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## IN THE PAPER TODAY

**Road closure:** The 16th Annual Plymouth Ice Sculpture Spectacular is in town and that means some roads will be closed. Northbound Main Street, between Ann Arbor Trail and Penniman, will be closed until Tuesday, Jan. 20, as will Penniman Avenue, from Main to Union. Southbound Main will remain open.

## COUNTY

**Ballot question:** Suburban Wayne County residents will be asked to renew a 1/3 mill for SMART's public transportation system of buses, possibly for four years. The millage renewal is expected to be on the Aug. 4 ballot. /A5

## COMMUNITY LIFE

**Downsizing:** It was registered dietitian Gwen Shamblin who came up with a program that combined God with weight loss, and it is the enthusiastic supporters of her Weigh Down Workshop who have helped get it started in churches throughout the metropolitan area. /B1

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**Extra help:** A service started last summer works to help homeowners during building and renovation projects. /D6

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**Heater:** Wendy, Tinker Bell and the boy in green tights who never grows up will soon land at the Detroit Opera House in the headed-for-Broadway production, "Peter Pan." /E1

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## Beat goes on at Lower Town



**Neighbors:** The popular Lower Town Grill is in a mixed neighborhood of residential and commercial use in Old Village. Neighbors complain about loud music coming from the restaurant-bar.

**District Judge John MacDonald dismissed two loud music complaints against the Lower Town Grill. But the city prosecutor plans to pursue other tickets filed by neighboring residents.**

BY KEVIN BROWN  
STAFF WRITER



Two loud music complaints filed against the Lower Town Grill have been dismissed by 35th District Court Judge John MacDonald.

MacDonald said in his Jan. 7 ruling that the city ordinance under which the violations were written is in part unconstitutional.

But City Prosecuting Attorney Cameron Miller said he will pursue other tickets written against the business for loud bands, based on complaints filed by a neighbor of the restaurant-bar.

Miller said those complaints will be cited under a different city ordinance pertaining to excessive noise.

In dismissing the tickets, MacDonald said the disturbing the peace ordinance section under which the tickets were written "failed to provide sufficient notice of the conduct prohibited."

"There was no clear standard for enforcement," he continued. "How is somebody to know what is too loud and what is not too loud?" MacDonald added that the ordinance was overly broad, and violated constitutional First Amendment provisions.

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## Martin Luther King Day

### Local government keeps offices open

BY VALERIE OLANDER  
STAFF WRITER

On Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, observed Monday, Jan. 19, all federal and state offices will be closed in honor of the slain civil rights leader. Residents won't have mail delivery. Banks will be closed.

And in most local communities, including Dearborn and Howell, city offices will be closed as well.

In several suburban communities, such as Livonia and Westland, observances are planned to highlight King's achievements.

However, in Canton and the Plymouths, all government offices will remain open during their regularly scheduled hours. No activities have been planned and no resolutions will be passed by the government bodies in support of the national holiday.

Plymouth Mayor Don Dismuke said that in recognition of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, the normal Monday city commission meeting is moved to Tuesday.

City government offices remain open Monday. "It has to do with the union contracts," Dismuke explained. "Those things are decided through union negotiations with city employees."

"It's really a negotiations issue. All the holidays are in the contract and we try to make it uniform for everyone," said Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack.

Plymouth Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy had similar sentiments. "It has never been approved as an official holiday in the township. We haven't had any board requests to do so at this point," she said.

"Why is this an issue?" asked Keen-McCarthy. According to Yack, it wouldn't be up to the township to organize such an event anyway.

On Veteran's Day, a brief ceremony takes place at Canton's war memorial in Heritage Park, which was organized by the VFW and Vietnam Veterans.

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## Salem cheerleaders wrestle athletics

BY RENEE SKOGLUND  
STAFF WRITER

It may not be the bout of the century, but coaches, parents and students in Plymouth Salem's cheerleading program don't think the high school's athletic department is giving them a fair fight.

At issue are adequate use of an auxiliary gym or wrestling room for practice by the varsity and junior varsity cheerleading squads, use of mats, and claims of alleged harassment of male cheerleaders.

Parents of cheerleaders say the problem is longstanding and its resolution remains unclear since they took their concerns to the school board in October.

### Scheduling problems

Cheerleaders, who have used an auxiliary gym for seven years, say it's best for practice because of its height and padding.

During some of the routines, male cheerleaders toss their female counterparts some 15 feet into the air, prompting the need for safe practice conditions for the 20-member varsity and the 17-member junior varsity cheer-

leading squads.

Cheerleaders practice 7-9 p.m. when their coaches, who are not Salem teachers, are available. But there have been escalating scheduling conflicts. Salem varsity cheerleading coach Jody Dillon says the room often is unavailable because the wrestling staff sometimes schedules eight-hour practice sessions.

"What happens is they block out time and (then) not use it. It's phantom scheduling," she said.

Dillon said the cheerleaders also have been locked out of the auxiliary gym without notification.

Salem's varsity cheerleading squad is heading for the nationals in Orlando, Fla., Feb. 6-9. Dillon said valuable practice time was lost over the winter break due to the wrestling squad's scheduled practices 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on days the building was open.

"We only practiced two days out of the whole span. We were very limited on what we could do," she said.

Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Athletic Coordinator John Robinson, whose office coordinates all athletic facility use at PCEP, said he discussed

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STAFF PHOTO BY ELIZABETH CANNIGIE

**Big guy:** This 16-foot tall giraffe weighs 6,500 pounds and is made out of 21 blocks of ice. Carver John Fitzer of Westland works on the sculpture Monday afternoon.

## Ent-ice-ing event

BY KEVIN BROWN  
STAFF WRITER

A half-million fans of the Plymouth International Ice Spectacular can't be wrong.

That's the estimated number of folks expected to show for this year's ice festival, running through Monday.

They'll be in town to view displays and competitions featuring top-flight professional carvers including World Champion Ted Wakar of Canton.

The 16th annual festival features something for everybody - a Fantasyland display for kids, a Celebrity



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Carving Competition, professional and student carving competitions, even poetry readings.

And while temperatures for ice festivals have ranged in recent years from too warm to too cold, this time the temperature should be just right.

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Open: Steve Fuernstein is the owner of the new Office Warehouse store at Five Mile and Sheldon Road. Meanwhile, downtown Nawrot Pendleton is closing and Animal Odyssey is moving from Old Village to downtown Plymouth.

## Pendleton closes shop; new office business opens

BY KEVIN BROWN  
STAFF WRITER

Business changes around town include the new Office Warehouse at the Sheldon Place Mall, the closing of the Nawrot Pendleton Shop and a change in address for Animal Odyssey.

Steve Fuernstein opened Office Warehouse at the Sheldon Place Mall near Plymouth Township's industrial parks "because we thought there as a need here, the area is growing," he said.

"Business has been pretty good, our splash here hasn't been as big as I had hoped. But it's been OK," Fuernstein said.

"What we offer is discounted prices on office supplies and I think personal service that you don't get at some of the larger stores," he said.

"Most superstores today have 16- and 17-year-old kids helping customers, they don't have the knowledge. We have people who can answer questions about

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**Steve Fuernstein**  
—Office Warehouse owner

office supplies," Fuernstein added.

The store also sells office furniture, computer printers, scanners and fax machines.

In starting the company 12 years ago, the focus was commercial accounts and delivery. "That is still a major part of our business," Fuernstein said.

After 25 years in business at 470 Forest, Jim Nawrot said he is closing his Nawrot Pendleton shop at the end of the month.

Nawrot said he wants to join his wife, Donna, in real estate

sales, at Coldwell Banker Schweitzer in Northville.

"It's a time for a change," Nawrot said, adding business "has been OK."

The store has specialized in Pendleton American-made woollens.

"We certainly want to thank all our friends and customers. We'll miss the interaction with the retail area," Nawrot said.

In a business move, the animal-themed gift shop Animal Odyssey is moving this month from 971 N. Mill in Old Village to 621 S. Main, south of downtown and just north of Backyard Birds.

"We're needing a little bit bigger location, we're running out of room right now," said owner Sharon Atma.

Animal Odyssey opened in November 1996, offering clothing, jewelry and a variety of items with animal themes.

BY VALERIE OLAN  
STAFF WRITER

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## District responds to appeal

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth-Canton Community School District late last week filed its briefs with the Michigan Court of Appeals, in an effort to continue with the sale of \$79.6 million in bonds to build two new schools and to make other improvements.

The legal maneuver is in response to the lawsuit filed by Plymouth resident Jerry Vorva. Vorva filed his briefs with the state Court of Appeals on Dec. 23, nearly four months after Wayne County Circuit Court Judge James Rashid ruled in favor of the district, saying the school district could

proceed with the bond sale.

In his suit, Vorva claimed that 716 voters were denied their "fundamental right to vote" because the district's new touch-screen voting machines failed to record their ballots. The special bond issue passed by only 96 votes.

While the district legally could sell the bonds during litigation, Superintendent Dr. Charles Little doesn't see that happening.

"Everyone recognizes that if a bond has legal encumbrance, it's more expensive to sell the issue," said Little. "We're not restricted from selling the bonds, but putting together a

**'I suspect this will move quite rapidly.'**

**Chuck Little**  
—Superintendent

package that's attractive to buyers would be difficult."

Little is hoping for a quick disposition of the case by the three-judge panel.

"The Court of Appeals has said this issue will be at the top of its agenda," said Little. "I suspect this will move quite rapidly."

Vorva vows to take his case to the Michigan Supreme Court if he loses his appeal.

## Pedestrians injured



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRISLER

**Rescue:** Police and rescue personnel prepare to transport an injured woman and complete their investigation Tuesday. The accident occurred at the corner of Wing and Main Street. A 2-year-old infant in a stroller and the female Austrian au pair caring for her were injured when a pickup truck struck them as they crossed Wing Street at Main. Plymouth police were called to the accident scene at 11:02 a.m., after the 1997 Ford pickup driven by a Plymouth man, 25, had turned east onto Wing from southbound Main, striking the pedestrians. The driver was cited for failure to yield at a crosswalk. Both pedestrians were taken to St. Mary Hospital. The infant was treated and released and the au pair was taken in serious condition Wednesday.

## Concert set

The Plymouth Symphony will perform a program of light chamber music at 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 31 in the Plymouth-Canton Little Theatre.

The evening also will feature the winners of the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra Youth Artist competition. For more information, call the symphony at 451-2112.

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## Rivers to host town hall meet

U.S. Rep. Lynn Rivers, D-Ann Arbor, will hold a town hall meeting 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 21 in the Canton High School auditorium, 8415 Canton

Center Road.

The meeting is an open forum and residents may discuss any topic they choose

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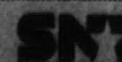
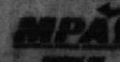
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# Diversity

## Plymouth-Canton students celebrate

BY VALERIE OLANDER  
STAFF WRITER

Students at Bentley Elementary School in Canton learned the Japanese art of Origami on Tuesday. The paper cranes will be sent to students at Highland Park's Barbour Elementary.

"The paper crane is the international symbol of peace and we are doing this as our wish for peace between their community and ours," said fifth grade teacher Nancy Sullivan.

The students at Bentley will encourage the students at Barbour to make 1,000 cranes because the Japanese belief is that if you fold 1,000 cranes all your dreams will come true.

The two schools - one 95 percent white and the other 95 percent black - are participating in a pen pal exchange among fifth

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**Ellison Franklin**  
—East Middle School principal

graders. The two classes will likely meet in a joint school field trip later this year, Sullivan said.

"The questions they asked are your typical kid-to-kid type questions. What are your hobbies? What sports do you like? Who's your favorite singer?" she said.

The letters were sent out to Barbour's 23 fifth graders before Christmas. (There is the same number of students in Sullivan's class.) Sullivan's class is expecting their response next week.

The activity is just one of numerous taking place throughout the Plymouth-Canton School District to honor Martin Luther King Jr. on his birthday.

Several of the schools will broadcast historical vignettes on King's life every morning throughout the week. All-school peace assemblies are scheduled Monday at Hoben, Isbister and East Middle schools.

At East, Principal Ellison Franklin and Assistant Principal Jerome Sullivan will have a presentation about words that hurt during the school's "The Power of



STAFF PHOTOS BY BILL BREMER

**Learning:** Teacher Nancy Sullivan talks with her students about Martin Luther King. The students are exchanging letters with their counterparts in Highland Park Schools. Students in both schools are learning about diversity.

Words" Assembly. Afterward, there will be a reading by students of King's famous "I Have a Dream" speech and a discussion on words that inspire. The conclusion will address issues of healing.

"We're going to be focusing on the philosophy of Dr. King. Last year was more on his life," said

Franklin.

One of the historical clips they will be seeing is an interview with children from Little Rock at the first integrated school. The students talk about how they felt, she said.

"I think it will be a meaningful experience for the children... It will be the first step in being

thoughtful about the words they chose. Middle school students tease, and I'm sure this won't eliminate the teasing, but some words they use can be difficult to mend. We can learn to eliminate those words from our vocabulary."

A similar program is planned at Hoben Elementary where stu-

dent council representatives and peer mediators will discuss ways to solve conflict and promote peace, said Principal Joyce Deren.

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**School exchange:** Jessica Wilkes puts the finishing touch on a paper crane. Bentley School students are sending the cranes to students at Barbour School in Highland Park.

## King

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group, he said.

"I don't know how those things got started in other communities, likely by a group or various groups in the community. There's been no movement here," Yack said.

Livonia's observance is sponsored by the Multi-Cultural Affairs Office of Madonna University, the Livonia Human Relations Commission and PLAID, People of Livonia Addressing Issues of Diversity. The latter two are government organized groups.

"The schools do a lot to recognize Martin Luther King and I think the community is comfortable with that," said Keen-McCarthy.

But Leonard Mungo, president of the Western Wayne County branch of the NAACP, said it is a concern. "They should do something. Put out some information or something like that," he said.

"So someone has to ask them, huh?"

Mungo said he plans to do just that, possibly organize a joint meeting between Plymouth and Canton to plan an event for next year.

In Westland, Mungo met with Mayor Robert Thomas last year and helped form a race relations committee. For the first year activities have been planned in Westland for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, he said.

However, Westland city offices will remain open since declaring an additional holiday has become a union issue.

"I don't want to embarrass people. I know there is a union issue here, but mostly it's because of a lack of awareness and not something that's kept on the front burner," Mungo said.

"They could have a speaker, a message on their cable channel. Maybe the mayor could give a public address or issue a press release."

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## Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

To honor Martin Luther King, Jr. on Jan. 19, 1998 the following schools will have special events:

### Allen Elementary School

■ Individual classroom teachers have planned activities or discussions to honor Dr. King.

### Bentley Elementary School

■ Student Council will be broadcasting facts each morning; first-graders will be reading stories and making mini-books about random acts of kindness; second-graders will read the MLK story, have discussions and write their own dreams for the world; third-graders will be participating in a brown eyes, blue eyes activity, reading, writing and holding discussions; fifth-graders will be participating in a pen pal exchange activity with students from Highland Park.

### Bird Elementary School

■ A mosaic mural is being created by Mrs. Breed's first-grade class.  
■ Showcase display featuring books and posters.  
■ Videos are available for classroom viewing including "Martin Luther King, Jr.," "Black Americans of Achievement" series.  
■ Choral readings, stories, writing activities in classrooms throughout the school.  
■ The celebration is included in Black History Week in the Media Center.

### Erksson Elementary School

■ Kindergarten theme: "Equality for All-Living Peacefully", reading books about MLK and having discussions and making peace doves.  
■ First Grade theme: "I have a Dream", using materials from Scholastic News, reading the book "Happy Birthday Martin Luther King", writing and doing art projects.  
■ Second grade: reading, writing, discussion activities regarding equality and peace.

■ Third grade theme: "I Have A Dream", writing personal "I Have A Dream" essays/discussions and worksheets.  
■ Fourth grade: studying the life of MLK, his beliefs and his cause for peace with discussions and writings on how we can make our school, neighborhood and world a better place to live.

### Farwell Elementary School

■ Individual classroom teachers have planned activities or discussions to honor Dr. King.

### Flagel Elementary School

■ Individual classroom teachers have planned activities or discussions to honor Dr. King.

### Field Elementary School

■ Individual classroom teachers have planned activities or discussions to honor Dr. King.

### Gallimore Elementary School

■ Students are making a book about Martin Luther King's life.  
■ Kindergarten students are making a "peace medal" after class discussion and reading.

■ Writing activities, art projects, film strip along with creative writing activities.

### Hoben Elementary School

■ An all school Peace Assembly is planned for Monday, Jan. 19 at 10:30 a.m. involving the Student Council Representatives and Peer Mediators.

### Hobson Elementary School

■ Individual classroom teachers have planned activities or discussions to honor Dr. King.

### Isbister Elementary School

■ School-wide Peacemaking Assembly at



1:30 and 2:30 p.m., Jan. 22/P.A. announcement recognizing his birthday.

■ Individual classroom activities include: posters with M.L. King sayings, fold books, depicting the sequence of his life, reading text about him, discrimination demonstration, writing activities, segregation simulation, skits, reading articles and holding discussions.

### Miller Elementary School

■ Individual classroom activities are planned throughout the week, a video and story will take place on his birthday over the school television station, and a Media Center display.

### Smith Elementary School

■ All classrooms will have individual activities throughout the week including: making a mural of MLK discussions, related independent activities (writing and coloring), videos, a class will produce a "Peace Quilt" and speeches will be given.

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### Central Middle School

■ Central will be presenting a multi-media program celebrating Dr. King's life, words and accomplishments. They will be using live action, still photography and video clips. It will be shown to all students using the Dynacom system.

### East Middle School

■ Theme: "The Power of Words" Assembly will take place on Monday, Jan. 19 8:30 a.m. in the Cafeteria. Dialogue between Mrs. Franklin and Mr. Sullivan about words that hurt. Dramatic reading by students of "I Have A Dream" speech and words that inspire.

### Lowell Middle School

■ First Hour-students will individually create their own columns of responsibility. The areas covered are: Myself, Family, School, and Friends. Class discussion will follow.  
■ Second Hour-6th grade: The Students will be presented a video on life of Dr. King. 7th and 8th grades: Groups of students will brainstorm ways problems can be resolved without violence. Each group will share their ideas. The students will then create an advertising campaign promoting non-violence.

■ Third Hour-students in all classes will create advertising posters which promote kindness and justice. The entire program is a modified version of kindness and justice challenge focusing on two weeks of student participation in random acts of kindness.

### Pioneer Middle School

■ Individual classes have activities in recognition of Dr. King. In addition, the media center showcases books of famous African-Americans during the month of February and displays a bulletin board in honor of MLK.

### West Middle School

■ West Middle School students will be viewing the live drama "Harriet Tubman". Three performances will be given, one for each grade.

■ Presentation will be made during morning announcements park-wide. Student discussion regarding MLK and a video on his life.

■ Poster distribution in all classrooms.

■ Distribution of Civil Rights Movement information to all teachers for discussions.



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The class will run 6-10 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 28.

Upon completion of the class, you will receive certification in performing CPR.

The fee for the class per person is \$14.50. It is payable the night of the class by check only.

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On ice: Skaters practice their routine for the upcoming precision team championship at Compuware Sports Arena. Precision skating is similar to precision swimming, but on ice. The sport requires teamwork and practice.

## Skating club hosts precision event

BY KEVIN BROWN  
STAFF WRITER

The growing sport of precision team skating comes to Plymouth Feb. 6-8 as the Plymouth Figure Skating Club hosts the 1998 Midwestern Precision Team Sectional Championship.

"Our club is very proud to be hosting this prestigious event with the endorsement of the United States Figure Skating Association," said Bob Rzepecki, co-chairman of the event along with Nancy LaBelle.

The event, at the Compuware Sports Arena, features more than 3,000 skaters on 145 teams from 17 Midwest states.

The club bid to host the event

**The Plymouth Figure Skating Club hosts the 1998 Midwestern Precision Team Sectional Championship Feb. 6-8 at the Compuware Sports Arena.**

after the Compuware Arena opened two years ago.

"You need a beautiful facility like Compuware," Rzepecki said. He said capacity was another factor in Plymouth winning the event, as the main Compuware rink has 4,300 seats.

Further, "It will be the best parking they've ever had," he

added.

There are 20-24 skaters on a team. Most are in their teens to early 20s, but skaters range in age from 8 to 50-60, in the adult master division.

"It takes real good teamwork and lots of practice," Rzepecki said. "They're doing some moves on the ice you wouldn't believe."

The top teams in each division go on to the nationals in San Diego, Calif. in mid-February. Rzepecki said precision skating is expected to become an Olympic event in 2002.

The Plymouth Figure Skating Club has four precision skating teams, with members aged 7 to 16. They practice at the Compuware Arena from 3-5 p. m. Wednesdays and 6-7 p.m. Fridays.

Cost for an all-event pass is \$15 for adults and \$7.50 for youths and seniors. It allows admittance all three days. Per day ticket costs are 10\$ for adults and \$5 for youths and seniors.

The Plymouth Figure Skating Club has 252 members. They'll be joined by family members to work the event. Jobs include concessions, hotel liaisons, helping with medical support and more.

"It takes a lot of volunteers to make a successful competition, plus we want to make it the best they've ever had," Rzepecki said.

A pre-event private party for teams and parents is scheduled Feb. 5 at Laurel Manor and hosted by the Plymouth club. Several local companies have donated food for that event.

## Close Up students lend a hand

Fourteen Close Up students from Salem High School and their teachers, Alex Sudia and Bill Gretzinger collected and delivered more than 228 Beanie Babies to Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor.

The students donated the popular stuffed animals to help

make the holiday season much happier for these sick children. Each student gave one animal in a decorated lunch bag which the staff of Mott will present to the children during Christmas.

The following students went to the hospital with their teachers to help pass out Beanie Babies:

Brandy McCleod, Jill Dykstra, Rebecca Gaedke, Roxanne Hammonds, Christopher Oliver, David D'Mello, Erin Kozak, Rebecca Gaither, Nate Batts, Kara Houghton, Stephanie Wood, Pretty O'Tel, Shannon Kelso, Ronnie Fordarko.

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## Suburban bus service expands

Since the Detroit Department of Transportation has decided to make cutbacks in its suburban bus service, SMART (Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation) is filling the transportation void for the vast majority of riders affected by the cuts.

When SMART, at the time SEMTA, first designed much of its service, it aimed to avoid duplication of DDOT's major routes. However, when DDOT cut routes like Eight Mile to Livonia, Plymouth, Schaefer and Schoolcraft roads, SMART decided some adjustments needed to be made.

"SMART recognizes that service to Wonderland and Livonia malls is a major concern, so we are supplementing some of that service," said Ron Ristau, Director of Services for

SMART.

Livonia Mall can be accessed by SMART's Middlebelt route. Wonderland is serviced by SMART's Livonia-Redford route and the Middlebelt route. However, service is lacking during evening and weekend hours. Therefore SMART is supplementing service on Route 295 Livonia-Redford on weekday evenings and all day Saturday and Sunday. This service will connect with DDOT's Plymouth route to carry passengers to the suburban malls. DDOT has estimated the number of affected riders at 1,500. However, that includes the total number of riders on DDOT's cut routes. It is important to note though, with SMART providing service alternatives, the number is significantly lower.

## SMART to seek tax renewal

By Ken Abramczyk  
STAFF WRITER

About three years ago the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation was saddled with a \$20 million deficit.

Thanks to voters in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties, SMART is on the verge of ridding itself of that deficit.

"We've just received an audit for the end of a two-year period which showed a deficit of \$7.1 million," said Richard Kaufman, SMART's general manager. "We plan to eliminate that within the next year."

Kaufman said that was the first of three promises made during a millage campaign three years ago that SMART has since fulfilled. And now, it is time for another millage renewal to be placed on the Aug. 4 ballot.

Suburban Wayne County residents will be asked to renew a 1/3 mill for SMART's public transportation system of buses, possibly for four years. That property tax will cost the owner of a \$100,000 home about \$16.65 a year.

Kaufman said SMART will seek the four-year term so elec-

tion renewals will fall on county ballots and not cost taxpayers and communities more money for special elections. The current SMART millage actually reached its third year in December 1997, so it must be renewed some time this year to collect property taxes in December 1998.

"We're just going to try and get the word out that SMART is running effectively and efficiently," Kaufman said. SMART officials expect to promote the promises made and kept by SMART officials, Kaufman said.

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Those figures actually declined before they increased. That occurred because rider routes were studied to research changing job demographics.

"SMART redesigned the entire system," Kaufman said. "We added Telegraph, 15 Mile and Northwestern (highway). As a result, we have increased ridership."

### Increased use

For senior citizens who cannot drive themselves, the smaller commuter buses are important to them for trips to shopping centers or the doctor's office, Kaufman said.

"We have partnered with 50 communities to add transportation in their communities," Kaufman said. More than 4,000

riders a day use the buses, Kaufman said.

Kaufman expects to promote these goals during the millage campaign. "Three years ago, we went to the voters and said, 'Here's the promises, trust us.' Today we say 'Your trust was well-placed.'"

"SMART was a good economic buy in economic and human terms."

Kaufman knows there will be some residents who oppose public subsidies of public transportation systems and he is ready to counter their arguments.

"When you look at it in economic terms, (SMART) allows an entry level worker to get to work where they otherwise may sit at home collecting welfare payments, or it helps an elderly person go to the doctor or shopping. It is not a question between a low or high quality of life, it is a question of having any quality of life."

Without SMART, metropolitan Detroit would be a less desirable place to live, Kaufman said.

"We're just going to try and get the word out that SMART is running effectively and efficiently," Kaufman said.

## Hispanic group honors UM-D

The University of Michigan-Dearborn is among 24 Michigan colleges and universities chosen nationwide by The Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education for "offering solid opportunities to Hispanic students" in 1997.

The selections are based on a review of surveys from college presidents, course catalogs and information on higher-education institutions, according to Jose Lopez-Isa, publisher of The Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education. Feedback from students, parents, professors, counselors and educational advocates also play a role.

"Our readers tell us that the Publisher's Pick HOT list is a real benefit to Hispanic students, parents and those who help them make their decisions," Lopez-Isa said.

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## Ice from page A1

The National Weather Service predicts daytime highs in the low to mid-30s through Saturday, and nighttime lows in the

teens.

Carvers and ice festival organizers say these temperatures are near perfect, for carvers who

need firm ice and spectators who aren't into overly frigid weather.

The Gathering off of Kellogg Park sheltered much of the ice

delivered early this week — 300 blocks delivered Sunday and another 300 delivered Monday.

On Monday afternoon, carver J.R. Lorentz, who owns J.R.'s Ice Sculptures of Plymouth, was already working on two elk sculptures, in preparation for the opening of the ice spectacular on Wednesday.

With the temperature hovering around 35 degrees, he said conditions were good, adding, "It could be a couple of degrees colder."

That way, the snow created when carving by chain saw "would fall right off," he said — without sticking to his snowsuit and boots.

Before the Wednesday opening of the ice spectacular, Lorentz was also to complete more carvings with a wildlife theme. They included a mountain moon crest scene, complete with a mountain lion on a cliff ledge.

Nearby, Henry Ford Community College student carver Alison Edwards who also works with Lorentz was preparing a single block of ice for the Saturday student competitions from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Getting ready for that event

also included taking an inventory of the needed tools. "You have to make sure you have the proper (drill) bits, make sure your chain saw has a sharp chain," she explained.

Lorentz and Edwards were also to begin work Tuesday on ice sculptures to be displayed in Cannon Park in Old Village.

While sculptures will be displayed around downtown, more displays are slated this year for the Old Village area. A purple ice sculpture depicting a Princess Bear-Diana tribute is to be displayed in front of Robin's Nest Antiques on Starkweather.

Sculptures will also be displayed in front of Station 885 Restaurant, the Lower Town Grill and at other Old Village spots.

To coincide with the ice spectacular, Rod Reinhart and the Plymouth Poets present a "Poets On Ice" reading at 7:30 p.m. today at the Plymouth Coffee Bean Company on Penniman.

This hour of antiwar poetry features Marc Maurus and Rishikavi Raghudas and an open mike poetry session.

Upcoming highlights include the start at 6 p.m. Friday of the

20-hour two-man professional and amateur team competition in Kellogg Park.



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**Sculpt: Yasuo Matsuda begins work on his sculpture of a woman.**

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## Grill from page A1

sions on free speech.

Lower Town Grill partner Kim Guenther said, "Our whole issue with this thing is there was no benchmark to say this was too loud. It was based on somebody just arbitrarily having a problem with the level."

Miller said, "I'm just trying to see what the city can do to help commercial and residential customers live in harmony."

The ticket writing began in April, not long after the Lower Town Grill opened.

Old Village backers were enthusiastic about the transformation of one of Liberty Street's sleepy antique shops into a vibrant restaurant-bar-night spot. But some neighbors say the

music keeps them awake at night, Miller said.

"It doesn't do us any good to alienate neighbors," Guenther said. "We want to sell them and bring them into the club."

"We've probably put \$6,000 to \$6,500 trying to address the sound itself and the volume of it," Guenther said. "I'd hate to live next to a place that caused problems for me or my family."

He said some sound abatement measures have included more insulation and raising the stage so the floor doesn't serve as a sounding board.

"How much do we do and how far do we carry this thing until we stop getting complaints?" Guenther asked.

"We think there's a void in the town a far as having some place people can go and hear live music. We're starting to fill a void," Guenther said.

Prosecutor Miller said, "It is my understanding that the Lower Town Grill has done a wonderful job of taking out the high notes. It is my understanding the problem is the bass and drums, the low notes. These people seem very sincere."

"We're certainly not unsympathetic to a new business trying to promote itself, that is not the intent in this," he said.

Court dates have yet to be set for outstanding noise tickets against the club.

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# State officials challenge school, city boundaries

BY TIM RICHARD  
STAFF WRITER

Michigan historically has separated schools from city governments. In fact, most school districts have different boundaries from cities. School elections are separate from city and gubernatorial elections. The theory is to take education out of "politics."

That system is coming under challenge. Some Michigan officials have talked of having, say, Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer take over the Detroit public schools, the way big-city mayors do in other states.

"Other mayors have reached out with the club. That's not my style," said Lansing Mayor David Hollister, who won praise from the State Board of Education for his leadership in community efforts to help the ailing Lansing public schools.

"It's not a turf war," agreed Lansing Superintendent Dick Halik. "He (Hollister) has a platform that I, as a superintendent, don't have. He can bring in General Motors, the UAW and chamber of commerce leaders."

At stake, Hollister told the state board Jan. 7, are 16,000 jobs and \$600 million in investment that General Motors would like to place in Lansing. He quoted GM officials as saying:

"We (Lansing) have the best workforce and the best labor-management relations. Oh, by the way, half of our workers will retire in the next 10 years. We need productive, hard-working, efficient workers with good math skills, good computer skills and many who can speak Spanish because we have a sister plant in Mexico."

Hollister, 55, spent six years in county government and 20 in the state House of Representatives where he was a hero among social workers but less so with industry.

## Community tools

Elected mayor in 1995, Hollister set up a blue-ribbon committee headed by Michigan State University Peter McPherson to explore how a community could

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help schools — in five years — achieve a zero dropout rate, make every child computer literate, give everyone the work ethic and have every child drug-free.

Some of their tools:

■ **Tutoring** — They signed up 1,000 volunteers who would mentor one child, one hour a week, for one year, in reading. Hollister himself is a volunteer. Their target: 1,400 kids in grades 3-5 who are reading below the 30th percentile.

"Those mentors have to be mobile," said Halik, the superintendent. "Some kids change schools five or six times a year." Turnover in some schools is 100 percent a year.

■ **Truancy** — Police have recruited retirees to track down kids who aren't showing up for class. "Lots of kids disappear when Mom is on drug treatment," said Hollister. "We haven't solved it."

■ **Curfew** — The (city) police department does sweeps of kids who aren't where they're supposed to be," said Rossie Ray-Taylor, deputy superintendent of schools. "The (county) prosecutor's office has taken on the attendance issue."

Parents who fail to get their kids to school or who let them violate curfews are brought before the law and have a choice of punishments: pay a fine, do community service or spend a day in school with their kids. "Most would rather pay the fine," said Hollister. "Going to school with their kid is the least favorite option."

■ **Partnering** — The UAW came up with seven laid-off auto workers who work in schools as teachers' aides. "They're the most honored people in the school. The laid-off guys are get-

ting paid anyway," Hollister said.

■ **Donations** — "GM showed up with a \$10,000 check for computers," said Halik. "We tried that through the schools and got not one cent."

Halik said he had several critical letters telling him to "take back managing the schools." His response: "They're entirely wrong. The superintendent needs to get all the resources he can."

