

### COMMUNITY THEATER

**PLAYERS GUILD OF DEARBORN**  
"Sly Fox," a comedy by Larry Gelbart, 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 9-Saturday, Jan. 10, Friday, Jan. 16-Saturday, Jan. 17, and Friday, Jan. 23-Saturday, Jan. 24, and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 18, at the theater, 21730 Madison (off Monroe, between Outer Drive and Van Born), Dearborn. \$10, \$8 for students younger than age 18 for the Sunday show only. (313) 561-TKTS

**RIDGEDALE PLAYERS**  
"Wait Until Dark," Thursday, Jan. 8-Sunday, Jan. 11, and Thursday, Jan. 15-Sunday, Jan. 18, at the playhouse, 205 W. Long Lake, Troy. \$11, \$10 on Thursdays and Sundays, and for students and seniors; price includes coffee and afterglow. 7:30 p.m. Thursdays, 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, and 3 p.m. Sundays. (248) 988-7049

### YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

**KIDS CONCERTS SERIES**  
Music and comedy show by Jerry Jacoby, 1:30-2:15 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 10, Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road, Southfield. \$3.25, \$2.50 groups of 10 or more including the use of a party room if available. (248) 424-9022

### "ALICE'S ADVENTURES IN WONDERLAND"

Presented by Pontiac Theatre IV, Pontiac's family community theater, 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, Jan. 23-24 and Jan. 30-31; 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 31, Pontiac Northern High School, 1051 Arlene, (248) 624-3187 or (248) 682-1165 (evenings and weekends)



**What's new on wheels: The North American International Auto Show Kicks off with Charity Preview, 6-9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 9, Cobo Center, Detroit. \$250, proceeds go to Barst Child and Family Services, Boys and Girls Clubs of Southeastern Michigan, Boys Hope - Girls Hope, Children's Center, Children's Services of Northeast Guidance Center - Assistance League, Detroit Institute for Children, Detroit Police Athletic League, Eastern Seal Society of Southeastern Michigan, Inc., Judson Center and March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation; Show, 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 10-Sunday, Jan. 18 (no admittance after 9 p.m.), and 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 19 (no admittance after 6 p.m.), Cobo Center, Detroit. Special access for persons with a disability is one hour earlier than above hours. \$8, \$4 seniors ages 65 and older, free for children ages 12 and younger when accompanied by a parent. (888) 838-7500 for charity preview/(248) 645-6666.**

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#### STAGECRAFTERS GALA

Black tie optional gala with champagne reception, taste fest featuring more than 20 Royal Oak restaurants, caterers and bakeries, music by organist John Lauter, and the final dress rehearsal of the upcoming Stephen Sondheim musical comedy, "Company," 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 28, at the playhouse, 415 S. Lafayette Ave., Royal Oak. \$50. (248) 541-6430

### FAMILY EVENTS

**CHENILLE SISTERS**  
11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 10, Little Professor, Westgate Center, 2513 Jackson Road, Ann Arbor. Free. All ages. (734) 662-4110

#### PLYMOUTH INTERNATIONAL ICE SPECTACULAR

Wednesday, Jan. 14 to Monday, Jan. 19, the oldest and largest ice carving event in North America with competitions featuring professional, amateur, college, and high school students who transform 400,000 pounds of ice for \$10,000 in prize money, Family Warming Center with hot food and drinks prepared by Schoolcraft College's culinary arts department (proceeds benefit college, the nonprofit Plymouth Ice Spectacular, and the Masonic charities), 24 hour light show. Free. (313) 459-6969

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**DAVID DANIELS**  
Countertenor performs works from Beethoven, Handel, Brahms, Sauguet and others, with pianist Martin Katz, 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 9, Lydia Mendelssohn Theatre in the Michigan League, 911 N. University, Ann Arbor. \$15, \$25. All ages. (734) 764-0594

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performing Kabalevsky's "Overture to 'Colas Breugnon,'" "Trombone Concerto" by Rimsky-Korsakov, "Motorbike Concerto" by Jan Sandstrom, and "Symphony No. 1" by Sibelius, 10:45 a.m. Friday, Jan. 16, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 18, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. (313) 833-3700

#### ISRAEL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA

With conductor Zubin Mehta, 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 10, Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University, Ann Arbor. \$20-\$60. (734) 764-0594

#### MEADOWMOUNT TRIO

Featuring Haydn's Trio in C Major, Schoenfeld's "Cafe Music," and Dvorak's Trio in F Minor, 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 8, Britton Recital Hall, University of Michigan School of Music, E.V. Moore Building, 1100 Baits Dr., University of Michigan north campus, Ann Arbor. Free. All ages. (734) 764-0594

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"A Celebration of Andres Segovia," 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 11, Rackham Auditorium, Rackham Building, 915 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor. \$20-\$32. (734) 764-0594