## National model

Hollister, Halik and Ray-Taylor spoke at the invitation of State Board president Kathleen Straus, D-Detroit. "The State Board will be exploring examples of partnerships where schools are working hand-in-hand with the community," she said, praising the Lansing model.

"This could be a model nationally," said board member Herb Moyer, D-Temperance. "It's non-adversarial."

"Pontiac has a lot of the same problems," said board vice president Dorothy Beardmore, R-Rochester, citing mobility between schools. Pontiac's answer was to transport kids to their original school to provide stability. Did Lansing try that?

Yes, said Halik, but it still resulted in high rates of tardiness and absenteeism.

What will happen, they were asked, if GM doesn't produce two new car models in Lansing?

"The skills GM is asking are the same others are asking," replied Ray-Taylor, pointing to Sparrow Hospital.

Added Hollister: "We stand to lose 16,000 jobs if we don't get it right."

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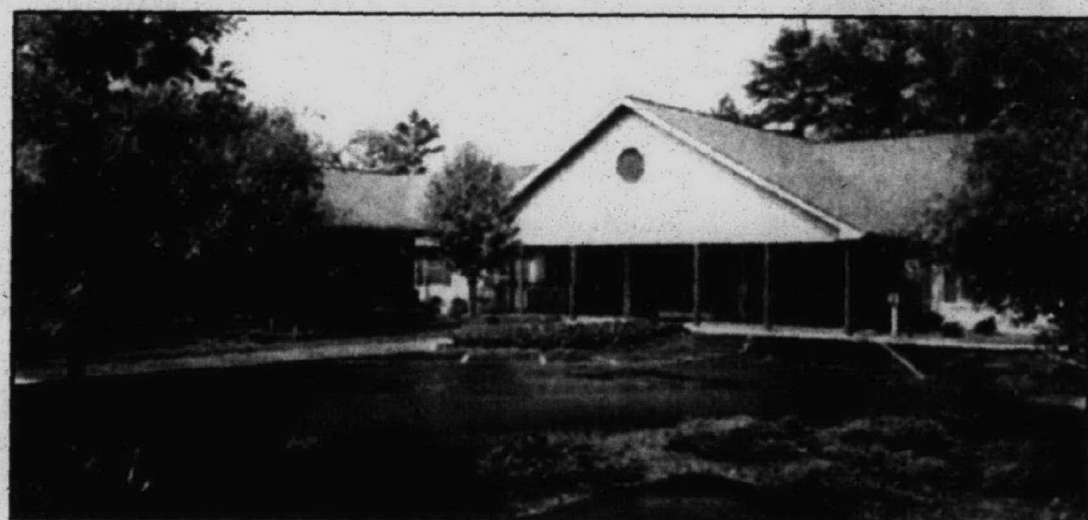
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# County honors Duggan with leadership award

County employees were recognized recently for outstanding performance at the Annual Achievement Award Ceremony.

This year 89 employees received individual and team awards. The awards were instituted to acknowledge the contributions made by employees to the county and its residents in the areas of leadership, service, performance and charitable work.

"These awards encourage and acknowledge job initiative, hard work and commitment to volunteer work," said Ed McNamara, county executive. "I'm honored to have so many special people in our team."

Outstanding employee awards were given to 26 employees. Award recipients' activities ranged from devising new com-

puter systems to help the county run smoothly, initiating programs to help victims of domestic violence and other crimes and helping obtain the state license for the Juvenile Detention Facility.

Outstanding employee Lynda Baker, special assistant director of Wayne County Coordinating Council to Domestic Violence, created the Wayne County Domestic Violence Handbook. She also obtained grants from the Michigan Justice Training Commission to hold a conference on domestic violence attended by 400 professionals and Gov. John Engler.

Baker's achievements and insights have been recognized by the state of Michigan. She was appointed to the Governor's Task Force on Batterer Inter-

vention Services to develop statewide standards for handling domestic violence.

Extraordinary efforts have impacted cities and companies. Recommendations from Herman Taylor, county appraiser, averted a property tax war and saved Wayne County, the city of Wyandotte and BASF millions of dollars in attorney and expert witness costs.

## Suggestion Award

Randall Sims of the Wayne County Department of Airports received the Employee Suggestion Award and \$2,000 for his cost-saving suggestion of applying a solar film to the windows at the L.C. Smith Terminal at Metro Airport. To date, he has saved the county more than \$28,000 by reducing the need to have the chiller and steam generators running constantly.

Individual and team meritorious service awards were given to 55 employees for their quality of work. This commitment to excellence has made a difference by improving customer service and public safety and saving taxpayers millions of dollars.

Employees who exemplify volunteerism by working for the welfare of others were recognized with the Humanitarian Award. Recipients were three employees and the Mental Health Division. Programs such as Habitat for Humanity benefited through the assistance and dedication of Eddie McDonald, housing director for Jobs and Economic Development, who secured properties for housing development.

The 1997 Major General Anthony Wayne Leadership Award was given to Michael



Michael Duggan

Duggan, Wayne County deputy executive. Duggan was cited for his leadership qualities in the financial recovery of Wayne County, the creation of the on-premise child care facility at the Wayne County Building, and the agreement to build the twin stadiums and the Midfield Terminal at Metro Airport.

"Mike's negotiating skills, tenacity and instinct for what's good for the County have been instrumental in building an efficient government and implementing programs that benefit all residents," McNamara said, as he handed the award to Duggan. "We are fortunate to have Mike as a part of our team."

Other award recipients were: Meritorious Service Award, individual category: James Davis, Wayne County Sheriff's Department; Cheryl Hildreth, community development division; Mary Jane O'Neil, quality assurance division in patient care management; Raymond

Walsh, outcounty office of the county prosecutor; Cynthia Wilson, Wayne County Sheriff's office; Susan Muggelberg, auditor general's office; Michael Prochaska, business development; Treassa White, auditor general's office, and Yvonne Wright, board of commissioners.

Meritorious Service Award, team category — Administrative team, Department of Information Processing: Rochelle Downs, Pamela Rhodes, Adrienne Williams and Dennis Suszynski; Department of Environment in-service team: Ann Chevalier, Patrick Cullen, Carolyn Dubose, James Hatcher, Richard Leverette, Brian Herman, Judy Mikulski, Sharon Reeves, Dean Tuomari and Mary Vangieson; Department of Information Processing, Computer Services Team, Richard Chelekis, James Day, John Foot, Mari Murdzia, Trudy Morse and Marvin Sheats, and the Department of Environment compliance and public affairs team, Patrick Cullen, Ronald Fadoir and Michael Flowers.

## Community service

Also, community service officers from the Wayne County Sheriff Department, Juan Cross, Scott Gatti, David Green, Dwayne Hayes, William Rollstin, Michael Modes and Eugene Wright. Ad hoc committee Robert Biga, Commissioner George Cushingberry, Patrick O'Donnell, Kevin Maillard and William Holman. Wayne County corporation counsel litigation team: Margaret Flanagan, Andrew Grifka, Dia Chiky Mason, Ellen Mason, Samuel Nouhan, Nathan Pardi, W.

Steven Pearson, Herma Petzold III and Nancy Rade.

## Outstanding employees

Others recognized for their dedication included:

Lynda Baker, Wayne County, coordinating council to domestic violence; Judith Johnson, health services for the Wayne County jail; William Steven Pearson, assistant corporation counsel; Herman Taylor, management and budgets assessments and equalization division; Angela Burris, board of commissioners; Sara Jondro, Wayne County Third Circuit Court; Martin Krohner and Kevin Simowski of the prosecutor's office.

From the Department of Community Justice, the following people were recognized from the juvenile detention facility team: Sandra Brown, Stanley Daniel, Luvenia Flowers, Carolyn Jones, Judith Muhammed, Bruce Smith, Yema Walker-Vance and Janice Pearson.

From the Department of Management and Budget, these employees received awards: Rita Aquilina, Ronald Davies, Lamine Dia, Alicia Hardy, Kristine Moore, Norbert Opyd and Jonya Riley.

From the appeals division team from the prosecutor's office, recipients were Glenda Davis, Grace Hampton and Faye Watson.

Receiving humanitarian awards were Eddie McDonald, from Jobs and Economic Development; Kit Spencer from the Board of Commissioners, Artina Moses, from the prosecutor's office. In the team category, Dr. Barbara Dorsett and Peggy Frankie of the mental health board received awards.

## STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION CAPSULES

### What sanctions?

By June state Superintendent of Public Instruction Art Ellis will announce what sanctions he will impose on 22 public schools

that for various reasons are still unaccredited.

"Less than one percent of schools are unaccredited," Ellis told the State Board of Educa-

tion Jan. 8.

By law he could 1) replace the principals, 2) require the schools to consult with a university about how to improve, 3) allow parents to move their children to another school, or 4) close them.

One of the 22 is University Public Schools, Michigan's first public charter academy. Located in Detroit, it is operated by Wayne State University.

Others are: Detroit (2), Flint (8), Grand Rapids (3), Highland Park (1), Muskegon (3), Muskegon Heights (1), Saginaw (1), Beecher (1) Benton Harbor (1).

The State Board last September approved 10 criteria for measuring schools. They covered administration, curriculum, allocation of resources, professional development for educators,

maintenance of physical facilities, community relations, a 3-5 year improvement plan, collection of data, use of technology, and improvement of low-achieving groups.

### State tech praised

Mark Westin, representing Apple Computer in Boston, told the board he points to Michigan as a good example of how to integrate technology into teaching.

"There has been a tremendous influx of technology," he said. "But only 3 percent of schools in the U.S. are integrating technology into the curriculum."

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# DNR loss may be tool for battling public boat launches

BY TIM RICHARD  
STAFF WRITER

Opponents of state boat launches won a major legal battle when the state Court of Appeals said the Department of Natural Resources must follow township zoning rules.

"A welcome breath of fresh air... Local government still exists," said Jeff Lyon, attorney for Burt Township in northern lower Michigan's Cheboygan County.

Burt Township's victory — which the DNR could challenge before the Supreme Court — shows local county units they may have a new tool for battling public boat launches on lakes.

Currently boat launch opponents are supporting House Bill 4363, sponsored by Rep. Penny Crissman, R-Rochester, to require public hearings before the DNR can develop a launch. Crissman's bill would tilt the hearings in favor of homeowners' groups which could pack the hearing. The DNR, Michigan United Conservation Clubs and the boating industry oppose her bill.

Burt Lake, at 16,700 acres, is one of Michigan's largest inland bodies of water. The DNR has one first-class ramp (able to handle the largest recreational boats) at Burt Lake State Park at the south end.

In 1989, the DNR obtained options on two lots on the northwest shore, almost 10 miles away. Burt Township's zoning administrator requested that the DNR apply for township approval because the area was

zoned R-1 residential. The DNR replied that, as a state agency, it didn't need township approval.

Supporting the township's side were the United Burt Township Association, Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council and Michigan Lakes and Streams Association. Not only did they file "amicus" briefs, but their attorney even took part in oral arguments before the Court of Appeals.

The township obtained an injunction blocking the DNR's project from Cheboygan Circuit Judge Robert Livo. The DNR appealed. Appellate judges Mark Cavanagh of Royal Oak and Maureen Pulte Reilly of Grosse Pointe Park upheld the injunction.

The issue was whether every state department is an 800-pound gorilla that can place a facility where it wants. The Court of Appeals said some can — and some can't, and the DNR can't. It reviewed the law, one statute and case at a time:

■ **Prisons** — The state could build a prison in Detroit because "the Legislature had intended to grant the Department of Corrections immunity from local zoning ordinances when establishing state penal institutions."

■ **Gas and oil wells** — The Township Zoning Act says townships may not regulate or control oil and gas wells.

■ **State universities** — They have "exclusive jurisdiction" in the construction of their buildings.

■ **Schools** — not exempt from local zoning ordinances.

■ **State Police** — "not immune from the provisions of local zoning ordinances."

But the Legislature, in the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act (NREPA), didn't clearly exempt the DNR from local zoning. "In the absence of any evidence that the Legislature intended to give the DNR exclusive jurisdiction over its subject matter, we cannot find it immune from local zoning ordinances," said the appellate opinion.

The DNR argued the state constitution says, "The conservation and development of the natural resources of the state are hereby declared to be of paramount public concern..."

But the appeals court said that, while the Legislature assigned the DNR the task of providing outdoor recreational facilities, it assigned similar responsibilities to local units, such as townships. "Accordingly, we cannot conclude that the constitution compels a finding that the DNR is exempt from local zoning ordinances."

The court said townships may not totally prohibit a land use. "Accordingly, defendant (DNR) will have recourse if a township attempts to engage in exclusionary zoning."

Judge Helene N. White of Detroit issued a strong dissent, raising the probability that the DNR will appeal to the Supreme Court. Assistant Attorney General James Stropkai was unavailable for comment, and the attorney general's publicist

could not be reached by press time.

Any appeal will be speedy because DNR's funding for that site runs out at the end of September.

White disagreed that the Legislature intended to let township zoning limit the DNR's mandate to provide outdoor recreation.

"The NREPA sets forth a comprehensive legislative scheme assessing the protection, conservation and development of the natural resources of this state," she wrote. The DNR "is granted authority to buy or condemn land on behalf of the people of the state" for outdoor recreation.

"The navigable waters within this state belong to all the citizens of this state... and the Legislature has granted the DNR the power to construct facilities for vessels in those waters."

That grant of authority "is inconsistent with the view that a local unit of government can control public access through local zoning," White said.

**DNR wins one**

The DNR won underground mineral rights in a court challenge from the Bonehead Hunting Club of Montmorency County.

Located in the northeastern lower Michigan wilderness that attracts many local cottage owners, campers, hunters and anglers, Montmorency is in the heart of the so-called "Pigeon River Country," where much natural gas has been recovered. Atlanta, the county seat, bills itself as the "elk capital of Michigan."

The Court of Appeals ruled 2-1 in favor of DNR and two oil companies, Shell Western E&P Inc. and North Michigan Land & Oil Corp.

The problem began with a 1943 fire that destroyed the Montmorency County Courthouse, including all its real estate records in the register of deeds office.

In 1948, Bonehead won a chancery court "default decree" recognizing it as the sole owner of the property. In 1993, the DNR filed a complaint for title to the mineral rights. In 1995, the

local circuit court vacated Bonehead's decree and concluded that the DNR reserved all mineral rights and the rights of ingress and egress.

"There is no evidence that MDC (Michigan Department of Conservation, forerunner of the DNR) ever received notice of the proceedings initiated by (Bonehead) in 1948," said the appeals court. The MDC in 1946 also recorded four tax deeds on the land. Thus, the appeals court said the chancery court lacked jurisdiction over the land.

"We believe that the evidence clearly establishes that the DNR's claim to the mineral rights is far superior to that of plaintiffs," said Judges Barbara B. MacKenzie of Saginaw and Janet Neff of Grand Rapids.

Dissenting, Judge Michael Smolenski of Grand Rapids said the 1948 court had jurisdiction and its decision for Bonehead wasn't void. He noted the DNR waited 45 years before filing its complaint.

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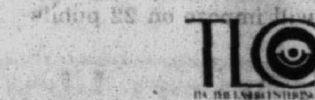
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# Changes loom for county commission in '98

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK  
STAFF WRITER

Wayne County commissioners are expected to kick off the new year of business today by naming a replacement for Ken Cockrel.

Cockrel, a Democrat who represented Wayne County's 5th District in Detroit, was elected to Detroit City Council in November. Cockrel served through the end of the year.

Commission Chair Ricardo Solomon, D-Detroit, would not comment Monday on who Cockrel's replacement would be, but Solomon said commissioners would choose one today. Sources indicated Tuesday Cockrel wants commissioners to appoint his wife, Kimberly, a Detroit schoolteacher.

The Wayne County Charter states that the commission has 30 days from a commissioner's resignation to appoint a successor. Commissioners generally follow an unwritten rule that the resigning commissioner can recommend a successor, which the other commissioners approve.

The appointee must reside within the district and be a member of the same political party.

Cockrel's old post is not the only vacancy commissioners have had to fill. Ed Plawecki Sr. was appointed by commissioners in November to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Michelle Plawecki, his granddaughter. That seat represents Wayne County's Ninth District, which includes Redford Township, Dearborn Heights and part of Livonia, east of Middlebelt.

The elder Plawecki will serve until elections are held within the next two months.

Five candidates filed and none withdrew their petitions by 4 p.m. Friday, so these five (Republicans William Bates and Kathleen Husk of Redford Township and Democrats Shaun McLachlan, Edward Plawecki Sr. and Pete Zajac of Dearborn Heights) will appear on the Feb. 10 primary election ballot. The winners from each party will advance to the general election on March 10.

All the county commission

seats are up for election this year. The filing deadline is 4 p.m. May 12.

Elections will be held in August and November for seats held by Plawecki, Vice Chair Kay Beard, a Westland Democrat who represents Garden City, Inkster and Westland in the 12th District; Thaddeus McCotter, a Livonia Republican who represents the 10th District in an area of Livonia west of Middlebelt, Northville, Ply-

mouth and Plymouth Township, and Bruce Patterson, a Canton Republican who represents Canton, Huron, Sumpter and Van Buren townships and the city of Romulus in the 11th District.

The commission currently has 12 Democrats and two Republicans on the commission.

## Other action expected

Commissioners are expected to act on other items today:

■ A proposed ordinance to

compel the county executive to appoint at least one county commissioner to the Detroit-Wayne County Community Mental Board. A public hearing is scheduled for today at the meeting at 10 a.m.

■ A contract with Derse Exhibits of Grand Rapids for \$388,130 for the design and installation of the first phase of exhibits at the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center in Westland. The exhibit will incorporate the

history and nature of the site to educate the public about Nankin Mills and the surrounding areas.

■ A contract between Wayne County and the Michigan Department of Transportation for traffic signal modernization at seven locations along Warren Road from Henry Ruff Road in Westland to Fenton Road in Dearborn Heights.

## County offices to close for King observance

All of Wayne County's government offices and courts will be closed Monday in observance of Martin Luther King's birthday.

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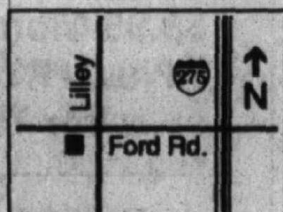
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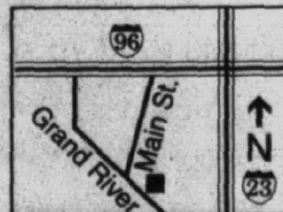
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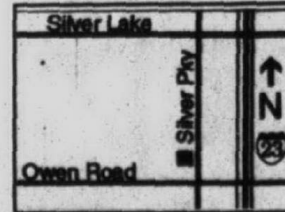
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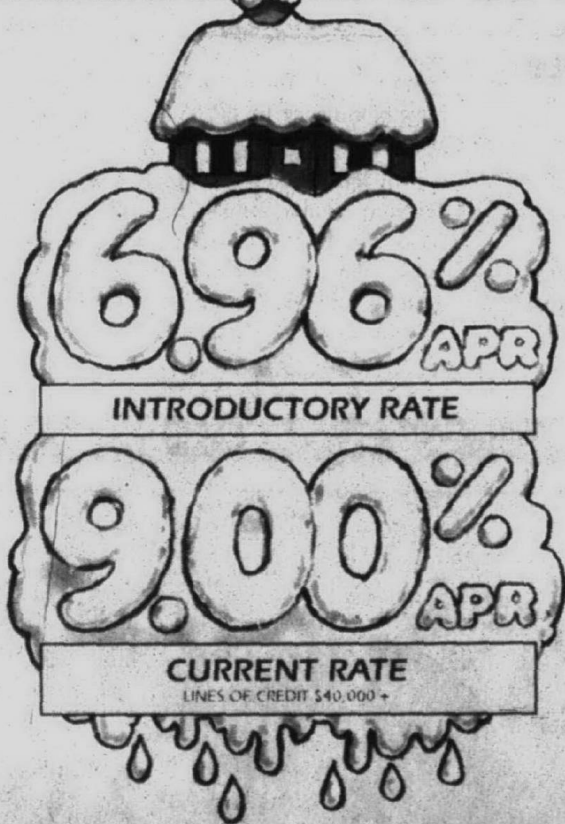
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## Madonna partners with computer firm

Madonna University and New Horizons Computer Learning Centers, both in Livonia, are collaborating to offer computer training to students.

"Madonna's partnership with New Horizons enhances the career options of our students who are preparing to enter the field of computer and network technology or computer and network technology or computer graphics," said Ernest Nolan, vice president for academic affairs at Madonna University. "This opportunity will give our graduates a competitive edge."

Through the collaboration, Madonna University will award students college credits for computer classes taken at New Horizons. A joint certification program will offer Microsoft and Novell technical training from New Horizons to prepare students to obtain certification as a certified Novell administrator, certified Novell engineer or Microsoft certified systems engineer. Students also may earn commercial art credit for courses taken in computer graphic applications such as Illustrator, Photoshop and QuarkXPress.

"Madonna students can now take advantage of our comprehensive computer training programs while earning credit for their degree," said Mark McManus Jr., president of New Horizons Computer Learning Centers.



**Computer collaboration:** Madonna University and New Horizons Computer Learning Centers, both in Livonia, are collaborating to offer computer training to students. Officials recently met to sign a contract, which included Mark McManus Jr. (front, from left), president of New Horizons, and Sister Mary Francilene, president of Madonna University, and Jerry Kuchka (back row), account executive for New Horizons, and Ernest Nolan, vice president for academic affairs of Madonna University.

Under the agreement, students may enroll at any New Horizons Computer Learning Center located in Michigan,

which include sites in Livonia, Southfield, Troy and Detroit.

New Horizons is the largest network of Novell Authorized

Education Centers and is one of the largest Microsoft Authorized Technical Education Center networks.

## County parks plan more improvements

By KEN ABRAHAM  
STAFF WRITER

It may be the dead of winter, but Hurley Coleman anticipates the next few months will be busy ones in Wayne County parks.

Not that the parks have a flurry of activities planned with the flurries of snow. What is planned are parks improvements, all over Wayne County.

"We've got a lot going on this year," the director of Wayne County parks said. "We really have a lot."

Here are some of the improvements:

■ Wayne County will build a \$7.8 million family aquatic center in Chandler Park on Middlebelt Road. A \$2.5 million, five-year contract with Torre & Bruglio, Inc. of Pontiac was approved by county commissioners in December for maintenance and grounds keeping services there.

■ Naturalist programs at Nankin Mills Interpretive Center in Westland have begun at that facility. Money will be spent on exhibits this year depicting the history and nature of the area, ranging from the early days of the facility as a grain mill to the 20th Century use by Henry Ford and the housing of the world's first hydroelectric generator, created by Thomas Edison.

■ But in another important phase of the county's recreational upgrade, new soccer fields, inline skating rinks, basketball courts, playscapes and renovated comfort stations are all part of the park improvements, strewn throughout parks in western Wayne County from Bell Creek Park in Redford Township to Wilcox Lake in Plymouth.

Coleman hopes to deliver on many of the millage promises made two years ago during a

campaign to promote voter approval of the quarter mill.

"None of this could be done without the millage," Coleman said. "This is stuff that's needed to be done for 30 years. The parks millage allows us to do that."

Several comfort stations and rest rooms will be remodeled throughout western Wayne County.

Park improvements include Merriman Hollow in Westland. A comfort station will be renovated and new roof installed.

In Northville, a playscape and picnic pavilion will be completed by the end of July. A comfort station will be renovated at Wilcox Lake. Improvements are expected at Colonial Park in Inkster, a roadside park in Plymouth and Helms Haven in Dearborn Heights.

Old tennis courts will be renovated as street hockey rinks in Northville, Bell Creek Park in Redford and the Warrendale picnic area in Dearborn Heights.

This work will be completed by May.

Basketball courts will be installed at Warrendale and Perrin Field near Inkster roads in Hines Park. New soccer fields will be created at Colonial Park in Inkster, off Haggerty in Plymouth, and Parr Field between Beech Daly and Telegraph along Hines Drive.

How does the county monitor all these activities?

"We've had a program management team that has all the technical and design discipline, and engineering firm with sales, construction management person," Coleman said. "We've got several people who are watching this project."

Contractors will pave and light up the lot at the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center. A barn also will be renovated to house a bicycle livery for rentals to use along Hines Drive. The park's bike path is 90 percent completed and is expected to be open this spring, Coleman said.

## S'craft seeks nominations for distinguished alums

Schoolcraft College is seeking nominations for outstanding alumni who have made significant contributions to their profession, the community and the College.

The award winner will be honored in person at commencement exercises Saturday, May 2.

To be eligible, nominees must have earned a minimum of 30 hours of credit at Schoolcraft, have excelled in or achieved special distinction in a particular endeavor such as civic affairs, a professional field or volunteerism, and have made a contribution to Schoolcraft while a student or alumnus.

The Distinguished Alumni Committee created this award to recognize the overall success of Schoolcraft College students.

The deadline for submitting applications is Friday, March 27. To obtain an application, contact

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scheduling with Dillon before the holiday break. He said cheerleading practices were scheduled for two hours daily.

"The only thing I could think of is our wrestling team hosted three invitational tournaments during the Christmas holidays," Robinson said. The tournaments were on Saturdays. "This is not something we did just this year. It's always been that way."

Robinson said the times the cheerleaders were locked out may have been when the wrestling mats were cleaned. Also, he said the janitorial staff told him the cheerleaders have shown up at unscheduled practice times.

"She (Dillon) had given a

schedule to another person, but not me. Scheduling is very crucial. They have to be very clear about when they will be in here," Robinson said.

Jerry Ostoin, Salem principal, said he was not fully informed of the scheduling problems between the cheerleading and wrestling squads. He said he does not question the decisions of Robinson and Director of Athletics Brian Wolcott.

"Everybody's got to give a little. All the coaches for the winter sports realize their schedules will be changed from time to time," Ostoin said.

### Health concerns

Matt Liaym, president of the

cheerleaders' booster club, met with Ostoin and Robinson, during the fall last year, to discuss cheerleader concerns, including potential health problems.

Liaym objected to a decision to ban the cheerleaders from using the auxiliary gym for health reasons. "The only reason we use the wrestling room is because of the height," he said.

But Robinson said contact dermatitis is a potential problem in school wrestling programs. Mats must be constantly mopped and checked for abrasions. Liaym said cheerleaders always clean and disinfect the mats after each practice.

In an Oct. 23, 1997, letter to Ostoin, Liaym said the cheerleading program paid the athletic department \$200 for maintenance of the mats in the auxiliary gym.

Wrestling coach Ron Krueger recalled getting a staph infection from a mat. Until recently, the cheerleaders "haven't done what they said they would do" to keep the mats clean. "That's our goal, to be germ-free." He added that this wrestling season has had the lowest incidence of disease.

But Liaym also questions why four of seven mats he believed the athletic department purchased before the school year solely for the cheerleaders have been tucked under old wrestling mats, making them unavailable for other use.

Wolcott said the mats, which cost \$1,000 each, were bought, according to the purchase order, for gymnastics, wrestling and physical education. "The idea was they were portable and perhaps the cheerleaders could use

## 'Then why don't we send the football squad out there without helmets?'

Matt Liaym

—Booster club president

them," the athletic director said.

Wolcott said that the new mats were used to even out the "lips" or surface of the old wrestling mats. "You just can't throw any kind of foam under the matting. It has to be a closed-cell foam."

But Wolcott said making the mats portable is primarily a health issue. "The biggest problem with pulling out mats is keeping them as hygienic as possible. We want to minimize carting mats in and out. You'll end up with micro tears in the mats."

Ostoin said he understood the health concerns of the athletic department and initially agreed with their decision to prohibit the cheerleaders from using the auxiliary gym. However, he now concurs with the school board's directive to allow the cheerleaders to use the facility.

"Without going to the school board, we wouldn't have gotten the wrestling room back," Liaym said.

Ostoin said he is looking into ways to raise money to buy additional mats for the cheerleaders. "I will make an honest effort to help them in their fund-raiser."

### Safety

Cheerleaders also are con-

cerned about safety during practice; such as when they had to use the main gym for some of their practice sessions recently. "Junior varsity is doing stunts on the main gym floor," Liaym said. He is concerned about the school's liability.

"We've been told - and I'm paraphrasing - that there's a danger in any sport. Then why don't we send the football squad out there without helmets?" Liaym asked.

Shaun Greene, 17, is a "base" on the varsity cheerleading squad. He tosses and catches the female cheerleaders. He said the auxiliary gym gets crowded when both varsity and junior varsity squads go through their practices.

"The danger is in bringing the girls down. That's why we have spotters. We need the room around us to stick a stunt safely. It doesn't always come down where it went up. A spotter plays a very active role. Besides the base, the spotter is one of the most important parts. We want to make sure the girl comes down safely," Greene said.

He added: "As long as we both have to practice, we're not at optimum safety level." Greene said each team needs a 40-by-40-foot foot area.

### Alleged harassment

Rachel Menard, 18, a cheerleader for four years who graduated last year, said in spring 1996, she witnessed wrestling

coach Krueger verbally harass two male students, members of the wrestling team, who were trying out for cheerleading.

"Mr. Krueger asked them where their skirts were, and he wasn't laughing," said Menard. "He said he didn't want to find out they were at another tryout. He had no business to mock them in front of other students."

Krueger denied Menard's accusation. "I have two cheerleaders on our squad. Last year, I said maybe all our guys should be cheerleaders." He said that any teasing was in fun, "not you can't do this, you can't do that."

Menard said when she reported the incident to Ostoin the next day, he told her to bring the boys to his office. The next day, all three students saw Ostoin.

"We were never told we had to put anything in writing," said Menard. "He (Ostoin) heard us out and never got back to us."

When asked about the incident, Ostoin said: "Does that mean I didn't talk to those individuals? I just don't let people go around harassing. I don't know if our policy was intact then. Certainly I would follow the policy."

Wolcott also said the athletic department takes harassment seriously. "We have wrestlers who cheerlead, football players who cheerlead." He said he never heard about Menard's complaint.

### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby provided that the Canton Township Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, January 27, 1998 at 7:00 p.m. in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road to consider the establishment of an industrial development district, proposed to be known as the Canton Business Center Industrial Development District. This notice is provided in compliance with the provisions of Public Act 198 of 1974 as amended.

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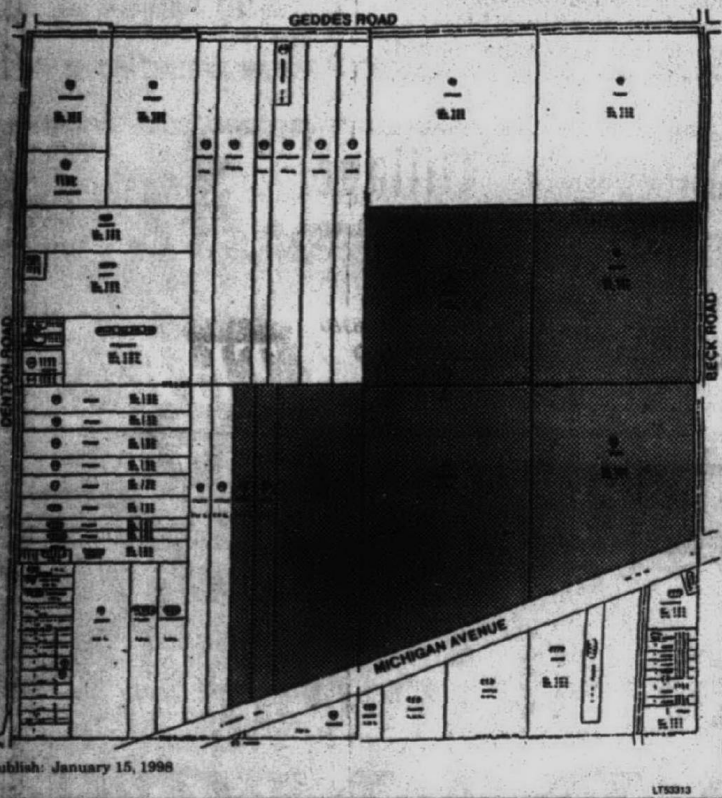
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Interested parties may appear at the hearing to provide testimony before the Board of Trustees. Written comments will be received at the above address up to the time of the hearing.