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With pianist Kathryn Stott performs music by Stravinsky, Brahms, Bernstein, Gershwin, and Piazzola, 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 15, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$15-\$75. (313) 833-3700

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#### WAYNE NEWTON

8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 16, The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr. (I-75 and Lapeer Road), Auburn Hills. \$22.50 and \$12.50. All ages. (pop) (248) 377-0100

#### ROGER WILLIAMS

3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 11, Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, Macomb Community College, 44575 Garfield Road (at M-59, Hall Road), Clinton Township. \$25, \$23 for students and senior citizens. (pianist) (810) 286-2141

### AUDITIONS

#### AVON PLAYERS

Open auditions for female version of "The Odd Couple," 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 12-Monday, Jan. 13, at the playhouse on Tienken Road, east of Rochester Road, Rochester Hills. Performances Feb. 27-28, March 1, 6-8, and 12-14. Script available at the Rochester Hills Public Library. (248) 375-9479

#### BLUE LAKE FINE ARTS CAMP BALLET

Auditions for junior and senior high school ballet students who want to attend Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp this summer, 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, Wayne State University, 3226 Old Main, Detroit; 12:30-2 p.m. for students up to age 13, and 2:30-4 p.m. for students ages 14 and older, Studio No. 1, University of Michigan School of Dance, 220 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. (800) 221-3796

#### BOLSHOI ACADEMY AT VAIL

Auditions for students (ages 15-19) to attend the academy led by artistic director Sophia Golovkina and master teachers Marina Leonova and Peter Korogotsky, and the Vail International Workshops (ages 11-14) with master teachers Michael Ho and Denise Schultze of the Royal Academy of Dance, London, 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 10 at Taylor Ballet Americana, 22805 Goddard Road. Workshops run June 15-27 in Vail, Colorado; academy is July 5-Aug. 1. Academy utilizes the Bolshoi system including classical technique, repertoire, variations, lectures on Russian culture, medical, nutrition and dance history. Students should arrive 45 minutes prior to audition. \$15. For audition information, call Christina DiJulio (970) 949-1999, ext. 20

#### EARTH ANGELS

Auditions for boys and girls ages 9-11 for a 1950s-60s nonprofit, pantomime/dance entertainment group to perform at festivals, events and occasions in southeastern Michigan, 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 9. Girls need strong jazz, hip-hop background; boys need no experience. (734) 522-1242

**LIVONIA/REDFORD THEATRE GUILD**  
Auditions local actors and actresses ages 18 and older for new one-act works by local authors, 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 11, and 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 12, at the theater, 15138 Beech Daly (south of Five Mile Road), Redford. (313) 531-0554

#### MAID OF ERIN PAGEANT

Looking for girls ages 17-23 of Irish descent for Maid of Erin Pageant on Saturday, Feb. 28, at the Gaelic League. Maid of Erin wins a trip to Ireland and participates in all Irish activities during Irish week. (734) 464-8556/(313) 255-5677

#### MARQUIS THEATRE

Auditions children ages 8-16 for "Charlotte's Web," 5 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 11, Marquis Theatre, 135 E. Main St., Northville. Actors will recite a short poem of their choosing, not more than 2 minutes long. They must also provide their own sheet music and be prepared to sing eight measures of a song in their vocal range. An accompanist will be provided. (248) 349-8110

#### NEW MILLENNIUM YOUTH THEATRE COMPANY

Auditions youths ages 13-18 for the newly formed youth theater company, 4 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 15, Millennium Centre, 15600 J.L. Hudson Dr. (between Greenfield Road and Northwestern Highway service drive, and Eight and Nine Mile roads), Southfield. Students should prepare an age-appropriate monologue and will be asked to sing a song selected by the director. Students should also have at least a 2.5 grade point average, a letter of recommendation from a teacher or principal, proof of health insurance, and be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Rehearsals begin Tuesday, Jan. 20, for "The Brentown Musicians" scheduled for every Saturday in March. (248) 552-1225

#### NORTH ROSEDALE PARK PLAYERS

Open auditions for "The Mikado," 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 8, and 1 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 11, North Rosedale Park Community House, 18445 Scarsdale, Detroit. Performances scheduled March 21-23, 28-30 and April 3-4. (734) 459-2332

#### PLAYERS GUILD OF DEARBORN

Auditions for "Crimes of the Heart," 7:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 12-Tuesday, Jan. 13, at the theater, 21730 Madison (near Monroe and Outer Drive), Dearborn. Roles available for four females and two males. Actors should be prepared to speak in a southern accent as the scene dictates. Show dates Feb. 27-28, March 6-7, and March 13-15. (313) 561-TKTS, option No. 3

#### PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHORUS

Open auditions for singers (male voices especially needed, particularly tenors but female voices also needed) by appointment 7 p.m. Tuesdays, Jan. 13, 20 and 27, First United Methodist Church of Plymouth, 45000 N. Territorial Road (west of Sheldon Road). Rehearsals for annual spring concert begin Jan. 13. (734) 455-4080

#### RIISING STAR SINGERS

Community show choir for youths 8-18 years old holds auditions, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 14, Arnold Williams Music, 5701 Canton Center Road, Canton. Auditionees must bring a prepared song to sing. Accompaniment will be provided. (734) 453-7590, ext. 223

#### SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHOIR

Auditions for experienced singers of all voice parts by appointment only, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 13, and Tuesday, Jan. 20, St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile Road (west of Inkster Road), Livonia. (248) 349-8175/(734) 462-4435

#### VANGUARD VOICES

The 65-voice mixed choir holds an open rehearsal at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 15, MacKenzie Fine Arts Building, Room F-113, Henry Ford Community College, 5101 Evergreen Road, Detroit. Openings in all voice sections; individual auditions to be scheduled following the rehearsal. Upcoming performances include Faure's "Requiem" Feb. 12-14 with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, HFCC President's

Collage Concert March 22, Wilberg's "Tres Cantus Laudendi" and Bernstein's "Chichester Psalms" with Vanguard Brass Ensemble on May 17. (313) 371-6566

#### WHISTLESTOP PLAYERS

Auditions open to ages 5 and up for singers, actors and dancers for its spring musical "When Character Counts," an original work focusing on the six pillars of character embraced by the nationwide initiative Character Counts Coalition, 6:30-8 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 11-Tuesday, Jan. 13 at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 North Sheldon at Junction. For performances April 24-26 at arts council and April 27-May 1 touring schools. (734) 416-4278

#### ZAMIR CHORALE OF METROPOLITAN DETROIT

Auditions for all voice parts during open rehearsals 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Jan. 6 and 13, Birmingham Temple, 28611 W. 12 Mile (east of Middlebelt Road), Farmington Hills. (734) 975-2888

#### "FRANKENSTEIN"

Open auditions for Henry Ford Community College Production, participation dependent on enrollment in one of several classes in either theatrical production or technical theater. Auditions from script, 7 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, Jan. 20-21, Adray Auditorium on campus, 5101 Evergreen, Dearborn. (313) 845-6475.

### CHORAL

#### DETROIT CONCERT CHOIR

"Amahl and the Night Visitors," an opera in one act by Gian-Carlo Menotti which tells the story of a shepherd boy and the mysterious Magi, featuring Michelle Marszalkowski as the mother and Ryan Wiiski as Amahl, 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 10, St. Hugo of the Hills, 2215 Opdyke Road, Bloomfield Hills; 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 11, St. Joan of Arc, 21620 Mack Ave., St. Clair Shores. (313) 882-0118

#### POLONIASE CHORALE

Christmas concerts featuring Polish carols, 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 11, at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, 976 Superior (north of Eureka Road, east of Fort at 10th and Superior), Wyandotte; 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 18, at Our Lady of Czestochowa, 3100 18 Mile Road (between Ryan and Dequindre roads), Sterling Heights. Free. (313) 863-6209/531-5558

### JAZZ

#### MARCUS BELGRAVE

7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 15, Oakland Grill, 32832 Woodward Ave. (south of 14 Mile Road), Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 549-7700

#### BIRD OF PARADISE ORCHESTRA

9:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 9-Saturday, Jan. 10, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley, Ann Arbor. \$5. 21 and older. (734) 662-8310

#### SEAN BLACKMAN AND JOHN ARNOLD

10 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 10, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 861-8101

#### MIKHAIL CALDWELL AND TRUE STORIES

With The Vizontors with Kenny Green, and Spectrum Two, 9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 10, Gold Dollar, 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 833-6873, gold\_dollar@mindless.com or http://members.tripod.com/~gold\_dollar

#### DIXIEBELLE AND THE DIXIE JAZZ CATS

8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 13, Jack's Waterfront Restaurant, 24214 Jefferson Ave. (north of Nine Mile Road), St. Clair Shores. (New Orleans Dixieland jazz and blues) (810) 445-8080

#### MICK DOBDAY TRIO

7-11 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 8, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (piano/bass/drums trio) (248) 645-2150

#### CHARLIE GABRIEL

7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 8, Oakland Grill, 32832 Woodward Ave. (south of 14 Mile Road), Royal Oak. Free. All ages. 7700

#### KATHY KOSINS

7:30-10:30 p.m. Wednesdays in January, Oakland Grill, 32832 Woodward Ave. (south of 14 Mile Road), Royal Oak. Free. All ages.

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#### SHEILA LANDIS

With Rick Math Jan. 9, Rattlesn River Place, De ages; With Rick Wendell Harris Sunday, Jan. 11, Gratiot, Detroit 10 p.m.-1 a.m.; Jimmy's, 123 H Pointe Farms, and older. (313) 961-5152/(313)

#### MATT MICHAELS

With trumpet Trudell, 8-11:30 Jan. 8, and with Richards, 8-11 Jan. 15, Bots Grand River Av cover waived 474-4800

#### MUTUAL ADMINISTRATION (M.A.S.)

9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 10, D.L. H Roadhouse, 20 Rochester Hill and older. (Jazz) 0550

#### ISABELLA NANO DAY DUO

Vocalist and guitarist 10 p.m. Wednesday, Espresso Roy Main St., Ann ages. (734) 6

#### LARRY NOZORO

8:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m. Edison's, 2 Birmingham. (sax/piano/b) 2150

#### SHAHIDA NURU

9 p.m.-1 a.m. Edison's, 220 Birmingham. (vocal/piano) 645-2150

#### PAUL VORNHIA

With his vocal bass trio, 7-11 Jan. 15, Edis Birmingham. With his quartet, Friday, Jan. 9, Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. \$

#### SHAHIDA NURU

7:30-11:30 p.m. January, Oak Woodward A Road), Royal (248) 645-2 8310/(248)

#### DONALD WALL

8:30 p.m.-1:16, Edison's Birmingham (sax/piano/b) 2150

#### URSULA WALL

With Dan K p.m.-1 a.m. Fridays in J Restaurant, Ave., Birmi older. (248)

#### STEVE WOOD

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#### DAVID MEN

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(248) 549-7700

## SHEILA LANDIS

With Rick Matie, 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 9, Rattlesnake Club, 300 River Place, Detroit. Free. All ages; With Rick Matie and Wendell Harrison, 8 p.m.-midnight Sunday, Jan. 11, Bomac's, 281 Gratiot, Detroit; With Rick Matie, 10 p.m.-1 a.m. Friday, Jan. 16, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 567-4400/(313) 961-5152/(313) 886-8101

## MATT MICHAELS TRIO

With trumpet player Johnny Trudell, 8-11:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 8, and with vocalist Patti Richards, 8-11:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 15, Botsford Inn, 28000 Grand River Ave., Farmington. \$5 cover waived with dinner. (248) 474-4800

## MUTUAL ADMIRATION SOCIETY (M.A.S.)

9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 8-Saturday, Jan. 10, D.L. Harrington's Roadhouse, 2086 Crooks Road, Rochester Hills. Cover charge. 21 and older. (Jazz/pop) (248) 852-0550

## ISABELLA NANUSCH/TED CANADAY DUO

Vocalist and guitarist perform 8-10 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 14, Espresso Royale Cafe, 214 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Free. All ages. (734) 668-1838

## LARRY NOZERO TRIO

8-30 p.m.-12:30 a.m. Friday, Jan. 9, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (sax/piano/bass trio) (248) 645-2150

## SHAHIDA NURULLAH TRIO

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## PAUL VORNHAGEN

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## DONALD WALDEN TRIO

8-30 p.m.-12:30 a.m. Friday, Jan. 16, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (sax/piano/bass) (248) 645-2150

## URSULA WALKER & BUDDY BUDSON

With Dan Kolton on bass, 9:30 p.m.-1 a.m. Thursdays and Fridays in January; Forte Restaurant, 201 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 594-7300

## STEVE WOOD TRIO

8-10 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 10, Agape Caffe, 205 Fifth Ave. (at Center Street), Royal Oak. Free. 25-cent surcharge on drinks during live entertainment. All ages. (248) 546-1400

## WORLD MUSIC

### IMMUNITY

9:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m. Friday, Jan. 9, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River, Novi. Free. 21 and older; 10 p.m.-2 a.m. Friday, Jan. 16-Saturday, Jan. 17, Union Lake Grill and Bar, 2280 Union Lake Road, Commerce Township. Free. 21 and older. (reggae) (248) 349-9110/(248) 360-7450

## FOLK/BLUEGRASS

### MATTHEW ABELSON

Performs on the hammer dulcimer, 8-10 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 10, Espresso Royale Cafe, 214 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Free. All ages. (734) 668-1838

### COUPE DE GRASS

8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 13, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$10, \$9 members, students and seniors. All ages. (bluegrass) (734) 761-1451

### JAN KRIST

10:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 16-Saturday, Jan. 17, Tuscan Grill, 222 Main St., Rochester. Cover charge. 21 and older. (248) 652-1600

### DAVID MENEFEE

8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 14, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$10, \$9 members, students, seniors. All ages. (734) 761-1451

## MUSTARD'S RETREAT

And open mic night hosted by Jim Bertin and George Garcia (also known as "George and Me"), 8-10:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 10, as part of the "Off-The-Wall Acoustic Coffee House" at St. William parish hall, Walled Lake. \$7.50, \$15 per family, \$5 students. (248) 624-1421