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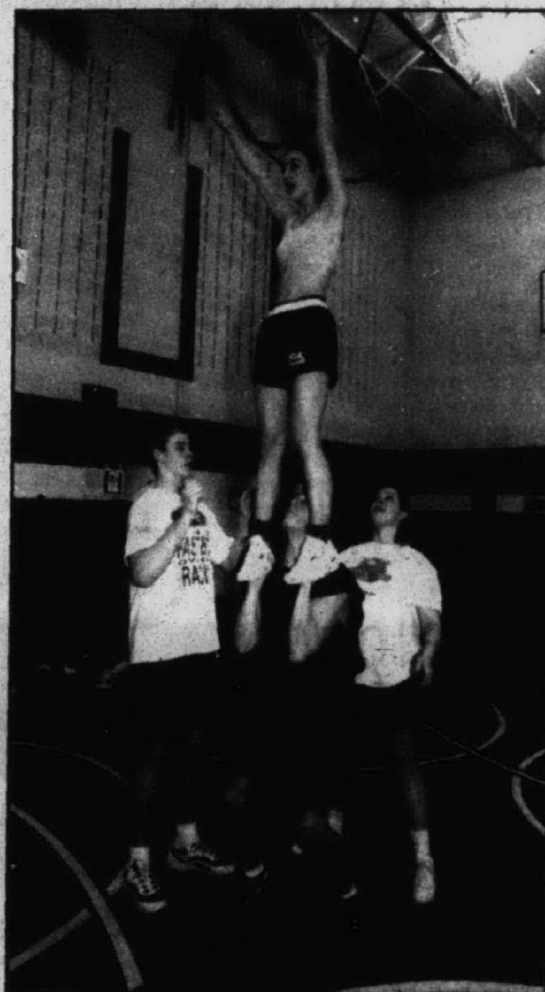
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**Practice:**  
Salem cheerleader Tara Hamet gets a boost from Scott Kingslien with assistance from Mary Umney and Gordo Perrin during a practice recently. Cheerleaders are upset about safety problems and the need to use mats, which are also used by the wrestling team. Cheerleaders also say they have had scheduling problems at the high school.

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### SBT hearing

Southfield will hold a public hearing on single business House Tax Policy meets from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 18.

Rep. Nancy Quisenberry and vice chair has set it up in a City Council audit. The local commerce is working panel.

The committee SBT's effects on Other panel members area include chad D-Ypsilanti, John Madison Heights, D-Huntington, Cassis, R-Nov, R-Union Lake, T R-Ortonville, and man, R-Canton.

Experts from business and business have to testify, Quisenberry SBT produces in revenue per y the corporate in long list of other was passed nearly

### Laws signed

Gov. John Engle has signed into law: Senate Bill the investment units of government

### Exchange

Program Exchange (PAX) lies interested in school foreign exchange for the 1998-99. The program who have you

### Red Cross issue appeals for blood

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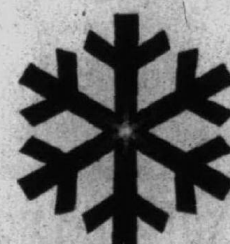
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## STATE CAPITOL CAPSULES

## SBT hearing

Southfield will be the site of a public hearing on Michigan's single business tax when the House Tax Policy Committee meets from 9 a.m. to noon on Monday, Jan. 16.

Rep. Nancy Quarles, D-Southfield and vice chair of the panel, has set it up in the Southfield City Council auditorium, 26000 Evergreen. The local chamber of commerce is working with the panel.

The committee will study SBT's effects on small business. Other panel members from the area include chair Kirk Profit, D-Ypsilanti, John Freeman, D-Madison Heights, David Gubow, D-Huntington Woods, Nancy Cassia, R-Nowi, Barbara Dobb, R-Union Lake, Tom Middleton, R-Ortonville, and Deborah Whyman, R-Canton.

Experts from both government and business have been invited to testify, Quarles said.

SBT produces about \$2 billion in revenue per year. It replaced the corporate income tax and a long list of other taxes when it was passed nearly 30 years ago.

## Laws signed

Gov. John Engler has signed into law:

■ Senate Bill 664, expanding the investment options of local units of government. The sponsor,

Sen. Bill Bullard, R-Milford, said it will "allow local units to diversify their investment options, thus creating an opportunity to receive a greater return on investments." Each local unit must adopt an investment policy, including guidelines for safety.

■ A supplemental appropriations bill with \$750,000 for a hangar and land at Grand Ledge Abrams Municipal Airport, providing secure storage for aircraft stationed at the local airport.

■ A supplemental appropriation of \$2.19 million for the Deerfield Hills natural area in Livingston County. Total project cost is \$2.9 million. State money will come from the Michigan Natural Resources Land Trust.

■ Seven bills refining the high school proficiency tests (HSPT). The tests will be given in the last month of 11th grade and the time reduced to eight hours. Nonpublic students and home-taught students may take the tests.

■ An amendment to the Michigan Telecommunications Act that will increase the discount to low-income customers of 20 percent of their basic local exchange rate of \$8.25, whichever is greater. It also increases the discount for senior low-income customers to 25 percent of the basic rate or \$8.25, whichever is greater. Sponsor is

Sen. Mat Dunaskiss, R-Lake Orion. The law has immediate effect.

In addition, the governor announced \$2.6 million in HIV prevent services grants to 40 agencies, including:

■ \$15,000 for the AIDS Partnership Michigan of Ferndale, for counseling and testing.

■ \$55,000 to the Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services, Dearborn, for testing and outreach.

■ \$60,000 to the Pontiac Urban League for counseling, testing and group education of African Americans.

■ \$15,000 to Youth Living Centers of Inkster for group and individual education of African American youth.

## No to cloning

State Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton, will introduce a bill to make human cloning illegal in Michigan. It follows the announcement by an independent Chicago scientist that he will attempt to clone humans within the next two years.

"There is too great a risk, not only of failure, but a risk to human life if the cloning of human beings is allowed," said Bennett. "We need to protect life in all its natural beauty, not create an artificial life born of high-tech medical wizardry."

## Three appointments

After the resignation of Mark Murray as director of the Department of Management and Budget, Gov. Engler announced two replacements:

■ Janet E. Phipps as director of DMB. Previously she was director of Iowa's Department of General Services. She earned degrees in food and nutrition and a master's degree in public administration from Iowa State University.

■ Mary A. Lannoye as budget director. She has been Michigan's deputy director since 1995. Earlier she was with the Public Health Department in administration and finance. She was Wayne County budget director from 1987-91. She has B.A. and M.P.A. degrees from Michigan State University. Lannoye's position is cabinet level, and she will report directly to the governor.

Both Murray and his predecessor, Patricia Woodworth, recommended splitting the post.

Engler also named James Brandell as his new director of external affairs. He will oversee governor's appointment and constituent services divisions. He replaces Tim Ward of Okemos who resigned to manage Engler's 1998 campaign for a third term.

## SMART hits record ridership - again

The Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation (SMART) weekly ridership reached the 200,000 plus mark for the second time this year the week before Christmas.

According to ridership numbers released this month, SMART served 206,376 riders during the week of Dec. 15 through Dec. 21, nudging out the previous record of 204,138 set during the week of Sept. 22 through 28.

Not only was this the second time in 1997, but this is the second time since SMART's inception in 1989 that weekly ridership has reached the 200,000 mark.

SMART officials say improved customer service, sound mechanical performance and new, innovative marketing programs have all played a major part in SMART's effort to connect the tri-county area, making transportation a relaxing, productive experience.

"SMART has continued to provide exemplary service to the tri-county area," explained SMART General Manager Richard Kaufman. "Setting record ridership twice in one year is proof that SMART is committed to providing the finest service to the metro Detroit region."

## Exchange program seeks local host families

Program of Academic Exchange (PAX) is seeking families interested in hosting a high school foreign exchange student for the 1998-99 school year.

The program accepts hosts who have young children, no

children or teenagers. If you can provide a bed, a place to study, meals and a loving heart you can be a host, said Lynne Levenbach. She and her husband, Gideon, of Plymouth Township are local contacts for

the PAX program.

Students take English tests, undergo personal interviews, save their money, prepare an application, gather references and then hope for an American family to open its home and

heart, said Lynne Levenbach.

Students have their own medical insurance and spending money.

For more information, call the Levenbachs at (734) 453-8562 or (734) 453-6851.

## Red Cross issues appeal for blood

Emergency appeal for all blood donors issued by American Red Cross

The Red Cross is seeking emergency donations of type ) blood, according to Jeff Weathers, MT (ASCP) director, Hospital Services.

"There are dangerously low levels of B and A type blood as well. We import blood from other Red Cross Midwest regions on a daily basis, however, just like southeastern Michigan many regional inventories are low and there is not an adequate supply of blood for everyone," Weathers said.

To donate blood, call 800-GIVE-LIFE.

"It may seem that emergency appeals for blood donors are issued frequently, and they are," said Mary Anne Stella, acting chief executive officer, southeastern Michigan Blood Services Region. "However, the reality of this situation is as quickly as we collect blood, it is tested and then distributed to hospitals. Our only hope for increasing our blood supply is with a widespread response from our community," Stella said.

Red Cross donor centers are located in Ann Arbor, Bloomfield, Dearborn, Livonia, Novi, Oak Park, Renaissance, Roseville and Southgate.

To donate blood you must be at least 17 years old, weigh 110 pounds or more, and be in general good health. Please take the time to help those in need of life-saving blood. Call 800-GIVE-LIFE.

American Red Cross Southeastern Michigan Blood Services Region Donor Centers are open 1-7 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday. Centers are closed on Sunday.

The Livonia Center is in the Bell Creek Office Plaza, 29691 Six Mile Road, Suite 100.

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## Martin Luther King

### Lack of recognition is wrong

The city of Plymouth and Plymouth Township's lack of official recognition for Martin Luther King Day is appalling.

Many metro Detroit communities are finally coming around to the idea that formal recognition for the shining beacon of the civil rights movement is proper and can play a role in promoting diversity, tolerance and peace. That's why on Monday you'll see celebrations in Livonia, Westland, Ann Arbor, Southfield, West Bloomfield and other municipalities. Programs range from simple, brief ceremonies and government proclamations to symbolic marches and dramatic readings of King's most famous "I Have a Dream" speech.

Some local government offices will close for the day in deference to what is now a legal federal holiday. The list includes communities where there is a substantial black population as well as those where there isn't — Dearborn and Howell, for example.

Plymouth-Canton school leaders finally saw the light a number of years ago. The district has planned a full range of lessons and activities bringing the issue to life for its 15,000 students. Individual school and classroom efforts include projects such as creation of a peace quilt at Smith Elementary.

Isn't it funny that we want our children to learn about Dr. King and his message of peace? But adults who lead our communities placidly ignore recognition of this contemporary American leader. They are not role models we would encourage the younger generation to emulate.

The prevailing attitude in the Plymouths seems to be one of benign neglect. According to local officials, there is no great public demand, no groundswell of support for local recognition of King.

King's legacy — one of racial tolerance and unambiguous, moral treatment for all people — is in some ways more needed today than in the segregated America of 50 years ago.

Don't look now, but the Plymouth area's racial, religious and lifestyle boundaries are expanding.

What kind of message are we passing to the next generation of leaders by refusing to acknowledge and integrate diversity in our communities? That the insights gained from Brown vs. Board of Education, the Montgomery, Ala., bus boycott and the marches led by King are best left in the classroom?

Our local leaders come up short by adopting such a passive attitude. We wonder how much longer they can operate in a vacuum, assuming the larger world doesn't touch them or their communities.

A message of peace and tolerance is good for any community, especially to show the younger generation that violence serves no purpose and protest may be conducted effectively with words and attitudes.

Leaders in Plymouth and Plymouth Township could best serve their constituents and the younger generation by setting an example. A public ceremony marking King's accomplishments next January would be a good first step in that direction.

## Integration is only answer

President Clinton has been promoting the idea of a national dialogue on race.

We believe this idea has merit. We also agree with those who insist that any true "dialogue" on race must include those with a variety of conflicting views on the best means of ending racial problems.

But as we approach Martin Luther King Jr. Day, we find that race still matters in this country and that despite the validity of many conservative positions on race, many are using those positions as a pseudo-intellectual shield for their racism.

In the great racial debate of the 1960s, Martin Luther King was the eloquent spokesman for integration. He never denied the need for black pride or community identity, but he died believing that the only way to achieve parity and justice for black Americans was through complete integration into a basically "color blind" America.

We are now engaged in a great national debate over "affirmative action." Legitimate arguments have been made by conservatives, including many black conservatives, that these programs have created racial tensions rather than alleviating injustices.

Unfortunately, this has allowed a lot of self-righteous posturing by racists. People who never saw the injustice when blacks were systematically denied jobs, college admissions, housing, insurance, bank loans and service at stores because of their race suddenly see an assault on the "American Way" when programs are instituted to redress these past (and present) discriminations.

Nor do these people, including some prominent state legislators who are playing the "race card," acknowledge a long history of ghettoization that has separated blacks into

neighborhoods with inadequate housing, few job opportunities, aging and poorly run schools and little opportunity to acquire the necessary skills to live in a fast-changing urban environment.

This urban pressure cooker has led to an unbalanced crime rate, many young blacks seeing crime and drugs as the only way out.

Though this is a pattern that many ethnic groups had to endure when they first arrived in the United States, only blacks have had to endure it through generations.

Affirmative action was meant to redress those policies. It has produced many success stories, including Colin Powell and Clarence Thomas. It has also caused consternation for some whites who have been "rejected" when a black applicant with marginally less qualifications has been admitted. Unfortunately, the people who oppose affirmative action are not the people clamoring for better schools and fair housing and insurance reform.

The only way out of our racial morass is integration. Programs that promote stronger black communities and responsible group action, such as the work of the Black Muslims, have much to commend them. And welfare reform that ends dependence on government, when linked with job training and back-to-school programs, also has merit. But, ultimately, a strong black community that doesn't interact with the larger white community will never achieve full parity.

The only road to integration is the movement of more black Americans into a solid middle class through better education, better jobs and better housing.

When the current debate is over, those are the goals we must achieve.

### Sharing lives



Pen pals: Bentley students (from left) Stephanie Pietryga, Eric Murdock, Stephanie Herman and Lauren Coleman talk with teacher Nancy Sullivan about letters they expect to receive from their counterparts in a class in Highland Park.

### LETTERS

#### A special thanks

As we end what has been a traumatic year for the staff of the 35th District Court, it is appropriate to take the time to thank some terrific people.

First and foremost, I personally thank the management and staff at Unisys for opening their doors to our homeless court. The maintenance and security staffs offered their total support in providing a facility for us to begin our recovery. Special thanks must also be given to all the staff who treated us so warmly and generously shared their parking spaces and wonderful building.

While the judges and their staffs were the most visible to the public, the "workers in the trenches" should not be forgotten. Everyone lost pictures, memorabilia and all the personal touches that make an office feel like home. The loss was further exacerbated when insurance didn't exist or when the worker had to cover the expense of the deductible.

Despite the problems, the attitude of the workers was overwhelmingly positive. Clerks brought in their own typewriters, equipment, coffee pots and homemade goodies appeared in spite of working overtime.

Imagine trying to function without a fax machine, postage meter, copier, computers or filing cabinets. The staff did it! They overcame problems like phones that couldn't transfer calls, computers that had to be shared, eight-foot banquet tables that were desks and chairs that had an annoying habit of tipping backward. The noise level in our big office was overwhelming and privacy was a forgotten luxury. But the staff patiently dealt with calls and managed to schedule defendants for court hearings that were held in a different spot every week.

Hopefully no one would ever have to live through the disaster of a fire, but if it happens, I hope they have generous friends like Unisys and a wonderful staff like the employees of the 35th District Court.

Carole J. Goodfellow  
Livonia

#### Protect voter rights

Now that we are approaching the possible end to the long awaited "bond issue" fiasco let us keep a few things in perspective.

1. Jerry Vorva represents a lot of voters in this district who believe in what he is doing. Remember, as long as we are a democracy he is within his legal rights to pursue this

through the courts. We still are a democracy aren't we? Sometimes I have my doubts.

2. There was a terrible mistake made when the district refused to look at the legal, moral and ethical issues in question. Seven hundred and forty votes is an intolerable amount of lost votes.

3. Let us remember, the voting machines did exactly what they were programmed to do. They were programmed to turn on by touch, register the vote by touch, and to erase that vote by a second touch.

4. Here is the glitch, when I voted for approval of using the new touch screen system, no one told us this. The day of the vote, no one told the voters about this function. I talked to voters all across this district and asked if this function was explained and everyone including the poll workers said, No! I am sorry but the lost votes are not voter error. They are the mistake of the programming. You do not fix something if it is not broken. So why did they correct that particular function of the voting machine?

5. Voting is a part of our responsibility, duties and freedoms. It is as sacred as the bible. To think that 740 voters were denied that right, not because of "voter" error but because of programming errors and instruction oversight is an intolerable situation.

6. For the cost of approximately \$10,000 this whole mess could have been resolved by a re-vote. What with all the court costs and legal fees that figure is much much higher, I'm sure.

I am in hopes that the total cost will be documented and shared with the taxpayer. They are the losers along with the kids, because that money represents quite a few books.

7. Remember the issue here is not whether or not we need a new high school, etc., but whether there was a problem with the voting machines and how it affected the voting process.

Let us not tell our children how important their votes are and hope they have a responsibility to partake in this process and they say "Tough" when the system failed us.

8. One more thing, the mothers who picketed Jerry Vorva were exercising their legal rights. Isn't it ironic that they were picketing a man for exercising his legal rights.

I believe the mothers who were there were misinformed. The suit is not about the need for the items covered in the bond. The suit is about a much more important issue, voter rights and who protects them!

Barbara Graham  
Plymouth

### COMMUNITY VOICE

#### QUESTION:

Why do we remember Martin Luther King?



"He was a leader."  
Pat Sorenson



"He made a speech. He was the one who made black people allowed to do the same as white people."  
Kelsey Reece



"Because he tried to make peace."  
Eric Murdock



"He was a famous African-American and he helped bring peace to the United States."  
Courtney Howder

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## POINTS OF VIEW

## Inpatient care vital for young substance abusers

She tried to get off drugs and alcohol through the adolescent outpatient program she was first assigned to after an evaluation at the Maplegrove Center in West Bloomfield.

One afternoon, I looked up from my desk at the office and there she was. "I can't do it this way," was her desperate plea. "I have to go inpatient."

It was the mid-'80s and there was a waiting list for the 14 adolescent beds, later expanded to 16, in Maplegrove's six-week inpatient program. In fact, it took every day of that six weeks, and then a long period of outpatient care, for her to conquer the tricky disease of alcoholism. Thankfully, in those days, insurance covered the cost of her residential care.

Now, here in the late '90s, statistics show alcohol and drug abuse is rising again, with students experimenting at an ever younger age. Yet on Dec. 31, Maplegrove Center, considered among the top 20 best treatment centers for alcoholism and drug abuse in the country, closed its inpatient services for adolescents.

The program was a shadow of its former self. The one-time six-week

program had been trimmed to five to seven days, the maximum insurance companies will pay for residential in this new age of managed care. Its adolescent population was averaging 2.5 people. Its energies had been thrust, of necessity, into outpatient care.

Still, even the shortened stay and fewer patients proved a lifesaver for Cheryl MacIlwain's 17-year-old son, for whom the outpatient program was not working.

But her insurance company would only pay for two days. And when she wanted to pay for the rest of the week herself, the insurance company wouldn't allow it. She had to resort to calling her congressman, John Dingell, who intervened successfully on her son's behalf.

"The week seems to have turned his life around," says MacIlwain, a resident of Dearborn. He now is doing well in the outpatient program. But he says: "I wouldn't be clean today if I hadn't gone inpatient."

Robin DiMeglio of Oxford has her 13-year-old son back. He overdosed at middle school after drinking an inordinate amount of alcohol within a few minutes. She frantically searched for



JUDITH DONER BERNE

an adolescent residential program, finding only Maplegrove and Brighton Hospital. "Maplegrove was there when we needed it," she said. "He still refers back to his time there as the turning point in his life." Insurance covered his seven days in residence.

Both MacIlwain and DiMeglio are writing letters to anyone they think might help restore the program so other addicted teens can have the benefit of inpatient care within the tri-county area. Both see a huge difference among teens in the outpatient program who have had residential treatment and those who haven't.

In a Jan. 5 letter asking for help to Hillary Rodham Clinton, DiMeglio

wrote: "It is clear to us that these children have not had their drug cycle broken by any 'real' intervention and have no 'real' intention of becoming drug-free. We watched some families drop out ... because the parents alone could not control their children's drug use. Some of these parents had previously begged to have their children inducted into the inpatient program, but were denied for insurance reasons."

"Insurance companies don't want to cover in-house treatment," confirmed Glenn Black, administrator of Maplegrove, which will continue to offer inpatient treatment for adults. Unfortunately, Maplegrove has no proof of its residential program's effectiveness, since it has not tracked the young people who have gone through since it began in 1985.

A program that keeps those statistics is Pathway Family Center in Southfield, a lesser-known, highly structured program that specializes in hard-core adolescent addicts. They have tracked graduates of the year-long treatment program for up to five years, reports Terri Nissley, CEO. Success rate is 70 to 80 percent and

that does not amount to only being substance-free. "We are out to produce a productive person," Nissley said.

Pathway beats the insurance game by finding private homes for young addicts to live in while they begin their recovery. Now, Pathway is looking for a larger treatment site in order to triple the number of young people it can serve.

Nissley is disappointed to see Maplegrove close its residential unit. "Between managed care and the change in insurance, it's sad to see what's closed," she said.

For truly addicted adolescents, the most effective treatment is to remove them from the people and patterns that feed their addiction. Closing Maplegrove's residential program is clearly a step backward for our young people in need of help.

Judith Doner Berne, a West Bloomfield resident, is former managing editor of the *Eccentric Newspapers*. You can comment on this column by calling (313) 953-2047, Ext. 1997, or by writing.

## Italy's shown Italian-style in production

Americans became interested in Italy shortly after World War II. First was the Italian food fad, then movies and tourism. Usually, Italians were portrayed in caricature, as when Dean Martin sang: "When a the moon hits a yo' eye like a big pizza pie, that's amore!"

Italy to Americans meant Mafia films or American-style romances with Italian backgrounds like "Three Coins in a Fountain" and "Roman Holiday."

Into the breach steps Wayne State

University's Hilberry Theatre, best known for its graduate students' performances of Shakespeare and Moliere.

This season, the Hilberry has come up with a 1959 play by Eduardo de Filippo called "Saturday, Sunday, Monday" — one act for each day. He's sort of the Neil Simon of Italy.

Setting is the Naples home of a middle-class family. Mama and papa have a falling out, a son wants to escape the staid family mold by starting his own stylish shop, the daughter

flirts with a TV career and splits with her boyfriend, and so on.

The play is built around food, with aromatic cooking of ragu on stage. Every character stands out in the 17-member cast.

Mark Finnell, a third-year Hilberry player from Farmington Hills, handles the elderly grandfather's tantrums with the aplomb of a middle-aged man. He's younger.

Sara Wolf of Rochester Hills has starred as "Little Mary Sunshine" and Hermia in Shakespeare's "Midsum-

mer Night's Dream," so an Italian maid would seem a little out of her line. It isn't.

Costume designer Kathleen Crosby of Rochester also has handled the chores for "Tartuffe" and "Hedda Gabler." The Eastern Michigan University graduate avoids caricatures with clothing, too.

In sum, serious Italian art deserves serious stage treatment and serious applause. One can see why so many Hilberry trainees have gone on to rewarding careers on stage, screen



TIM RICHARD

and TV.

"Saturday, Sunday, Monday" will be repeated until Jan. 30. Ticket information: (313) 577-2072.

Tim Richard reports on the local implications of state and regional events.

## Airplane experience a nightmare

Many airplane passengers — especially business travelers — are feeling pretty grumpy these days.

Bargain fares that are unavailable or irrelevant. Cramped seats. Scant information. Cattle car treatment.

I know how they feel. On Sunday, Jan. 4, coming back with my family from a holiday abroad, I and 166 other passengers were detained against our will for more than six hours in an aircraft parked on the tarmac at Cincinnati International Airport.

Water ran out. Food, too. For a while, toilets were full and inoperable. Parents of sick children were frightened. A severely injured passenger ran low on pain medicine.

Nobody involved could do the humane, common sense thing: Get the passengers off to a secure place where they could go to the bathroom and call anxious families.

Not Allegro Air, the carrier. Not Northwest Airlines, the ground service provider. Not the U.S. Customs Service nor the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service nor the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the responsible federal agencies. Not the Cincinnati International Airport Police.

Here's what happened.

I bought round-trip tickets — Detroit, Caicos islands and back — through Travel Charter of Troy. Travel Charter contracted with Allegro Air (owned by a Mexican company) for the airplane and crew.

On Jan. 4, Allegro flight 492 left the islands at 5 p.m., bound for Detroit. At 7:45 p.m., the crew announced the Detroit airport was closed "due to weather" and that the flight was being diverted to Cincinnati.

We arrived in Cincinnati at 8:15 p.m., parked in an isolated part of the tarmac and later heard over the PA system: (1) The weather is still bad in Detroit; (2) we cannot not leave the aircraft until "customs" clears us; (3) customs and immigration authorities are unavailable; (4) the delay might be up to five hours.

By 11 p.m., passengers were, well, restive. I borrowed a cell phone from another passenger and called Gene Clabes, publisher of this company's newspapers in northern Kentucky, where Cincinnati International Airport is located. "Can't you do something? People are getting mighty uncomfortable."

Three Airport Police cars arrived along with



PHILIP POWER

a Northwest ground service vehicle. I asked police if they couldn't let passengers deplane under their custody into a secure area where they could get a drink, go to the toilet and make a phone call. "We can't do anything. It's the feds who have the jurisdiction. And until they say so, you cannot leave the plane."

Five hours later, we're still detained against our will while the authorities dither.

By 1:30 a.m., a passenger passed a note up to me: "Everyone walk forward to exit this plane — calmly, but just do it!" Things were getting tense.

At last, we get to a gate. More dithering, plus extensive finger-pointing. Somebody from the Agriculture Department threatens the pilot with a fine if anybody gets off. A woman bolts out the door sobbing, "I'm not going back on that plane."

Finally at 2 a.m. the pilot announces the weather has cleared and he intends to proceed to Detroit. Ten passengers leave. The rest of us take off at 2:34 p.m. No apology from Allegro.

To detain against their will 167 American citizens for six hours on an aircraft with no food and water, inadequate toilets, sick kids and increasingly hysterical passengers is shameful and unnecessary.

Who's responsible? Jack Miles, Allegro's vice president for U.S. operations, blamed the feds: "People were told they couldn't get off the plane. Whose responsibility is that?" John Shay, port director for the U.S. Customs Service, blamed Allegro: "They went to Cincinnati knowing full well there was nobody around to clear the passengers or service the plane."

When I suggested a conference call to sort out the contradictory stories, Miles refused.

How to prevent a repetition? Put passengers first, jurisdiction and regulations second.

The U.S. government and the airline industry should negotiate an emergency procedure to get passengers off a plane and into a secure area. Designate a central authority to make decisions, reachable by a 1-800 number. Empower local police to take charge of international passengers. Share costs.

It's better than what happened Jan. 4.

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## Beanie Babies auctioned for Mott

To benefit kids at Mott Children's Hospital, five Princess Di Beanie Babies will be auctioned the first two weeks of February.

The auctions will be on the WJR 760 AM Paul W. Smith show and on the WPLT 96.3 FM Johnny in the Morning show.

Money raised will go toward filling 36 toy-filled tote bags for patient rooms. The program is sponsored by the Brandy Memorial Fundraiser.

The program will be named after Brandy the performing toy poodle's successor, Bambi. The Bambi volunteer tote bag project will be introduced at

### BENEFIT

Bambi's annual Valentine's party at Mott Hospital at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 11.

Kids staying at Mott will receive surprise gifts at the party.

To help support the tote bag program, or for more information about the Brandy Memorial Fundraiser, call Kathy Mount at 459-9780.

For more information about patient activities at Mott Hospital call Karen Foulke at Child Life Services, 764-6874.



Helping: Kathy Mount and her dog, Bambi, are again helping Mott Children's Hospital through the Brandy Memorial Fundraiser. Money raised from auctioning Princess Di Beanie Babies will go toward filling tote bags of toys for children at the hospital. At left are the tote bags the fundraiser will fill. The project will be introduced at a Valentine's Day party.



## Come help say goodbye to Minerva Chaiken

Minerva Chaiken, who 47 years ago opened Minerva's-Dunning's store for women, will be honored at a reception hosted by the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 20.

The public is welcome to attend the reception at the Plymouth Manor on Main Street. Please RSVP by Jan. 20 by calling the DDA at 455-1453.

"She built that business into her life," said Steve Guile, DDA executive director. "It was hard for her to give it up."

Chaiken opened her store in 1950 across from the post office on Penniman. But fire destroyed that building. In 1968, she moved the store to her long-standing location on Forest. The building was owned by Margaret Dunning.

Before coming to Plymouth, Chaiken had worked at Gamble

Brothers department store in her native Philadelphia.

Over the years, Minerva's-Dunning's was known for its emphasis on customer service, distinguishing it from some newer-style women's clothiers.

With the recently announced closing of the Pendleton shop, also on Forest, downtown Plymouth has lost two women's clothing stores. "It's the same type of turnover we've had for many years," Guile said, adding there's a need for specialty women's clothing shops in downtown.

A full-service restaurant, E.G. Nicks, is expected to move into the Minerva's-Dunning's storefront. The owner, Tony Belli, said his family owns a number of restaurants including E.G. Nicks of Farmington, the Highland House on M-59, E.G. Nicks of Brighton.



**Saying goodbye:** Minerva Chaiken (at left) will be the guest of honor at a reception scheduled for 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 20, at the Plymouth Manor. The event is sponsored by the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority. For reservations, call 455-1453.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



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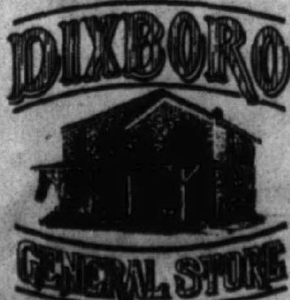
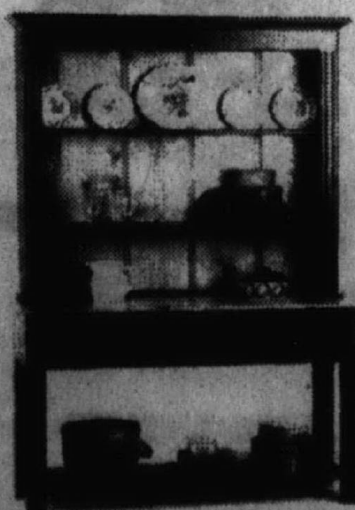
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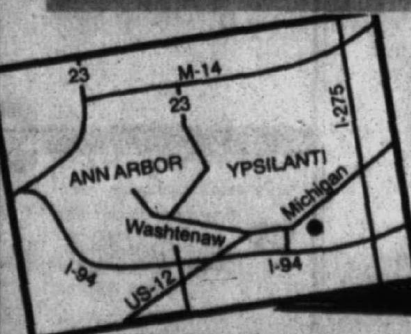
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JACK GLADDEN

## Buying a car and January: It's not for me

December 1983. The Feminist's car buys the farm. She's coming home from work one night, gets off I-275 at Ann Arbor Road and ends up coasting into a Shell station. Steam's spewing out of the radiator. Bad water pump. Among other things.

I don't know where I was at the time, but she called a neighbor to pick her up and drive her home. For the next month, I drive her to work - on the east side of Detroit - put in my time at Wayne State, then pick her up around 5 or so and we do the commute back to Canton. Thirty-seven miles. One way.

So in January, after making it through the holidays, we do some serious car shopping.

Well, yeah, we have a trade-in, I tell the salesman, only it's not here. It's, uh, sort of parked at a service station down the road. He's understanding. We drive to the station, he looks the car over, makes an offer and we go back to the showroom and close the deal. New car will be ready the next day.

The Feminist drops me off at the station to pick up the "trade-in." It's covered with and surrounded by snow. And it won't start. One of the station mechanics gives me a jump start and we get it running. But as I'm pulling out of the snow bank, it stalls.

Another jump start and I manage to keep it running. It's spewing steam and the temperature gauge is in the red zone, but I make it to the dealership and park it on the front lot. We sign the papers and The Feminist gets in her new car and pulls away from the dealership. In the middle of a snowstorm.

The last thing we saw was a tow truck dragging our "trade-in" to the back lot. And it looked like the sales manager was shaking his finger at our salesman. I don't know what that was about.

January 1986. My left leg is in a cast from toe to hip. I slipped on the last step leading to the family room and shattered an ankle. And my six-year-old hatchback is acting funny. Shaking and shimmying when I drive it, which is a good trick anyway since it's a stick shift and my cast-bound leg doesn't work the clutch very well. We do some serious car shopping.

We decide to look, just for the heck of it, at the new minivans. The hatchback is really quivering as we pull into the parking lot.

"You have to have a new car," The Feminist says. "You like the van? Let's just do it."

"It's too expensive. We can't afford it."

"You have to have a new car. You can't drive that thing you have now. It's dangerous."

It's shaking and wobbling even worse when we drive to the dealership the next day. But it makes it. We pull out of the lot in the new minivan in the middle of a snowstorm.

January 1990. "Your son just totaled my car!" It's The Feminist on the phone.

"He what?"

"He went up to the store for me, and on the way home some guy ran a red light and plowed into him. My car's totaled!"

The son is OK. But the '84 sedan with the 100,000 miles on it - which had been in perfect condition a few minutes earlier - is a total wreck. It's time to do some serious car shopping.

We find her a car, a compact, not a full-size sedan, that she likes and we can afford. But the dealer is way over on Detroit's east side. We close the deal, I drive her to the dealership and about 5 in the afternoon she pulls out in her brand new car to make the 40-mile commute back to Canton. It's snowing.

January 1993. The '86 minivan is still chugging along, with 104,000 miles on it. The automatic choke is a little funky, but if I let it warm up for 10 minutes, it runs fine. The sliding side door doesn't slide any more and

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## Divine intervention

### Dieters turn to God for help in losing weight

■ It was registered dietitian Gwen Shamblin who came up with a program that combines God with weight loss, and it's her enthusiastic supporters who have helped get her Weigh Down Workshop in churches throughout the metropolitan area.

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO  
STAFF WRITER

Religion and weight loss doesn't seem like a logical partnership, but that union is helping hundreds of local people lose weight.

Thanks to the Bible-based Weight Down Workshop, Liz Cross of Ypsilanti and Don Siebel of Plymouth have lost more than 100 pounds by attending the workshops at Geneva Presbyterian Church in Canton. Eleanor, a Livonia resident who refused to give her last name, was able to stop taking the medication Glynase for diabetes after she slimmed down.

"I think it's really the Lord within you that allows you to stay with it," Siebel said. "He's changing your heart. Your relationship with Jesus is changing. All of that weight loss is just an outward sign of that change."

The Franklin, Tenn.-based Weigh Down Workshop, founded by registered dietitian Gwen Shamblin, is a nondenominational Christian-based weight loss program. Through a series of 12 specially designed classes, videos, audio cassette tapes, workbooks and Bible lessons, participants learn to exchange their desire for food for a desire for God's word.

"A lot of people think it's about saying 'Dear God, please don't make me eat another piece'; it's not that it at all. I just eat less and pray more," explained Beth McBain, a Canton resident and workshop alumna who now leads a group at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church in Livonia. "It's all about getting to know your body and getting to know your God, so you know how to feel physically fulfilled, emotionally fulfilled and spiritually fulfilled."



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRESLER

**Weighty commitment:** Participants in the Weight Down Workshop at Geneva Presbyterian Church in Canton listen to group leader Peggy Schneider who lost 27 pounds and became "obedient" to God with the help of the program.

Since Shamblin started her first support group in 1986 in a Memphis strip mall, more than 250,000 people have participated in the program. Locally, there are about 16-20 workshops in Farmington Hills, Redford, Livonia, Canton, Plymouth and Westland churches and homes.

The cost of the program is \$103 for the first session. The price includes the audio tapes, the "Rising Above the Magnetic Pull of the Refrigerator" workbook and the 12 1 1/2-hour classes. The next 12 weeks is \$55 and includes an additional package,

"Feasting on the Will of the Father," a testimony/travel diary and four supplementary audiotapes. The third session is free unless the participant wants to purchase another workbook and tape.

Those interested in participating in the program must join by the second meeting of each session.

#### Regain control

Shamblin, who authored the book "The Weigh Down Diet" (Doubleday), uses behavior modification, biofeedback, psychology and religion to help

people lose weight.

"She teaches us to trust the body that God gave us to control what you need to eat to be the weight you need to be," McBain said. "The majority of us don't eat because we're physically hungry. We eat because it's noon, because we're bored, or because it's there. She teaches us to get back in touch with our physical hunger."

Using her Southern drawl and her acute sense of humor, Shamblin begins by telling workshop partici-

Please see WEIGHT LOSS, B2

## Where to find a Weigh Down Workshop

There are more than 180 churches in suburban Detroit offering the Weigh Down Workshop. Participants must join within the first two weeks of the 12-week sessions.

Offering the Weigh Down Workshops locally are:

- Geneva Presbyterian Church, 5835 N. Sheldon Road, Canton. Its next session begins in April. Call Jennifer Smith, (734) 416-9280, or the church at (734) 459-0013.
- St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton. A new session begins in the spring. Call Irene Akers at (734) 455-4431.
- Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Road, Canton. New sessions begin in the spring. Call the church at (734) 455-0022.
- Tri-City Christian Center's Family Impact Office in Wayne. The next

workshop is at 9:30 a.m. Saturdays beginning Feb. 7. Call the center at (734) 326-7780.

■ Ward Presbyterian Church, 17000 Farmington Road, Livonia. The orientation is 5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 18, in rooms B2 and B4. Call the church at (734) 422-1150.

■ St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile Road, Livonia. The group meets at 7 p.m. Mondays, Jan. 19-April 6. Call Beth McBain at (734) 495-0342.

■ Church of Christ, 9301 Sheldon Road, Plymouth Township. Call the church at (734) 453-7630.

■ Agape Christian Center, 41550 Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. Its first session is scheduled for the spring. Call Carol Barton at (734) 425-1233.

■ Risen Christ Lutheran Church, 46250 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth.

It offers two groups - 9-10:30 a.m. Tuesdays (group began Jan. 13) and 7-8:30 p.m. Thursdays (group began Jan. 8). Those wishing to join the Thursday night group must attend the Jan. 15 meeting. Those wishing to join the Tuesday group must attend Jan. 20. Call Judi Hicks at (734) 397-0313.

■ Sybille Vought offers a home study in Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 455-0076.

■ Covenant Community Church, 25800 Student (off Beech Daly, north of Five Mile), Redford. A new group is forming at the church. Call the church at (313) 535-3100.

■ Christ Lutheran Church, 14350 Worman, Redford. Call Roberta Miller at (313) 531-6807 or the church at (313) 534-3462.

■ First Baptist Church, 33400 Shi-

awassee, Farmington. New session is meeting at 7 p.m. Mondays beginning Feb. 2. Call Judie Burrell at (734) 422-4829 or the church at (248) 474-0350.

■ Grace Chapel, 27996 Halsted Road, Farmington Hills. Call Char Schwedland at (248) 855-1264 or the church at (248) 488-0151.

■ First Baptist Church, 217 N. Wing St., Northville. It offers two groups. Call Debbie Millner at (248) 476-8846 for the group that meets on Mondays, or Keith Bushey at (313) 255-3201 for the group that meets on Sundays.

■ Parkside Church of Christ, 17200 W. Outer Dr., Dearborn Heights, is beginning a new session, lead by Redford Township resident Elaine May, in March. Call the church at (313) 278-8120.

## DAR - Belonging is a matter of relativity



STAFF PHOTO BY ELIZABETH CANNON

**Historically patriotic:** Local members of the DAR's Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter include Jacqueline Gonterman (from left) and her mother Laura Merwin, current chapter president, and Doris Richards.

BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON  
STAFF WRITER

Doris Richards of Plymouth Township is the descendant of William Prout, a soldier of the American Revolution.

It's his allegiance to the war that made it possible for her to be a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, a patriotic society of descendants of veterans who fought in the war between 1775 and 1783.

Although Prout didn't die on the battlefield, but on a ship on the Hudson River, Richards is eligible for membership in the Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter of the DAR because of Prout's role as an active American patriot.

Richards, who has held a longtime interest in genealogy, has had much success investigating the roots of her family tree, tracing a 1620 Mayflower passenger, Steven Hopkins, to be an ancestor of her mother's lineage.

At the age of 76, the Plymouth grandmother says it isn't the distinction of being a DAR member that makes her affiliation worthwhile, but the camaraderie of other members she's come to enjoy over the last 18 years.

She's also befriended several relatives she never

knew existed thanks to the research she's done locally and in Washington, D.C., where the DAR has a library in Constitution Hall.

"I've been able to go out and find other people," said Richards. "It's a fun hobby especially when you start searching the women's lines. I met a third of cousin of mine I never knew I had. And I know my mother didn't know she had a second cousin living in Pontiac, Michigan."

"We've become good acquaintances and enjoy each others company."

#### Common interests

The Daughters of the American Revolution is a national society of women, eligible by reason of birth, whose descendants were recognized patriots as members of the military or "rendered material aid" to the cause.

"There's a great sense of pride among DAR members," said Pat Keyes of Northville, a 10-year DAR member. "I'm very patriotic and proud to be a daughter."

Keyes established her kinship with American Revolutionary soldier Pvt. Seth Sears of Long Island,

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N.Y., through a line on her father's side.

Throughout the United States there are several hundred chapters, similar to the Sarah Ann Cochran of Plymouth and Northville, where women 18 years of age and older gather for social, educational and fund-raising causes on a month-to-month basis.

Laura Merwin, Cochran Chapter president and DAR member since 1959, was initially a member of the Children of the American Revolution in the 1930s, due in part to her grandmother's membership in the Ft. Pontchartrain Chapter of the DAR in Detroit.

Over the past 38 years, Mer-

win, 72, has held several regional, state and national positions with the organization as has her 39-year-old daughter, Jacqueline Gonterman of Livonia.

Gonterman was an Outstanding Junior in 1993 and competed for the Junior title at the state, regional and national level where she was voted first National Junior in Washington, D.C.

"I have remained active in the chapter because of my involvement within the community and my interest in genealogy," said Merwin. "Although not all of our members continue to research their family histories once they've proved their line; they think no more of genealogy."

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Laura Merwin  
—Chapter president

Keyes said most of the members enjoy the charitable aspect of the DAR whose benefactors include local veterans and needy children of the Appalachian Mountains region.

"The DAR means meeting very lovely people and it's a way for a lot of us to get out and enjoy the community, new friends and to contribute time to worthwhile

projects," said Merwin.

Both DAR members said chapters make it somewhat easier for potential members to prove their eligibility by affording them the opportunity to work with a DAR Lineage Registrar who has access to the DAR's Patriot Index, ancestry lists of other DAR members from across the country.

"You have to start within your own family, working with parents, grandparents and great grandparents and gather pertinent information, such as birth, death and marriage dates by using certificates, local records, census and family papers," said Richards. "But our files can be very helpful when it comes to tracing former members of the DAR who have already proven their heritage."

Between Merwin and her husband, an active member of the Sons of the American Revolution, they have established 11 descendants of the American Revolution.

"Some have found more than 30 lines, depending on their abil-

ity to research successfully," said Merwin. "We even spend our vacations traveling to places where our ancestors settled to do more genealogy."

If you would like information on the DAR or the Sarah Ann Cochran Chapter of Plymouth/Northville, call Chapter Registrar Pat Dickerson at (734) 495-0132.

The Monday, Feb. 16, meeting will be at St. John's Episcopal Church, 5745 Sheldon, Plymouth Township. State Rep. Robert Geake will speak on youth and government. American history essay winners and Good Citizens also will be recognized at the 1 p.m. tea.

## Gladden from page B1

the rear hatch won't open at all. The radio only tunes AM stations and I can't set the clock, which means I can't switch between standard and daylight-saving time, but at least it's right six months out of the year.

Then it starts to shake. Really bad. It takes both hands on the steering wheel just to keep it on the road.

"Come on," The Feminist says. "We're going to do some serious car shopping. You can't drive this thing like this. It's dangerous."

So a few hours later the mini-

van literally shakes, rattles and rolls into the parking lot, and after papers are signed, money exchanged and the license plate transferred, we pull out into the night in the new compact sedan. It isn't snowing. Just a little freezing rain.

At work the next day, someone asks: "So, you been to the Auto Show yet?"

"No," I say, "and I don't plan to. I don't like looking at cars in January."

Jack Gladden is a copy editor for the Observer Newspapers. He lives in Canton Township.

## Weight loss from page B1

pants not to eat until they are physically hungry.

"The idea is to let food get to your stomach before your mouth has gobbled much more of it," McBain said.

Shamblin suggests going without food for as long as possible, so participants can feel "real hunger," and eating only half of a portion.

The program continues with lessons on digestion, "How the Thin Eater Stops," metabolism, other diets and "how man-made rules do not lead to freedom" and staying focused on the diet after the 12 weeks.

The audio and videotapes as

well as the workbooks suggest passages in the Bible that offer related messages.

"I learned things about God and the Bible that I never knew," Cross said. "It inspired me to go back and read the Old Testament."

Peggy Schneider, a group leader at Geneva Presbyterian added: "The Bible is the only self-help book I need."

### 'Career dieter'

A self-described "career dieter," McBain, like most of the Weigh Down participants, had tried most of the commercial diets.

"With Weight Watchers, you focus on food ... You weigh food, you count food. Here you can eat anything you want to eat when you're hungry. You just stop when you're full," said McBain, who went from a size 18 to a size 8.

"You don't focus on the food, you focus on the Lord," Siebel added.

After reading about the diet in a magazine, McBain inquired about it at her church, St. Matthew's in Livonia. The church wasn't offering it, so she attended sessions at Canton Community and Geneva Presbyterian churches.

Ten months and 50 pounds later, her friends at St. Matthew's wanted to know how

they could participate in the Weigh Down Workshop. The former Livonia resident now leads a group at the church.

More than 100 pounds later, Cross said that attending the workshop, studying the workbook and eating less was worth the time.

"Once I cut that first piece of chocolate cake that I didn't have to feel bad about, it was all worth it," she said.

Schneider, who lost 27 pounds, explained that if it wasn't for the workshop, she wouldn't have been as "obedient" to God.

"We turn our lives over to God in all areas, not just food. I turned my job over to God and my children over to God. I want God's will for the rest of my life."

## Weight Watchers sponsors Member of Year contest

Has losing weight with the help of Weight Watchers changed your life?

If the answer is yes and the idea of winning a two-year lease of a Buick Regal is appealing then it's time to enter the "Weight Watchers and Buick Member of the Year" contest.

The only requirement is an essay on "How has Weight Watchers changed your life?" submitted by no later than Friday, May 1.

The grand prize is the two-year care lease while runners-up will receive a day of pampering, lunch with Florine Mark, president and chief executive officer of WW Group Inc., Weight

Watchers active life membership, Weight Watchers cookbook package and Weight Watchers exercise package.

Members' entries will be judged on how weight Watchers has improved the quality of their lives not on the number of pounds lost.

The winners will be announced on Friday, May 15.

"Improving the quality of life is the most important benefit our members receive," said Mark. "The 'Member of the Year' contest is a terrific way for our members to tell their success stories and motivate others to be successful."

Weight Watchers' philosophy has always been based on the premise that dieting alone is not a solution for long-term weight management.

Its program is a comprehensive approach to losing weight that combines healthy eating, increased physical activity and behavior modification.

Essays along with the member's name, address and day and evening telephone numbers can be mailed to Weight Watchers and Buick Member of the Year Contest, Corporate Communications, P.O. Box 9072, Farmington Hills 48333-9072.

### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids up to 10:00 a.m., January 22, 1998 for the following:

#### STAIR TREADS FOR CANTON TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

Specifications are available in the Finance and Budget Dept. The Township reserves the right to reject any or all bids. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK

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TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

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### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON INVITATION TO BID

The Charter Township of Canton will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk, first floor, Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188, until 10:00 a.m., February 2, 1998 for the following:

#### Wood picnic shelter, provide and install;

Canterbury Mews Cooperative Apartments, 784 Canterbury Circle, Canton. Project specifications are available in Financial Services Department, third floor, 1150 S. Canton Center Road. This project is funded by Community Development Block Grant and is subject to federal Davis-Bacon and Equal Opportunity Clause requirements as specified in the bid document. Questions about the federal requirements may be directed to the Resource Development Division, (313) 397-5417. Late bids will not be accepted. Canton Township reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Canton Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

TERRY BENNETT, Clerk

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### ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

Sealed proposals will be received by Charter Township of Canton Engineering Services, 2nd Floor, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188 until 5:00 PM January 30, 1998.

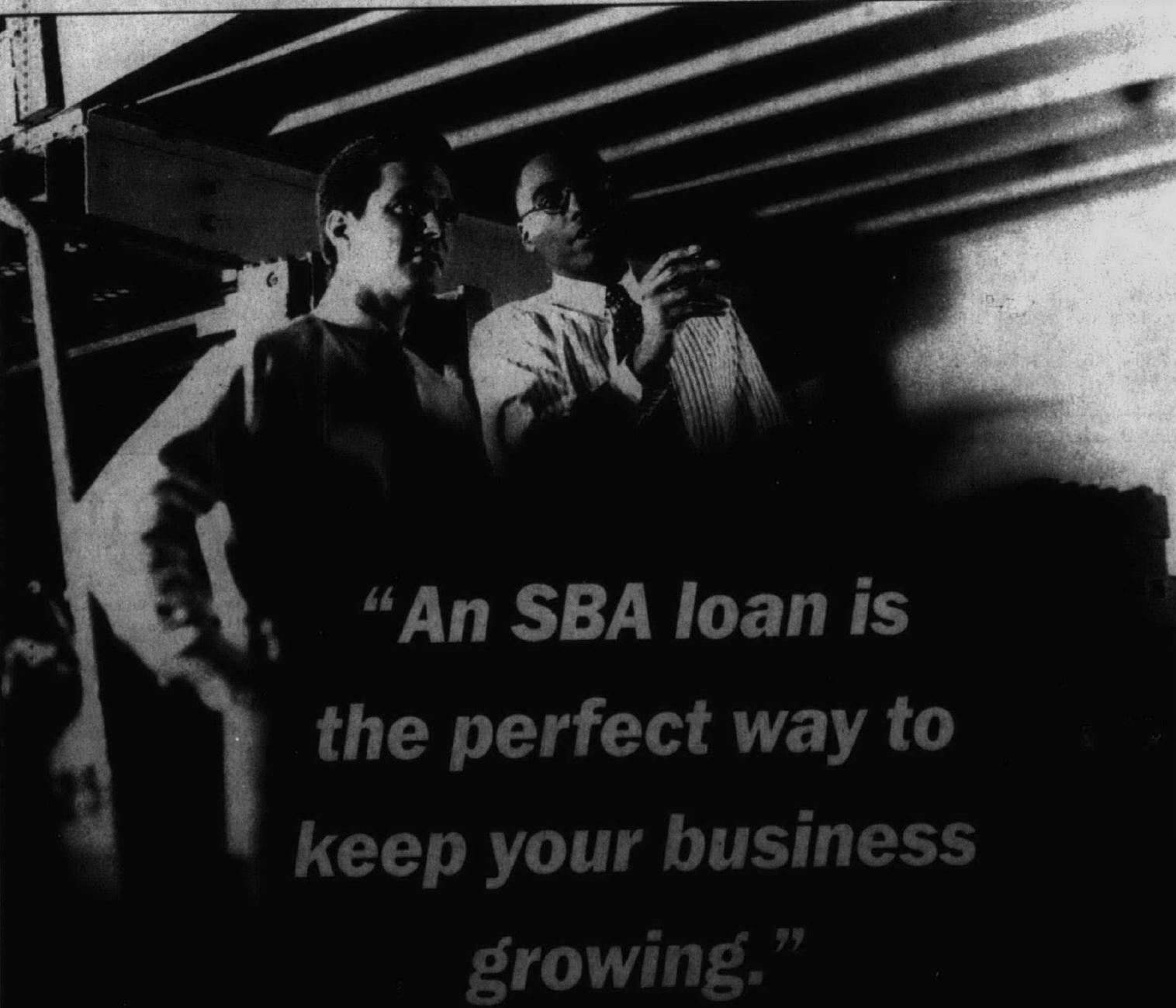
The Charter Township of Canton is seeking proposals for engineering services in the preparation of paving plans for Beck Road between Cherry Hill and Ford Roads which shall consist of a two lane bituminous pavement with bituminous and gravel shoulders. Full intersection design at Ford, Saltz, and Cherry Hill Roads shall also be included. The design will include a combination of open and enclosed drainage systems.

Proposal documents are available to pick up at the above address.

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Unit #6018: David Muehle, Couch, chair, 4 bowling balls, toaster, oven, 2 lamps, 4 dining room chairs, several boxes.  
Unit #3076: Bill Harkins, Roll-a-way bed frame, 2 bird cages, Hoover vacuum, terrarium.  
Unit #4018: Ron Pennington, Trailer, '82 GMC Sierra 1500 truck, twin mattresses and frame, water softener, pipe clamps, ladder, assorted lumber.  
Unit #6071: Ron Pennington, Circular saw, 2 oxygen tanks, tool chest, 12-speed drill press, metal lathe, engine hoist, fire hose, sink, 2 drawers, many tools & parts, 2 fans, 3 ladders, copper tubing, plywood, shovels and many assorted boxes.

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Notice is hereby given that the entire contents of the following storage units will be sold to the highest bidder by way of an open bid on February 16, 1998 at approximately 9:00 a.m. at Shurgard Storage Center located at 41889 Joy Road, Canton, MI 48187.  
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## C.A.

BY SUE MASON  
STAFF WRITER

As the president of the Rose Civitans, Rose to designate a President's Pick the entire year deciding who picked an issue her heart - child. Named C.A. Advocating Rose, the project contains three parts with children - Making It Live G.R.O. (Grand Organization Voice). "It took me about these great went through daughter," s

## Beardsle

Ken and M. Canton announced their daughter, Ann, to C. Krantz, the Judy Krantz and the late J. The bride of Eastern M. She is currently in the Bethany B. Detroit. Her fiancé of Eastern M. He is a lumber producer Hills. A May wedding. St. Thomas Canton.

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# C.A.R.E. seminar to focus on helping children

By SUE MASON  
STAFF WRITER

As the president of the Wayne Civitans, Rose Mary Miller gets to designate one project as the President's Project. She spent the entire year as president-elect deciding what it would be and picked an issue near and dear to her heart - children.

Named C.A.R.E. (Civilians Advocating Resources for Everyone), the project actually contains three projects that deal with children - S.M.I.L.E. (Start Making It Livable for Everyone), G.R.O. (Grandparents' Rights Organization) and Hear My Voice.

"It took me two years to learn about these groups with what we went through with my granddaughter," said Miller. "They

didn't help us out, but they have given us a lot of support and that means just as much."

The club will bring representatives of S.M.I.L.E., G.R.O. and Hear My Voice together on Wednesday, Jan. 21, to educate the public about the work being done.

The seminar will be 7-9 p.m. at UAW Local 900 Hall, 38200 Michigan Ave., south of Newburgh Road, Wayne. It will feature brief presentations by S.M.I.L.E. and G.R.O. and a brief panel discussion by Hear My Voice. The special guest will be Jan DeBoer.

On hand will be Edward Sosnick and Richard Victor, who co-founded S.M.I.L.E., which provides a positive approach to help adults and children through the process of divorce and separation

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Rose Mary Miller  
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without the need of "doing battle."

The program is available in every county in Michigan. It is mandatory in Oakland County and some families in the divorce process are referred to it in Wayne County, according to Miller.

"If you can get through a divorce without tearing the kids apart from end to end, then it's good for the kids," she added.

As its founder and executive director, Victor also will repre-

sent G.R.O., which provides help and support for grandchildren and grandparents, advocating on behalf of their rights.

Joining in the Hear My Voice panel discussion will be Anne Row and Robby DeBoer, the organization's president and vice president respectively.

The group promotes the right of all children to have a safe, permanent family and works to protect children who are harmed or abused.

"These projects are working to

make life better for children," said Miller. "And we as adults have to take responsibility for the children, they're our future."

The discussions will be followed by a question-and-answer period, which Miller anticipates will take up most of the seminar.

The organizations also will have fliers available and representatives from Wayne-Westland Community Schools' Family Resource Center and UAW will be on hand to discuss services available to families and children.

The Civitans have offered a program on S.M.I.L.E. for Parenting Day through the Wayne-Westland schools, but this is the first time the group has tackled a seminar.

Miller is hoping for an overflow crowd, but will be pleased if

100 people show up for the program. Invitations have been sent to Civitan clubs throughout the states, neighboring school districts and city officials and "everybody from the governor on down," she said.

"I hope it's packed," Miller said. "If I have to talk to people in the parking lot, I will."

The club hopes to have an idea of how many people will be attending and is asking interested people to call Miller at (734) 595-6558 or write her at 34325 Stellwagen, Wayne 48184, by Monday, Jan. 19.

"This is not a normal project for the Wayne Civitans, but it has been a dream of mine for a long time," said Miller. "If out of the whole seminar we help one child, I'll be thrilled."

## ENGAGEMENTS

### Beardsley-Krantz

Ken and Mary Beardsley of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Kimberly Ann, to Charles Lawrence Krantz, the son of Robert and Judy Krantz, also of Canton, and the late Judith Krantz.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University. She is currently teaching seventh and eighth grade at Bethany Baptist School in Detroit.

Her fiancé also is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University. He is a lumber broker for Timber Products in Farmington Hills.

A May wedding is planned at St. Thomas A'Becket Church in Canton.



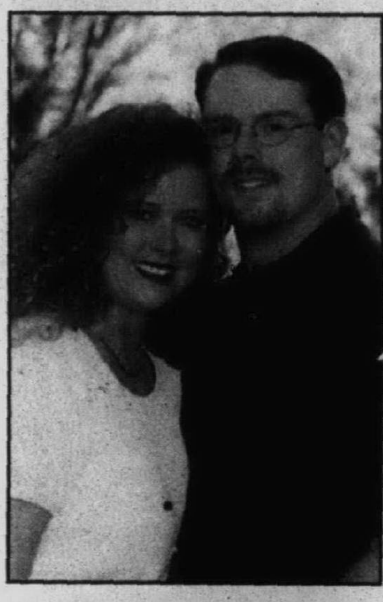
### Luckey-Gagnon

Robert and Carrie Luckey of Milford announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristin Edith, to Andrew James Gagnon of Westland, the son of Judy Gagnon of Westland and Joe Gagnon of Northville.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Oakland University. She is employed as a parole agent with the Michigan Department of Corrections.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Livonia Franklin High School. He works at Carmack Appliance, a family-owned business, in Garden City.

A March wedding is planned at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Farmington.



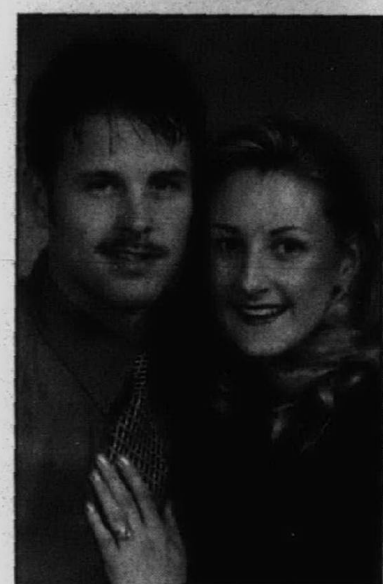
### Celeski-Duke

Arnold and Robbie Celeski of Westland announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristie Lynette, to Donald Wesley Duke Jr., the son of Donald W. Duke of Plymouth and Sharon Sartorius of Westland.

The bride-to-be is a 1992 graduate of Livonia Franklin High School. She is employed as a flight attendant by Northwest Airlines.

Her fiancé is also a 1992 graduate of Livonia Franklin High School. He is employed as a machinist at Fluid Automation in Livonia.

A May wedding is planned at Divine Child Catholic Church in Dearborn Heights.

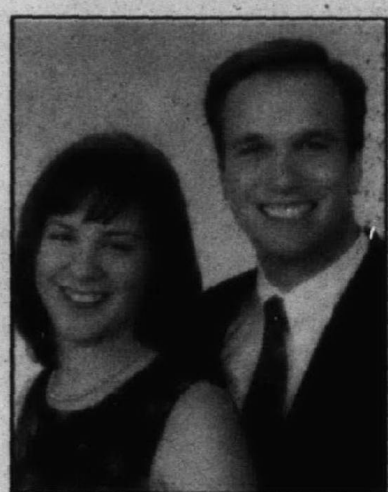


### Bedard-Mallon

Judith A. Bedard of Livonia and Ernest J. Bedard of Redford announce the engagement of their daughter, Danielle Louise, to Robert Francis Mallon, the son of Francis and Claudia Mallon of Livonia.

The bride-to-be received her bachelor's degree from Michigan State University and her master's degree from Wayne State University. She is employed by the Wayne County Family Independence Agency.

Her fiancé earned a bachelor of science degree in aeronautical engineering from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. He is employed as an aluminum applications engineer with Alumax Mill Products in Farmington Hills.



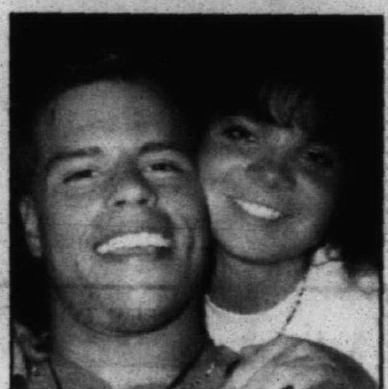
A May wedding is planned at Newburg Church in the Greemead Historical Village in Livonia.

### Odom-Loiselle

Nancy and Howard Odom of Northville announce the engagement of their daughter, Stephanie, to Jason Loiselle, the son of Ron and Fran Loiselle of Plymouth.

The bride-to-be is a 1992 graduate of Eastern Michigan University. She is a junior high school science teacher for the Wayne-Westland Community Schools.

Her fiancé is a graduate of the University of Michigan-Dearborn. He is employed by Schmaltz & Company, P.C.



A July wedding is planned at the Solid Rock Bible Church in Plymouth.

## State museum to house AAUW anniversary quilt

A quilt created during 1997 by the American Association of University Women of Michigan has a permanent home.

Made as part of the AAUW's 75th anniversary celebration, the quilt is now housed at the Michigan Historical Museum, 717 W. Allegan, Lansing. While plans for exhibiting the quilt have yet to be finalized, it can be viewed by visitors, if requested in advance.

All 54 AAUW branches from across the state designed and then hand-stitched squares for the quilt. The squares were sewn together in alphabetical order from left to right, with the Adrian AAUW in the upper left corner and the Wyandotte/Downriver AAUW in the bottom right corner.

Some squares contain portraits of women from the community - suffragette Anna Howard Shaw (Big Rapids AAUW) and former Michigan Supreme Court Chief Justice Mary Coleman (Marshall AAUW).

The Plymouth AAUW, known for the children's play it presents each year, chose to depict its most recent production of "Snow White," while the Troy branch portrayed the new bridge spanning Big Beaver Road and connecting Somerset North and South.

While the state AAUW organization is 75 years old, nine of its branches - Detroit, Ann Arbor, Lansing Area, Kalamazoo, Battle Creek, Flint, Birmingham, Iron Mountain/Kingsford and Saginaw - are older. The oldest is the Detroit branch, founded in 1889.

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## Volunteers help CHHCS meet needs of patients

The efforts of more than 100 volunteers at Community Hospice and Home Care Services raised more than \$10,000 for the eighth annual Tree of Memories fund raiser, held at Wonderland Mall in Livonia during the holiday season.

Volunteers created the angel ornaments, stuffed mailers, delivered flyers, and were present at the tree for many hours to accept donations from mall patrons.

"Our volunteers are very special," said Maureen Butrico, CHHCS executive director. "They are a constant inspiration to all of us daily as they assist with any activity and fill our requests for help."

With the number of CHHCS volunteers increasing, the agency is again offering its volunteer training program, beginning in February.

The program will be offered free of charge to community members and runs for eight weeks. Classes will meet from 6 to 9 p.m., beginning Feb. 18.

The program includes an introduction to the concept of hospice, effective communication skills, spiritual aspects of care, bereavement and grief and family dynamics. There also will be guest speakers and group activities.

"The eight-week program not only provides extensive knowledge for future volunteer assignments, it also evokes a new sense of self-awareness within each participant," said Laurie Behling, director of volunteer services. "The skills learned in the program are applicable to both hospice and life in general."

"Volunteering is a wonderful way to meet others with similar interests, learn more about yourself, and help those right in your own community."

Volunteers are needed to help with direct patient care and companionship, respite care, bereavement care, special events, marketing activities and office work.



At work: Jan Beatty (left) and Pat McCormick, both of Westland, were among the volunteers who helped place ornaments on Community Hospice and Home Care Services' Tree of Memories at Wonderland Mall.

For more information or to enroll in the volunteer training program, call Behling at (734) 522-4244.

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## Quilt

BY CHRISTINA F. STAFF WRITER

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## Stitch in time

### Quilts are an American art form

By Christina Fuoco  
STAFF WRITER

There's one important thing to remember when handling Merry Silber's quilts - always wear white gloves.

"The oil from your hands leaves spots and stains the quilts; it's very bad for antique quilts," the prominent quilt show curator told an audience at the Women's Resource Center luncheon at Schoolcraft College. "And never, never, never keep quilts in plastic bags. The vapor found inside of the bags creates mildew."