## RAISIN PICKERS

8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 16, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$10, \$9 members, students and seniors. All ages. (734) 761-1451

## RFD BOYS

8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 9, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$9, \$8 members, students, seniors. All ages. (bluegrass) (734) 761-1451

## JO SERRAPERE

Celebrates release of CD with party and performance, 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 14, Royal Oak Brewery, 210 E. Third St., Royal Oak. Cover charge. 21 and older. (248) 544-1141

## COSY SHERIDAN

With LJ Booth and Johnsmith, 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 8, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Free. All ages. (734) 761-1451

## POETRY/SPOKEN WORD

### "MARK TWAIN AND THE LAUGHING RIVER"

With Jim Post, 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 10, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$12.50. All ages. (734) 761-1451

## DANCE

### JANUARY "ITALIAN NIGHT" DINNER/DANCE

Doors open at 5:30 p.m., buffet dinner of meat balls, rosemary chicken, mostaccioli marinara, pasta all'aglio, potatoes viviano, sugar snap peas, coffee, tea, and chef's choice dessert at 6:30 p.m., and dancing to The Walter Lipiec Band, Eddie DeSantis and his accordion, and singing by Maria Mariotto from 7:30-10:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 27, The Italian American Banquet Center, 39200 Five Mile Road, Livonia. \$16.50. Reservation deadline Tuesday, Jan. 20. (313) 534-5924

### ROCKY ROAD ADVANCED CONTRA-ENGLISH DANCE

7-9:45 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 13, Chapel Hill Condominium Clubhouse, 3350 Green Road (north of Plymouth Road), Ann Arbor. All dances taught. No partner required. (734) 662-5158

## COMEDY

### BIG RED'S COMEDY CLUB

David Glass and the magical comedy of Ken Dumm, Friday, Jan. 9-Saturday, Jan. 10; Norm Stultz, Friday, Jan. 16-Saturday, Jan. 17, Mr. B's Roadhouse, 595 N. Lapeer Road (M-24), Oxford. (248) 628-6500

### GENITTI'S HOLE IN THE WALL

"No Refunds, No Exchanges," through the end of January, at the restaurant, 108 E. Main St., Northville. Price includes seven-course meal of soup, bread, pasta, antipasto salad, baked chicken, Italian sausage, Italian steak, vegetables and dessert. (248) 349-0522

### HOLLY HOTEL

Bill Thomas and Manny Shields, Thursday, Jan. 8-Saturday, Jan. 10; Ricky Connor and Bill Kraze, Thursday, Jan. 15-Saturday, Jan. 17, at the hotel, 110 Battle Alley, Holly. 8:30 p.m. Thursdays, and 8:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. 8:30 p.m. shows non smoking. (248) 634-0000

### JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB

Ross Amuccucci, The Cop Comedian, Mario, and Rich Higginbottom, Thursday, Jan. 8-Saturday, Jan. 10 (free Thursdays, \$10); Chris Zito, 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 15 (free); Bobby Collins, Chris Zito, and Rich Higginbottom, Friday, Jan. 16-Saturday, Jan. 17, (\$20, \$12 first Friday show), at the club above Kicker's All American Grill, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia. 8 p.m. Thursdays (free), 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, 8 p.m. Sundays (new talent night/improv). (734) 261-0555

### JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAISANO'S

Pam Stone, formerly of the televi-

## POPULAR MUSIC

sion show "Coach," 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday, Jan. 9-Saturday, Jan. 10 (\$12, \$24.59 dinner/show package); Roger Kabler, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 15 (\$10, dinner show package \$20.95), and 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday, Jan. 16-Saturday, Jan. 17 (\$12, \$24.95 dinner show package), at the club, 5070 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

## MAINSTREET COMEDY SHOWCASE

Joel Zimmer of radio station WKQI's morning show, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 8 (\$7), and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 9-Saturday, Jan. 10 (\$10); Totally Unrehearsed Theatre, 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 14 (\$4); Jim Mendrinos of Comedy Central, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 15 (\$7), and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 16-Saturday, Jan. 17 (\$10), at the club, 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 996-9080

## MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE

at the club, 269 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. (248) 542-9900 or <http://www.comedycastle.com>

## SECOND CITY

"Generation X-Files" through January at the club, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. 8 p.m. Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays, and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. The cast performs a free improvisational comedy set after Sunday, Wednesday, and Thursday shows, and the late shows on Fridays and Saturdays. \$14 Thursdays, \$17.50 Fridays, \$19.50 Saturdays, and \$12 Sundays and Wednesdays. The show's title is reflective of current cultural trends, not necessarily the show's content. (313) 965-2222