Silber suggests putting the quilts in pillow cases and "try not to launder the quilts too much."

During her hour lecture, Silber showed off about a dozen quilts from her collection which spans more than 100 years.

She purchased a marriage quilt, circa 1850s, for \$25. It is now worth approximately \$1,800.

"The green dye found on quilts like this one was very problematic before the industrial revolution; it faded," said Silber who was introduced to quilting by her daughter.

She held the quilt up to the light to show listeners another effect of the pre-industrial revolution era.

"If you hold it up to the light, you can see the cotton seeds because it was made before the cotton gin was invented," she said.

Silber's second oldest quilt is from 1813 and boasts a desert star pattern. It was all hand pieced and backed, in part, with ribbon.

Another quilt pictures a miniature grandma's garden. All 7,000 hexagons were hand-sewn in a mosaic pattern.

"It's a very, very rare quilt and

another one of my favorites," Silber said of the quilt created between 1840 and 1850.

Holding another quilt from her collection, Silber explained another problematic dye - indigo blue, which has since been banned by the United States.

"It's a rich, royal lovely blue, but it's so toxic that people who handled it had a horrendous reaction and some died," said Silber who has 35 blue and white quilts in her collection. "I do a lecture on indigo blue dye and it reads like a dime novel. Still to this day, it's filled with romance and mystery. Many books have been written about it."

The optimum number of stitches per inch is 18. Silber's tulip quilt has 20.

"There's something about our ancestors that is so admirable," she said. "American patchwork quilts is one of two American art forms. The other one is jazz."

Quilts have declined in quality, however, she said. Silber recalled one story about a friend who bought a quilt at a store and "the workmanship was so dreadful that after the first washing it fell apart."

Her collection has been shown throughout the area. The Detroit Institute of Arts has housed 20 of them, while Michigan State University has held 36.

"Michigan State University has the best textile conservatory in the country," she said. "In the New York Times, there was a feature article about the director of the Michigan State University museum who has a huge show in New York of Native American quilts, so I feel very au courant."

Silber is winding down her career in quilt collecting. She told her husband that she was done buying, but gave in her to urges and purchased a fleur de

lis quilt.

"Pretty soon my collection will go to all my kids; all the ones they don't want will go to MSU," she said. "I'm completely sold on how they took care of them. They build special huge vaults that are acclimated right."

The Women's Resource Center's winter luncheon series kicks off 11:30 a.m. Friday, Jan. 30. The guest speaker will Jennifer Todd, a graduate of Schoolcraft College's Culinary arts program and an experienced cake decorator, who will tell participants everything they ever wanted to know about chocolate.

Upcoming programs include Kathleen Wider, author of "The Bodily Nature of Consciousness: Sartre and Contemporary Philosophy of Mind," on Feb. 20 and Minnie Adams who will talk about Elderhostels, a non-profit educational organization for older adults, on April 17.

Tickets for the individual luncheons are \$14 per person. For more information, call the center at (734) 462-4443.



Bit of history: Elaine Tomalty of the Women's Resource Center helps Merry Silber display one of the several quilts in her collection, which spans more than 100 years.

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The luncheon costs \$20 per person and includes a full lunch with a choice of chicken or beef. Reservations can be made by sending a check, payable to Michigan Chapter 99s, to Allison Drum, P.O. Box 39138, Redford 48239 by no later than Jan. 20.

Steadman started and operated her own flight school and charter service at Flint's Bishop Airport, where she trained pilots and sold aircraft. She received the highest Federal Aviation Administration rating of airline transport pilot and instructed Reserve Air Force officers

after World War II.

She also flew in and won air races like the Transcontinental Air Race (Powder Puff Derby), International Air Race and Michigan SMALL Race.

In 1961, she was one of the original 25 women selected for possible participation in the space program and was one of 13 women who passed the Mercury program's medical examinations, meeting or exceeding the standards set by the Mercury astronauts who took the same test. Before flight training was approved, NASA decided not to allow women to become astronauts.

Elected president of the International 99s, an organization of women pilots active throughout the world, in 1968, Steadman is completing work on a book chronicling her experiences.

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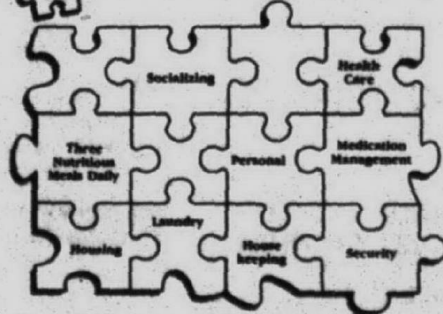
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## NEWBURG NIGHT OUT

Newburg United Methodist Church will present its eight-week Newburg Night Out program 6:30-8 p.m. Thursdays, beginning Jan. 15, 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.

## SINGLE POINT

Single Point Ministries will have a game night at 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 16, in Knox Hall of Ward Presbyterian Church, 17000 Farmington Road, Livonia. Participants are encouraged to bring their favorite game. Cost is \$1 for snacks and beverages. Free child care is available. Single Point's next installment of "Talk It Over" program will feature Linda Limbers Mitchell speaking about "Goal Setting" at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 23, in Knox Hall.

Indoor volleyball is offered at 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays in Knox Hall. A \$1 donation is suggested to help maintain the equipment. For more information, call (734) 422-1854.

## REVIVAL

Pastor John Henderson of Victory Temple Church will present a revival 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 16-17, and 6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 17, at the Full Gospel Church, 291 E. Spring St. in Plymouth's Old Village. Henderson has been referred to as the Apostle by those who know his life and spirit. For more information, call the church at (313) 453-

## Emilie Barnes to speak at Spring Break

Registration is being accepted for Ladies' Spring Break at Memorial Church of Christ in Livonia on Saturday, March 7.

Author and speaker Emilie Barnes will be the featured speaker and will present the seminar, "More Hours in My Day," tailored to meet the con-

cerns of women.

Based on her popular book of the same name, she will give practical tips on time management, home organization, setting priorities and creative hospitality.

Barnes has written 22 books and co-authored six cookbooks,

with more than one million copies sold.

She has appeared on national television and radio programs, such as the "700 Club," Trinity Broadcasting Network, "Focus on Family" and "The Home Show."

The seminar will run 9 a.m.

to 4 p.m. It costs \$25 per person, including lunch.

To register or for more information, call the church at (734) 464-6722.

Memorial Church of Christ is at 35475 Five Mile Road, between Levan and Farmington roads, Livonia.

Mile Road between Beech Daly and Telegraph roads. The charge will be \$8, including refreshments. For more information, call Rose at (734) 464-3325.

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 pinocle at 7 p.m. every other Friday - call Rose.

## 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 at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 5, with "The Grief Process," presented by the Rev. Chuck Sonquist.

The program is for people suffering as the result of the death of a loved one. There are no fees. Anyone may attend any or all sessions as they feel the need. For more information, call the church office at (734) 422-6038, Marilyn Wilkinson at (248) 380-7903, or Rosemary Kline at (734) 462-3770.

## MARRIAGE SEMINAR

Dr. Duane Cuthbertson will be the special guest speaker at a marriage enrichment seminar offered at 6 p.m. Sundays, Feb. 8, 15 and 22, at Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Road, Canton. Cuthbertson is a professor of psychology at William Tyndale College, a conference/seminar speaker and author of "Marriage Manual" and "Raising Your Child, Not Your Voice." He also is executive director of Growing Together Ministries.

The seminar topics will be "Why Marriages Fail" on Feb. 8, "How to Have a Conflict-Free Marriage" on Feb. 15 and "How to Correct Your Spouse and Get Away With It" on Feb. 22.

For more information, call the church at (734) 455-0022.

## MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Worldwide Marriage Encounter offers a weekend experience for married couples to improve their communication skills and renew their love. Friday through Sunday, Feb. 13-15 and March 20-22, at St. John's Family Life Center in Plymouth. For more information or to register, call Bill and Carol at (248) 528-2512 or Dan and Debbie at (810) 286-5524.

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## CHORAL FESTIVAL

The Redford Choral festival will be held at 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 18, at Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 10000 Beech Daly Road, Redford.

Joining the Aldersgate choir will be the choirs of Redford Baptist Church, Covenant Community Church, St. Robert Belarmine Church, Lola Valley United Methodist Church and St. James Presbyterian Church.

Each choir will sing individually and join together in singing the "Hallelujah Chorus" and "Blest Are They." The congregation also will sing favorite songs. The festival is free of charge.

## SUNDAY LESSONS

"Your Time, Talent and Treasure" will be the lesson at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 18, 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 4T, 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 church is at 30900 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia.

## 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.

## CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

The radio series, "What is This Christian Science and Who Are These Christian Scientists?" is being broadcast at 1:30 p.m. Sundays of WQBH-AM 1400.

The topic will be "Just what is a Christian Science practitioner?" on Jan. 18, "Christian Science and marriage and family life" on Jan. 25, "Does Christian Science do anything about the world's problems?" on Feb. 1, "What would a Christian Scientist do if he were in a serious accident?" on Feb. 8, "Why are you Christian Scientists always talking about healing?" on Feb. 15 and "How do Christian Scientists deal with financial concerns?" on Feb. 22.

"The Christian Science Sentinel-Radio Edition" also can be heard at 9:30 a.m. Sundays on WAAM-AM 1600. The conversational program discusses current public topics as well as shares healing through prayer from people all over the world.

## 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.

## 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.

The 12-week session will run Mondays, Jan. 19-April 6 at St. Matthew's, 30900 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia. For more information, 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 (800) 844-5208 about other sessions in the area. There are more than 180 groups meeting in churches in the Detroit area.

## 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. Tai Chi is a series of gentle turning and stretching exercises that have been practiced by the Chinese since the 11th century. For more information, call (248) 332-1281.

## 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 Guthrie 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.

## BETHANY SUBURBAN WEST

Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization which provides spiritual, social and support assistance divorced and separated Christians, will have a Together Dance at 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 31, at Divine Providence Catholic Church, Nine

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# Teenagers: disturbing behavior or disturbed youth?

BY SYLVIE BOURGET

Children and adolescents are experts at letting you know that something is wrong without actually having to say one word except maybe, "NO."

Adolescence is a very perplexing transition during which challenges abound. Tools to be employed throughout a lifetime are learned and refined during this period. Mistakes and errors of judgment are expected and inevitable. Indeed, adolescence is the training ground for adult life. Foundations are tested, and values are questioned. Such challenges are the very essence of the inner turmoil so typical of adolescence.

When troubled, youths often become disturbing in their behavior. Some choose to act out and become overtly destructive, some withdraw. If parents start to feel like they are losing sight

of what's happening with their youth, they may want to find out before problems develop. Drugs, because they are so easily available, can further complicate a disturbance by reinforcing the need to isolate oneself from the significant people in one's life.

Teenagers are busy trying out new ways, coming up with their own answers, comparing and readjusting. Because of their unfortunate easy access, drugs have the potential to become an avenue to be explored.

Drugs' potential to alter consciousness/awareness make them fascinating, especially for those teens struggling with higher levels of stress. Family dysfunction, the wrong friendships, fear of rejection and lack of confidence in oneself are all stressors that can lead to drug use in an attempt to quickly ease growing pains.

**Professional intervention can ease transitions and address critical issues as they arise by facilitating awareness of available resources both from within and from outside the family system.**

Some adolescents get caught up in drug experimentation, and then begin to abuse to escape what they feel is overwhelming. What started as a "fun" thing to do eventually leads to the avoidance of pressures and stresses which must be faced, if one is to develop healthier coping and emotional maturity. In such a way, drugs become the alternative to dealing with change, the pain involved in change and the fear of the unknown.

In a bad situation, the inability to face the necessary changes that would make things better can only make things worse.

Parents need to remind themselves and their kids that even if coping hurts, and even if it's hard, it does not mean it's the wrong thing to do.

This is not to say that all adolescents who try drugs will become abusers. Nonetheless, experimentation implies the risk of developing serious and long lasting problems.

In times of crisis, susceptibility to make the wrong choices is heightened. Because the teen years are tumultuous ones, adolescents are less well equipped, more vulnerable to pressure, and more "crisis prone." The danger

with drug use is that it provides an easy escape from those hard times and hard choices.

Some extraneous factors are also considered significant in the emergence of drug use, namely, alcoholism and other substance abuse in the family, strict discipline about abstinence and severe stress within the family.

Physical signs of drug use are not always obvious. The changes to be vigilant about are mostly behavioral, whether at school, with peers, or at home. Factors of significance are:

- Changes in behavior - dishonesty, anger, extreme mood swings, withdrawal and isolation, loss of interest in hobbies and other activities and deteriorating sleep patterns.
- Deteriorating grades and/or attendance at school.
- Physical and mental deterioration - poor memory, attention

and coordination, bloodshot eyes, persistent cough or runny nose, hyperactivity and/or lethargy.

Professional intervention can ease transitions and address critical issues as they arise by facilitating awareness of available resources both from within and from outside the family system.

A therapeutic relationship can help lead the way towards recovering a confident sense of who one is and, ultimately, of who one is to become. Resources are available within your community. Do not hesitate to reach out.

Sylvie Bourget, a master's level psychologist, provides outpatient therapy as well as crisis assessments at Northwestern Community Services, 6012 Merriman Road, Garden City.

## NEW VOICES

Allan J. Bunker and Stephanie A. Larsen of Detroit announce the birth of Angelo Rovano Bunker Oct. 30 at the Birthing Center at Garden City Hospital. He joins a sister, Amanda, 11, and a brother, Brandon, 7. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bunker of Redford and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kmet of Dearborn Heights.

Alecia Langer of Wayne announces the birth of Savan-

nah Marie Nov. 14 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. She joins a brother, Tyler Gage. Grandmother is Vicky Langer of Westland.

Greg and Kelly Hovermale of Westland announce the birth of Jonathan Thomas Nov. 3 at the Birthing Center at Garden City Hospital. He joins two brothers, Steven, 5, and Austin, 2. Grandparents are Tom and Shirley Hovermale of Livonia.

Chris and Jacquelyn Salva

of Taylor announce the birth of Ryley Noel Dec. 22 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. She joins a sister, Tiffany Anne. Grandparents are Gerald and Brenda Salva of Westland, Roger and Betty Riddle of Taylor and Craig Hirsch of Redford.

Scott and Mary Gunn of Livonia announce the birth of Madelyn Elizabeth Nov. 4 at the Birthing Center at Garden City Hospital. She joins a brother, Jordan, 2 1/2. Grandparents are John and Mary Miller and Don and Diana Gunn, all of Westland.

Timothy and Tina Kahler of Westland announce the birth of Trevor Samuel Nov. 17 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. He joins sisters, Tiffany and Theresa. Grandparents are Stan and Joan Anderson of Beaverville, Ohio.

Efren Ochoa and Angie Gilman of Redford announce the birth of Migel Ochoa Gilman Nov. 5 at the Birthing Center at Garden City Hospital. He joins a sister, Mary Jane, 2. Grandparents are Robert and Cindy Gilman of Redford.

Ronald and Denise Parko of Livonia announce the birth of Rene Lynn April 30 at Providence Hospital in Southfield. Grandparents are Patricia Parko of Livonia and Dennis and Dorothy Richard of West Bloomfield.

Elmer Glenn and Kathie Miller of Garden City announce the birth of Glenn Michael

Nov. 6 at the Birthing Center at Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Elmer Glenn and Pat Miller and Kay Liske and Rick Kurylo, all of Garden City, and Gerald and Rose Marie Liske of Oxford.

David and Julie Jones of Pinckney announce the birth of Julie Paige born Dec. 18 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. Grandparents are Patricia Parko of Livonia, Mable Jones of Westland and Carl Jones of Livonia.

Jason and Jackie O'Connell of Canton announce the birth of Paige Gwendolyn Nov. 6 at the Birthing Center at Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are George and Helen Smith of Westland and Dave and Shelley O'Connell of Brighton.

Brian and Lisa Farley of Plymouth announce the birth of Leah Marie Dec. 13 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. Grandparents are Edward and Joyce Drew of Garden City and Gerald and Joyce Farley of Kankakee, Ill.

Dan and Kathy Horner of Livonia announce the birth of Tyler Joseph Nov. 11 at the Birthing Center at Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Don and Millie Bezenah of Dearborn Heights and Dan and Judy Horner of Livonia.

Kevin and Lisa Beyer of Livonia announce the birth of Matthew Ronald Nov. 20 at the Birthing Center at Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Ron and Joan Beyer of Waterford Township.

## Hendry

Ronald and Roberta Hendry recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at a dinner party with family and friends.

The couple exchanged vows on Nov. 21, 1947, before the Rev. Dewitt Jones in Pleasant Ridge. They met in Woolworth's dime store. She is the former Roberta June McLachlan.

They have one daughter, Laura Shapiro of Livonia, and one grandson, David.

They are avid Laurel Park Place walkers and enjoy traveling with the Livonia Travel Club. A trip to Scotland is planned.



## Constable

Dennis and Florence Constable of Plymouth celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Dec. 6 with a family dinner and a presentation of home movies from the 1950s.

The couple married on Dec. 6, 1947. Originally from Garden City, he was vacationing at his parents' cottage at Leamington, Ontario, in 1946. A native of Canada, her family was summering there. They met at a Pavilion Dance and were married the following year.

They have two children, Steve and Pattie of Southfield and Cheryl Rivard of Canton, and two grandchildren, Laura Marie and Jonathan Rivard.



## Middleton

John and Elizabeth Middleton of Southfield celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary Nov. 24 at an open house, given by Dr. and Mrs. Noel van Glahn of Novi.

The couple has three children - Nancy Huszti of Waterford, Mary von Glahn of Novi and June Robbs of Clarkston, six

grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

He was a tool and die maker for more than 50 years. She was a full-time homemaker. She also cared for three of the grandchildren and worked for 10 years as a secretary.

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Heather was born in Detroit, educated at Southfield-Lathrup High, received her bachelors degree from Northern Mich Univ and master's degree from Univ of Oregon. At the time of her death she was the Executive Editor of *Laser Focus World*, a PennWell Publishing Co. magazine.

The family will receive friends Saturday, Jan 17 between 1:00 and 4:00 at Bushwood Golf and Restaurant, 39430 Dun Rovin, Northville. The facility is off Haggerty Road between 5 Mile and 6 Mile roads.

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In Jamaica: The weather was warm and sunny on Christmas Day when Ray Disney (from left) and Helen Wendland, both of Livonia, climbed a 600-foot waterfall with grandchildren Leslie, Kenny and Jeffrey Douglass Jr., son-in-law Jeff and daughter Linda, all of Westland. The group celebrated the holiday on a eight-day cruise that included a stop in Ocho Rios, Jamaica. It's the second time the family has spent Christmas cruising the Caribbean.

### 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.

**DEARBORN HIGH**  
The Dearborn High School Yearbook Staff and Class of 1998 is sponsoring a spring arts and crafts extravaganza 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 21 at the school, 19501 Outer Drive. Admission will be \$1. Spaces are still available. For applications, call (313) 562-2677 or (313) 561-0158. Deadline is March 1.

**LIVONIA STEVENSON**  
Crafters are needed for the Livonia Stevenson High School Booster Club's Spring Spectacular craft show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 28 at the school, 33500 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia. Spaces - 10 feet by 10 feet or 5 feet by 16 feet - cost \$50. Limited electricity is available at no additional cost, and chairs (no tables) are available upon request. For an application or more information, call (734) 464-1041 or (248) 478-2395.

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Madonna University is accepting applications from crafters for its 13th annual spring arts and crafts showcase 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, March 28, in the Activities Center on campus, Schoolcraft and Levan, Livonia. Booth space measuring 9 feet by 6 feet with two chairs and one 6-by-8-foot table is \$50. Booths with electricity are limited and are an additional \$5. Exhibitors may purchase up to three spaces. Crafters will receive a \$5 discount if their forms are received by Sunday, Feb. 1. For more information, call the university at (734) 432-5603.

## Prevention Heat, cold cause problems

The constant movement from cold to hot, dry buildings during the cold winter months can cause problems for your skin and hair, problems that may continue even after a slight warming trend.

So what can you do to protect yourself?

"Set up a portable home humidifier to introduce more moisture into the air and ease the problem of dry, flaky skin," said Dr. Dexter Shurney, medical director for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan. "During winter, the cold temperatures, winds, and heated homes join together to rob the skin of its natural moisture."

Shurney also recommends people:

■ Drink additional amounts of water. In the summer when you're hot and perspiring, it's

■ The very dry environment usually present in winter generates a static charge in your hair so that literally every strand repels the others.

easy to drink lots of liquids, but it's equally important in the winter to drink eight glasses of water a day.

■ Use a skin moisturizer or cream, particularly if you spend time outside.

■ Apply an anti-chapping salve to protect your lips from becoming dry and cracking. An inexpensive but effective way to keep lips moist is to cover them with a thin layer of petroleum jelly at bedtime.

Before children go outside, rub petroleum jelly lightly on their lips and cheeks.

Another winter complaint is "fly-away" hair. The very dry

environment usually present in winter generates a static charge in your hair so that literally every strand repels the others.

Spray fabric softener onto your hair brush before use, or rub your hair brush with one of the anti-static pads you use in the clothes dryer and use a hair conditioner after each shampoo.

"Remember that none of the conditions normally have any serious or long-term effect on your health, but unchecked they can make life more difficult during the winter months," said Dr. Shurney.

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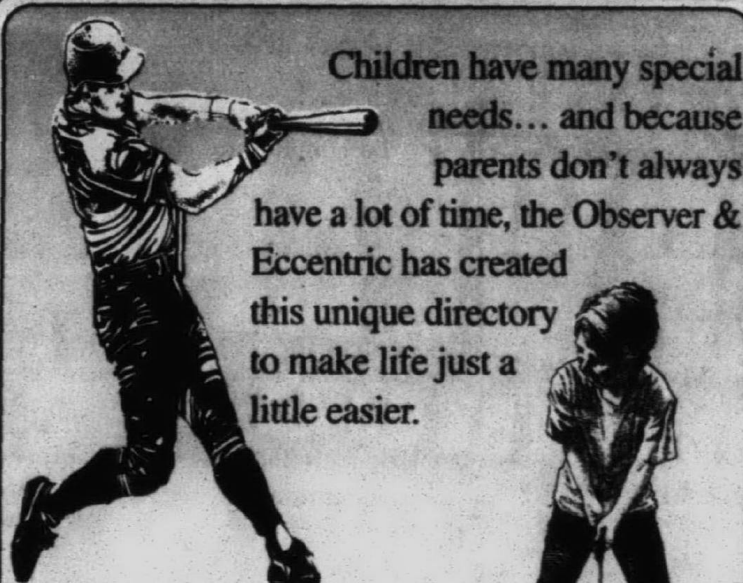
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Hospice of Washtenaw will offer a five-week grief recovery series 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Feb. 3-March 3, at Hospice of Washtenaw, 806 Airport Blvd., Ann Arbor.

The program is dedicated to

helping survivors adapt to their grief and to gain and develop new skills in coping. The goals are to help participants understand the stages of grief and how it affects them, and learn to deal with difficult emotions like

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## OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

### Precision skaters

The Plymouth Figure Skating Club will be the host when the 1998 USFSA Midwestern Precision Team Sectional Championship comes on Feb. 6-8 at Compuware Arena in Plymouth.

The Sectional serves as a national qualifying for all precision teams in the midwest. Those teams placing highest at the Sectional advance to the USFSA National Precision Championships in March in San Diego.

Of the U.S.'s three geographical sections, the Midwestern is the largest. Some 145 teams and 3,000 skaters are expected to compete.

Precision team skating is expected to become an Olympic event in 2002, magnifying the importance of such championships.

### New soccer referees

All young men and women (ages 12 and over) interested in becoming soccer referees can do so on four consecutive Saturdays beginning Feb. 21 at the Plymouth Cultural Center's Card Meeting room.

Classes will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. each of the four Saturdays, through March 14. Cost is \$43 per person.

To register, send your name, address, phone number, social security number and a check for \$43 made payable to the Michigan Referee Committee to Brian LaMasse, 238 Coronation Court, Canton, Mich., 48188.

For further information, call Brian LaMasse at (313) 397-8325.

### Soccer signup

The city of Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department will be conducting registration for spring youth soccer throughout January, from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Parks and Rec offices, located in the Plymouth Cultural Center at 525 Farmer.

All registrants must have birth certificates. Cost is \$40 for city of Plymouth residents and \$60 for non-residents.

For more information, call (313) 455-6620.

### Magic correction

In Sunday's editions of the Plymouth and Canton Observer, an incorrect day for tryouts was listed in the following announcement. This is the corrected version:

The Plymouth-Canton Magic, a girls AAU basketball club, is hosting tryouts for its 11-12 girls team 3-5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24 at the Plymouth Salvation Army, located at 9451 South Main in Plymouth.

Tryouts will be conducted by current Magic head coach and former Yale basketball player Sarah Jacobson.

For more information, call 207-5064.

### Shoot to Score clinic

Suburban Hockey Schools will conduct a "Shoot to Score" hockey clinic on Monday, Jan. 19 at Devon-Aire Arena in Livonia.

Classes are open to all ages. Cost is \$40 per player, and space is limited. The clinic will focus primarily on developing proper shooting techniques for a variety of shots: wrist, backhand, snap and slap. Shooting drills will be performed while stationary, skating forward, moving laterally and while cutting.

Each player will receive on-ice video analysis of their technique.

For further information, call (248) 478-1600.

### Floor hockey

The Detroit College of Business Athletic Booster Club has openings for teams to play in its Sunday afternoon adult floor hockey league.

Team fee is \$550, which includes expenses for a 10-game season plus playoffs. Included are referee fees, gym rental and trophies.

Games are played at the Sheridan Recreation Center in Taylor.

For more information, call Kevin Brazell at (313) 581-4400, Ext. 389, or call (313) 562-5033.

Individuals without a team may also call about possible placement.

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

## Salem slams Huron, readies for Canton



The season for Plymouth Salem's swimmers got under way in earnest Tuesday, with the Rocks going against Ann Arbor Huron in the first of three events this week. It won't get any easier, that's for sure.

A week full of competition started out well enough, at least in the result department, for Plymouth Salem's swim team.

On Tuesday, the Rocks' trip to Ann Arbor Huron proved a fruitful one when they scored a 107-79 dual-meet victory. The win gave Salem a 2-0 record; Huron is 2-2.

Although the results pleased Rocks' coach Chuck Olson, he felt his team's

performance wasn't all that sharp. That will have to change if Salem is going to succeed for the rest of this week.

The Rocks swim at Plymouth Canton at 7 p.m. tonight, then host some of the state's best teams at 1 p.m. Saturday in the six-team Rock Invitational.

Joining Salem and Canton will be Ann Arbor Pioneer, Birmingham Groves, Birmingham Seaholm and

Livonia Stevenson.

"It should be a real exciting meet. I'm looking forward to it," said Olson. "I was looking at Pioneer's times, and they look really good."

"I just hope we swim with a little more enthusiasm than we did tonight (against Huron)."

The Rocks won all three relays against the River Rats, but just two individual events. Best performance of the night came from Tim Buchanan, who won the 100-yard butterfly in a state-qualifying 55.34 (state cut is 55.59).

Nick Corden wasn't far off the state qualifying standard when he won the

200 freestyle in 1:49.96 (state cut: 1:49.39).

Brent Mellis, Jason Rebarchik, Buchanan and Andrew Locke combined to win the 200 medley relay (1:44.86); Dan Jones, Rebarchik, Corden and Locke won the 200 free relay (1:33.90); and Buchanan, Jones, Mellis and Corden were first in the 400 free relay (3:25.95).

Salem also got a strong swim from Rebarchik in finishing second in the 100 breaststroke in 1:08.6, a two-second drop from his previous season's best.

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## Rocks' best trails leaders

BY C.J. RISAK  
STAFF WRITER

It didn't look good, the host team of the Salem Gymnastics Invitational finishing 11th out of 15 teams. But it wasn't all doom and gloom for Plymouth Salem last Saturday.

For one thing, it wasn't the team's placing in the field that concerned first-year coach Melissa Hopson. It was the Rocks point total, and in that respect she was happy. Salem's 124.15 was its best showing of the year.

"I wasn't really worried where we placed with the other teams," she said. "I just wanted to see what kind of score we could get."

It was far from perfect, and there's plenty of room for improvement, to be sure. But the optimism remains.

"I thought it went pretty good," Hopson said. "We had a fairly decent meet. We did have a lot of falls on beam and more than I ever thought we'd have on bars. But we did have our best team score."

The Rocks also had their entire lineup in for the first time this season, giving their coach a glimpse of the future. She liked what she saw.

Best performance of the night for Salem came from Lindsay Hawraney, who scored 8.7 on floor exercise, 8.35 on vault, 8.25 on uneven parallel bars and 8.2 on balance beam (33.5 all-around total).

Allison Bracht also turned in some solid performances, particularly on vault (8.5). Janine Schmedding contributed an 8.2 on vault, and Beth Steinhilber scored 8.2 on floor.

"Our all-arounders — Lindsay, Allison and Janine — all did pretty well," said Hopson. "We just need to decrease the number of our falls on beam, and we usually don't have falls on bars. Basically, we just have to keep working on cleaning up our routines."

The top four teams Saturday proved far better than the rest of the competition. Troy Athens edged

Rochester Adams for the title, scoring 140.70 to Adams' 140.40. Free-land was third (139.15) with Brighton fourth (139.00). Tri-Farmington was a distant fifth (133.50).

Salem travels to Brighton for a Western Lakes Activities Association dual meet tonight, then goes to the Holt Invitational Saturday.

### Canton takes 4th

It wasn't Plymouth Canton's best performance of the year, but what happened at last Saturday's Rockford Invitational certainly painted a bright picture for the future.

"On the west side of the state, scores are traditionally lower, so I was in no way upset with our score," said coach John Cunningham. "Actually, I was surprised we did as well as we did. We beat three ranked teams (Grand Rapids Forest Hills, Portage and Traverse City)."

Canton finished a mere .05 out of third place, scoring 129.50 to Grand Rapids Union/Ottawa Hills 129.55. Holland won the meet, totaling 136.60; East Kentwood was second with 134.15.

"We had a decent meet," said Cunningham, noting that the down side were the number of falls that counted in his team's scoring — eight.

"That tells you that the condition of your routines is good enough, we just need to improve the execution," he said. "We have a lot of things that are happening positively."

"Once our routines get patterned — so that instead of performing new routines, we're doing old patterns — we'll do well."

Canton's two Division I gymnasts, Marcie Emerick and Liz Fitzgerald, both performed well. Fitzgerald placed eighth in the all-around at 33.50, with Emerick ninth at 33.10.

Fitzgerald was in the top-10 in all four events, finishing fifth in the bars (8.7) and 10th in the vault (8.4), beam (7.85) and floor (8.55). Emerick was fourth in the vault (8.8) and ninth in both the bars (8.1) and beam (8.05).

In Division II, the Chiefs had two top-10 finishers: Nicole Vaagenes, fifth on the bars (8.3), and Amy Driscoll, seventh on floor (8.45).

Last Thursday, the Chiefs lost 130.7-127.85 in a WLAA dual meet against Hartland at Canton. The loss left Canton at 4-2; Hartland is 3-0.

Best event for the Chiefs was the vault, in which they finished first and second with Emerick (8.8)



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An elevating performance: Salem's Lindsay Hawraney turned in a good all-around performance Saturday. She scored 8.2 on the balance beam.

and Fitzgerald (8.6). Fitzgerald, whose 33.6 all-around total was second-best on the evening, was also second in the floor (8.65) and bars (8.6).

Emerick tied for second in beam (8.35).

Canton travels to the Holland Invitational Saturday.

## Making the grade Ocelot win keeps them 1st in league

BY C.J. RISAK  
STAFF WRITER

There were a couple of victories for Schoolcraft College's men's basketball team last Saturday — one on the court and another partial victory off of it.

Both will have a major impact on the Ocelots for the remainder of this, their best-ever, season.

And although SC's ability to stave off visiting Alpena's second-half comeback to ensure a 77-67 victory was important, the off-court happenings may have more far-reaching implications.

First semester grades were issued at the end of last week. In years past, it's always been a trying time for SC's men's team, and this year was no different.

The Ocelots lost two key players — Jamar Eddins and David Jarrett (from Westland John Glenn). Both played the same forward position,

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making their loss more hurtful. Combined, they averaged nearly 20 points and 13 rebounds a game.

Without doubt, they won't be easy to replace. That's the bad news.

The good news is that SC should survive. Saturday's win pushed their Eastern Conference record to a league-leading 4-0; overall, the Ocelots improved to 15-3, their best record at this point of the season in school history.

There was other good news on the academic front: Three team members posted grade points over 3.0 (Emeka Okonkwo at 3.5, Adam Moore from Canton at 3.1 and Jose Bru at 3.1) and a fourth was very close (Pete Males of Garden City at 2.9).

First-year SC coach Carlos Briggs has 10 players remaining on his roster, but his depth — something that

has served the Ocelots well thus far this season — will now be limited.

"We're going to struggle because three of these guys didn't even play in high school," Briggs noted.

The Alpena game was the last for Eddins and Jarrett, and it showed some of the tactics SC could expect from conference opponents from now on.

Like a slow-down approach to the game. The Ocelots lead the conference in scoring, averaging more than 14 points a game (96.61 average) than their nearest rival (St. Clair CCC at 82.4); their scoring differential (22.28 points) is also far better than anyone else's.

Three Ocelots are among the league's top 10 in scoring: Kevin Melson at No. 1 (28.1), Derek McKelvey at No. 6 (16.1) and Okonkwo at No. 10 (13.7).

Although Briggs is concerned with

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## Academic losses won't cripple SC



C.J.  
RISAK

Such a cruel paradox. The year ends with such celebration: "Merry Christmas!" and "Happy Hanukkah!", followed by a gigantic glimmering ball falling on tens of thousands of frozen, anxious people crowded into New York's Time Square, all squealing with delight.

It is certainly an enjoyable time.

Then, a week later, the roof collapses. Your life changes. What was dearest to you is taken. And the happiness of the previous two weeks is but a distant memory.

Since it happens each and every year at about the same time, it's easier for us, the public, to accept. Because we anticipate it, the dreaded end of the first semester comes as no surprise.

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# Chiefs 4th at Kimball

It was Plymouth Canton's best performance of the year, but it came with an unfortunate price.

The Chiefs finished fourth at the nine-team Royal Oak Kimball Wrestling Invitational last Saturday, getting one first-place finish and two seconds.

Host Kimball took top honors with 207 points. Royal Oak Dondero placed second (147), with Holly third (144.5) and Canton fourth (115).

"We wrestled well, finishing fourth out of nine teams even with our top two seniors (Brent Buttermore and John-Peter Demick) out with injuries," said assistant Canton coach John Demick. "Five of our wrestlers finished in the top three in their weight classes."

"The hard part to swallow is that another of our key team leaders, Kevin Stone (140 pounds), was injured and will be out the rest of the season."

Stone had pinned his first two opponents, Clawson's Bob Hoerauf (3:24) and Dondero's Mike Hinz (5:44) to reach the finals. In the championship match, Stone was leading Oak Park's Jason Malone 4-0 when he broke his

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ankle.

"When you work so hard in practice together, you become close, like a family," said Demick. "We'll keep Kevin in mind throughout the season and his healing in our prayers. It's nice that he's a junior and will be back with us next year."

Best Canton performer of the day proved to be John Pocock at 130. Pocock pinned Clawson's Charlie Samson (4:2) and Holly's Dennis Herronane (3:57), then beat Kimball's Trevor Garrison in the finals (15-11) to finish first.

Jason Chapman (215) finished second for the Chiefs, getting a first-round bye and then pinning Dondero's Dan Judge (3:06) before losing in the final. Robert Demick (160) placed third, pinning Clawson's Peter Sherman (5:59), losing to Holly's Justin Torres and then beating Grosse Pointe South's Matt Ostrowski (9-2).

Jason Farnsworth (112) also placed third, pinning South's

Eric Wood (2:47) in the consolation finals.

Canton wrestles at Livonia Franklin at 7:30 p.m. tonight, then travels to the Romulus Invitational Saturday.

## Salem 2nd at Roosevelt

Despite three firsts and two seconds, Plymouth Salem couldn't match Southgate Anderson at last Saturday's Wyandotte Roosevelt Invitational.

Anderson scored 279.5 points to win the title. Salem was a distant second with 195, one point better than third-place Novi.

First for Salem went to Charlie Hamblin at heavyweight, John Mervyn at 103 and James Greene at 145. Both Dan Morgan (119) and Josh Henderson (130) placed second.

In addition, Sam Boyd (135) and Anwar Crutchfield (160) took thirds, with Dan Hamblin (140) and Rob Ash (112) each finishing fifth.

Salem hosts defending Western Lakes Activities Association champion Livonia Stevenson at 7:30 p.m. tonight, then travels to the Adrian Invitational Saturday.

# Rocks rein in title

The final tune-up for the Western Lakes Activities Association season went off in perfection Saturday when Plymouth Salem won its own five-team volleyball tournament, the Salem Classic.

The Rocks did not lose a game in winning the first round of the tournament, defeating its four opponents in eight sets. The semifinals and finals were more of the same; top-seeded Salem beat fifth-seeded Redford Union 15-2, 15-4 in the semis and second-seeded Trenton 15-6, 15-6 in the final.

"I'm really happy with our progression against this level of teams," said Salem co-coach Allie Suffety.

Now 13-4, the Rocks had few problems in the first round of play. They beat Trenton 15-8, 15-9, in their first match, and followed that with wins over Ypsilanti Lincoln 15-9, 15-2; RU 15-6, 15-1; and Dexter 15-7, 15-11.

## VOLLEYBALL

Senior middle hitter Amanda Abraham keyed the Salem offense, collecting 34 kills, five service aces, 13 digs, 10 solo blocks and nine block assists for the tournament. "She just had an exceptional day," said Suffety.

Other standouts for the Rocks were Angie Sillmon with 30 kills, 17 digs, two aces, five solo blocks and five block assists; Jenny Trott with 29 kills, seven aces and 37 digs; Kelly Street with 28 kills; and Andrea Pruetz with 17 kills.

Setters Kari Flynn and Laine Sterling also had solid performances, Flynn totaling 52 assists to kills and Sterling 31 assists.

"We're really getting a good balanced attack from our middle and strong side hitters," Suffety noted.

Salem opened its WLAA season last night against Livonia Franklin. Unfortunately, the protests emanating from Salem and Plymouth Canton regarding the sudden switch from five-game to three-game league matches went unheeded.

"Frankly, I'm very disappointed," said Suffety. "I really don't think (conference administrators) are concerned with the needs of the players."

The main concern with the switch is in the number of games WLAA teams will play. Eleven of the 18 dates allowed volleyball teams by the Michigan High School Athletic Association are taken by league matches.

With the trimming of WLAA matches from best-of-five games to best-of-three, coaches figure they will lose a minimum of 11 games and a maximum of 22 games this season.

Which means there will be even less playing time for players to share.

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### Huron edges Canton

The score doesn't reflect it, but Plymouth Canton coach Kyle Lott thought his team could have, even should have, beaten Ann Arbor Huron last Thursday at Canton.

"We should have won the meet," Lott, his team now 0-2, said. "We got touched out in a lot of events. Give us about one second and we would have won the meet by 20 points."

The 200-yard and 400-yard freestyle relays were indicators of just that. Canton was second in both, clocking 1:38.16 in the 200 (Huron went 1:38.10) and 3:36.41 in the 400 (Huron's time:

3:36.07).

"The whole meet was like that," said Lott. "It was a big headache for me — but we swam OK."

"I think they learned a lot from that meet."

The Chiefs had one first: from senior captain Jason Musson in the 200 freestyle (1:53.57). A pair of seconds went to Kurtis Hornick in the 50 free (23.43) and the 500 free (5:12.50). Aaron Reeder was second in the 100 backstroke (59.55), Matt Heiss was second in the 100 breaststroke (1:06.27), John Theisen was second in the 100 butterfly (1:00.75) and Justin Allen, Heiss, Theisen and John Cook

were second in the 200 medley relay (1:46.86).

"They hit the wall first on everything," said Lott.

Still, the meet did indicate progress. Canton started its dual-meet season with a 122-63 loss at Dexter before the Christmas break. "We did not swing great against them," said Lott.

Musson won two events, in the 200 (1:56.60) and 100 (53.46) freestyles. Hornick was first in the 50 free (23.97) and Reeder won the 100 back (1:00.8).

Canton hosts Salem at 7 p.m. tonight and is at the Rock Invitational at 1 p.m. Saturday at Salem.

## Barrie rolls by Whalers



The Plymouth Whalers suffered their second straight defeat Sunday by dropping a 7-3 Ontario Hockey League game to host Barrie.

Down 3-2 heading into the third period, the Whalers' Paul Mara tied the game. The defenseman scored his 11th goal of the year just 27 seconds into the period as David Legwand and Andrew Taylor assisted.

But it was downhill from there. Barrie, which leads the Central Division of the OHL, scored four unanswered goals to win going away.

Plymouth's other two goals came in the second period. Taylor netted his 19th and Mara had the first of his two goals.

The loss was Plymouth's second in a row. The Whalers remain second in the West Division with 47 points — six behind the London Knights.

**Belleville 3, Whalers 1:** Defense cost Plymouth Saturday's road game against the Bulls.

The Whalers held a 1-0 going into the third period. Jesse Boulerice scored his 11th goal of the season at the 7:58 mark of the second period.

Belleville broke through against Whalers' goalie Robert Esche at 8:50 of the third. The Bulls got the game-winner with less than two minutes to go then added an empty seconds later.

Plymouth plays two more games on the road this weekend. Saturday, the Whalers will travel to Sudbury and Sunday take on Windsor.

## BASKETBALL

### Agape's finish busts Macomb

Ahead by three at halftime, Canton Agape Christian took control of Tuesday's home game in the third quarter.

The Wolverines (5-2) outscored Macomb Christian 16-8 in the frame and were never challenged again, posting a 62-47 victory.

Paul Anleighter scored 23 points to lead Agape while Steve McKlenburg added 14. Aaron Salter led Macomb (3-4) with 15 points.

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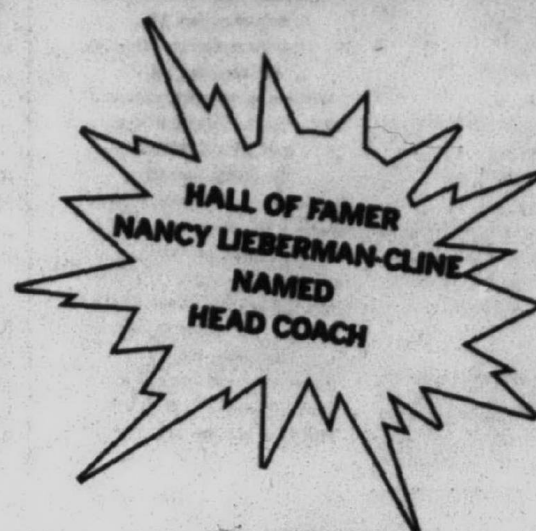
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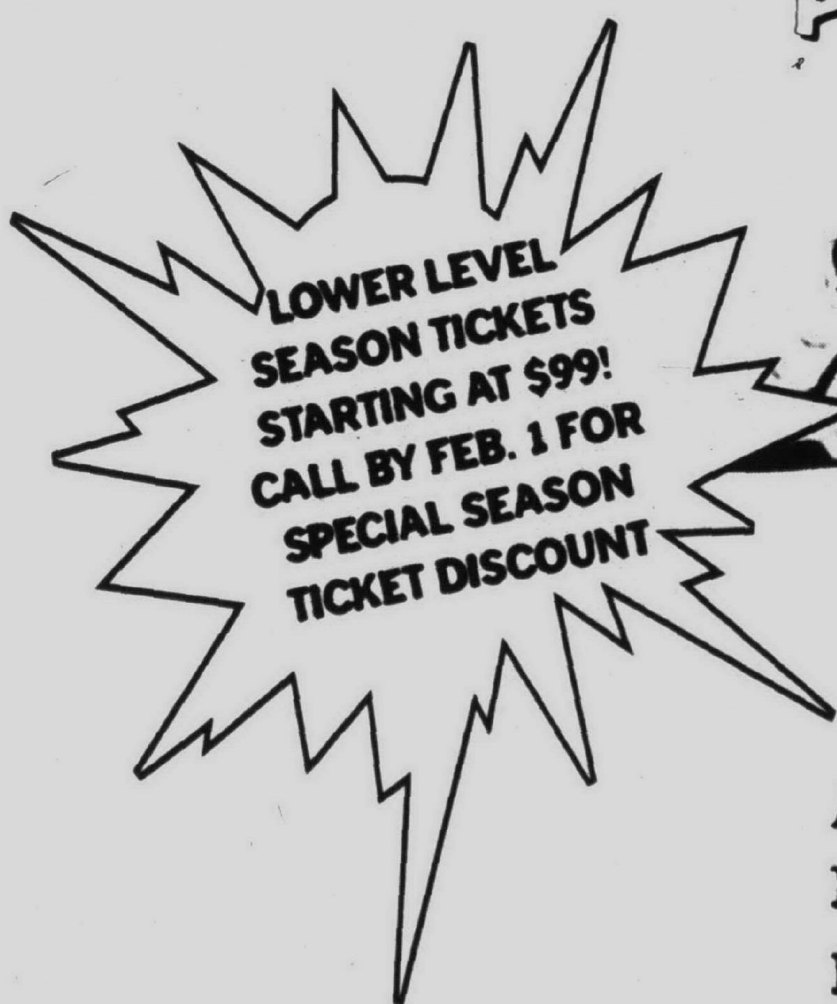
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## THE WEEK AHEAD

## BOYS BASKETBALL

**Thursday, Jan. 15**  
Inkster at Wayne, 7 p.m.

**Friday, Jan. 16**  
Canton Agape at Greater Life, 7 p.m.  
Luth. North at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.  
Redford Union at Garden City, 7 p.m.  
Wyandotte at Thurston, 7 p.m.  
Stevenson at Northville, 7 p.m.  
N. Farmington at Franklin, 7 p.m.  
Salem at Harrison, 7 p.m.  
John Glenn at Churchill, 7:30 p.m.  
Farmington at Canton, 7:30 p.m.  
Borgess at Notre Dame, 7:30 p.m.  
DeLaSalle at Redford CC, 7:30 p.m.  
St. Alphonsus at St. Agatha, 7:30 p.m.  
PCA at Southfield Christian, 7:30 p.m.

**MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL**  
**Saturday, Jan. 17**  
Wayne County at Schoolcraft, 3 p.m.  
Alpena at OCC-Highland Lakes, 4 p.m.  
Madonna at Concordia, 7:30 p.m.

**WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL**

**Thursday, Jan. 15**  
Spring Arbor at Madonna, 7 p.m.

**Saturday, Jan. 17**  
Wayne County at Schoolcraft, 1 p.m.  
Concordia at Madonna, 7 p.m.

**ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE**  
**Saturday, Jan. 17**  
Ply. Whalers at Sarnia, 7:30 p.m.

**Sunday, Jan. 18**  
Whalers vs. Windsor Spitfires at Compuware Arena, 6:30 p.m.

**GIRLS VOLLEYBALL**  
**Thursday, Jan. 15**  
Ladywood at Bishop Foley, 6:30 p.m.  
Mercy at Riv. Richard, 6:30 p.m.

**Friday, Jan. 16**  
Agape at Greater Life, 4:30 p.m.  
Country Day at Luth. W'sld, 5:30 p.m.  
Ecorse at Ply. Christian, 6 p.m.

**Saturday, Jan. 17**  
Comstock Tournament, 8 a.m.  
Salem Invitational, 8:30 a.m.  
TBA — time to be announced.

## Crusaders club Wolves

## WOMEN'S HOOPS

Madonna University's women's basketball team had its way Monday night. The host Lady Crusaders crushed the University of Michigan-Dearborn, 88-40, night to improve its season's record to 10-6.

The game was close for nearly seven minutes as both teams found scoring difficult. The score was tied at 6-6 on a basket by Jacklyn Kuptz with 13:09 left in the half but Katie Cushman responded with a triple nine seconds later to trigger a 12-0 Crusaders' run in slightly less than two minutes.

It was 47-19 at the half.

Four players were in double figures for Madonna, which also had Lori Enfield and Angie Negri with nine apiece. Cushman led the way with 14, Courtney Senger came off the bench to score 11, Dawn Pelc also had 11 and Chris Dietrich had 10.

Nikki Conyers scored 16 for Michigan-Dearborn (3-15) to lead all scorers but none of the other Wolves reached double figures. Rica Barge (Wayne Memorial) scored five as a Michigan-Dearborn substitute.

Enfield had eight rebounds and Pelc six for Madonna. Cushman had eight assists.

The win let Madonna bounce back from a 73-68 loss Saturday at Tri-State (Ind.). That defeat left the Crusaders 1-1 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference.

Dietrich scored 26 points to lead Madonna while Jennifer Jacek came off the bench to score 10 points. Pelc had a team-best eight rebounds.

Madonna made just six of 22 three-point shot attempts and was outrebounded, 46-39.

**Schoolcraft 67, Alpena 61 (women):** First-place Schoolcraft Community College rode a strong second half Saturday afternoon to topple visiting Alpena Community College.

Teresa Cooper's 22 points paced the Ocelots, who trailed, 29-26 at the half. Jenni Talbot (Garden City) added 15 points.

Schoolcraft was 20-for-43 from the free throw line, while Alpena went to the line 25 times and made 14.

Schoolcraft has won five of its last six games to reach 4-0 in the Eastern Conference of the Michigan Community College Athletic Association and 8-6 overall.

Alpena is 5-9 overall, 1-3 in the conference.

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But to those who don't make grades, who lose the right to continue playing the sport that helped them choose the college they currently attend, the pain is often acute.

They have failed — their teammates, their coaches, their parents, their supporters, themselves.

Every year at Schoolcraft College, the men's basketball team would struggle through the first month of the season, hoping things would come together by the time the conference campaign began in January, only to be disappointed when four, five, even six players flunked out.

That won't happen this year. The Ocelots are off to their best start in school history, 15 wins in their first 18 games and 4-0 in the Eastern Conference.

And academic problems won't decimate the team, either.

But there are losses — two of them, both key players. Making it worse, they play the same position: small forward.

Jimar Eddins started for SC, averaging 10.2 points and 6.7 rebounds. He was a solid contributor on the court.

But Eddins did very little in the classroom. Last Saturday's game against Alpena CC was his last.

The other academic casualty is David Jarrett. His is a more

tragic affair.

Before I go any further, it must be understood that ultimately, the blame falls on the player. Not making grades when they have a golden opportunity to get a paid-for education seems outrageous.

When Jerry Tarkanian was at Nevada-Las Vegas, he told reporters that he felt his job was to coach basketball. He provided his players with a free education; what they did with it was their affair.

That isn't the case any longer, of course. Now coaches are expected to make certain their players make grades; if they're struggling, get help for them.

Find 'em a tutor.

Carlos Briggs, SC's first-year coach, did his job. He made sure his players were at their nightly study table. He kept tabs on their grades. He provided tutoring for those who needed it.

But like Ed Kavanaugh, SC's women's basketball coach/athletic director, noted, a coach can only do so much (he, too, lost a player to grades). "What am I supposed to do, walk 'em to class?" he asked.

At some point, the player has to take the responsibility.

Realizing that, it must be noted that most people acquainted with Dave Jarrett would say that responsibility isn't exactly

one of his personal strong points.

It should also be noted that at Westland John Glenn, Jarrett's alma mater, prepping players for college is far down basketball coach Mike Schuette's list of priorities, if he has a list at all.

It's Jarrett's fault he didn't make the grade he needed to stay eligible. But in this particular case, the system must also share partial blame.

Granted, the teacher in question can't be blamed for Jarrett missing a dozen sessions in a class he took to improve his math skills. But if the class is designed to help a student, then why not try?

Why not return the weekly progress reports each SC teacher with a varsity athlete in their class is asked to fill out?

Briggs, upset with Jarrett's loss, said he might have been able to prevent it had he known Jarrett was missing class.

Jarrett did try to at least get a passing grade in the class with a late push of additional work. But the teacher found it unacceptable.

She also found any of Briggs' pleadings on Jarrett's behalf as an attempt to pressure her into an unwarranted change of mind. That's not what he meant, Briggs said; then again, any questions he might ask concerning

any of his players' grades could be interpreted the same way.

If that sounds like the perfect example of a no-win situation, then congratulations: You now know what it's like to be a coach at SC, where winning isn't everything, or for that matter anything at all that important. Just follow the rules and don't make waves, and most of all remain fiscally responsible.

Success at SC has nothing to do with building a program that gives players and coaches the best chance possible to compete against the best at their level. If that happens, well, fine; but if it doesn't, well, that's OK too.

I want to reiterate: The teacher in question was not responsible for Jarrett not making the grade in her class. That was his fault. She could have helped, however; this was, after all, a class that would not have even counted toward his SC degree.

Don't pass him when he doesn't deserve it — no, absolutely not. But send in the requested weekly progress reports, to give the Student-Athletes a Support System that works the way it was designed to.

The Ocelots will still succeed, without Jarrett and Eddins. This very likely will be the best team in school history.

It's just tragic they won't be a part of it.

## College hoops from C1

the loss of offense with the departure of Eddins and Jarrett, he believes if the defense continues to perform well the victories will come — maybe not by as big a margin, though.

"The key isn't the points we're losing," the SC coach said. "It's our defense that's got to step up."

"If we can still score 85 and hold (opponents) to 73, we'll do all right. If we score in the 70s or 80s, I think we'll be OK. But if we score in the 50s or 60s, we'll be in trouble."

In the win over Alpena, there was no problem scoring for SC in the first half. By the break, the Ocelots had built a 40-23 advantage — thanks in large part to Males, who knocked down six three-pointers in the half while scoring 22 points.

"They were covering four of our guys one-on-one, with their fifth player zoning in the middle," said Briggs. "That meant they had to leave someone uncovered, and they chose Pete."

Bad move. Males, who leads the conference in assists (6.0), took advantage of his freedom to riddle Alpena. He finished with 31 points.

The 'Jacks, led by Ben Croze's 12 second-half points (he had 17 in the game), closed the gap in the last 20 minutes but couldn't catch SC.

The Ocelots also got 20 points from Melson and 10 from Okonkwo. For Alpena (8-6 overall, 0-4 in the conference), Trent Duncan scored 12 and Jason Brecheisen 10.

**Tri-State 82, Madonna 64:** Madonna University's losing streak reached 12 games Saturday in Livonia as visiting Tri-State (Ind.) came away with the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference win.

Madonna is 1-16 overall and 0-2 in the WHAC. Tri-State is 10-8 and 1-0.

Jared Boll led the victorious Thunder with 20 points, while Chad LaCross and Jon Everingham added 17 and 13, respectively.

Mark Hayes led the Crusaders with 16 points. Erick Giovannini (Livonia Stevenson) and Narvin Russaw chipped in with 13 and 10, respectively. Russaw also had five steals and two blocked shots.

Madonna led 36-36 at intermission, but Tri-State took the lead for keeps, 45-44, on a free throw by Boll with 14:46 to play.

The Crusaders shot 60.5 percent from the field (26-of-43), but made 27 turnovers. Tri-State shot a blistering 64.6 percent (31-for-48) and made 19 turnovers.

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**SOLAR**  
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Outdoorama '98 Sport and Travel show will take place Feb. 20-March 1 at the Novi Expo Center.

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**MICHIGAN FLY FISHING**  
The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Junior High School. Call (810) 478-1494 for more information.

**FOUR SEASONS**  
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**BASS ASSOCIATION**  
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## DATES

**GOOSE**  
The special late Canada goose season runs Jan. 2-Feb. 1 in southern Michigan. The bound-

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**RABBIT**  
Rabbit season runs through March 31 statewide.

**TURKEY**  
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**PONTIAC LAKE**  
Pontiac Lake Recreation Area in Waterford has rifle, pistol, shotgun, and archery ranges. Range hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesdays through Sundays. Pontiac Lake Recreation Area is located at 7800 Gale Rd. Call (810) 666-1020 for more information.

**ORTONVILLE RECREATION**  
Ortonville Recreation Area in Ortonville has rifle, pistol and shotgun shooting facilities. Range hours through Dec. 22 are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. The Ortonville Recreation Area is located at 5779 Hadley Rd. Call (810) 693-6767 for more information.

## ARCHERY

**JUNIOR OLYMPICS**  
The Oakland County Sportsman Club in Clarkston offers a Junior Olympic Archery Development Program beginning at 1 p.m. on Sundays. Call (810) 623-0444 for more information.

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**METROPARK REQUIREMENTS**  
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## OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS

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**RECYCLE CHRISTMAS TREES**  
Independence Oaks in Clarkston and Orion Oaks in Lake Orion will remain open for Christmas tree recycling through Jan. 25.

## BEST BOYS SWIM TIMES

Following is a list of Observerland boys best swimming times and diving scores. Coaches can report updates to Dan O'Meara by calling (313) 953-2141 or faxing the information to (313) 591-7279.

## 200-YARD MEDLEY RELAY

Plymouth Salem 1:43.25  
Livonia Stevenson 1:46.10  
North Farmington 1:46.23  
Plymouth Canton 1:46.86  
Farmington Harrison 1:50.27

## 200 FREESTYLE

Keith Falk (Stevenson) 1:46.35  
Nick Corden (Salem) 1:49.39  
Ryan Meekins (Redford CC) 1:52.66  
Jason Musson (Canton) 1:53.57  
Pete Bosler (Farmington) 1:54.50  
Brian Mertens (Salem) 1:56.24  
Ryan Zoumbaris (John Glenn) 1:57.03

Kris Wong (Harrison) 2:12.71

## INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY

Nick Sosnowski (Redford CC) 2:01.67  
Brendon Mellis (Salem) 2:05.73  
Joe Bublit (Stevenson) 2:06.32  
Mike Malik (Stevenson) 2:11.18  
Josh Duffy (Harrison) 2:17.98  
Matt Beuckelaere (Farmington) 2:21.34  
Sonny Webber (Wayne) 2:26.50

## 50 FREESTYLE

Andrew Locke (Salem) 22.55  
Steve Domin (Stevenson) 22.79  
Kurtis Hornick (Canton) 23.43  
Matt Baran (Redford CC) 23.70  
Matt Walker (Harrison) 24.00  
Bill Randall (Churchill) 24.26  
Kevin Razor (John Glenn) 26.15

## DIVING

John Lowry (Farmington) 221.0  
Joe Lebovic (N. Farmington) 212.50  
J.T. Svoke (Harrison) 186.05  
Greg Brazunas (Redford CC) 156.00  
Mike Mattis (Redford CC) 152.85  
Jeff Phillips (John Glenn) 151.95  
Mike McGhie (Stevenson) 145.25

## 100 BUTTERFLY

Steve Domin (Stevenson) 54.60  
Mark Sgriccia (Stevenson) 55.31  
Tim Buchanan (Salem) 55.34  
Paul Perez (Salem) 56.86  
Nick Sosnowski (Redford CC) 56.95  
James McPartlin (John Glenn) 57.53  
Matt Tobkin (Redford CC) 58.45  
John Theisen (Canton) 1:00.75  
Pete Bosler (Farmington) 1:01.04  
Steve Schwedt (Harrison) 1:01.69  
Kevin Grant (Churchill) 1:07.73

## 100 FREESTYLE

Nick Corden (Salem) 48.72  
Keith Falk (Stevenson) 49.60  
Ryan Meekins (Redford CC) 49.80  
Steve Domin (Stevenson) 50.77  
Pete Bosler (Farmington) 51.85  
Jason Musson (Canton) 53.46  
Matt Zaid (N. Farmington) 53.57  
Matt Beuckelaere (Farmington) 56.38  
Kevin Razor (John Glenn) 58.97  
Mike McCormick (Farmington) 58.97

## 500 FREESTYLE

Keith Falk (Stevenson) 4:48.79  
Tim Buchanan (Salem) 5:03.41  
Kurtis Hornick (Canton) 5:12.50  
Matt Baran (Redford CC) 5:15.47  
Mike Malik (Stevenson) 5:17.97  
Justin Ketter (Stevenson) 5:28.96  
Sam Raub (Wayne) 5:37.76  
Ryan Scheidies (Farmington) 5:38.55

Aaron Scheidies (Farmington) 6:30.55  
Steve Marino (Farmington) 6:36.86

## 200 FREESTYLE RELAY

Plymouth Salem 1:33.06  
Plymouth Canton 1:38.16  
Livonia Stevenson 1:38.22  
Redford Catholic Central 1:38.59  
North Farmington 1:38.64

## 100 BACKSTROKE

Dan Gabriel (N. Farmington) 55.57  
Nick Sosnowski (Redford CC) 56.03  
Joey Bublit (Stevenson) 57.80  
Brendon Mellis (Salem) 57.90  
Mark Sgriccia (Stevenson) 57.99  
Devon Hopper (Farmington) 58.85  
Josh Duffy (Harrison) 58.91  
Aaron Reeder (Canton) 59.55  
James McPartlin (John Glenn) 1:01.75  
Sean Killeen (Redford CC) 1:06.74

## 100 BREASTSTROKE

Matt Walker (Harrison) 1:04.77  
Matt Heiss (Canton) 1:06.27  
Paul Connolly (Redford CC) 1:07.00  
Jason Rebarchik (Salem) 1:08.60  
Kevin VanTiem (Stevenson) 1:08.93  
Paul Garabelli (Redford CC) 1:09.06  
Mike Nemer (Stevenson) 1:09.19  
Ryan Zoumbaris (John Glenn) 1:09.28  
Rob Shereda (Churchill) 1:09.57  
Ed Lesnau (Redford CC) 1:11.20

## 400 FREESTYLE RELAY

Plymouth Salem 3:23.52  
Redford Catholic Central 3:30.09  
Livonia Stevenson 3:33.81  
Plymouth Canton 3:36.41  
Farmington 3:47.15

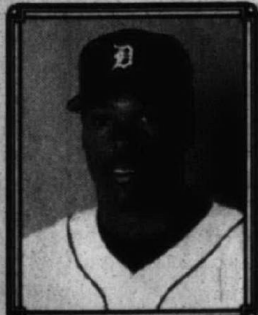
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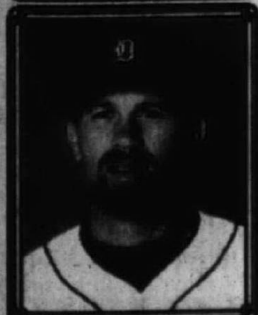
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# CALENDAR

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN AND AROUND PLYMOUTH

## WEEKEND

### SPAGHETTI DINNER

■ The Ladies' Auxiliary of Stitt American Legion Post is having a spaghetti dinner and dance on Saturday, Jan. 17, at the Stitt Post Hall, located one block east of Telegraph, just south of Warren, at 23850 Military, Dearborn Heights. Doors open at 7 p.m. Dinner is at 8 p.m. with entertainment and dancing from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Tickets are \$10 per person and must be purchased in advance by calling (313) 422-2006, (313) 336-5842 or (313) 274-9177.

### PLYMOUTH WHALERS

■ Come skate with the Plymouth Whalers 7:30-9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 16. Join in, meet the players and get autographs. The skate will be held at the Computware Arena, 14900 Beck, Plymouth Township. Fans will skate in groups of 150 at a time in half-hour blocks. \$5 individual donation at the door, and \$15 per family from three up to six. \$3 skate rental. Proceeds to benefit the Plymouth Community United Way.

### ACOUSTIC CONCERTS

■ From 1-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 17-18, during the Plymouth ice festival, acoustic musicians Betsy Beckerman and Tom Wall will be performing again in the lobby of the Arbor Health Building at 990 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. On Saturday, Neil Woodward will be joining them on mandolin and fiddle. The concerts are free and open to the public. Arbor Health volunteers will be serving hot cider, also free, to help take the chill off the ice festival. Stop by, warm up, and enjoy some music on dulcimer, banjo, guitar and piano. For further information, contact Betsy or Tom at (734) 663-4092.

### TRAIN & TOY SHOW

■ The Plymouth Train & Toy Shows return during the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular. The shows are being held at the Plymouth Cultural Center and Ice Arena located at 525 Farmer. Show hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 17-18. Admission is \$4, children 4-12 \$1.

### 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.

### BALLET AUDITIONS

■ 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 January. 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.

## AROUND TOWN

### MUSIC RECITAL

■ Madonna University will hold a music recital at 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 25, in

Kresge Hall. Barbara Wiltzie, a mezzo-soprano, will be accompanied by Linette Popoff-Parks on the piano. Admission is by donation to the music scholarship fund.

### RACQUETBALL REGISTRATION

■ Plymouth-Canton Community Schools will hold registration Wednesday, Jan. 28, for Community Education Racquetball in the Canton High School cafeteria, 8415 Canton Center Road in Canton. At registration, numbers will be issued beginning at 7 p.m. and starting at 7:30 p.m. in numerical order, residents will have a choice of one-hour block time. The cost for the time is \$110. Time blocks will be for 18 weeks. Time slots will be 6:30, 7:30, 8:30, and 9:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday beginning Monday, Feb. 2. Registration is for residents only.