## MUSEUMS AND TOURS

### DETROIT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

"Remembering Downtown Hudson's" exhibit, a nostalgic look at what made the Hudson's downtown Detroit store an icon of the city's prosperous era, runs through December 1998, at the museum, 5401 Woodward Ave. (at Kirby), Detroit. Screening of the documentary "The Hudson's Building," the film written and produced by Emmy Award winners Gary Glaser and Dave Toorongan, 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 10, "The Hudson's Building" combines the current debate of preservation versus demolition with the social and cultural impact of the structure. Movie included in price of regular admission. 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

### DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER

IMAX movies include: "Super Speedway," 10 a.m. and 11:10 a.m. Mondays through Fridays; "Special Effects," 12:20 p.m. and 1:20 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, 12:45 p.m. and 1:45 p.m. Saturdays, and 1:45 p.m. Sundays; "Destiny in Space," 12:45 p.m. Sundays, at the museum, 5020 John R (at Warren Road), Detroit. \$6.75 for adults, \$4.75 for youths 3-17, and seniors 60 and older, includes one screening of an IMAX film, a visit to the Exhibit Floor, a live science demonstration in the Discovery Theatre and a short laser presentation. \$2.50 for each additional IMAX movie. Discounts available to groups to 10 or more. Hours are: 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Mondays-Fridays, and 12:30 p.m.-5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. (313) 577-8400 or <http://www.sciencedetroit.org>

## POPULAR MUSIC

### BRIDGE

9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 8-Saturday, Jan. 10, and Thursday, Jan. 15, Bullfrog Bar and Grill, 15414 Telegraph Road (one block north of Five Mile Road), Redford. \$3. 21 and older. (rock) (313) 533-4477

### BUGS BEDDOO BAND

9:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 16-Saturday, Jan. 17, Beale Street Blues, 8 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. \$2. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 334-7900

## BIG DAVE AND THE ULTRASONICS

9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 9, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 19 and older. (Jump blues) (734) 485-5050

## BLACK FUZZ

10 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 10, Mount Chalet, 4715 Woodward Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older; With Ape 7, 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 14, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$3. 19 and older. (rock) (248) 549-2929/(734) 996-8555

## BLUE CAT

10 p.m. Friday, Jan. 16, Kodiak Grill, 45660 Mound Road, Utica. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (810) 731-1750

## BLUE SUIT WITH GENE MORGAN

9 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 14-Thursdays, Jan. 15, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 644-4800

## BONNE TEMPS ROULE

8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 13, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 644-4800

## BOTFLY

With Papa Vegas, 9:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 9, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 19 and older; 9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 16, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 19 and older. (rock/funk) (734) 996-8555/(734) 485-5050

## BROADZILLA

With Easy Action, 10 p.m. Friday, Jan. 16, Club Heidelberg, 215 N. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 21 and older. (rock) (734) 663-7758

## BUSTER'S BLUES BAND

10 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 10, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River, Novi. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 349-9110

## CHUBBY CARRIER AND THE BAYOU SWAMP BAND

9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 8, Fifth Avenue, 215 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. Cover charge. 21 and older. (Zydeco) (248) 542-9922

## CHISEL BROS. WITH MIMI HARRIS

9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 10, Moby Dick's, 5452 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (313) 581-3650

## CITY LIMITS BLUES BAND

9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 10, Carriage House's Blues Alley, 24200 Grand River Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (313) 535-3440

## TOMMY D BAND

8-11 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 10, Bistro 313, 313 E. Walton Boulevard, Pontiac. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 332-9100

## DETROIT BLUES BAND

9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 16, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty, Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (734) 451-1213

## PAT DINIZIO TRIO

Featuring former lead singer of The Smithereens, 8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 14, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. \$8 in advance. 18 and older. (rock) (248) 335-8100

## DOMESTIC PROBLEMS

With Karmic, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 8, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$4. 19 and older. (rock) (734) 996-8555

## GLEN EDDIE

9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 8, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 644-4800

## SCOTT FAB

Celebrates release of CD with party and performance, and special guests Chris Moore, former singer of Crossed Wire, and Sun 209, featuring Dion Roddy, formerly of Spank and Missionary Stew, 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 10, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$5. 18 and older. (rock) (248) 544-3030

## FEZ

With 2 Star Tabernacle, 9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 16, Gold Dollar, 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (country punk) (313) 833-6873, [gold\\_dollar@mindless.com](mailto:gold_dollar@mindless.com) or [http://members.tripod.com/~gold\\_dollar](http://members.tripod.com/~gold_dollar)

## FOOLISH MORTALS

9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 9-Saturday, Jan. 10, Union Lake Grill and Bar, 2280 Union Lake Road, Commerce Township. Free. 21 and older. (alternative rock) (248) 360-7450

## FUTURE PRESIDENTS

9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 8, Cross

Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 19 and older. (734) 485-5050