### BLOOD DRIVE

■ The American Red Cross will sponsor a community blood drive at St. Mary Hospital from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, Jan. 23, in the West Addition Conference Rooms A and B. This is an important time of year to give blood as supplies are down after the holidays. The Red Cross encourages area residents to join St. Mary Hospital employees and volunteers to give a special "post-holiday gift" by donating blood. St. Mary Hospital is located at 36475 Five Mile at Levan. To schedule a time to donate, call Cheryl Delaney at St. Mary Hospital at (313) 655-2980.

### BUILD BOOK COLLECTION

■ Join the Plymouth District Library and help build the collection. Choose to donate to the adult or youth collection with \$25. The staff will help select a title and a bookplate will identify your donation to honor a friend or family member. Call 453-0750, Ext. 213.

### GED TESTING

■ GED testing will be offered through the Plymouth-Canton Adult Education Department. Testing will take place at 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. or from 5-10 p.m. on Tuesday or Wednesday, Jan. 20-21. The test will be held at Starkweather Education Center, 550 N. Holbrook, Plymouth. Registration fee is \$50. Registration should be done in advance. For more information, call (313) 416-4901.

### BOTSFORD CLASSES

■ Botsford General Hospital in Farmington Hills is offering a variety of classes and discussion groups throughout the month of January, including: Italian cooking, attracting winter birds, breastfeeding basics, aerobic training, CPR and much more. For a detailed list and dates, call (248) 477-6100.

### BLUE LAKE FINE ARTS

■ Auditions for music, art and theater students to earn a scholarship to attend Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp next summer will be held in public schools in Ann Arbor and the Detroit area during Feb. and March. Scholarship auditions will be held in Dearborn Feb. 4-5; Ann Arbor Feb. 23-26; and Detroit March 3-4. Application forms and other information on Blue Lake Scholarship Auditions may be obtained by calling the Blue Lake Scholarship Office at 1-800-221-3796 or (616) 894-1966.

### ORIGAMI EXHIBIT

■ Madonna University will hold an origami art exhibit 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

## Congratulations



Winners: Congratulations to the '97 Plymouth Kicks on their win of the U11 Division of the Total Soccer Holiday Challenge in Wixom. The team members are: (bottom row, left to right) Andy Cortellini, Jimmy Bernardi, Kyle Blakey, Jason Merri-man, Scott Holka, Ross Heidenreich, Kenny Coppola, Dan Gill, (top row, left to right) Mark McGraw (coach), Devin McGraw, Kevin Wallazy, Kyle Wallazy, Craig Galarneau, Eric Vanston, Mitch Bernhardt, Nathan Bizler, Mike Coppola (assistant coach).

(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," opened 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 that 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.

■ Eastern Michigan University will hold a guest recital with Patrice Pedersen (soprano) and Garil Pedersen (piano) performing "Songs of Brahms and Schubert" at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 20, at Alexander Recital Hall on campus. For more information, call (313) 487-2255.

### BIRTHDAY BASH

■ The last week of January marks the 242nd birthday of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. At 8 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 24, the Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra will present its third annual Mozart Birthday Bash concert at the Michigan Theater in Ann Arbor. Tickets are \$16, \$23, and

\$29. Discounts for seniors, students, and children. Tickets are also available at the Michigan Theater box office noon to 8 p.m. the day of the concert. For more information, call (313) 994-4801, or stop by 527 E. Liberty, St. 208, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.

### PLYMOUTH YMCA

■ The Plymouth Community Family YMCA is currently accepting registration for the Winter 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.

### PRESCHOOL OPENINGS

■ Livonia Little People's Co-op Preschool has openings for the 1997-98 school year in the 3- and 4-year-old classes. The preschool is located at 8820 Wayne Road, just north of Joy. For more information, call (313) 454-4964.

■ Suburban Children's Co-Op Nursery has openings now in all classes 18 months through 5 years old. Located in Livonia bordering Canton, Plymouth and Westland. Quality education offered with parent involvement. Low tuition. For more information, contact Michelle at (313) 421-6196.

### ADULT CPR

■ The Plymouth-Canton Jaycees will be conducting an adult CPR training class, at 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24. This course will be free to all participants, and the public is welcome to attend. It will be held at the Plymouth Township annex (the old Friendly's building), on the corner of Ann Arbor Road and Lilley. They also will be offering an infant and child session

in February. For more information, or to reserve a spot at the training, call (734) 453-8407.

### KARATE REGISTRATION

■ American Okinawan Karate Academy of Canton will hold winter registration for ages 6 years and up, Feb. 2 through April 23, Mondays and Thursdays at the gymnasium at Summit on the Park. Registration fee is \$52 per annual pass holder (10-week session), \$58 per Canton resident (10-week session), and \$63 per non-resident (10-week session). A \$5 late fee will be charged after Jan. 26.

### YOUTH SOCCER

■ The city of Plymouth Recreation Department will take Spring Youth Soccer registration during the month of January at the recreation office, 525 Farmer, 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.

### FUNNIEST VIDEOS

■ Enter "Michigan's Funniest Videos" at East Lansing's first annual Film Festival on March 29. Tapes should be acceptable for family viewing and no longer than 10 minutes. Deadline is Feb. 10. Send them to: Michigan's Funniest Videos, P.O. Box 025035, Lansing, Mich. 48909-5035. Call (517) 336-5802.

### FAMILY TRIP

■ Canton Parks and Recreation services is sponsoring a family trip to "Sesame Street Live" show on Saturday, Jan. 31. This year's theme is "1-2-3 Imagine!". Bus leaves Summit on the Park parking lot at 9:15 a.m., and returns approximately at 1 p.m. Cost is \$14 per person. Registration ends Friday, Jan. 30. For more information, call Canton Parks and Recreation at (313) 397-5110.

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### SALVATION ARMY

■ Senior citizens of all ages, get your exercise and have a good time, too, in the Senior Volleyball Program. The program meets 10 a.m. to noon, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. There is an annual fee of \$10. For more information, call the Salvation Army (313) 453-5464 and ask for Martha.

### SCHOLARSHIPS

■ The Gamma Gamma Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International is once again offering college scholarships to Canton or Salem graduating seniors majoring in education. The scholarships provide financial assistance, promoting the professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education. Funds are the result of community participation in the annual fall craft fair held at West Middle School. Applications are available at both high school counseling offices or at Hohen Elementary School, 44680 Saltz Road, Canton.

## SUPPORT GROUPS

### SOUNDINGS

■ Soundings is a Center for Women and offers a variety of career programs, professional development and personal growth classes and workshops. The center is in Ann Arbor on 4090 Packard Road. There is a job resource room, financial counseling, job hunters and numerous support groups. Call (313) 973-7723 for further information.

### 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.

### ARBOR HOSPICE

■ A seven-week support and educational group for parents who have lost an adult child will be offered by Arbor Hospice. Groups will meet 4-5:30 p.m. Thursdays at Arbor Hospice, 3810 Packard, Ann Arbor. A minimal donation will be requested. For more information and to register, call Arbor Hospice at (313) 677-0500 or 1-800-783-5764.

### 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 27595 Schoolcraft, Building 3, Livonia.

## VOLUNTEER WORK

### VOLUNTEERS

■ The Alzheimer's Association is seeking volunteers to provide companionship to people experiencing memory loss. Those who volunteer receive an excellent orientation that provides them with the information and skills to brighten the life of someone with Alzheimer's. To learn more or to volunteer, call Adam Sterling, (248) 657-8277.

### VOLUNTEER DRIVERS

■ Volunteer drivers are needed to transport area residents to meetings of the Western Wayne Parkinson's Disease Support Group. Meetings are 7-9 p.m. the second Thursday of the month at the Livonia Senior Center on Farmington Road, south of Five Mile Road. Parkinson's patients, caregivers and others are welcome to attend meetings which serve Plymouth, Canton, Westland, Livonia, Redford and Garden City. Interested volunteers may call 459-0216 or 421-4208.

## CLUBS

### MOTHER OF MULTIPLES

■ 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.

### WOMEN VOTERS

■ The membership annual dinner meeting of the League of Women Voters will be held from 6-9 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 20, at Mountain Jack's Restaurant, Schoolcraft and Merriman. The program will be to discuss and make recommendations to the national level in regards to current positions on national public policy issues. For more information, call Paula Bowman at (313) 455-4726.

### AMERICAN LEGION

■ The American Legion Beasley-Zalesky Post 112 of Plymouth will hold the monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 19, at the I.O.O.F. Hall, 344 Elizabeth, Plymouth. For more information, call Joe Burman at (313) 459-7324.

### REPUBLICAN CLUB

■ The monthly meeting of the Suburban Republican Women's Club will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 22, at Bobby's Country House, 35780 Five Mile, Livonia. The speaker will be Livonia City Assessor Judie Nagy. Charge is \$11, which includes lunch. For reservations, call (248) 471-5659 by Monday, Jan. 19.

### 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. The meeting will be from 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. This month's meeting will be Tuesday, Jan. 20. For more information, call Judie, (313) 453-7272, Ext. 223.

### BNI

■ Business Network International will hold monthly meetings from 7-8:30 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 21, Thursday, Jan. 22, and Friday, Jan. 23. For more information, call the BNI regional office at (734) 397-9939.

## 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.

### Event:

### Date and Time:

### Location:

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## THE WEEKEND

### FRIDAY



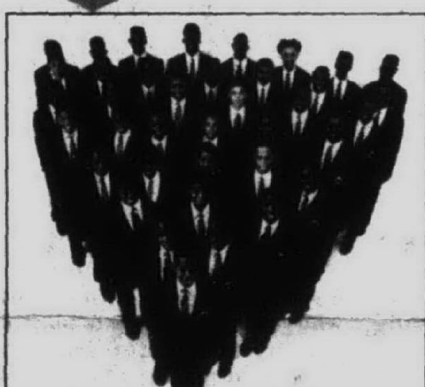
Ridgedale Players presents "Wait Until Dark," 8 p.m. at the playhouse, 205 W. Long Lake, Troy. Tickets \$11, (248) 988-7049

### SATURDAY



Clarkston Toy Show features more than 70 tables of vintage toys, dolls, trains, advertising, cap guns, Star Wars figures, mechanical banks and American tin pieces, 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Knights of Columbus Hall, 5660 Maybee Road, Clarkston. Admission \$3, free for children ages 12 and younger, (248) 394-0925

### SUNDAY



Boys Choir of Harlem performs 7 p.m. at Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University, Ann Arbor. Tickets \$12-\$26, (734) 764-2538



Hot Tix: B.B. King - King of the Blues - plays the Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit with Bobby Bland, 8 p.m. Tickets \$27.50 and \$35, (313) 983-6611

## Behind the magic of flying

"Everyone has a dream, whether it's on stage or off stage," said Paul Ruben, who pulls the strings to send Peter Pan airborne. "For me, this is living a dream."

He's not alone. Each performance, Ruben stands atop a 10-foot ladder wearing a tress while a wire is tied around his waist. On the other end of the wire is Cathy Rigby, waiting to make the ultimate stage entrance.

At the right time, Ruben jumps from the ladder, and Rigby ascends about 12 feet. Typically, audiences react with a gasp.

The effect is the theatrical answer to pixie

Please see FLYING, E2



You can fly: Cathy Rigby (Peter Pan, left to right) with Michael LaVolpe (John), Paul Tiesler (Michael) and Elisa Sagardia (Wendy) star in "Peter Pan."

# Peter Pan

flies into town

BY FRANK PROVENZANO  
STAFF WRITER

It wasn't easy explaining to my two young sons that I actually talked to Wendy Darling, most popularly known as Peter Pan's real-world fancy who travels with him to Neverland. Apparently, even a 2 1/2 and 6-year-old set limitations on logic.

Their incredulous response: "You?" After all, they figure, I'm from the wacky, all-too-serious adult world. (Ha, in age only.)

The coincidental discussion with Wendy, I explained, came about because she, the other Darlings, Hook, Smee, Tinker Bell and the boy in green tights who never grows up will soon land in town.

Beginning this Wednesday through Sunday, Jan. 25 the ageless characters will appear at the Detroit Opera House in the headed-for-Broadway production, "Peter Pan."

If you think it's tough keeping St. Nick's secret, try telling a 2 1/2 year old preparing to fly from his perch on the couch that the baby powder he's sprinkled on his back isn't magic flying dust.

But then, magic works in strange ways.

That fearless toddler invariably takes a leap. He lands feet first. But his imagination soars. He figures he is flying. Who's going to argue?

Ah, you see, Peter Pan cannot only fly, he's for real. It's just

■ **What:** "Peter Pan," a three-act musical starring Cathy Rigby

■ **When:** Wednesday, Jan. 21 through Sunday, Jan. 25

■ **Show times:**

- 1 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 21
- 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Jan. 22-23
- 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24
- 1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 25

■ **Tickets:** \$19.50-\$49; (248) 645-6666, or (313) 871-1132.

■ **Where:** Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway (at Madison Avenue), one block east of Woodward Avenue, Detroit.

■ **For information:** (313) 872-1000.

adults who keep him earth-bound. Peter Pan is as real as memories of long afternoons of endless play in a world only bound by the limits of imagination.

In a coherent moment, adults might call Neverland by another name: paradise.

### A play about play

Wendy, played by the diminutive Elisa Sagardia, has the boundless energy and innocence to transform James M. Barrie's 1902 classic into a modern-day parable about the "game" of life.

Barrie's novel, *The Little White Bird*, included six chapters about Peter Pan. In 1904, the stories were condensed into

a play which first opened in London, and then had productions throughout the first half of the century.

The musical version to be seen by local audiences first appeared on Broadway in 1954, and starred Mary Martin in the title role. Eventually, it's expected the current production, starring Cathy Rigby, will land on Broadway, probably in December.

In the late 1970s, "Peter Pan" was reprised with Sandy Duncan. And in 1991, Rigby brought her unmatched athleticism to the role in a national tour. She's received wide critical acclaim and a Tony nomination as best actress for her role.

While the popular focus is on Peter Pan's instructive whimsy, it's Wendy who provides the grounding for the story's timeless appeal.

The fantasy is enhanced by four elaborate sets: the nursery, Neverland, the underground and the pirate ship. And, of course, pixie dust spread everywhere.

With one foot in the real-world and the other in the Neverland fantasy scape, Wendy is arguably the central character.

"If the audience doesn't believe Wendy believes in Peter Pan, then they won't either," said Sagardia, who first appeared in Detroit four years ago in "Evita."

"I never thought of Detroit as a theater town until we stayed there (for a month)," she said from Palm Springs where the company was finishing up its west coast run before heading to the Midwest.

"Detroit is incredibly receptive, a city that opens its arms," said Sagardia, who has an unconventional training for the stage.

After receiving a bachelor's degree in psychology at UCLA, Sagardia was deciding whether to attend graduate school when she heard about an audition for the young mistress in "Evita." Her last onstage appearance was in high school.

"I was over 18, but I could look like a teenager," she said. That seems appropriate. Wendy

Please see PAN, E2

## FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT

# Join the cast of Sesame Street on an imaginary journey



Musical extravaganza: Join Sam the Postman, and the cast of Sesame Street Live, as they invite audiences to put on join them on some amazing imaginary journeys in "1-2-3... Imagine!"

BY KEELY WYAGONIK  
STAFF WRITER

Who says you can't go back to Sesame Street after you're all grown up?

"Most of the parents taking their kids to see Sesame Street Live grew up on Sesame Street," said program director Kim Gladman. "Sesame Street is 26 years old. It's our 18th season live."

This year's presentation - Sesame Street Live "1-2-3... Imagine," invites audiences to join Big Bird, Burt and Ernie, and the rest of the gang as they explore their imaginations in a 90-minute musical extravaganza.

"This show is unlike any other," said Gladman. "There's a live human being - Sam the Postman - who delivers postcards, which takes the characters on imaginary

journeys. Having a live person on stage gives the show a bit more reality. Sam interacts with the characters."

Burt receives a postcard from his Cousin Bubbles, an underwater photographer, and then imagines he's under the sea.

Oscar vacations on the trashy beaches of Club Mud, Elmo skips to rain forest rhythms and Ernie captains a ship on the high seas.

"It's a wonderful show," said Gladman. "These are the children's heroes, their idols, and they learn from them. They encourage children to tap into their imaginations. You can go anywhere, or be anything you want to be, but first you have to have an imaginary mind set."

Parents will recognize some of their favorite songs from Sesame

Street, and children will know the words to some of the newer songs. There are also some songs written especially for this show.

Some grandparents might never have been to Sesame Street, but chances are pretty good they've been to the Fox.

"There's a lot of nostalgia," said Gladman, and Bill Lee of Birmingham, senior director of marketing for Olympia Entertainment. "Parents and grandparents taking kids to the Fox will say 'I remember when I took your mom or grandma to a movie here.'"

For many children, Sesame Street Live is their first exposure to a live performance, and being in the theater.

Except for performances in New

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### Sesame Street Live's "1-2-3... Imagine!"

■ **When:** Twenty-four performances, Wednesday, Jan. 21 through Sunday, Feb. 1.

■ **Where:** Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit.

■ **Tickets:** \$15, \$12 & \$9, (limited number of \$22.50 VIP seats also available), (248) 433-1515. Call (313) 983-6611 for more information, or (313) 596-3211, the 24-hour information on accessible seating and special needs. Groups of 20 or more can call (313) 965-3099 for details on discounts, and ticket availability.

### Highlights:

■ Bring a slightly used children's book, in good condition to the 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22, performance and receive a new Sesame Street Golden Book. The used books will be donated to a literacy charity program.



## STREET SCENE

# Brothers Creeggan take a break to play together



CHRISTINA FUOCO

Ring in the New Year with 16,000 people at The Palace of Auburn Hills, the Canadian pop band the Barenaked Ladies announced the sold-out show was the biggest of its career.

That hasn't stopped their need to play clubs. Two members of the band are returning to small venues to promote their side projects.

BNL bassist Jim Creeggan and his brother Andy Creeggan, the band's former keyboardist, are performing Sunday, Jan. 18, at the Magic Bag in Ferndale in support of its aptly titled album "The Brothers Creeggan" and "The Brothers Creeggan II."

Opening for the brothers is Kevin Hearn, BNL's keyboardist, and his band Thinbuckle.

"We're sort of in between touring and (recording) an album with the Ladies. It's nice to go out and put it (the music) out there. We've always sold Brothers Creeggan CDs at Barenaked Ladies shows and we've had a mail-order service through my mom. That's how it survived," Jim Creeggan said with a laugh.

Prior to this tour, The Brothers Creeggan released albums and did a few "odd gigs here and there."

The Toronto-born brothers began playing music together in high school as the Backstreet Band performing songs by bands ranging from Elvis to the Weather Report. They soon moved on to experimental jazz with Tuna Straight.

In 1987, they formed an a cappella quartet called The Synthetics and won the National Rising Star talent contest at the Canadian National Exhibition beating out some fellow Canadian teenagers named Alanis Morissette, who was then 13.

Several projects followed including a stint with the Toronto Symphony Youth Orchestra.

The brothers got together to record classical, jazz, Latin, ragtime and pop music as The Brothers Creeggan "mainly, I think because there's just a brother thing that needed to be explored to the fullest. It's there, and we just wanted to give it its full potential," Jim Creeggan said.

"Most of it is centered around tunes on the two instruments — double bass and piano, and then, on the recordings, we build stuff around that. We explore the duo

possibilities, whereas the Barenaked Ladies have more of a band set up where it's five individuals doing what comes out of that combo."

They recorded their first album, "The Brothers Creeggan" (Reprise) from 1993 to 1994 dipping into Jim Creeggan's experiences traveling in Belize and Guatemala. For example, the "Clown Song" tells the story of Creeggan's meeting with a Belizean "tour guide" and other clown friends to Andy Creeggan's jazzy piano. The musically frenetic "Takin' Out the Garbage" talks about cleaning and things that are taken for granted. It also shares BNL's trademark sense of humor, "Never felt so keen/when I use Mr. Clean."

In February 1995 Andy Creeggan left the Barenaked Ladies but continued his work with The Brothers Creeggan to study composition at McGill University in Montreal.

"He sort of wanted to explore his own sort of personal stuff and music all tied into one," Jim Creeggan explained.

"He's fooling around trying new things. He was the earliest one to join the band. He had never really got to try university and he's sort of doing that right now."

He took time out from his studies to record "The Brothers Creeggan II." Two songs — "Suite for Sarah" and "Squiggly Line" — were recorded as part of a collection of lullabies they were writing. The Latin-like "Cows, Chickens and Peas" continues the theme of Andy Creeggan's fascination with farm animals.

It seems like whenever the brothers have free time, they're

working on music. Andy Creeggan took the surplus of his material and released "Andiwork." Jim Creeggan played bass on four songs on Sarah McLachlan's latest album "Surfacing," and on one tune on Mervyn Cadell's debut album "Angel Food for Thought."

The brothers accompanied Jane Siberry on "My Mother is Not the White Dove" on the "Honor the Earth" tribute CD.

Jim Creeggan explained that at the Magic Bag he and his brother will perform a few BNL songs including "Spider In My Room" from its 1996 album "Born on a Pirate Ship" (Reprise).

As for the Barenaked Ladies, singer/guitarist Ed Robertson and singer Steven Page are working on new songs, some of which the band debuted at The Palace show.

"I love them so that's great," he said laughing.

The Brothers Creeggan and Hearn aren't the only ones working outside BNL. Besides his own album, Hearn has been recording with the Rheostatics. Drummer Tyler Stewart has been playing around Toronto in a band called Arsed with a former publicist for BNL and fellow Toronto musicians.

"It's kind of like the Cars meets Oasis, or Oasis meets .38 Special," Stewart said giggling.

Side projects, he explains, makes BNL "looser."

"I learn how to make the music more fun," Stewart said. "The Ladies are pretty fun. It doesn't look like we're that serious, but we take the music very seriously. That's very uncool to admit, but it's true. I learn a certain sense of lightness when I

play with anyone else. We play with a different energy. The last tour was 21 months long and it was tiring. It's good to step out and do something different."

The Brothers Creeggan and Thinbuckle perform 8 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 18, at the Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave. in Ferndale. Tickets are \$10 in advance for the 18 and older show. Call (248) 544-3030 or visit <http://www.magicbag.com> for more information. The Brothers Creeggan's website is <http://www.musicwest.com/Artists/C/Creeggan/>.

Detroit Red Wing and WKRC-FM DJ Darren McCarty has been nominated for an ESPY Award for his game-winning goal against Philadelphia in the NHL Finals last season. Fans can vote for McCarty two ways — by calling (900) 976-ESPY or by visiting the unofficial McCarty website at <http://www.darrenmccarty.com> beginning Thursday, Jan. 15. The ESPY Awards, which represent the convergence of the sports and entertainment communities, were created by ESPN in 1993 and are given for Excellence in Sports Performance in more than 30 categories. The show will be aired live at 8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 9, from Radio City Music Hall in New York.

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# Backstage producer confronts ice show chainsaw

## BACKSTAGE PASS



ANN DELISI

A lot of Michiganders are feeling guilty about this winter. Call it the El Nino effect: you want to enjoy the mild temperatures caused by the infamous jet stream, but all the property damage in California weighs on your conscience.

Combined with season affected disorders, things could get pretty bleak around here.

Well, cold temperatures have arrived, just in time to save us from widespread depression.

## Warm-up at chili cookoff

Forty cooks from seven different states will be competing in the fifth annual Winter Freeze Regional Chili Cookoff and Salsa Competition Saturday, Jan. 17.

The event in Allen Park at the VFW Hall, 16736 Ecorse Road, offers entertainment, chili and "Gourmet Jose" Salsa samples.

Doors open 11 a.m. Cooks will

Windchills keep Michigan sane. We're a weird state.

Tonight on *Backstage Pass* on Detroit Public Television, we're covering our most conspicuous celebration of winter, the annual Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular. Plymouth's Ice Spectacular is the oldest and largest ice carving event in North America and attracts carvers from all across the United States, Canada, Japan, Norway, Russia and Switzerland.

While I stay warm inside, Jimmy Rhoades will go outdoors with Allison Edwards, past president of the Ice Carving Club at Henry Ford Community College. Jimmy's guardedly optimistic

about the segment. "You don't think of ice as a medium for art. But you don't think of a newspaper as a medium either, and bang! origami slaps you in the face. Mainly, I need to remember that Allison's going to have a chainsaw. I just hope I don't stumble on some subconscious trigger that sets her off on a rampage. Remind me not to say 'Rosebud.' Good thinking."

In a segment we're calling "Anderson on Anderson," *Backstage* host Gary Anderson will talk with *Backstage* host Blair Anderson about the Hilbert Theatre production "Of Mice and Men," which Blair is directing. Of course, we all know Steinbeck's novel to be an American classic. I asked Gary how the play stacks up. "It's an important piece in American theater history, first of all because it is a good rendering of the book, but also because of the issues it addresses: the average guy trying to come together within the community and still meet his own needs."

"Lenny's retarded. His only problem is that he can't control himself. His brother, George, is willing in part to sacrifice part of himself for Lenny's betterment. They share a desire to own land, run it their own way, not have to work for anybody and be able to live on their own terms. It looks at one point like they might achieve their dream - they have saved some money, they find a partner - it seems within reach. What loses it is Lenny's uncontrollability. The play is talking about the hopelessness of dreams for the downtrodden."

"It was significant part of a movement that opened the door for writers like Tennessee Williams, Arthur Miller and August Wilson, for that type of exploration of the human condition. Its success made Broadway willing to produce starkly realistic plays. The New York Times critic called it one of the best dramas in American theater to that time."

"Steinbeck actually wrote the script and did a brilliant job."

That's rare. There are very few writers who can write for more than one medium. Why might his novel have been more translatable than most? "Because Steinbeck is focusing on human drama, this play can be dramatized because the drama is in the people."

W. Kim Heron will be in the studio to host the honorable Judge Myron Wahls, long respected both in the courtroom and the community, perhaps less known as a terrific jazzman, "Listen to Judge Wahls when he hits his stride - or rather his groove - and then you know why Lionel Hampton, who certainly has his pick of company, pulled Wahls onto the road for a tour in '88. The judge is one swinging, blues-drenched player in the style of Gene Harris, whose 'Gene's Blues' he digs with relish."

The Judge ensemble, the Mike

Wahls Trio - with drummer George Davidson and bassist Marion Hayden - has just released its first CD, "You Be the Judge." The disc features special guests Marcus Belgrave and Ursula Walker, and as Kim found out, it's more than just a record. "The CD is a gift for the Henry Ford Health System's cancer research efforts, a mark of Judge Wahls' gratitude to the Henry Ford doctors who have guided his five-year fight with multiple myeloma. All proceeds from the record go to the fight against cancer." What a special man.

We'll also get a live performance in the Detroit Public Television studio from Flint's premier practitioner of powerhouse electric blues, Larry McCray. That's all on *Backstage Pass* on Detroit Public Television, tonight at midnight, repeated Friday at 7:30 p.m.

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"Peter Pan," starring Cathy Rigby, 1 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 21 (\$19.50-\$39.50), 7:30 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, Jan. 21-22 (\$26.50-\$46.50), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 23, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, and 1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 25 (\$29-\$49). Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit. (248) 645-6666

#### DETROIT REPERTORY THEATRE

"Fences," Friday, Jan. 16-Sunday, March 22, at the theater, 13103 Woodrow Wilson, Detroit. 8:30 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays, 3 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sundays. \$15. (313) 868-1347

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#### WALK AND SQUAWK

Variety of events leading up to the six-week South Africa Residency, participants in an international program designed to create cross-cultural exchange through performance and arts education, of "Inhlanzi Ishelwe Amanzi - As Fish Out of Water." Free community sings programs, 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 18, Rackham Auditorium, Rackham Building, 915 E. Washington St., University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, 6 p.m. Monday, Jan. 19, Museum of African American History, 315 E. Warren (at Brush), Detroit, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 25, First Unitarian Universalist Church, 4605 Cass Ave. (at Forest), Detroit; Performance of traditional South African music, 9-11 p.m. Friday, Jan. 16, Cafe Zola, 112 W. Washington, Ann Arbor; "Inhlanzi Ishelwe Amanzi - As Fish Out of Water," a multilingual tapestry of diverse South African characters, images, observations and personal stories, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Jan. 29-31, and 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 1, Performance Network, Ann Arbor, and 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 5, and Saturday, Feb. 7, and 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 8, Wayne State University's General Lectures Building, corner of Anthony Wayne Drive and Warren Avenue, Detroit. \$12 and \$15. (734) 668-0407

### COLLEGE

#### WSU HILBERRY

"Of Mice and Men," by John Steinbeck, 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 16-Saturday, Jan. 17, and Thursday-Friday, Jan. 22-23, at the theater, 4743 Cass Ave., on the Wayne State University campus, Detroit. \$10-17. (313) 577-2972

#### WSU STUDIO THEATRE

"Three One Acts," by Bertolt Brecht, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Jan. 22-24, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 25, at the theater below the Hilberry, 4743 Cass Ave., on the Wayne State University campus, Detroit. (313) 577-2972

### COMMUNITY THEATER

#### AVON PLAYERS

"Dial 'M' for Murder" 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 16-17 and Jan. 23-24; 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 18, 8 p.m. and 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22. Theater on Tienken Road (1 1/4 miles east of Rochester Road) Rochester Hills. Tickets \$11; musicals, discounts for students, senior citizens and groups for Thursday and Sunday performances. Call (248) 608-9077.

#### ANN ARBOR CIVIC THEATRE

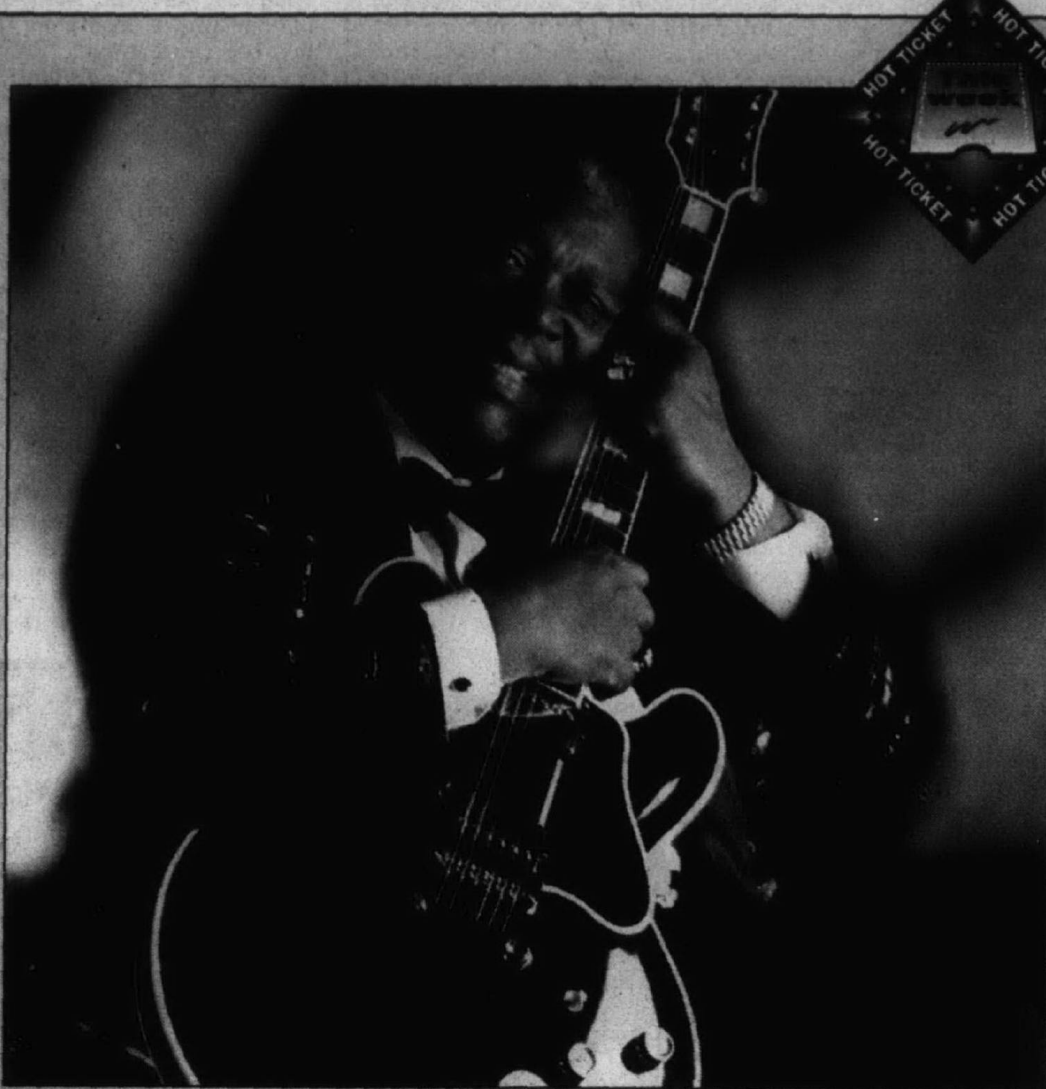
"You Can't Take It With You," by Moss Hart and George S. Kaufman, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Jan. 22-24 and 29-31, 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 25, and Sunday, Feb. 1, at the theater, 2275 Platt Road, Ann Arbor. (734) 971-AACT

#### PLAYERS GUILD OF DEARBORN

"Sly Fox," a comedy by Larry Gelbart, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 16-17, and 23-24, 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," 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 15 (\$10), 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 16 (\$11), 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17 (\$11), and 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 18 (\$10), at the playhouse, 205 W. Long Lake, Troy.