## GANGSTER FUN

With Coconut Superfreak, 9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 9, Gold Dollar, 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older; 9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 15, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 19 and older. (ska) [gold\\_dollar@mindless.com](mailto:gold_dollar@mindless.com), [http://members.tripod.com/~gold\\_dollar](http://members.tripod.com/~gold_dollar) or (313) 833-6873/(734) 485-5050

## GETAWAY CRUISER

9:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 10, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$6. 19 and older. (pop) (734) 996-8555

## GOVERNMENT HONEY

9 p.m. Sundays in January, Bullfrog Bar and Grill, 15414 Telegraph Road (one block north of Five Mile Road), Redford. \$3. 21 and older. (rock) (313) 533-4477

## GYPSY TRIBE

10 p.m. Friday, Jan. 16, Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 334-9292

## AL HILL AND THE LOVE BUTLERS

9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 9, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty, Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (734) 451-1213

## "HIP-HOP/HARDCORE FEST II"

With Aftertaste, Nish, Blindfold, Tragic Methods, Against the Enemy and Immortal Sins, 6 p.m. Friday, Jan. 9, Pharaoh's Golden Cup, 28959 Joy Road, Westland. Cover charge. All ages. (734) 513-8536

## HOLY COWS

With Big Back 40, 9:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 16, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 19 and older. (roots rock) (734) 996-8555

## JILL JACK

10 p.m. Friday, Jan. 16, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River, Novi. Free. 21 and older. (roots rock) (248) 349-9110

## NIKKI JAMES AND THE FLAMETHROWERS

10 p.m. Friday, Jan. 9, Kodiak Grill, 45660 Mound Road, Utica. Cover charge. 21 and older. (R&B) (810) 731-1750

## ROBERT JONES

10:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 10, Tuscan Grill, 222 Main St., Rochester. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 652-1600

## MIKE KING

10 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 8, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River, Novi. Free. 21 and older; 10:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 9, Tuscan Grill, 222 Main St., Rochester. Cover charge. 21 and older; 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 15, Royal Oak Brewery, 210 E. Third St., Royal Oak. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rock/pop) (248) 349-9110/(248) 652-1600/(248) 544-1141

## JOHN D. LAMB

8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 8, Matt Brady's Tavern, 1820 E. Nine Mile Road, Ferndale. Free. 21 and older. (pop) (248) 584-4242

## MADCAT AND KANE

8 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 11, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$10, \$9 members, students, seniors. All ages. (blues) (734) 761-1800

## MAX CREEK

8 p.m. Sunday, Jan.



## DINING

# Il Posto in Southfield is the place for authentic Italian

BY ELEANOR & RAY HEALD  
SPECIAL WRITERS

If you discovered Il Posto (translated "the place") on a trip to Italy, you'd be talking about it for months! Save the plane fare and head to Franklin Road at Northwestern Highway in Southfield for an Italian food feast, the kind you'd find in Italy's countryside outside Florence, Milan or Naples.

When you phone for reservations you'll think you're in Italy. "Buongiorno Il Posto," is what you'll hear before 3 p.m. and after that "Buonasera Il Posto." The voice on the other end will most likely be that of cordial owner Gianni Belsito or his welcoming wife and partner Christina.

Victor Saroki and Associates of Birmingham turned the former Mardi Gras into showplace Italian. Sunset coral walls accent the Roman-style arches. Rich woods give the note of elegance to the two-level dining room. And don't miss the antipasto side table with a prominent place on the main level, just as it would in the finest ristorante in Italy. This is not just another Italian restaurant!

Gianni hosts, greets, seats and serves tableside from the traditional cart, deftly circulated by professional, highly skilled waiters in tuxedo with white aprons, just like an Italian ristorante. Their language to each other is Italian, but they speak English to guests. They know the ambitious menu, can explain everything and get you the finest Italian wine to complement your selections.

But to have the best experience at Il Posto, put yourself in Gianni's hands. Tell him the number of courses you'd like and let him make the decisions. That's what Franklin resident and radio station WJR's morning host Paul W. Smith, WJR President and General Manager Michael Fezzey who lives in Farmington Hills, and their lunch companion, Bloomfield Hills resident Steve Radom did. In addition to an antipasto, they had the pasta special, ravioli stuffed with eggplant and Stroz-

## Il Posto

Where: 29110 Franklin Road (at Northwestern Highway), Southfield (248) 827-8070.

Hours: 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. lunch Monday-Friday; 5:30-10 p.m. dinner Monday-Saturday

Menu: Impeccably served, ambitious, authentic Italian dishes from many regions of Italy.

Cost: Hot and cold antipasti average \$11; homemade pasta \$17-\$22, main dishes \$19-\$25.

Reservations: Recommended  
Credit cards: All majors accepted.

za Preti, a hand-formed noodle with sausage ragu, veal and saffron tossed with Parmesan cheese and veal jus. And how was this? "Outstanding," Smith said. "Really delicious," Radom added.