**King of the Blues: B.B. King with special guest Bobby Bland, performs 8 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 18 at the Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets \$27.50 and \$35, call (313) 983-6611 for information, or (248) 433-1515 to charge tickets.**

\$10 students and seniors, includes coffee and sandwich afterward. (248) 988-7049

#### ST. DUNSTON'S THEATRE OF CRANBROOK

"Sylvia," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 23-24, and 30-31, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 25, at the theater, 400 Lone Pine Road, West Bloomfield. \$12, \$10 seniors and students. (248) 644-0527

#### VILLAGE PLAYERS

"Rehearsal for Murder," 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, Jan. 16-17, 23-24, and Thursday, Jan. 22, 2 p.m. Sundays, Jan. 18 and 25 at the playhouse, 752 Chestnut, Birmingham. \$12, \$10 students. (248) 644-2075

#### DINNER THEATRE

##### GENETTI'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

#### JACKSON PRODUCTIONS DINNER THEATRE

"The Retirement Murders," an audience participation murder mystery comedy, 6:30 p.m. Saturdays through March 7, Fiorelli's Restaurant, 26125 E. Huron River Dr., Flat Rock. \$28 in advance, \$33 at the door, includes dinner, show, tax and tip. Non-smoking dinner theater. (734) 782-1431

### YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

#### CAPITOL THEATRE

"Charlotte's Web," a musical production based on the classic children's novel, with music by the composer of "Annie," 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22, in the theater's Pentastar Playhouse, 121 University Ave. West, Windsor, Ontario, Canada. \$8, \$7 children. (519) 253-8065 or capitol@mnsi.net or http://www.mnsi.net/~capitol

#### MARQUIS THEATRE

"Aladdin," 2:30 p.m. Saturdays, Jan. 17, 24, and Sunday, Jan. 18, 25 at the theater, 135 E. Main St., Northville. \$6.50. (248) 349-8110

### SPECIAL EVENTS

#### BROWN BAG SERIES

Robert Gaylor, curator of rare books at Oakland University, discusses the history of book making, noon to 1 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 15, at the Oakland County Information Technology Auditorium. Gaylor will assess rare and valuable audience members' books. (810) 858-0415

#### CLARKSTON TOY SHOW

Featuring more than 70 tables of vintage toys, dolls, trains, advertising, cap guns, Star Wars figures, mechanical banks and American tin pieces, 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, Knights of Columbus Hall, 5660 Maybee Road, Clarkston. \$3, free for children ages 12 and younger. (248) 394-0925

#### ETHEL V. CURRY DISTINGUISHED LECTURE IN MUSICOLOGY

Talk by ethnomusicologist and anthropologist Dr. Anthony Seeger, "The World's Craziest Record Company: 50 Years of Folkways Records," features

selected examples from the label and its future, 4 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 15, West Conference Room (fourth floor), Rackham Building, 915 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor. Free. (734) 764-0594

#### NORTH AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL AUTO SHOW

10 a.m. to 10 p.m. through Sunday, Jan. 18 (no admittance after 9 p.m.), and 10 a.m. to 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. (248) 645-6666

#### "ORIGINAL MONSTER ANN ARBOR RECORD AND CD SHOW"

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, Elks Lodge, 325 W. Eisenhower Parkway (just off exit 175 of I-94), Ann Arbor. \$3, free for children ages 10 and younger. Patrons are allowed to carry in a small number of records to trade or sell. (734) 475-1006

#### PLYMOUTH INTERNATIONAL ICE SPECTACULAR

Featuring Detroit-area natives Ted Wakar of Canton and Jim Bur Jr. of Eastpointe, the 1996 World Champions in Asahikawa, Japan, Farmer Jack children's Fantasyland named "A Walk on the Wild Side" with displays of animals. Plymouth Observer Gingerbread house contest, the Bud Ice 24 Light Show, Ford Ice Carving Competitions, the Community Federal Credit Union Student Carving Competitions, Family Warming Center, refreshments by the Schoolcraft Community College Culinary Arts Department, Wednesday, Jan. 14-Monday, Jan. 19, Kellogg Park and the Central Parking Structure, downtown Plymouth. Free, open 24 hours. (734) 459-6969 or http://oconline.com/plymouthice

#### PLYMOUTH TRAIN AND TOY SHOWS

Train show featuring dealers selling new, used, antique and collectible model railroad and toy train supplies, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, and a toy show with dealers and collectors selling old toys including discontinued items no longer available in stores to modern die-cast collectibles like Barbie dolls and Beanie Babies, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 18, both at the Plymouth Cultural Center and Ice Arena, 525 Farmer St., Plymouth. \$4, \$1 for children ages 4-12. (734) 455-2110

#### PONTIAC SILVERDOME CAMPER, TRAVEL AND RV SHOW

3-9:30 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, Jan. 23-25, 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 25, Pontiac Silverdome. \$6, \$3 children ages 6-14, and free for children ages 5 and younger. Discount coupons available at Marathon gas stations, and Elias Brothers restaurants. (248) 456-1600

#### RECORD AND CD MUSIC COLLECTIBLES EXPO

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 18, Clawson Knights of Columbus Hall, 870 N. Main St. (1/4 mile north of 14 Mile Road), Clawson. \$3. (248) 546-4527

### BENEFITS

#### STAGECRAFTERS FOURTH ANNUAL GALA

6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 28, Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak. \$50 includes \$35 tax-deductible donation, complimentary valet parking, a silent auction, a champagne reception, taste fest featuring food from more

than 20 Royal Oak restaurants, caterers and bakeries, door prizes, music by John Lauter on the restored 1926 Wurilizer Theatre Pipe Organ, souvenir programs, photographs and gift bags, and the final dress rehearsal of the upcoming Stephen Sondheim musical comedy "Company." (248) 541-6430

### FAMILY EVENTS

#### MADCAT RUTH AND LERON WILLIAMS

Blues harmonica player and storyteller perform a children's show, 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 18, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$5. All ages. (734) 761-1451

#### SESAME STREET LIVE'S "1-2-3 IMAGINE"

7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 21, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Jan. 22-23, 10:30 a.m., 2 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, 10 a.m., 1 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 25, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday, Jan. 27-29, 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 30, and 10:30 a.m., 2 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Jan. 31-Feb. 1, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$9-\$15, with a limited number of VIP seats. (248) 433-1515

### CLASSICAL

#### ERLING BLONDAL BENGTSOON

"Denmark's acclaimed foremost living cellist" performs with South African pianist Anton Nel as part of two U-M faculty chamber music recitals, 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, and Sunday, Jan. 18, Britton Recital hall of the E.V. Moore Building of the School of Music, 1100 Balts Dr., University of Michigan north campus, Ann Arbor. Free. All ages. (734) 764-0594

#### DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

With conductor Neeme Jarvi and trombonist Christian Lindberg performing Kabalevsky's "Overture to 'Colas Breugnot,'" "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; With conductor Neeme Jarvi and violinist Mark Lubotsky performing "Shango Memory" by Wilson, "Violin Concerto" by Arensky, "Phantasie for violin and orchestra" by Schumann/Kreisler, and "Serenade for Strings in C major, Op. 48" by Tchaikovsky, 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Jan. 22-23, and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$13-\$60. (313) 833-3700

#### TOKYO STRING QUARTET

Performs Mozart's "String Quartet in d minor, K. 421," Webern's "Five Movements for String Quartet, Op. 5," and Tchaikovsky's "String Quartet No. 3 in e-flat minor, Op. 30," 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22, Rackham Auditorium, Rackham Building, 915 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor. \$22, \$30, \$34, \$36. All ages. (734) 764-0594

#### YO-YO MA

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

#### BURT BACHARACH

8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 16-17, Macomb Center for the Performing

Arts, Macomb Community College, 44575 Garfield Road, Clinton Township. \$29, \$26 students and seniors. Group discounts available. (810) 286-2141

#### 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

#### "THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA"

Internationally known baritone Dina Valle and Quinto Milito along with Dina Kessler and Sam Vitale perform excerpts from the musical, through Saturday, Jan. 17, Gratz restaurant, 326 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Free, reservations suggested. (734) 668-6062

### AUDITIONS

#### 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

#### DETROIT OPERA HOUSE

Auditions for Equity and Non-Equity men and women of all ethnicities in their early to mid-20s for Broadway production and touring companies of the musical, "Rent," 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22, rock n' roll, R & B and gospel singers needed, at the Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway at Madison Avenue on Grand Circus Park, Detroit. Sheet music available at the stage door of the Detroit Opera House 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday. For performances beginning Apr. 8 at Fisher Theatre. (248) 540-0660

#### GROSSE POINTE THEATRE

Auditions for "To Kill a Mockingbird," 2-5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Jan. 24-25, at the theater, 315 Fisher Road (one block off Jefferson Avenue between Cadieux and Moross roads), Grosse Pointe. Show dates March 10-22. Scripts available from Chris Kaiser (313) 881-8040

#### MAID OF ERIN PAGEANT

Looking for girls ages 17-23 of Irish descent for Maid of Erin Pageant to be held Saturday, Feb. 28, at the Gaelic League in Detroit. Maid of Erin wins a free trip to Ireland, and participates in all Irish activities during Irish week. (734) 464-8556/(313) 255-5677

#### MARQUIS THEATRE

Auditions for professional adult actors needed for "Charlotte's Web," 7-8:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 19 at the theater, 135 East Main Street, Northville. (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 Brementown Musicians" scheduled for every Saturday in March. (248) 552-1225

#### PAPER BAG PRODUCTIONS

Auditions for "The Wizard of Oz," 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, Central United Methodist Church, 23 E. Adams (at Woodward Avenue, just south of the Fox Theatre), Detroit. Children between the ages of 8 and 18 are welcome to audition regardless of experience. Auditioners should be prepared to sing whatever they think they sing the best (an accompanist will be provided), and there will be readings from the script. The show will run week-ends from February through April. (810) 662-8118

#### 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. 20 and 27, at First United Methodist Church of Plymouth, 45000 N. Territorial Road (west of Sheldon). (734) 455-4080

#### SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHOIR

Auditions for experienced singers of all voice parts by appointment only, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 20, at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile (west of Inkster Road), Livonia. (248) 349-8175/(734) 462-4435

#### SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE THEATER DEPARTMENT

Open auditions for Ken Ludwig's comedy, "Moon Over Buffalo," 7 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, Jan. 20-21, scripts available in Bradner Library should be reviewed before audition, in the Liberal Arts Building Theater, 18600 Haggerty Road (between Six and Seven Mile roads), Livonia. Performances March 20-21, 27-28 and April 3-4. (734) 462-4400, ext. 5270

#### 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) 317-6566

#### VILLAGE PLAYERS

Auditions for "Bye Bye Birdie," 7:30 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, Jan. 26-27, at the playhouse, Hunter & Chestnut (2 blocks south of Maple). Great parts for children and adults. Come to audition prepared to sing and dance. (248) 258-2812.

### CHORAL

#### BOYS CHOIR OF HARLEM

7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 18, Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University, Ann Arbor. \$12-\$26. (734) 764-0594

#### RACKHAM SYMPHONY CHOIR

"Hearts and Voices for the Homeless" concert with members of Michigan Opera Theatre chorus and Chancel Choir of First Presbyterian Church of Royal Oak, to benefit Doorstep Homeless Shelter, 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 23, at First Presbyterian Church, 529 Hendrie Boulevard, Royal Oak. (313) 341-3466

### JAZZ

#### PAUL ABLER TRIO

7-11 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (guitar/piano/bass) (248) 645-2150

#### MARCUS BELGRAVE

7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 15, Oakland Grill, 32832 Woodward Ave. (south of 14 Mile Road), Royal Oak. Free, complimentary sushi. All ages. (248) 549-7700

#### BLUE DOG

With Magic Dragon, 9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, Gold Dollar, 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge, 21 and older. (avant jazz/rock) (313) 833-6873, gold\_dollar@mindless.com or http://members.tripod.com/~gold\_dollar

#### CHARLIE GABRIEL

7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22, Oakland Grill, 32832 Woodward Ave. (south of 14 Mile Road), Royal Oak. Free, complimentary sushi. All ages. (248) 549-7700

#### JEFF HAAS TRIO

7:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 23, Borders Books and Music, 34300 Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. All ages. (248) 203-0005

#### FRED HERSCH

Solo jazz pianist celebrates release of CD "A Tribute to Thelonious Monk," 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. \$10, \$8 students, \$15 seats in rows 3-5, \$25 rows 1-2. (734) 769-2999

#### "JAZZ IS DEAD"

"Explorations into the music of the Grateful Dead," with Billy Cobham, Jimmy Herring, Alphonso Johnson and L. Lavitz, with special guest Merl Saunders, 8 p.m. Monday, Jan. 19, Majestic, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge, 18 and older. (313) 833-9700

#### PHIL KELLY TRIO

9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (piano/bass/drums trio) (248) 645-2150

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6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 18, featuring Ron Kuschuk, at First Baptist Church, 300 Willets at Bates streets, Birmingham. Free will offering. (248) 644-0550

## TRANSMISSION

9 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 20, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley, Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 21 and older. (acid jazz) (734) 662-8310

## SACHAL VASANDANI

8-10 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, Espresso Royale Cafe, 214 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Free. All ages. (734) 668-1838

## PAUL VORHAGEN

With his vocal/sax, piano and bass trio, 7-11 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 15, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older; With his quartet, 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 16-17, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley, Ann Arbor. \$5. 21 and older; 7:30-11:30 p.m. Tuesdays in January, Oakland Grill, 32832 Woodward Ave. (south of 14 Mile Road), Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150/(734) 662-8310/(248) 549-7700

## DONALD WALDEN TRIO

8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, Jan. 16, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (sax/piano/bass) (248) 645-2150

## WORLD MUSIC

**IMMUNITY**  
10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 16-17, Union Lake Grill and Bar, 2280 Union Lake Road, Commerce Township. Free. 21 and older. (reggae) (248) 360-7450

## FOLK/BLUE GRASS

### LISA HUNTER BAND

9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 16, Old Woodward Grill, 555 S. Old Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older; With Jill Jack, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, Gypsy Cafe, 214 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. \$3. All ages. (pop/folk) (248) 642-9400/(734) 994-3940

### JAN KRIST

10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 16-17, Tulcan Grill, 222 Main St., Rochester. Cover charge. 21 and older; 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 21, Royal Oak Brewery, 210 E. Third St., Royal Oak. Cover charge. 21 and older. (248) 652-1600/(248) 544-1141

### CHRISTINE LAVIN

8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$15. All ages. (734) 761-1451

### 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. 23, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$9, \$8 members, students and seniors. All ages. (bluegrass) (734) 761-1451

### NEIL WOODWARD

8 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 18, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$10, \$9 members, students and seniors. All ages. (734) 761-1451

## DANCE

### COBBLESTONE FARM DANCERS

Open jam for string band musicians, 4-6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Road (1/2 mile south of I-94) Ann Arbor. Free; Followed by Third Saturday Contra Dance with Cobblestone Farm Dancers and live music by David West and Donna Baird, 8 p.m. same location. \$6. (734) 662-3371 (for jam session)/ (734) 665-8863/(734) 426-0241

### EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

"Dances of EarthSkyWater" presented by Eastern Michigan University's dance department, and includes performance by the Tree Town Singers, a Native American drum group who sings in traditional Great Lakes style, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 23-24, Quirk Theatre on campus, Ypsilanti. \$8, \$5 students/seniors and children under age 12. (734) 487-1221

### ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCING

With the Ann Arbor Council for Traditional Music and Dance and the them of "building dance skills: hearing the music, not the caller," 7-9:45 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 20, Chapel Hill Condominium Clubhouse, 3350 Green Road (north of Plymouth Road), Ann Arbor. All dances taught. Previous experience and partners not required. (734) 663-0744/(734) 662-5158

### GENDER-FREE CONTRA DANCE

With the Ann Arbor Rainbow Contra Dancers, folk dancing without gender-specific dance roles, 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 18, Fellowship Room, Ann Arbor Friends Meeting House, 1420 Hill St. (west of Washtenaw Avenue), Ann Arbor. \$5, \$5 students. (734) 764-0958 or yusa@umich.edu

### JANUARY "ITALIAN NIGHT"

### DINNER/DANCE

Doors open at 5:30 p.m., buffet dinner of meat balls, rosemary chicken, mozzarella marinara, pasta all'aglio, potatoes viviano, sugar snap peas, coffee, tea, and chef's choice dessert at 8:30 p.m., and dancing to The Walter Lippel Band, Eddie DeSantis and his accordion, and singing by Maria Mariotte from 7:30-10:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 27, The Italian American Banquet Center, 39200 Five Mile Road, Livonia. \$18.50. Reservation deadline Tuesday.

Jan. 20. (313) 534-5924

## COMEDY

### BIG RED'S COMEDY CLUB

Norm Stultz, Friday-Saturday, Jan. 16-17, at Mr. B's Roadhouse, 595 N. Lapeer Road (M-24), Oxford. (248) 628-6500

### HOLLY HOTEL

Ricky Connor and Bill Krazie, Thursday-Saturday, Jan. 15-17; Steve Sabo and Tammy Pescatelli, Thursday-Saturday, Jan. 22-24, at the hotel, 110 Battle Alley, Holly. 8:30 p.m. Thursdays and Saturdays. 8:30 p.m. shows non smoking. (248) 634-0000

### JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB

Chris Zito, 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 15 (free); Bobby Collins, Chris Zito, and Rich Higginbottom, Friday-Saturday, Jan. 16-17, (\$20, \$12 first Friday show); John Joseph, John Barillaro and Rich Higginbottom, Thursday-Saturday, Jan. 22-24 (\$14), 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

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-Saturday, Jan. 16-17, (\$24.95 dinner show package); Jackson Perdue, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22 (\$10, \$20.95 dinner show package), and 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 23-24 (\$12, \$24.95 dinner show package), at the club, 5070 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

### MAINSTREET COMEDY SHOWCASE

Jim Mendrinof of Comedy Central, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 15 (\$7), and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 16-17 (\$10); Totally Unrehearsed Theatre, 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 21 (\$4); Jeff Shaw, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22 (\$7), and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 23-24 (\$10), at the club, 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 996-9080

### 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

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"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. Museum hours are 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 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

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#### MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY

Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration features videos of King's speeches and special films, "Martin's Dreams," a poetry recitation and saxophone performance by Duane Parham Society, community sing-along by Walk and Squaw Performance Project, King impersonator Rudy Barker presenting a monologue of King's speeches, and the Paul Robeson Academy Debate Team's open discussion on the topic "The Content of Your Character and Have These Truths Become Self Evident?" 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 19. MLK Day activities included in museum admission; "A Communion of the Spirits: African-American Quilters. Preservers and Their Stories" exhibits featuring 175 photographs of varying sizes, a selection of the surveyed quilts, interpretive panels, and a limited amount of other artwork related to the quilts, opens Saturday, Jan. 17, and runs through Sunday, June 7, at the museum, 315 E. Warren Ave. (at Brush St.), Detroit. The exhibit features area quilters and celebrity quilters such as Maya Angelou, Rosa Parks, Bernice Johnson Reagon, Faith Ringgold, Sonia Sanchez and Alice Walker. \$3 for adults and \$2 for children aged 12 and younger. (313) 494-

## 'Dutch' treated to his own day

Every author imagines having his or her day when their book is finally published.

But after 34 novels and accolades as "the greatest living writer of crime fiction," Elmore "Dutch" Leonard should set his sights higher.

At least that's an opinion shared by many readers along with his home state and home town.

By proclamation of Gov. John Engler, the state of Michigan will observe "Elmore Leonard Day" on Friday, Jan. 16.

The awards ceremony will be held in conjunction with a book signing at Borders in downtown Birmingham, 34300 Woodward Avenue, (248) 203-0005.

Starting at 7 p.m., the festivities include:

■ A representative from the governor's office reading the formal proclamation of "Elmore Leonard Day";

■ Birmingham Mayor Archie Duncombe will present Leonard with the key to the city;

■ Leonard will sign copies of his latest novel, "Cuba Libre (Delacorte).

Leonard is riding a wave of popular and critical appeal. Two of his recent books, "Get Shorty" and "Rum Punch," have been made into movies ("Get Shorty" and "Jackie Brown").

His first novel, "The Bounty Hunters," was published in 1953. At the time, Leonard was a copy writer at Campbell-Ewald advertising agency.

In the mid 1960s, he sold his first novel to Hollywood, "Hombre." Later that decade, he switched from Westerns to crime fiction. With the release of "Fifty-Two Pickup," "City Primeval" and "Stick," he literally set out to create a new genre.

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With Los Umbrellos, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Sold out. All ages. (pop) (248) 433-1515

### BAKED POTATO

9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 23, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 19 and older. (funk) (734) 485-5050

### GEORGE BEDARD AND THE KINGPINS

9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty St., Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rockabilly) (734) 451-1213

### BIZET BROTHERS

9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays in January, Pages, 23621 Farmington Road, Farmington. Free. 21 and older. (248) 477-0099

### BLUE SUIT WITH GENE MORGAN

9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 15, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 644-4800

### BONNE TEMPS ROULE

9 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 20, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 644-4800

### BRIDGE

9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 15, and Thursday-Saturday, Jan. 22-24, Bullfrog Bar and Grill, 15414 Telegraph Road (one block north of Five Mile Road), Redford. \$3. 21 and older. (rock) (313) 533-4477

### BUGS BEDDOW BAND

9:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 16-17, Beale Street Blues, 8 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. \$2. 21 and older; 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 23-24, Blue Goose, 28911 Jefferson Ave., St. Clair Shores. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 334-7900/(810) 296-0590

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9:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5, 19 and older. (jump blues) (734) 996-8555

### BILHMAN BROTHERS

10 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River, Novi. Free. 21 and older; 10 p.m. Friday, Jan. 23, Kodiak Grill, 45660 Mound Road, Utica. Free. 21 and older. (R&B) (248) 349-9110/(810) 731-1750

### BLUE CAT

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With Easy Action featuring former members of the Laughing Hyenas and the Necros, 10 p.m. Friday, Jan. 16, Club Heidelberg, 215 N. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 21 and older. (rock) (734) 663-7758

### BROTHERS CREEGGAN

Featuring Jim Creeggan of the Barenaked Ladies, and his brother Andy Creeggan, formerly of the BNL, with special guests Kevin Hearn, keyboardist for BNL, and Thinbuckle, 8 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 18, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$10 in advance. 18 and older. (pop) (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com>

### THE CIVILIANS

10 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, Mount Chieft, 4715 Woodward Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 549-2929

### COMMON

With his live band A Black Girl Named Becky, and special guests Ex-Ecutioners, 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$15 in advance. All ages. (R&B) (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com>

### COR

With No. 6 and the Prisoners, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$4. 19 and older. (rock) (734) 996-8555

### DANNY COX

8:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22, Royal Oak Brewery, 210 E. Third St., Royal Oak. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 544-1141

### DETROIT BLUES BAND

9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 16, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty St., Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older; 9 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 21, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (734) 451-1213/(248) 644-4800

### DIAMOND DUKES

9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, Carriage House's Blues Alley, 24200 Grand River Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (313) 535-3440

### GLEN EDDIE

9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 644-4800

### FAST ORANGE

10 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, I-Rock Nightclub, 16350 Harper Road, Detroit. Cover charge. 18 and older. (rock) (313) 883-7625

### 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)

### STEWART FRANCKE

With Coco Love Alcorn and Susan Calloway, 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$10. All ages. (pop) (734) 761-1800

### GANGSTER FUN

9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 15, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 19 and older. (ska) (734) 485-5050

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9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 19 and older. (rock) (734) 485-5050

### GYPSEY TRIBE

10 p.m. Friday, Jan. 16, Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 334-9292

### HIS NAME IS ALIVE

With Denise James, and Gilchrist, Oaks and Nash, 9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 23, Gold Dollar, 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (ethereal pop) (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)

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### LONG JOHN HUNTER

10 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22, Fifth Avenue Billiards, 215 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 542-9922



## DINING

## Cozy Cafe Giverny offers crepes and more

BY KEELY WYGONIK  
STAFF WRITER

People who are good cooks and hosts hear it over and over — "you should open your own restaurant," but few do. Nebojsa "Neb" Brankovic of Westland who recently opened Cafe Giverny in downtown Plymouth is the exception.

"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 created an oasis, a cafe that's warm and welcoming no matter what the weather. Three pillars created a design challenge. Brankovic used them to support parasols. "I wanted to create the feeling of an outdoor cafe," he said. The setting is designed to transport visitors to a cozy European cafe. There's a yellow and white striped awning over the service area. On a sunny day you can look outside and see the park. On gloomy days the track lighting provides a warm glow.

"It's done in the French Colo-

## Cafe Giverny

Where: 370 S. Main St., downtown Plymouth, (313) 453-6998.  
Winter Hours: 9 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday; 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday-Saturday; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday. Closed Monday.

Menu: Breakfast crepes and French toast; Sweet and Savory crepes, soups and salads, scones, desserts, gourmet coffee and tea, soda pop, juices.

Cost: Ranges from \$6.75 to \$8.75 for Savory Crepes served in combination with cup of soup or luncheon salad. Breakfast crepes \$4.75, choice of Savory Crepe \$5.25; Salads \$3.25 to \$7.25; Soups \$2.25 cup, \$3.25 bowl; Dessert crepes with your choice of daily fillings \$3.25; Strawberry Blintzes \$3.75.

Reservations: No

nial style of North Africa," he explained. The walls are beige, like dessert sand, and the chairs are wicker. Named for Giverny, the city where French Impressionists such as Claude Monet lived and worked, Brankovic decorated the walls with reproductions of Giverny gardens.

Brankovic is famous for crepes, and he's built his menu around them.

"They're the oldest fast food that I'm aware of," said Brankovic. "I wanted to have food that could be served quickly; that's light, but filling. I've made many crepes in my life,

and have developed a recipe for a batter that works like a charm. I experimented a little."

Brankovic learned how to make crepes from his mother. "I liked them and kept bugging her to make them," he said. "She showed me how."

Crepes are versatile, and can be served for breakfast, lunch, dinner, and dessert. Brankovic serves a variety — Sweet dessert crepes, filled with hot and cold fruits; and Savory entree crepes — filled with mushrooms, cheese, sauteed vegetables with Oriental seasonings, chicken and broccoli, ham and cheese, seafood, or

pizza toppings such as mozzarella cheese and pepperoni. They are served individually, or in combination with soup or salad.

Crepe offerings change daily, so be sure to ask your server about daily selections. There are two soups a day on the menu including Onion Soup Giverny a leek and potato cream soup.

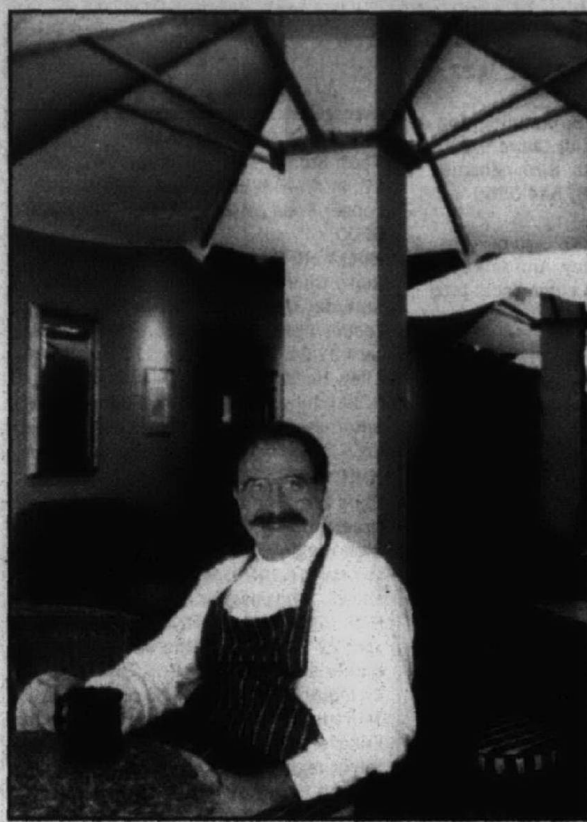
Cafe Giverny offers a House Salad made with mixed wild greens, yellow peppers and other veggies, pine nuts, and marinated turkey breast tossed with the chef's ginger flavored dressing and garlic croutons. There's also a Pasta Salad and Russian Salad. All salads are served with freshly baked bread.

For dessert choose from fruit-filled crepes, strawberry blintzes, cheesecake, or chocolate mousse.

For breakfast there are crepes, French toast, scones and pastries.

In the summer Brankovic plans to extend his cafe atmosphere outside with tables and chairs on the sidewalk.

Cafe Giverny is in a non-smoking building. The gallery had a cappuccino bar that faced the rear of the building, and Brankovic said he plans to use the space for carry-out in the



STAFF PHOTO BY ELIZABETH CARRIGUE

European cafe: Nebojsa "Neb" Brankovic invites customers to relax and warm up at his newly opened Cafe Giverny where it feels like summer even in the middle of January.

months ahead, and during the Sculpture Spectacular Jan. 14-Plymouth International Ice 19.

## Irish 'Boxer' has spirit but lacks punch

## TICKETS PLEASE



JOHN MONAGHAN

For the past 14 years, "Danny Boy" Flynn has done time in an English prison for his youthful involvement with the IRA. He has kept his nose clean, refused to rat on anyone, but he also doesn't go out of his way to

buddy up with his fellow political prisoners.

Now sprung, Danny has few prospects. Returning to his ramshackle flat in Belfast, he finds that little has changed with "The Troubles," where armed sentries still keep the peace. While Danny has kept himself fit as a fighter, he might not have the stamina to steer clear of the violence that threatens to erupt on an almost daily basis.

The story of Danny's attempts to start a gym for kids and preach a sort of passive non-violence is a noble one. But "The Boxer," the third pairing of actor Daniel Day-Lewis with director

## MOVIES

Jim Sheridan, is so painstakingly slow that its vitality is smothered in often preachy melodrama.

Of course it has a tough act to follow, walking in the shadow of "In the Name of the Father" and "My Left Foot," the previous Day-Lewis/Sheridan pairings. It has the same spiritual center and sense of place, but its long passages of dialogue play like a broken record as Danny refuses to join his old mates.

Brian Cox plays putty-faced IRA leader Joe Hamill. Like an aging Capulet, he is ready for peace but can't seem to keep his impatient underlings from respecting the cease fire. Key to negotiations are the freeing of political prisoners, a concession that the Brits still can't cotton to.

At a wedding reception early in the film, a young man is found taking liberties with a prisoner's wife on the dance floor. He's dragged off into a bathroom and told he'll have his kneecaps shot off if he even looks at the woman

again. As symbols of their men behind bars, these women must stay above reproach.

Which makes it all the more awkward when Danny starts to pick up with his childhood sweetheart Maggie ("Breaking the Waves" Emily Watson), who married Danny's best friend and had a child by him. Though Maggie admits the marriage was pretty much over before her husband went away, her stolen moments with Danny put them both in danger.

Our first glimpse of Daniel Day-Lewis finds him boxing in the prison yard, framed by steel bars. He glides through the rest of the movie like a tightly wound steel coil, incredibly soft spoken but capable of the violence that he has fought hard to suppress. It's a powerful, understated performance.

He's the same way in the ring, dancing around his opponents, taking his jabs only when neces-

sary. "He could get himself nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize," says one put-off spectator.

The well-filmed boxing sequences are a relief in a film that relies so heavily on long stretches of dialogue. Like the title character himself, the movie avoids the showiness of something like "Raging Bull" and uses economy and power to get the job done.

But, like the best boxing movies, "The Boxer" has little to

do with the sport at all. It's really about the irony of a man who uses this most violent sport to bring about peace in an impossible situation, a good idea for an only so-so movie.

John Monaghan welcomes your calls and comments.

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