"This is my second time here," Fezzey noted. "Il Posto is ideal for a romantic dinner for two or a larger business dinner. It is unique in this area."

At dinner, Dr. Robert Levine of Bloomfield Hills, state director of the food and wine society Confrerie de la Chaine des Rotisseurs, and his wife Faye also put themselves in Gianni's hands.

"Each course got better and better," Dr. Levine said. Faye tagged it "a suburban gem" and "country Italian in Southfield."

Kamel Kassem, General Manager of Southfield's Skyline Club, and his wife Jehan were also under Gianni's care.

"You can tell a great Italian chef by the way he cooks risotto," Kamel said. "This was perfect." Jehan added, "It's the first good risotto I've had in Michigan. I lived in Italy, so I'm very particular. Pagello (red snapper) was very Mediterranean and delicious. I feel like I'm back in Italy."

Detroit's Renaissance Club General Manager John Guy and his wife Deborah also praised the snapper. "Il Posto entices you," John remarked. "Waiters are knowledgeable and make



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**Taste of Italy:** Gianni Belsito invites customers to enjoy an Italian food feast, the kind you'd find in Italy's countryside outside Florence, Milan or Naples, at Il Posto.

excellent recommendations." Deborah summed up her experience by saying, "I liked everything."

All this wonderfulness comes from the hands of executive chef Daniele Del Aqua and his sous chef Massimo Convertini, brought by the Belsitos to the U.S. from Milan. Four waiters are also Milan natives. Gianni taught them there in culinary school.

Gianni's own background reads like a book. Italian born, German hotelier school trained, he credits his mother for initial inspiration because "she was such a great cook."

Gianni first came to the U.S. in

1984 to work for Disney in Orlando, Florida. He's operated restaurants in Englewood, New Jersey and most recently Naples, Florida. "I was looking for a busy restaurant 12 months of the year," Gianni admitted. "The Naples site gave me six. Many people from Michigan go to Naples in the winter. They encouraged me to come to Michigan. I sold the Naples Il Posto and came here last summer. By Nov. 10, we opened."

Those Michigan residents who know the Belsitos are spreading the word about the Southfield Il Posto. Gianni's card reads "La Cucina Creative Italiana." Even

if you don't know a word of Italian, you can guess the literal meaning to be the creative Italian kitchen.

"It's more than that," Gianni indicated. "It's the poor and simple kitchen, creative from fresh, natural, pure ingredients."

Only olive oil is used in cooking. Butter is in the risotto only. Fat is rendered from all meat. There's no butter on the table for the great bread baked for Il Posto by Contoro in Livonia. There's olive oil, with a touch of pepper and a splash of vinegar and sensational olive tapenade for the bread.

"We didn't feel stuffed after six

courses," Dr. Levine concluded as he pondered offerings on the dessert cart. Order Brachetto d'Aqui, a 5.5 percent alcohol red dessert wine to close your meal. You will be brought a container of biscotti and told to dip them in the wine. As you take your first sip, one of general manager Marcello Giuffrida's waiters will blow a kiss to a lady when he senses her delight!

Look for Eleanor & Ray Heald's column Focus on Wine on the first and third Sunday of the month in Taste. To leave a voice mail message for the Healds, dial (313) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, mailbox 1864.

## RESTAURANT SPECIALS

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### Just opened

Nebojsa Brankovic of Westland **Cafe Giverny** Saturday, Dec. 20, in downtown Plymouth, 370 S. Main St., (313) 453-6998.

"I like entertaining and serving food to friends and family," he said. "For quite a long time people have told me and my wife, Celeste, that we should be in the restaurant business and share our goodies with others."

In a space formerly occupied by a gallery, Brankovic has cre-

ated an oasis, a cafe that's warm and welcoming. Brankovic is famous for crepes, and he's built his menu around them.

Hours are 9 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday; 9 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday. Closed Monday. Menu features sweet and savory crepes, soups and salads, desserts, gourmet coffee and tea, pop, juices. Cost ranges from \$5.50 to \$6.70 for crepes served in combination with cup of soup or salad. Reservations not accepted.

**Einstein Bros. Bagels** opened its first store in Farmington Hills at 27841 Orchard Lake Road on Saturday, Dec. 20. The store will officially celebrate the grand opening with a neighbor-

hood party Saturday, Jan. 10 where customers will have a chance to win assorted prizes, including a year's supply of free bagels.

Store hours are 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Saturday; and 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Einstein Bros. offers 18 varieties of

bagels, 12 choices of cream cheese spreads, and a variety of fresh brewed coffees, teas and espresso drinks. For lunch and

dinner, the bakery offers bagel sandwiches and salads. They recently introduced three kinds of Pizza Bagel Melts.

The new Farmington Hills store is the 19th in the greater Detroit area, Einstein Bros.

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